NEARBY STATE PARKS
• Norris Dam State Park: 17 miles
• Cove Lake State Park: 24 miles

ANNUAL EVENTS
• Spring: Easter Egg Hunt (day before Easter)
• August: Bluegrass Festival (third Friday)
• October: Ghost House Hikes (each weekend)

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS
• Museum of Appalachia: 12 miles

GET INVOLVED
Friends and volunteers assist in protecting, preserving, and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park. They do this by giving of their time and talents to ensure the park’s integrity for future generations to enjoy. It’s easy to show your support—join a Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities offered to individuals, families, and groups. To learn more, visit tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved.

PICNIC PAVILIONS & PLAYGROUND
Open picnic areas with tables and grills are available. Restrooms are nearby. The park also has four covered pavilions that may be reserved online, or are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The capacity for each is 25 people, and they all feature picnic tables, a grill, an electrical outlet, and nearby water spigots. The playground is next to the park office. It has a variety of swings and equipment for children of all ages and abilities, and has wheelchair access. Nearby is a volleyball court, a softball field, two tennis courts, several horseshoe pits, and a basketball court.

RECREATION HALL
Experience the true craftsmanship of yesteryear in our rustic recreation hall. Offering a spectacular view overlooking Big Ridge Lake, the log-and-stone building is a stand-alone, self-contained dining hall open for daily use. Available by reservation only, it includes seating for up to 70, a massive fireplace, a covered porch, a kitchen, and two restrooms. Adjacent to the rec hall is a large flagstone patio and a small amphitheater.

PLANNED PROGRAMS
Family-friendly activities are offered during the summer. Led by seasonal interpretive rangers, programs include guided hikes, movies, campfires, arts and crafts, nature programs, and organized sports activities. Schedules are updated weekly.

BIKING
Bicycles are welcome on the park’s roads and parking areas, but not on the trails. Remember to wear your helmet if you are under 16 years of age.

GIFT SHOP
The gift shop is located inside the park office/visitor center and is open during office hours. Big Ridge State Park shirts, souvenirs, and other items are available.

HOURS OF OPERATION
Park, April to November: Sunrise to 10:00 P.M. ET
Park, November to April: Sunrise to Sunset
Office, April to November: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Daily
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DIRECTIONS
From I-75, Exit 122, and take Hwy 61 East for approximately 12 miles. Park entrance is on the left. The park is located between the cities of Andersonville and Maynardville.
HIKING
Hike over 15 miles of trails along dry ridges, lush hollows, old roadbeds, and lakeshores. See cemeteries and remnants of early settlements. Trails range from easy to very rugged. There are three hike-in backcountry campsites, which can be reserved online or by phone. Trail maps are available at the park office, on the website, and in the app.

BOATING
Canoe, pedal boat, tandem kayak, and rowboat rentals are available on the 49-acre Big Ridge Lake. The boat dock is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Please call the park office at 800-471-5305 for specific hours of operation. Guests may use personal electric trolling motors on park rowboats. Privately owned boats, including canoes and kayaks, can be launched on Big Ridge Lake for a nominal fee. Fishing boats, ski boats, and wave runners can be launched from the ramp on Norris Lake, just outside the park entrance drive. Due to low water levels, there is no access to the ramp on Norris Lake during winter months.

FISHING
Fish year-round from the shore of Big Ridge Lake [except at the swimming beach], or from the shoreline along Norris Lake, which is famous for its striped bass fishery. State license requirements apply.

CAMPING
Big Ridge has 50 year-round campsites on or near Norris Lake to accommodate RVs, trailers and tent campers. Most sites have water, 50-amp electrical hookups, a picnic table, and a grill. A dump station is available at the entrance to the campground. There are three bathhouses with hot showers and restroom facilities. One is open year-round. Firewood is sold onsite, and a camp store is open seasonally.

BIG RIDGE STATE PARK
The heavily-forested, 3,642-acre park lies on the southern shore of the Norris Reservoir, 25 miles north of Knoxville. The rustic park offers visitors a wealth of activities, from camping to guided nature tours. Big Ridge State Park was one of five demonstration parks developed by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Built with cooperation from the National Park Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps, these parks served as examples of public recreation development along TVA lakeshores. Many of today’s park structures reflect the craftsmanship and stonework of the CCC. Walking tours highlight the remains of CCC roadbeds and the craftmanship and stonework of the CCC. Walking tours highlight the remains of CCC roadbeds and the

SWIMMING
A sandy beach at Big Ridge Lake provides swimming enjoyment from before Memorial Day through after Labor Day. There are no lifeguards on duty.

CABINS
Twenty cabins are available from April through October. Nineteen of them were built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and they still retain the charm and design of that time. Five cabins are lakeside, and 15 sit on the heavily wooded ridge. Most cabins accommodate six people.

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