

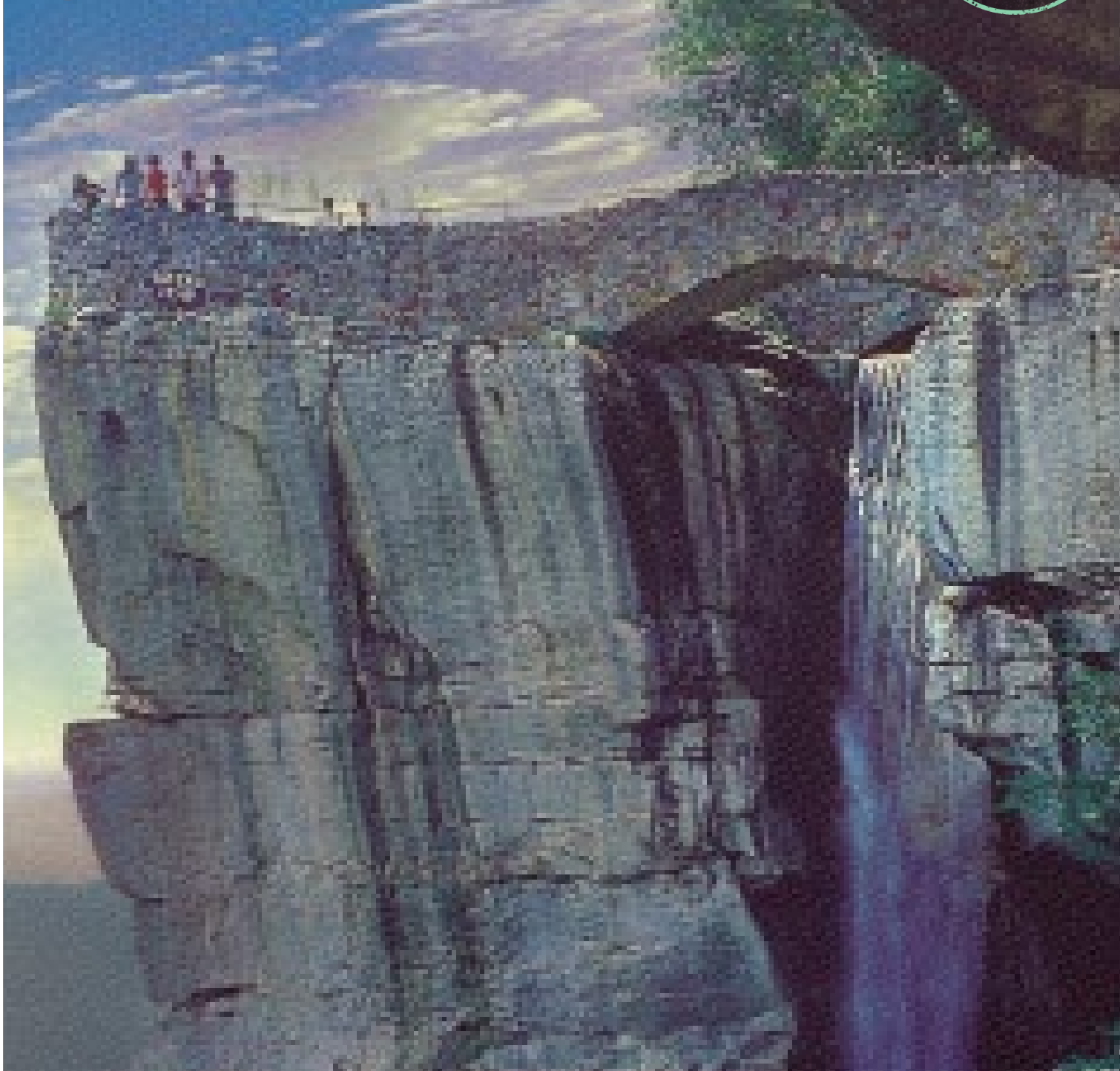
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NATURE & OUTDOORS

Famous for the beauty of our landscape and the variety of our outdoor adventures, Tennessee welcomes nature lovers from all over the world. Come to hike in our mountains, swim in our lakes, fish in our streams and paddle in our rivers. Capture our wildlife on film, stroll through our gardens and meadows, or picnic beside our waterfalls. Golf on a fairway with mountain views, climb to high peaks or bike along riverfront paths.

Scenic Splendor

Sample the scenic beauty of Tennessee, from the misty eastern mountains to the dramatic gorges of the Highland Rim to the mysterious waters of the west.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a place of ancient vistas and green havens, winding trails and sparkling waterfalls, blooming laurel and springtime birdsong. Enjoy an easy walk in the woods, take a tough hike to

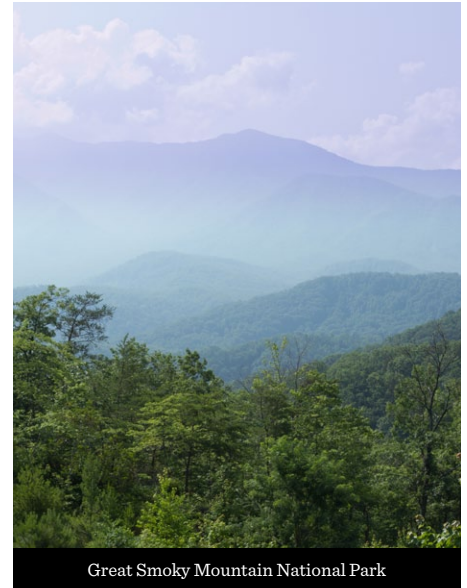


Ruby Falls, Chattanooga

Clingman's Dome or picnic beside one of a dozen waterfalls. The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area on the Cumberland River passes through 90 miles of scenic gorges and valleys with a wide range of stunning natural and historic features.

All of Tennessee's 53 state parks, celebrating their 75th anniversary in 2012, have something beautiful to offer, from rich forests, hollows, ridges and breathtaking wildflowers of Roan Mountain State Park to the magical combination of scenic, botanical and geological wonders of Pickett State Park in the upper Cumberland Mountains. Chickasaw State Park sits on some of the highest terrain in West Tennessee, with more than 50 miles of trails and recreational opportunities. Along with vast scenic woodlands and 250 miles of horseback riding trails, Natchez Trail State Park includes four lakes and a swimming beach.

Tennessee's Trails and Byways are a new way to see the variety of Tennessee's hidden gems. Wineries, historic towns squares and scenic



Great Smoky Mountain National Park

spots dot the byways and back roads of the beautiful Volunteer State. Follow the Great River Road's 185-mile stretch through Tennessee to see some of the most beautiful scenery along the Mississippi River corridor, from the cypress stands and eagle nests of Reelfoot Lake to the Chickasaw Bluffs above the Mississippi to the sights and sounds of Memphis. Take in the river overlooks, hills and farms of the Ring of Fire Trail, where the Cordell Hull Dam forms a breathtaking view of popular Dale Hollow Lake, visit lovely old towns like Red Boiling Springs, and follow the footsteps of pioneers along Avery's Trace. In East Tennessee, take the Tanasi Trail over mountains by car or steam engine, rent a boat at a state park or wet a line at Chattanooga's Chickamauga Lake.

Wildflowers and Wildlife

Springtime in Tennessee means wildflowers and wildlife. In addition to the Smokies, visitors can enjoy wildflower pilgrimages at Norris Dam and Fall Creek Falls State Parks. For more beautiful days



Roan Mountain State Park is famous for its spring color.

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Fall in the Smoky Mountains

among the flowers, visit Reflection Riding, Standing Stone State Park, Percy Warner Park or Cedars of Lebanon State Park.

Chattanooga's Audubon Acres, Bays Mountain Park in Kingsport, Cheatham Wildlife Management Area, Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness, the wetlands of Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge, Chickasaw and Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge are just a few of the places to see a rich variety of birds and beasts.



Ocoee Whitewater Rafting

Make a Splash

Take a tour of Tennessee's waterfalls. In Middle Tennessee, it's just a short walk to Cummins Falls, City Lake Park Falls and Hidden Hollow Falls near Edgar Evins State Park. Burgess Falls and Rock Island State Parks in the upper Cumberland, Jackson Falls along the Natchez Trace, the 110-foot-high Virgin Falls or Stillhouse Hollow Falls are just a few of the options on the Cumberland Plateau and Middle Tennessee.

The Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park, the state's only linear park, runs 300 miles from Cumberland Gap National Historic Park on the Tennessee-Virginia-Kentucky border, to Signal Point near Chattanooga, with plenty of waterfalls, rushing rivers and scenic gorges along the way. In the hills and mountains of East Tennessee, you'll find Fall Creek Falls State Park, laced with cascades, gorges, falls and streams; Coker Creek Falls with its seven ledges; and Piney Falls State Natural Area. Inside Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Ramsey Cascades is the tallest, reached by a four-mile climb, while picturesque Abrams Falls one of the most accessible. View Bald River Falls from your car or hike above the falls for a spectacular view.

While West Tennessee is flatter, with fewer waterfalls, it abounds with lakes and natural areas, such as the Lucius Burch Natural Area and Sunk Lake. Kentucky Lake, the largest of the TVA reservoirs, provides endless opportunities for nature lovers and seekers of water and sun.

If a lazy day at the lake is your idea of fun, try Dale Hollow or the unspoiled beauty of Center Hill Lake, the 265 miles of shoreline of J. Percy Priest Lake, or the natural areas of Radnor Lake in Middle Tennessee. Swimmers, skiers and fishermen love the look of East Tennessee, where the broad waters of Chickamauga Lake at Harrison Bay State Park mean year-round water fun. Nickajack Dam Reservation, in the Tennessee River Gorge, called the Grand Canyon of the Tennessee, is the perfect place for fishing, picnicking and water

sports. Douglas and Cherokee Lakes in the Sevierville area combine lots of water recreation with fantastic fishing and beautiful views of hills and mountains.

The Holston and Clinch Rivers and Fort Loudon Lake in Knoxville are popular centers of fun and festivities. The Indian Boundary Recreation Area in Tellico Plains is 100 acres of water in a mountain setting. Norris Dam State Park provides dramatic views, a quaint gristmill and year-round birding, hiking and sightseeing.

Gardens Galore

The lush landscape of Tennessee means gardens galore. The Tennessee River Gardens and Nature Preserve in Chattanooga is a spectacular, gated wildflower garden and wildlife preserve in the heart of the Tennessee River Gorge. Sunshine Hollow Gardens in Athens includes 160 acres of forest, trails winding through terraced flowerbeds and thousands of varieties of flowers. A butterfly pavilion, wildflower, plant and wildlife habitat add to the enjoyment.

Research is the purpose of the riverfront Trial Gardens at the University of Tennessee, but beauty is an added bonus in the 10 acres. Ivan Racheff House and Gardens in Knoxville is a former ironworks dump that has been transformed into an urban oasis. Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum boasts beautiful mountain views and whimsical gardens with stone buildings, greenhouses and windings paths. Lake City's Savage Gardens is a unique sanctuary for sensitive plants. Crescent Bend's terraced three-acre garden features

stunning views of the river winding through downtown Knoxville.

Heritage Gardens in Greeneville offers a shopping experience like no other, with hundreds of bearded irises, old-fashioned perennials, roses, herbs and more. Rosewood Gardens in Sevierville is an English Style botanical garden set in 17 acres of rural countryside. An arboretum encompasses the entire campus of East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

In Memphis, Dixon Gallery and Gardens shows off its forest and landscape garden settings along with 60 species of trees. Litcherman Nature Center is a lush urban garden with excellent educational programs. Watch the master gardeners of Oaklawn Gardens in nearby Germantown as they care for azaleas and dogwoods and answer your questions.

Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville sets the standard with 55 acres of beauty, named in the top five gardens by *Southern Living* magazine. For a dose of history with your horticulture, visit the Hermitage Garden, designed by English gardener William Frost for the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson.

Outdoor Adventure

Tennessee ranks high for adventure vacations, from hiking and climbing to rafting the raging white water. For those who prefer a more sedate outdoor activity, there's no better place for a day on the links.

Wet and Wild

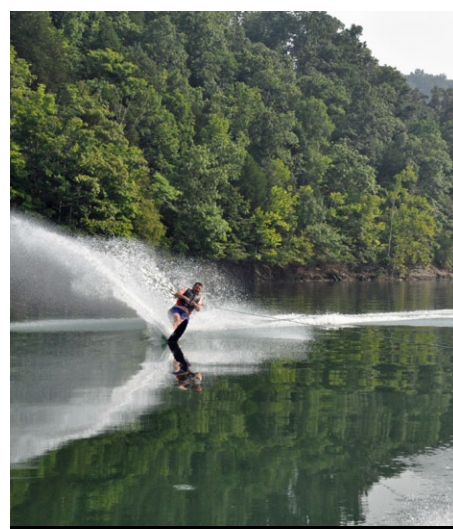
Whether you are in need of a soothing float down the river, or in the mood for a rip-roaring



Fishing in Tennessee



Knoxville Dogwoods



Dale Hollow Lake

whitewater rafting adventure, the scenic rivers of Tennessee never fail to provide an inspiring experience.

In West Tennessee, you'll find the granddaddy of all rivers, the Mississippi, with endless water adventures. Along the Mississippi River Corridor, you can try your hand at hiking, biking, camping, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and all kinds of boating. Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge in Ripley lies in the Lower Mississippi River floodplain along the Chickasaw Bluff. Other places for paddling are the Beech River Watershed, Lexington, Natchez Trace State Park and the big water of Kentucky Lake, where canoeing, kayaking and rafting are part of the fun.

Middle Tennessee and the Upper Cumberland are rife with opportunities for adventure. Center Hill, Dale Hollow and Cordell Hull Lakes are great spots for fishing, boating, canoeing and swimming. Several state parks,

like Cumberland Mountain, David Crockett and Rock Island have plenty of water options. Tim's Ford State Park and Dam, on the headwaters of the Elk River, is another great spot for adventure.

The 125-mile Harpeth River Blueway and the Floating Mill Recreation Area, which runs 64 miles up the Caney Fork River, both are wonderlands for outdoor adventurers. The Duck River Blueway has the only Class II rapids on the lower portion of the river.

The lakes, rivers and mountains of East Tennessee are a paradise for boaters, bikers, hikers and climbers, with a nice dose of horseback riding and zip-lining thrown in. Try the Obed Wild and Scenic River—the name says it all. The Big South Fork, Caney Fork and Clinch Rivers are other beautiful and exciting places for testing the waters.

Boone Reservoir, in the northeastern part of the state, is one of the best places for kayaking,

suitable for all levels of paddlers. Lakes like Chickamauga and Norris are great for a calm day on the lake, while the Hiwassee and Ocoee River Recreation Areas and have some of the most famous whitewater in the nation, called one of "America's Best Adventures" by *National Geographic*. You'll find Class III and IV rapids in several spots, including the Tellico ledges, the middle prong of the Little Pigeon and the Tremont River.

Check out the caves at Cumberland Gap National Recreation Area, try a zip line in Pigeon Forge, or explore the hang gliding and rock climbing opportunities in spots like Lookout Mountain or the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. If winter sports are your thing, don't forget the skiing and snowboarding at Ober Gatlinburg. Whatever type of outdoor thrills you seek, Tennessee has it all.



Fall Creek Falls



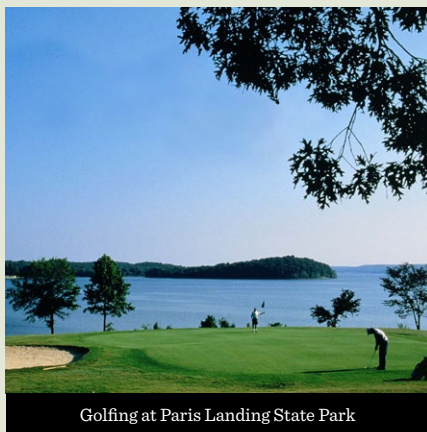
Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GOLF

Start with Tennessee's mild winters and long summers, add rolling hills, mountain and water vistas and endless stretches of green. It all adds up to a golfer's paradise.

Tennessee boasts 150 courses, many designed by the game's best, including Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Pete Dye and even the great Donald Ross. Several of our state parks have fun and challenging courses, making a great golf experience an easy drive of anywhere in Tennessee

Twelve of Tennessee's State Parks boast golf courses, including the Bear Trace courses, designed by Jack Nicklaus, and the Tennessee Golf Trail. Several have resort lodging and terrific restaurants as well.



Golfing at Paris Landing State Park

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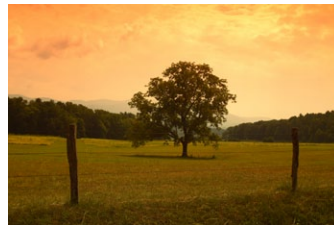
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Biker on trail, SE Tennessee



Cove Lake State Park, Caryville



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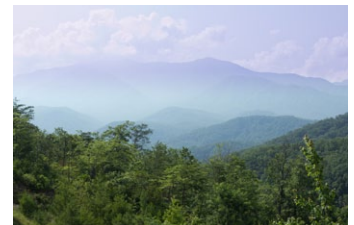
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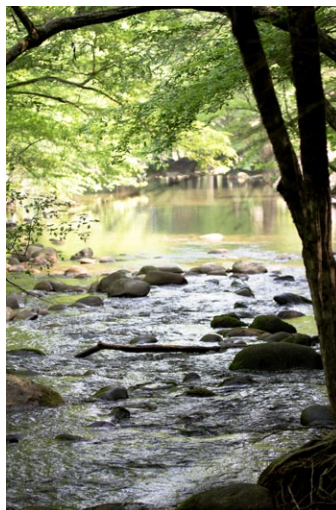
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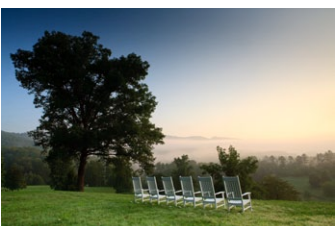
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Tims Ford State Park & Lake Fishing



Wilson County Fall Landscape



TN River, Chattanooga



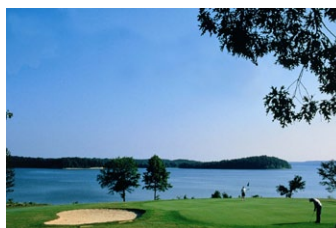
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