

Easter Egg Hunts, Star Gazing, Festivals, Wildflower Hikes and More...

To find the location of a park or a state natural area, check our Web

page at www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/findapark/

For a free Tennessee State Park brochure call 1-888-867-2757.

Specific park brochures can be downloaded from our Web site at this link:

www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/brochures/

Easter Sunday is coming up on April 12th.

All eight state park restaurants will be open serving a special Easter Sunday buffet ranging from \$12.95 to \$15.95 per person depending on the location.

Children 5 and under are free; ages 6 to 12 are half price.

Prices do not include beverage, tax and gratuity. Reservations are available from 11:00 a.m. until closing at the eight Tennessee State Park's restaurants listed below.

Special overnight packages also are available

at Tennessee State Park's six incredible inns.

For reservations or additional information, please contact the park

directly at:

§ Cumberland Mountain State Park (931)484-7186

§ David Crockett State Park (Lawrenceburg) (931) 762-9541

§ Fall Creek Falls State Park (423) 881-5241

§ Henry Horton State Park (931)364-2222
§ Montgomery Bell State Park (615) 797-3101
§ Natchez Trace State Park (731) 968-8176
§ Paris Landing State Park (731) 642-4311
§ Pickwick Landing State Park (731) 689-3135

Don't forget your State Employee discounts

Inn rooms and Cabins

April 1 - October 31 25% discount

November 1 - March 31 50% discount

Employee Discounts are not available on packages.

Some restrictions may apply depending on the location and time of year.

Boat, Home & Travel Show at Pickwick Landing

Our General Manager at the Pickwick Landing Inn & Conference Center at Pickwick Dam, TN has alerted us to the Boat, Home and Travel Show being held at Pickwick Landing State Park on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. They will have recreational vehicles, boats in water and on display, lawn and garden stuff and lots of outdoor fun. For more information, go to this link:

www.pickwickrideandreside.com

More importantly, they will have Twiggy, the water skiing squirrel displaying it's skills both Saturday and Sunday.

The Inn has a special room package rate for the show which includes the price of admission, meals for two, plus other freebies, all for \$129.83, less than \$130.

Go to this link and see all of the details:

<http://tn.gov/environment/parks/PickwickLanding/pdf/boatshow.pdf>

Special files attached.

If you would like to see the Calendar of Events in a pdf file, see the attached file "EventsAprMay.pdf"

For a listing of Wildflower Hikes, see the attached file "wildflowerhikes09.pdf"

Calendar of Events for April & May

Sycamore Shoals All Month Long in April

During the month there are numerous workshops held at the park. Please contact the park at (423) 543-5808 for more information.

Norris Dam

April 4 – Annual Spring Wildflower Hikes

Each year nature presents a beautiful display of spring wildflowers. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with guided hikes at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. along trails of the State Park and TVA Reservation that will acquaint participants with the identification, natural history and folklore of the spring wildflowers. No admission or registration required. Call the park office or Ranger Michael Scott for directions or additional information at 865-426-7461.

Bledsoe Creek April 4, 2009 - Star Gazing Party

Cumberland Astronomical Society will be holding their monthly stargazing party at Bledsoe Creek State Park in the Day Use Area. Come and enjoy the beauty of the night skies from Sunset till 10 PM. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Pickwick Landing April 6-8 - Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

The 5th annual Tennessee Arbor Day Weekend Tree Giveaway offers free Bald Cypress and Nuttall Oak seedlings this year at Pickwick. See Ranger Tim Dudley at the visitor center 8-4:30. For more information, please call: (731) 689-3129.

TO Fuller

April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt

Come join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Open for ages 3-13. Parents must

be present, but are not allowed to touch any eggs. Plastic filled eggs all have candy inside and there will be bigger prizes given away for special finds. Call the park office for information at 901-543-7581.

Pickwick Landing

April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday the 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the playground near the Inn (Playground Loop). Three age groups hunt for 3,000 candy or toy-filled eggs. This event is free to the public. More information is available at (731) 689-3129.

Cordell Hull Birthplace

April 11 - Spring Wildflower Hikes

Join a park ranger as we explore the Bunkum Cave Trail in search of spring blooms! Folklore, medicinal and edible use, and identification will be discussed. Hikes meet at the Bunkum Cave Trailhead at 10AM. For more information call (931) 864-3247

Big Ridge

April 11 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

12,000 eggs, each with a prize or candy, will be divided up between four separate age groups! Some eggs will have extra prizes, with a grand prize in each group. Different groups run at different times, so be sure to call ahead for your age groups. Win bicycle, tricycles, wagons, and toys! Bring the whole family and spend the day at the park! Contact the park office at 865-992-5523.

Tims Ford

April 11 – Saturday Night Pickin’s

Saturday Night Pickins: Enjoy an evening of Blue Grass, Country and Gospel music at Tims Ford State Park Recreation Building, from 6 PM til 10 PM. Bring your instrument and join in, or just set back and relax

Frozen Head

April 11, 12 & 18, 19 Wildflower Pilgrimage

Come to Frozen Head State Park to enjoy the wildflowers in Cumberland Mountains. The 41st annual Frozen Head Wildflower Pilgrimage will take place on April 11 & 12 and April 18 & 19. Park rangers and special guests will lead a variety of walks to discover and

identify the wildflowers that carpet the forests of Frozen Head. Additional walks will focus on birds and other natural topics. Saturday wildflower hikes at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Sunday walks at 2:00pm. Please contact the park office, (423) 346-3318, for more information.

Red Clay **April 16 thru 18-25th Anniversary of the 1984 Cherokee Council Reunion & 30th Anniversary of the official opening of Red Clay State Historic Area**

Come and celebrate with us as the eternal flame is relit by the Chiefs of the Eastern Band and the Cherokee Nation. Attend the historic joint council and enjoy speakers, dancers, flute players, storytellers, demonstrators and more.

Warriors Path **April 17-19 - Spring Nature Festival**

Experience the delights of spring nature discovery in the great Tennessee outdoors. Participate in seminars taught by professionals, and hikes guided by trained naturalists. Topics include: spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees, and more! Free.

Tims Ford **April 18 - April Friends Festival**

Come and learn more about Tennessee's Flora, and Fauna, as the Tims Ford Environmental Education Association celebrates Earth Day at Tims Ford State Park Recreation Building from 1 PM till 5 PM.

Davy Crockett Birthplace **April 22 ~ Earth Day Celebration**

Come out and celebrate our Earth by planting native species trees on park property. The park will provide all tools. Meet at the campground shelter at 11:00 am. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us

Tims Ford **April 25 - Saturday Night Pickin's**

Saturday Night Pickins: Enjoy an evening of Blue Grass, Country and Gospel music at Tims Ford State Park Recreation Building, from 6 PM til 10 PM. Bring your instrument and join in, or just set back and relax

Paris Landing **April 20-25 - The World's Biggest Fish Fry, Paris, TN**

A week long of events include music and dancing, carnival, rodeo, grand parade and

frying over 5 tons of catfish with all the trimmings. Only 17 miles from Paris Landing State Park on Kentucky Lake. 1-800-250-8614

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Big Ridge Memorial Day through Labor Day-Summer Naturalist Programming

Various activities geared toward learning about and playing in the outdoors. Fun for the whole family. Guided hikes, educational programs, nature games, crafts, and sports hosted by a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger. Schedules are posted weekly. Contact the park office at 865-992-5523.

Paris Landing Memorial weekend to Labor Day weekend

Paris Landing State Park features a concert series called "Summer-in-the Park" which runs from Memorial weekend to Labor Day weekend. Park guests and area residents are able to enjoy performances in genres of music including Country, Rock & Roll, Soft Rock, Traditional Country, New-Grass, Bluegrass and Celtic Instrumental. This is a wonderful opportunity to listen to regional musicians while overlooking the scenic Kentucky Lake! Concerts begin at 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM and are free.

Roan Mountain May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd – Spring Naturalists' Rally

Programs will include bird walks, forest ecology, wildflowers, salamanders, butterflies, aquatic insects, geology, and more. Please call Anne Whittemore at (423) 477-2235 for more information or to make reservations.

Davy Crockett Birthplace May 2 & 3 ~ Appalachian Craft Fair

This event showcases local artisans and their handmade more traditional Appalachian style crafts, traditional flowers and herbs and local organic farmers. Ol' Time music will play throughout the day and local food vendors will be on hand. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us

Roan Mountain May 9 - Youth Trout Tournament

Bring you children to Roan Mountain State Park for a fun filled day of fishing. Tournament will be for children ages 6-15. The river will be stocked and closed to fishing before the tournament. Everyone who registers will have a good chance to win a prize. The tournament will start at 9:00 A.M. and end at 1:00 P.M.

Frozen Head

May 9 International Migratory Bird Day

Join us at Frozen Head State Park to discover the birds of Frozen Head as they return from their wintering grounds. The following programs are planned: 8:00 am Bird Identification Walk, 11:00 am Cerulean Warbler: A Bird in Peril, 9:00 pm Birds in Culture Campfire. Contact the park visitor center for more information. Please contact the park office, (423) 346-3318, for more information.

Tims Ford

May 9 – Saturday Night Pickin’s

Saturday Night Pickins: Enjoy an evening of Blue Grass, Country and Gospel music at Tims Ford State Park Recreation Building, from 6 PM til 10 PM. Bring your instrument and join in, or just set back and relax

Davy Crockett Birthplace

May 10 ~ Flowers for Mom

Join us at the Campground Pavilion at 11:00 am to plant native wildflowers in honor of our Mothers. Plants and tools will be provided. Dress in your gardening clothes and prepare for inclement weather. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us

Bledsoe Creek

May 16 - Bluegrass and Gospel Festival

The Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park will be hosting a Bluegrass/Gospel Festival at the Pick Inn 550 Zieglers Fort Rd Gallatin TN. This is a benefit event to raise funds for the Friends of Bledsoe Creek for activities and projects in your state park. Come and enjoy the music of Jesse McReynolds, Bo Bomar, Steve Austin and the Flat Broke Boys, Day Seven, a contemporary Christian band, and the famous Portland City Limits Band will also be performing during this event. The Cost is \$5.00 at the gate. Anyone 10

years and younger enter free. Rough camping is available in campers only. No tents. No water/electric/sewer available. Cost for overnight camping is \$10.00. No coolers/alcohol permitted. Bring a chair to sit on. Vendor space is available. Food will be for sale. 1:00 PM till 8:00 PM

Frozen Head

May 16 Volunteer Trail Day

Meet at the Visitor Center at 9 am. Bring a daypack with your water, lunch, good pair of hiking boots, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Specific projects will be determined later but will focus on trail maintenance and repair. Some moderate hiking may be required and we will return at 3pm or before. Please contact the park office, (423) 346-3318, for more information.

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Davy Crockett Birthplace

May 23 & 24 ~ Memorial Day Weekend

Come out and enjoy our summer kick-off season down at our Campground Pavilion. Saturday night we begin with a bluegrass musical guest from 7-9 pm. Sunday fun and games for kids Starting at 1:00 pm. For more information contact: Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us

Cordell Hull Birthplace

May 23 - Memorial Day Celebration

Celebrate Memorial Day in Tennessee Upper Cumberland style! Come by the park for daylong events including a community seed swap, guided hike to Bunkum Cave entrance, Cordell Hull presentation, and a living history demonstration in the birthplace cabin. See www.friendsofcordellhull.org website for details. For more information call (931) 864-3247

Frozen Head

May 23 Echo in the Mountains

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy bluegrass music in the beautiful Cumberland

Mountains. Food vendors will be on site. Please contact the park office,
(423) 346-3318,
for more information.

**Davy Crockett
Birthplace**

May –August ~ Thursday Night Movies

Every other Thursday night beginning on May 28, family movies will be shown (G, PG & some PG-13) on a big screen down at the campground shelter. Movies will begin at 8:00 pm. Movies are free of charge. For more information contact:

Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us

For a complete annual listing of events, check out this link going to our website:

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/events/>

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