**Tennessee Camping Destinations**

TN SP Camping <http://tnstateparks.com/activities/camping>

There are no state park entrance fees in TN and dogs are welcome on most trails.

TN Carthage, 140 Marina LN **Defeated Creek Park** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/defeated-creek-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71136> – sits along the banks of Cordell Hull Lake on the Cumberland River System, just seven miles from Carthage, Tennessee. Boating, sailing, water skiing and jet skiing are popular activities on the water, and boat ramps and a marina provide easy lake access. Miles of hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking trails surround the lake. The campground offers 155 sites for tents and RVs, all with electric hookups. Most sites are level enough but some are on a hillside with a lot of front to back slope. I would avoid sites 117 thru 121, 123, 125, & 126 due to site slope. I would avoid sites 132 thru 139 as that area is swampy when it rains. Lastly, avoid 115 due to persistent smell from the dump station. Can have a problem with ticks. LTVer recommended.

TN Caryville 37714, 110 Cove Lake LN, **Cove Lake State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/cove-lake> - located on Cove Lake. Favorite activities include hiking, biking, fishing and swimming in the outdoor pool. 106 campsites equipped with water and electrical hookups, dump station, two modern bathhouses with hot showers and heat, and restrooms. A camp store is open seasonally. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/cove-lake> LTVer recommended. Reservations: <https://reserve.tnstateparks.com/cove-lake>

TN **Chattanooga** - <https://www.chattanoogafun.com/>

**Walnut Street Pedestrian Bridge i**s the world's longest pedestrian bridge and a great place to sight-see, view the Tennessee river, and stroll your dog. **Rock city** <http://www.seerockcity.com/> -Located atop Lookout Mountain, just 6 miles from downtown Chattanooga, Rock City is a true marvel of nature featuring massive ancient rock formations, gardens with over 400 native plant species, and breathtaking "See 7 States" panoramic views.

Raccoon Mountain Caverns & Campground -319 West Hills Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37419 Standard Sites(232-247) and are designed for maximum combined lengths of 35’ or less. They all have city water, sewer, cable TV, and 20/30 amp electric. <http://www.raccoonmountain.com/campground#/new-page/>

TN Cleveland 37311, 1140 Red Clay Park Rd SW, **Red Clay State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/red-clay> - encompasses 263-acres of narrow valleys formerly used as cotton and pasture land. The park site was the last seat of Cherokee national government before the 1838 enforcement of the Indian Removal Act of 1830 by the U.S. military, which resulted 15,000 Cherokee people in the area being forced to emigrate west. Eleven general councils were held between 1832 and 1837. Red Clay is where the Trail of Tears really began, for it was at the Red Clay Council Grounds that the Cherokee learned that they had lost their mountains, streams and valleys forever. The park is home to a natural landmark, Blue Hole Spring, which arises from beneath a limestone ledge to form a deep pool that flows into Mill Creek, a tributary of the Conasauga and Coosa River system. The spring was used by the Cherokee for their water supply during council meetings. The eternal flame memorial for Cherokee lost on the Trail of Tears burns near the Blur Hole Spring. Day use only.

TN Cosby 37722 **Cosby Campground in Great Smoky Mountains National Park**- It's never busy, it's quiet, spacious sites and great hiking trails all around. <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/cosby-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70960>

TN Counce 38326, 116 State Park LN, **Pickwick Landing State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pickwick-landing> - Noted for its excellent water recreation the lake and river offers fishing, boating, swimming and a marina. Accommodations on the park include an inn and restaurant, cabins and camping. In addition to water sports, guests enjoy golfing, birding, picnicking, disc golf, nature walks and tennis. There are three public swimming beaches. Park is home to the Catfish World Championship Fishing Tournament. The park also offers 48 beautiful wooded campsites, each equipped with a table, a grill and electrical and water hook-up. <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/pickwick-landing>

TN Crossville 38555, 24 Office DR, **Cumberland Mountain State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cumberland-mountain> - The park is located around Byrd Lake, a man-made lake created by the impoundment of Byrd Creek in the 1930s. The park provides numerous recreational activities, including hiking, swimming, picnicking and interpretive programs. The park also features a popular area restaurant. Campground has RV campsites with electrical hookups. LTVer recommended. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/cumberland-mountain>

TN Dandridge 37725, 1703 Highway 139, **Anchor Down RV Resort** <http://www.anchordownrvresort.com/> - Located on beautiful Douglas Lake. Full Hookups, Cable Hookup, Free Wi-Fi, Bath House with Private Bathrooms, Swimming Pool with water slide and kiddie area, LTVer recommended. <http://www.anchordownrvresort.com/reservations/>

TN Dover 37058, 621 Fort Henry RD, **Piney Campground** <https://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/seendo/camping/piney-campground/> - is one of the campgrounds in Land between the Lakes National Recreation Area and offers well-defined lake front and wooded sites with 283 electrical hookups sites and 44 sites with electric, water, and sewer. LTVer recommended. Reservations can be made by phone 800-525-7077 or <https://www.usedirect.com/CampLBL/Facilities/SearchView.aspx>

TN **Elkmont Historic District** <http://www.visitmysmokies.com/blog/smoky-mountains/historic-cabins-in-elkmont-ghost-town-now-open-after-restoration/>

- is one of the most fascinating areas to visit in the Great Smoky Mountains. Before the establishment of the national park, Elkmont had a long history as a pioneer community, then as a logging camp, and finally as a resort town for wealthy vacationers. In recent years, the area’s long-abandoned cabins have made the Elkmont ghost town a popular spot for travelers to explore which is a short distance from the Elkmont campground. The NPS removed all but the stone work on cabins adjacent to the Jake Trail in 2017. Still present are 10 – 12 cabins in Elkmont proper.

<http://www.thegreatsmokies.net/elkmont-ghost-town-great-smoky-mountains/>

TN Gatlinburg 37738 **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** - <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/index.htm> The hazy fog that gives the mountains their name. **Newfound Gap Road** <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/nfg.htm>– This route winds its way along mountain ridges from Tennessee into North Carolina. Newfound Gap is the lowest drivable pass through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At nearly a mile high, Newfound Gap is significantly cooler than the surrounding lowlands and receives much more snow. The temperature drops about 3 degrees for every additional 1000 feet elevation. There is an auto tour guide for this road at the visitor centers. Especially scenic are the untouched forests and meadows along the way. Be sure to take the side trip to the observation tower near the top of Clingman’s Dome, the highest point in the Smoky which is off Newfound Gap RD but remember that 7-mile Clingmans Dome Road (closed to vehicles December 1 - March 31). The views are endless, the sunrises often breathtaking, and the sunsets reveal the Blue Ridge Mountains in a way that will leave you wanting to come back. The paved 0.5 mile walk to the observation tower is steep and no pets allowed. On your way back down the road, stop in and explore the Clingmans Dome Nature. **Cades Cove**  <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/cadescove.htm.> – Cove is a broad, verdant valley surrounded by mountains. The best way to soak in the beauty Cade’s Cove poses is to take the scenic one way single lane drive called the Cades Cove Loop Road.<https://www.mypigeonforge.com/smoky-mountains/scenic-drives/cades-cove-loop-road/> - Black bears, turkey and deer are often seen from the road causing traffic jams and stretching out a 1.5 hour loop into a 3-4 hour drive. Pack a picnic for the ride. From May to September on Saturday and Wednesday mornings before 10 a.m., only bicyclists and hikers are allowed on the loop road. You can rent a bike at the Cades Cove Campground Store. A self-guiding tour booklet available at the entrance to the road for $1.00 and provides a map and information about the cove Cades Cove. A twenty-six-foot RV can do the loop but not a class A RV/bus. The park boasts over 1600 species of flowering plants and many of them will be blooming in the spring. Phlox seem to appear first with most rhododendron not seen until June. No RV on Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail. The hike to Laurel Falls on Little River RD gets crowded. The hike to Cataract Falls behind the Sugarland Visitor Center is short especially if you enter through the parking behind the Park’s business Headquarters. The Gatlinburg Trail runs from the same Sugarland visitors CTR downhill to Gatlinburg and is one of only two trails that allows dogs. There are multiple park campgrounds. <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/frontcountry-camping.htm>. Always bring a rain coat and warm, non-cotton clothing when hiking in the Smokies. Many people do not realize that above 5000 feet you are hiking in a Canadian environment. The Appalachian Trail is at higher elevation in the Smokies than any spot in New England. The rangers report that people who get wet at the higher altitude can suffer hypothermia even in July. Always be black bear away in the smokies. Use non-scented toiletries, food, toiletries and trach are raised up into the trees at tent campsites, eating areas and sleeping areas must be separate, whistles at a minimum should be worn often supplemented with air horn of bear repellant. Even at an on-the-trail rest stop, keep all your gear together so you can quickly move on if a bear appears. There are 2 bears/acre in the smokies. If you encounter a bear, back away slowly facing the bear; never turn away from the bear and run. The Smokies have the same 2 poisonous snakes as Maryland, the Northern Copperhead and the Timber Rattlesnake so always watch where you are stepping and be especially careful near stone walls and older wooden structures like barns.

Cades Cove Campground - Open year-round, 159 sites, Tents and RVs up to 35 feet, Each campground has restrooms with cold running water and flush toilets, There are no showers or electrical or water hookups in the ENTIRE PARK. Other RV campgrounds within the park are Elkmont & Smokemont.

KOA Cherokee, NC 28719 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/cherokee/> is one hour away from Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg.

Lynchburg / Blue Ridge Parkway KOA Monroe, VA 24574-3012 <https://koa.com/campgrounds/lynchburg/>

TN Gatlinburg 37738, 1202 East Pkwy, 800-252-8077 Twin Creek RV Resort <https://twincreekrvresort.com/> - has camper supplies/grocery store, playground, and free WI-FI. ALL RV sites have full sewer hookup seasonal pool. Closest RV Park to downtown Gatlinburg; just 2 miles. Seniors, AAA & Good Sam 10% off normal nightly fee of $70-$74 per night.

TN Gatlinburg 37738, 2353 E PKWY, 865-430-7415 **Greenbrier Campground** <https://www.smokymountaincamping.com/> - 120 full hookup campsites along the Little Pigeon River with Cable TV and WIFI. Playground, camp store, game room, private beach and excellent trout fishing along the banks of the river. <https://reserve1.resnexus.com/resnexus/reservations/sites/maps?uniqueId=C05D9863-48AE-402C-96D8-0BAD6C9C42C4&mapID=6>

TN Hermitage 37076, 1810 Stewarts Ferry Pike, 615-889-5198 **Seven Points COE** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232702> - Seven Points Campground is a lakeside oasis on J. Percy Priest Lake 10 miles east of Nashville in the green hills of Tennessee. Seven Points Campground offers 59 shady and spacious campsites, along with two large group picnic shelters. The campground features some electrical hookups, drinking water, a dump station, flush toilets and hot showers, creating a comfortable camping experience. A boat ramp and swimming beach are provided, allowing guests to take advantage of the vast, sparkling lake. This campground is very popular in the summer and often booked 6 months in advance.

TN Hohenwald 38462, Natchez Trace PKWY, mp 385.9 **Meriwether Lewis** **Campground** <https://www.nps.gov/natr/planyourvisit/campgrounds-on-or-adjacent-to-the-parkway.htm> - Free 32 Pull-through & back-in sites with flush toilets and water but no hookups or showers. No reservations.

TN Kingsport 37660, 853 Bays Mountain Park RD 423.229.9447 **Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium** <https://www.baysmountain.com/> - located near Kingsport, one of the tri-cities in NE TN, this park features a picturesque 44-acre lake, hiking trails, a Nature Center with a state-of-the-art Planetarium Theater, and Animal Habitats featuring wolves, bobcats, raptors and reptiles. Day use only.

TN Kingsport 37663, 490 Hemlock Rd, (423) 239-8531 **Warriors' Path State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/warriors-path> - The 950-acre park is located on the shores of the Patrick Henry Reservoir on the Holston River. The park is home to premier boating and fishing activity, hiking trails, an internationally-renowned mountain bike trail system (which is a designated National Recreational Trail), an award-winning nature education program and a nationally recognized golf course. Boats available for rental at the marina include paddle boats, single and tandem kayaks, paddleboards, paddleboats and canoes. Warriors’ Path is the only Tennessee State Park with a Boundless Playground - where children of all physical and mental abilities can play together. Other unique features throughout the park that are fully accessible include: The Lions Narnia Braille Trail with eight sensory stations. The park has an 18-hole golf course designed by George Cobb. Large outdoor swimming pool. The park campground has 94 are equipped with water and electric hookups. Modern bathhouses provide hot showers and lavatories. There are two dumping stations available for self-contained RV’s and Trailer rigs. Length of stay is two weeks year around. <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/warriors-path>

TN Knoxville 37902 - **Knoxville** <https://www.visitknoxville.com/> hosted the 1982 World's Fair and the tall **Sunsphere** <http://www.worldsfairpark.org/sunsphere> observation tower become a highlight of the Knoxville skyline. Visitors may take an elevator to an observation deck located in the sphere and see a full view of the city. No admission charge to the public.

TN Limestone 37681, 1245 Davy Crockett Park RD, 423.257.4500 **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Par**k <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/david-crockett-birthplace> - This 105-acre historic park just upstream from the falls of the scenic Nolichucky River is maintained as a memorial to Crockett. This area includes an 18th century living farmstead, replica cabin, limestone marker, and visitor center exhibits. There is a public swimming pool across from the campground in the summer. Campground has forty have full hook-ups (water, electric and sewer) and 30 sites have water and electric only. The 50-amp pull through sites to the right in the A section behind the campground office are sloped. The remaining two rows of area A nearer the river, are flat. The smaller back in sites in area B are flat and are the 30-amp area. There is a free dump station. LTVer recommended.

TN Maynardville 37807, 1015 Big Ridge Park Rd, **Big** **Ridge** **State** **Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/big-ridge> - consists of more than 15 miles of hiking trails and contains Norris Lake. There is a sandy beach next to Big Ridge Lake. The park also offers sand volleyball, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, a basketball court and a softball field. RV campsites have a paved slip and a soft gravel pad and can accommodate a unit up to 35 feet. Each site has water and 50-amp electrical hookups, picnic table and grill. A dumping station is provided, as well as three bathhouses with restrooms and hot shower facilities. <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/big-ridge>

TN Memphis 38103 - **Memphis** <http://www.memphistravel.com/> and <http://cityofmemphis.org/Visitors/Visiting-Memphis> - is famous for pork barbeque, Presley Motors, the new Elvis Presley Automobile Museum and **Graceland** <https://www.graceland.com/> - Elvis Presley Mansion.

Graceland RV Park & Campground within walking distance <https://www.graceland.com/lodging/graceland_campground/>

TN Memphis 38109-3021, 1500 W Mitchell Rd, **T.O. Fuller State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/t-o-fuller> - located seven miles from Graceland. The first state park open for African Americans east of the Mississippi River. The Discovery Trail is a four-mile loop where visitors have the opportunity to see the Chucalissa Indian Village and Wetlands. There is an Olympic-size pool in the park. The campground <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/t-o-fuller> has many hardwood trees that provide plenty of shade. There are 45 campsites that are RV accessible with some sites accommodating up to 85 feet of RV space. The campground has a picnic shelter, playground, bathhouse and laundry. Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table, lantern hanger, fire ring, grill, electrical and water hook-ups. There is a centralized dumping station near the entrance of the campground. A bathhouse is centrally located and contains restroom facilities, coin laundry, and showers. LTVer recommended. Senior discounts. Reservations <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/t-o-fuller>

TN Millington 38053, 910 Riddick RD, 901-876-5215, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/meeman-shelby?fbclid=IwAR0X3tnP68beVMdO9yMHwjWMpcVHiRoezPa6FR0xqcJXArYC3ESksWBlVtM> - 12,539-acre hardwood bottomland area bordering the mighty Mississippi River 13 miles north of Memphis featuring mature Bald Cypress and Tupelo swamp. Most of the facilities are on top of the majestic Chickasaw Bluffs. 49 campsites equipped with table, grill, electrical and water hookups. <https://reserve.tnstateparks.com/meeman-shelby-forest>

TN Nashville 37214, **Nashville** <http://www.visitmusiccity.com/>

- can have below freezing temperatures. In 2-2-18 the temp dropped to 16 degrees. Nashville's clean diesel hybrid Downtown Circulator offers travelers a free and convenient way to get around downtown and the Gulch.

**Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** <https://countrymusichalloffame.org/>, **Ryman Auditorium** <https://www.ryman.com/>.

**Grand Ole Opry Show**. <https://www.opry.com/>

Tennessee Nashville 37214, 2626 Music Valley DR, 615-889-0282 KOA Nashville <https://koa.com/campgrounds/nashville/?fbclid=IwAR2VcwczxTnWy5xrn9JCBmP9QapToxFW5T0N_0aWqAKt9Rrfs6lzj9QFcQw> - Located less than 3 miles from theGrand Ole Opry and has shuttles to downtown. Pool, playground, dog park. Full hookups and electric/water hookups.

TN **Pigeon Forge** <https://www.pigeonforge.com/> <https://www.mypigeonforge.com/>

- a mountain town and vacation area in eastern Tennessee, is the home of **Dollywood**, <https://www.dollywood.com/> - country singer Dolly Parton’s Appalachian-themed park consisting of rides, an adjoining water park and a museum of her costumes and memorabilia. The **Pigeon Forge Parkway** is a five-mile strip runs through the city. The Fun Time Trolley runs up and down the Parkway all day long and it’s only 50 cents a ride! Many locals like the food at the Local Goat restaurant. Each May Pigeon Forge hosts Wilderness Wildlife Week with free talks, hikes and exhibits. <https://www.mypigeonforge.com/event/wilderness-wildlife-week?utm_source=master%20member%20database&utm_medium=email&utm_content=monthly%20leisure%20enewsletter:%20march&utm_campaign=monthly%20leisure%20enewsletter&utm_source=master%20member%20database&utm_>

<https://www.mypigeonforge.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Wildernss-Wildlife-Week-2018-Schedule-Web-Edition.pdf>

TN Pigeon Forge 37863, 411 Pine Mountain RD, (865) 453-9994 Pine Mountain RV Resort <http://pinemountainrvpark.com/> – located away from busy Pigeon Forge Parkway by about ¼ of a mile, but on has a fun trolley stop across from the entrance which will take you downtown for 50 cents in coins. Quiet, paved full hookup sites with some immature shade. Best Shade sites 4, 14 & 56. Good shade sites 2, 21, 33, 35, 37, 45, 49, 50, 53 & 62. Avoid full sun site 18. Children’s pool at the RV Resort with access to adult swimming pool across the street at the Mainstays hotel. New clean bathhouse. Laundry and camp store but no complimentary breakfast. LTVer recommended.

TN Rock Island 38581, 82 Beach RD, 931-686-2471 **Rock Island State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/rock-island> -Rock Island State Park is an 883-acre park located on the headwaters of Center Hill Lake at the confluence of the Caney Fork, Collins and Rocky Rivers. Great Falls is a 30-foot horseshoe cascading waterfall, located below the 19th century cotton textile mill that it powered over 100 years ago. The rugged beauty of the park includes the Caney Fork Gorge which below Great Falls Dam.Always use caution in the gorge below the Falls. Water may rise rapidly. Monitor your surroundings. Leave the gorge immediately if water begins to rise or you hear warning sirens. Visitors wishing to experience Twin Falls should do so from the overlook located at the end of Powerhouse Road. There is no trail access to Twin Falls, and swimming or wading in the area around, or downstream of Twin Falls is extremely dangerous. The main campground has 50 sites, (#1-#50), to accommodate RVs and trailers. Some of these sites will also accommodate tents. Each site is equipped with 20/30/50 amp electrical and water hookups, charcoal grill, fire ring, lantern hanger and picnic table. There are two bathhouses with hot showers and ADA accessible restrooms. There is a dump station at the far end of the campground. Free Wi-Fi is available. A picnic pavilion and playground are nearby. <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/rock-island>

TN Tiptonville 38079, 2595 Hwy 21 E, **Reelfoot Lake State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/reelfoot-lake> - located in the northwest corner of Tennessee and is noted for its fishing, boating and wildlife viewing. The 15,000-acre lake was created by a series of violent earthquakes in 1811-1812 that caused the Mississippi River to flow backwards for a short period of time, creating Reelfoot Lake.

The park’s ecosystem is unlike any other place in Tennessee. Reelfoot Lake is a flooded forest. While Majestic Cypress trees rise above the water, below the surface are many submerged Cypress stumps. During January and February, Reelfoot Lake is home to thousands of American bald eagles. In March and April, deep swamp canoe trips are offered and scenic pontoon boat tours are offered May through September. Every fall, hundreds of white pelicans stop at the lake on their seasonal migration. There are two campgrounds at Reelfoot Lake State Park. All sites have 30-amp electric service, water, picnic tables and grills; all are level. Many campsites located on the lake shore. Two bathhouses with showers, sinks, and toilets. One with washer, dryer, and dish washing area. Dumping Station located at entrance/exit. <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/reelfoot-lake>

TN Spencer 38585, 2009 Village Camp RD, **Fall Creek Falls State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/fall-creek-falls> - Tennessee’s largest and most visited state park. The park encompasses more than 26,000 acres sprawled across the eastern top of the rugged Cumberland Plateau. Laced with cascades, gorges, waterfalls, streams and lush stands of virgin hardwood timber. Fall Creek Falls, at 256 feet, is one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern United States. The Fall Creek Falls Golf Course is another popular attraction. The beautiful and challenging 18-hole golf course is one of the best courses in Tennessee. The park has 222 campsites in five different areas. All sites have tables, grills, water, and electricity and are served by six bathhouses. 92 sites have sewer connections. Some sites will accommodate an RV up to 65 feet in length. Ice and firewood may be purchased year-round. Camping Information & Reservations 1-800-250-8611 or <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/fall-creek-falls>

TN Wildersville 38388, 24845 Natchez Trace RD**, Natchez Trace State Park** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/natchez-trace> - The park's hiking trails, range from a one-half mile up to 4.5 miles, and a 40-mile overnight trail. The trails wind through the forest and fields and along the lakeshores and streams of Natchez Park. Visitors also enjoy the museum that features local and park history, picnic facilities, camping, cabins and lodges, boating and the park’s restaurant. Fishing is a favorite activity at Natchez Trace and anglers have four lakes from which to choose. The Pin Oak campground has 77 sites, 2 bathhouses, 50 amp electric, sewer and water hookups. The campground is located on the shore of Pin Oak Lake and can accommodate RVs up to 80 feet in length. The RV camp also offers a swimming beach, playground, picnic shelter, camping cabins and boat dock. Cub Lake Campground #1 has 23 sites and 1 bathhouse. The sites feature 20 and 30 amp electric and water at all sites. There is a strict RV size restriction of 25 feet and under. <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/natchez-trace>