

22 Premier Fishing Locations

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Maynardville, TN 37807
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2. Bledsoe Creek State Park
400 Zeiglers Fort Road
Gallatin, TN 37066
615-452-3706
3. Booker T Washington State Park
5801 Champion Road
Chattanooga, TN 37416
423-894-4955
4. Edgar Ewins State Park
1630 Edgar Ewins State Park Rd.
Silver Point, TN 38582
931-858-2446
5. Fall Creek Falls State Park
2009 Village Camp Road
Spencer, TN 38585
423-881-5298
6. Harrison Bay State Park
8411 Harrison Bay Road
Harrison, TN 37341
423-344-6214
7. Hiwassee / Ocoee State Park
404 Spring Creek Road
Delano, TN 37325
423 263-0050
8. Johnsonville State Historic Park
90 Nell Beard Road
New Johnsonville, TN 37134
931-535-2789
9. Long Hunter State Park
2910 Hobson Pike
Hemitage, TN 37076
615-885-2422
10. Meeman Shelby Forest State Park
910 Riddick Road
Millington, TN 38053
800-741-5293
11. Mouse Tail Landing State Park
Route 3, Linden, TN 37096
731-847-0841
12. Natchez Trace State Park
24845 Natchez Trace Road
Wildersville, TN 38388
731-968-3742
13. Nathan Bedford Forest State Park
1825 Pilot Knob Road
Eva, TN 38333 / 731-584-6356
14. Norris Dam State Park
125 Village Green Circle
Rocky Top, TN 37769 / 865-426-7461
15. Panther Creek State Park
2010 Panther Creek Road
Morristown, TN 37814
423-587-7046
16. Paris Landing State Park
1605 Hwy 79N
Buchanan, TN 38222
731-641-4465
17. Pickwick Landing State Park
Park Road
Pickwick Dam, TN 38365
731-689-3129
18. Port Royal State Park
3300 Old Clarksville Hwy.
Adams, TN 37010
931-358-9696
19. Reelfoot Lake State Park
2595 State Route 213
Tiptonville, TN 38079
731-253-9652
20. Roan Mountain State Park
1015 Hwy. 143
Roan Mountain, TN 37687
423-772-0190
21. Rock Island State Park
82 Beach Road
Rock Island, TN 38581
931-686-2471
22. Tims Ford State Park
570 Tims Ford Drive
Winchester, TN 37398
931-962-1183
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River Information

For information on reservoir elevations and streamflows, call the Tennessee Valley Authority Reservoir Information Line 800-238-2264 or visit www.lakeinfo.tva.gov.

The TVA Lake Info app is an easy-to-use resource for operating on and around reservoirs and dams in the TVA region. The app is available for iPhone and Android devices. www.tva.gov/river/mobile_app.htm.

Don't have an IOS or Android device? This information is also available on TVA's mobile site. <http://m.tva.com>.

Tennessee Fishing & Boating Information

To view the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency interactive on-line fishing guide or to obtain Tennessee fishing licenses for immediate use apply on-line at www.eregulations.com/tennessee/fishing/. For information about additional nearby TWRA boat ramps, visit www.tn.gov/twra/gis/boating.html.

State Park Information

The Tennessee State Parks Pocket Ranger app provides users access to all Tennessee State Parks with detailed information about lodging, activities, amenities, facility maps and directions. The free app is available at the Apple app store and Google play.

General information
www.tnstateparks.com

On-line reservations
www.tnstateparks.com/reservations



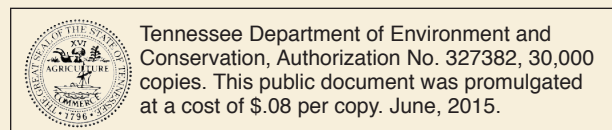
Fishing is a popular outdoor sport across the nation and it's a great way for families and friends to spend quality time together. This brochure highlights select fishing locations at or near Tennessee State Parks. Treat yourself, your friends, or family to a quality outdoor experience, week-end get-away or vacation. Cast off and catch memories today.



Free Fishing Day is always the Saturday of the first full week in June. Anyone (resident or non-resident) of any age can fish free without a license in Tennessee's public waters, agency owned and operated lakes, and Tennessee State Parks.

Free Fishing Week always follows Free Fishing Day in June. Children, ages 15 and younger can fish for free all week in the waters listed above.

First Fish Certificate commemorates that special moment in every child's life when they land that first fish. Download your free 8.5 x 11 certificate, suitable for framing, and learn more about fishing programs in Tennessee at www.tnwildlife.org.



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All persons ages 13 and older must have a fishing license to fish in Tennessee. There are a variety of fishing licenses available for residents and non-residents, including a junior license for residents ages 13-15. Non-residents have the option of buying a 1-day, 3-day, 10-day or annual license. Those licenses are available with and without trout fishing privileges. Fishing licenses can be purchased at some local sporting goods stores, online at www.tnwildlife.org or by calling 888-814-8972.

Do Your Part for the Environment

- Always drain bait buckets on land.
- Don't dump bait in the water.
- Clean hitchhiking animals and invasive plants from boats and motors.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET

Life jackets Save Lives. Children ages 12 and younger must wear a lifejacket except when the watercraft is anchored, moored or aground.



Reelfoot Lake

Crappie/Bluegill

Tennessee's only natural lake is nationally known for crappie and bluegill fishing. Fishing is best for these panfish in April and May. Experienced anglers can find these as well as bass and catfish throughout the seasons. Many guides are available locally. The lake is very shallow with lots of submerged stumps and standing trees. Boaters have to navigate slowly and cautiously. As such there are few large boats on the lake which makes it a nice place for canoes, kayaks and jon boats when the winds are calm.

Reelfoot Lake State Park features cabins, campgrounds, five boat ramps, a boardwalk and fishing pier. A Reelfoot Lake Preservation Permit is required of anglers over age 16 and may be obtained at the park or local bait shops.

Poplar Tree Lake

Bass/Bluegill/Catfish

Some outstanding Largemouth Bass have been taken from this 125-acre wooded lake nestled within **Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park**. The park offers a campground, fishing pier, boat dock with jon boat rentals, and fee launch ramp for personal jon boats. No gas motors allowed.

Lakes of Natchez Trace State Park

Bass/Bluegill/Catfish

There are four lakes in **Natchez Trace State Park**, Brown's Creek Lake (167 acre) is managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and is stocked with Florida strain Largemouth Bass. Fish surveys as recent as 2012 have documented that there are bass in the 10-pound class in the lake. Maple's Creek Lake (90 acre) is also managed by the TWRA and provides catches of catfish and Bluegill and Redear Sunfish. A TWRA Agency Lake permit is required for these lakes. Nearby Pin Oak Lake (750 acre) attracts recreational boaters and is large enough for waterskiing. Evening fishing on Pin Oak Lake can be productive. Day or Annual Lake Use Permits for Pin Oak Lake may be purchased at the inn. Cub Lake (52 acre) provides canoe and jon boat rentals. Pin Oak Lake and Cub Lake offer fair fishing for bass, bluegill and catfish. The state park features an inn, restaurant, cabins, campgrounds, launch ramps and jon boat rentals.

Pickwick Lake

Bass/Crappie/Sauger/White Bass/Catfish

Pickwick Landing State Park is located on the banks of Pickwick Lake close to the dam. The reservoir has fisheries similar to those listed for Kentucky Lake. Below the dam is Pickwick Lake. In this tailwater area, just a few minutes from the park there are excellent fisheries for Sauger (winter/spring), White and Yellow Bass (spring), Striped Bass (spring through fall) and catfish year-round. These fish can be caught from shore or by boat. The park offers an on-site restaurant, inn, cabins and campground, full-service marina with covered, uncovered and transient slips, dry storage, boat rental and two launch ramps.

Kentucky Lake / Tennessee River

Bass/Crappie/Catfish/Striped Bass

Kentucky Lake is a 160,000-acre reservoir of the Tennessee River. Four state parks provide entry to this lake that is known for great sport fishing. While some enjoy fishing from banks or fishing piers, the best way to experience this large reservoir is by boat. The creek mouths and embayments are popular for spring crappie fishing from late March through May. Bluegill and Redear Sunfish are also commonly harvested from the lake. Bass fishing is best in the spring and fall. Catfish are commonly caught in summer and fall. **Paris Landing State Park** is the most northern park featuring an inn, cabins and campground, full-service marina with covered and uncovered slips, four lane ramp and overnight parking lot with charging outlets. Local guides and tournaments are plentiful. **Johnsonville State Historic Park** features bank fishing and a privately owned marina with a fee ramp at the park entrance. Nearby **Nathan Bedford Forest State Park** has cabins, a campground, launch ramp and courtesy dock. Further downstream, **Mousetail Landing State Park** provides a campground, new ramp, courtesy dock and plenty of shoreline.

J. Percy Priest Lake

Bass/Crappie/White Bass/Hybrid Striped Bass

This popular 14,000-acre reservoir is located near Nashville. Spring is a great time to fish for all species. **Long Hunter State Park** is a day-use park that offers two launch ramps and large parking lots. The Park's Bryant's Grove Recreation Area offers limited day use opportunities to fish the shoreline of this large reservoir. The Couchville Lake Area features a small lake off the main lake and provides decent Largemouth Bass fishing.

Old Hickory Lake

Bass/Striped Bass/Crappie/Sauger/Catfish

This popular 22,500-acre reservoir on the Cumberland River runs through downtown Nashville. The lake is known for bass and crappie fishing, but also has big (30 lb+) Striped Bass and catfish. In the Spring, Sauger and White Bass are plentiful in the upper lake and tributaries. **Bledsoe Creek State Park** offers a camp ground and launch ramp for registered campers only and a separate ramp with courtesy dock for public use.

Great Falls Lake

Bass/Bluegill/Muskellunge

This 2,110-acre reservoir is located near Rock Island State Park and is known for bass fishing and Muskellunge. The Blue Hole located in the headwaters of Center Hill Lake at **Rock Island State Park** is a popular place to fish for Walleye in the Spring. Other Muskellunge fisheries and launch ramps on the Collins and Caney Fork Rivers are located a short distance from the park. The local area was the site of the 2012 Musky Fly Fishing World Championships. The park offers cabins, campgrounds, and a launch ramp and has produced a one-time US record walleye and a current state record paddlefish.

Center Hill Lake

Bass/Crappie/Walleye/Catfish/Trout

This 18,000-acre reservoir with rocky shorelines supports three species of bass. Bass fishing is best in spring and fall; although many bass anglers fish at night in the summer. **Edgar Evins State Park** features cabins, a campground, full-service marina with covered and uncovered slips, two launch ramps and courtesy dock. Immediately below Center Hill Dam, and just minutes from the park is a coldwater tailwater in the Caney Fork River. Fishing for Rainbow, Brook and Brown Trout is best during non-generation periods.

Tims Ford Lake

Bass/Crappie/Catfish/Striped Bass/Hybrid Striped Bass/Trout

This long winding reservoir (10,000 acre) has Largemouth, Spotted and Smallmouth Bass and is best known for the later. It is stocked annually with Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass which can be caught year-round using various techniques. Striped Bass commonly exceed 15 lbs and hybrids are typically about 7 pounds. **Tims Ford State Park** features cabins, a campground, boat ramp and small marina. Fifteen minutes away is a full-service marina with slips, pontoon boat rentals and a restaurant. Immediately below Tims Ford Dam, and just minutes from the state park is a coldwater tailwater on the Elk River. Fishing for Rainbow and Brown Trout may be best during non-generation periods.

Red River

Smallmouth Bass/Catfish

The Red River is a free-flowing river that is best known for Smallmouth Bass and catfish. Fishing is best spring through fall. **Port Royal State Park** provides limited bank fishing and a canoe launch site.

Fall Creek Falls Lake

Largemouth Bass/Bluegill/Catfish

This 345-acre lake at **Fall Creek Falls State Park** is home to state record catches for Channel Catfish and Bluegill. Fishing is best spring through fall. The park features an inn, restaurant, cabins, campground, launch area, and boat dock with jon boat and canoe rentals. While personal jon boats are not allowed; canoes, kayaks and electric trolling motors are permitted.

Norris Lake

Black Bass/Crappie/Catfish/Striped Bass/Trout

Norris Lake is a 34,000-acre flood control impoundment on the Clinch River. It has Largemouth, Spotted and Smallmouth Bass, and is getting a reputation for big Smallmouth Bass. It is also stocked annually with Walleye and Striped Bass. Striped Bass regularly reach sizes of 25 lbs, and larger. Immediately below Norris Dam, and just minutes from **Big Ridge State Park**, is a coldwater tailwater on the Clinch River. Wade fishing for Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout may be best during non-generation periods. Bigger trout are often taken by boat during generation flows. **Norris Dam State Park** offers cabins, a campground, launch ramp and marina. **Big Ridge State Park** offers cabins, a campground, a 42-acre lake and jon boat rentals.

Cherokee Lake

Black Bass/Hybrid Striped Bass/Walleye/Redear Sunfish

Cherokee Lake is a 30,000-acre lake on the Holston River. Bass and crappie fishing are best in the spring. The lake is stocked annually with Hybrid Striped Bass which commonly reach 7 lbs. or more. **Panther Creek State Park** features a campground, small marina and launch ramp.

Chickamauga Lake

Black Bass/Crappie/Catfish

This 35,000-acre impoundment is located on the Tennessee River near Chattanooga. In recent years Largemouth Bass fishing has been outstanding with 10-lb fish becoming more common. Crappie fishing is best in the spring. Catfish and bass are targeted almost year-round. Two state parks are located on the shores of Chickamauga Lake. **Harrison Bay State Park** features a campground, launch ramp and one of the most complete marina facilities in the area. **Booker T. Washington State Park** is a day-use park featuring a launch ramp and fishing pier.

Hiwassee River

Rainbow Trout/Brown Trout

This large, regulated river flows through the Scenic Cherokee National Forest and **Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park**. At high flows the river is heavily used by rafters and kayakers but you can also hire a guide to fish from a drift boat. Wade fishing is limited to low flow periods. Fishing is best fall through late spring during the stocking seasons. Many anglers flyfish but other tackle are just as effective. **Hiwassee/Ocoee River State Park** offers a campground and nearby launch ramp.

Doe River

Rainbow Trout/Brown Trout

The Doe River is one of the most productive wild trout streams in Tennessee and runs through **Roan Mountain State Park**. Most anglers flyfish for the abundant Rainbow and Brown Trout. The park features cabins, and trail access to the river. It is also in the vicinity of other wild trout streams as well as the Watauga River.

