Adventure Challenge

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

When does Adventure Challenge begin?

The official start date for Adventure Challenge is January 1, however you are free to begin your adventure whenever you are able after the start date.

When does Adventure Challenge end?

Adventure Challenge ends on December 15 at 11:59 PM Central Time.

How do I register?

You may register online at https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/adventure_challenge_registration

When does registration end?

Registration does not end for Tennessee State Parks Adventure Challenge ; however, no points will be counted between Dec. 15 at 11:59 PM CT through Dec. 31.

How many people can I have in my team?

There is no limit to the number of people you can have on your team, however, if you are not related to your team members we ask that you limit your team to 8 people.

Can friends join my team?

Absolutely! Please keep in mind that if there is no familial relation between team members we ask that you keep teams to 8 people.

What is the best park to go to in order to complete the pamphlet?

With 56 beautiful state parks across the state of Tennessee there is no individual park that would be best to visit in order to complete Adventure Challenge. Try seeing them all!

Can I complete Adventure Challenge in Tennessee State Natural Areas?

Yes. As many natural areas are within State Parks it could be difficult to distinguish between the two, therefore, we encourage you to also voyage into your Tennessee State Natural Areas and see what adventures you discover there.

What are "Annual Ranger Led Hikes"?

"Annual Ranger Led Hikes" is the term we use to refer to any of the special event hiking opportunities occurring throughout the year.

Jan. 1- First Day Hike/ New Year Hike

Mar. 24- First Day of Spring

June 2- National Trails Day

June 21- First Day of Summer

Sept. 22- First Day of Fall

Sept. 29 National Public Lands Day

Nov. 23- Opt Outside Black Friday Hike

What is an "interpretive program"?

An interpretive program teaches visitors about the natural history of the park. It can be most any program and is typically lead by a Ranger or SIR. Examples of interpretive programming include nature walks, canoe floats, and snake or bird programs. If you have any questions regarding interpretive programming please email us at family.challenge@tn.gov.

What is a "special event" in a park?

A special event is any event that would draw a large crowd to the park and often involves much more work beyond that of normal park day to day activities. Examples of special events include overnight canoe floats, Garrison Weekend, Civil War Days, and the upcoming solar eclipse. If you have any questions regarding special events please email us at adventure.challenge@tn.gov or message us on Facebook.

What if I do not complete the pamphlet? Am I still eligible for the drawings?

Yes. Prize drawings are divided into categories. There will be a drawing for the teams which complete the entire pamphlet as well as separate drawings for teams which accrue the most points.

How many drawings will there be? When do they occur?

There will be multiple drawings held throughout the year, so be sure to keep up with our facebook page to see if you won! Additionally, there will be a Mid-Year drawing and an End of Year drawing. The end of year drawing will be based on your culmination of points and the degree of completion of your pamphlet and will be held in January of the following year.

Will I be eligible for more than one drawing?

As a participant you are eligible for the drawings we hold throughout the year, however, the Mid-Year drawing is based on points and the End of Year drawing is based on points and completion. If you do not have enough points by a specific date (TBD) you will not be eligible for the Mid-Year and/or End of Year drawings. If you are awarded the Mid-Year award you are still eligible for the End of Year drawings. If you are awarded an End of Year award in one category you will not be eligible to win another End of Year award in another category.

How many times can I earn points for a challenge? (What does it mean when the brochure says there is a max amount of points for a challenge?)

Please refer to your pamphlet to follow this example. There are multiple types of challenges in the pamphlet. Some of the challenges have numbered spaces beneath them (see Challenge Explore #1) and some of them have max amount of points to be earned (See Challenge Learn #9). Challenges such as Explore #1 may be completed one or more times based on how many spaces are beneath them. For example, you can Hike a Trail (5 pts. each) three times for a maximum amount of 15 points earned. While we would love for you to hike other trails, you can only earn 15 points maximum for this challenge, even if you go to another park.

For challenges without numbered spaces beneath them you can only earn points for that challenge once. For example in Challenge Explore #8 you can identify many tracks, but you will only be awarded 5 pts., even if you go to another park.

For some challenges there are no numbered spaces beneath them, but they state that the points may be earned per park. For example, Challenge Flourish #5 states that you may pick up twenty pieces of litter for one point each PER PARK. If you were to pick up twenty pieces of litter in one park you may go to another park and pick up another twenty pieces of litter for an additional twenty points. You only need to pick up a total of twenty pieces of litter to complete this challenge.

What if I complete a particular challenge more than once, will I still get the points for that? What if it is in a different park?

No, unless the challenge specifically states that it is per park.

How do I make an album on facebook?

Log into your personal facebook page through your desktop computer.

Click on the "Photos" tab at the top.

Click on the "+ Create Album" button near the top. This will open up a separate file window on

your computer. Select the photos you wish to add. Click "Open".

How do I change the name of my album?

Select the "Photos" button from your personal facebook page

Select the "Albums" tab

Click on the album you wish to rename

Click the "Edit" button near the top of the page

Change the name of your album to "Tennessee State Parks Adventure Challenge 2017" or something similar enough that we can find it

How do I upload a picture to facebook?

From your phone:

Select the Photos you wish to upload

Select the facebook icon to upload them to facebook. (On iPhone you can choose to add them to a specific album, click the "Album" icon on the pop up screen beneath the photo then select the album you wish to upload the photo to)

From your desktop computer:

Save your photos to your computer.

Log in to your personal facebook page.

Select the "Photos" button at the top of the page.

Select the "Add Photos/Videos" Button near the top of the page.

From the pop up window select the photos you wish to add. Press "Open"

How do I share my photo album with Adventure Challenge?

From your personal facebook page select "Photos"

Select the "Albums" tab

Click on your album for "Tennessee State Parks Adventure Challenge 2017"

Copy the link at the top of the page from the web bar

Paste the link in an email addressed to Tennessee State Parks Adventure Challenge or

Go to the Adventure Challenge facebook page and click on the "Send Message" button to the right under the banner

Paste the link in a message to us

What if I do not want to share my photos on facebook?

If you do not wish to share your photos with us through facebook you do have the option to send us the photos via email. Please include in your email your name and your team's name, the photos, the park you visited, the challenges you are completing, the points you earned, and if possible the miles walked. Please send the photos as "Actual Size" so that we may view them without distorting the photo. It becomes difficult to send many photos this size through email so you may have to send multiple emails with your photos. Please include all of the above information in each email.