Directions
Take I-24 or I-75 to Hwy. 153. From Hwy. 153 go to Hwy. 58. Follow Hwy. 58 north to Champion Road on the left and follow signs to the park.

Planned Programs
Park rangers are available year-round for interpretive programs. Please call the park office to schedule a time for your group.

Fishing
Fishing is open year-round. Favorite catches are bass, crappie and catfish. State fishing license required for individuals age 13-65.

Nearby Attractions
- Tennessee Aquarium - 11 miles
- Chattanooga Choo Choo - 13 miles

Nearby State Parks
- Harrison Bay State Park - 8 miles
- Red Clay State Historic Park - 20 miles

Special Events
- April - Earth Day
- July - Outdoor Celebration
- October - River Rescue

Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteers and the Friends of Booker T. Washington assist in protecting and preserving 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 the Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities Tennessee State Parks offer. To learn more about the Friends of Booker T. Washington http://friendsofbtystatepark.com/

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Booker T. Washington State Park

is a day-use park, located on the shores of scenic Chickamauga Lake, not far from the city of Chattanooga. The 353-acre park is noted for fishing and boat access and also offers mountain biking, swimming, recreation fields, picnicking, playgrounds and basketball. The park is named in honor of the pioneering black educator Booker T. Washington.

Historical Significance

The park was developed for recreational purposes by the Tennessee Valley Authority and was leased by the state from TVA in 1938. Booker T. Washington was formally deeded to the state in 1950.

Booker Taliaferro Washington was born into slavery at Hale’s Ford, Virginia. With great determination, he secured an education and became a prominent writer, thinker, and educator. He is most widely remembered for his many years of service as founder and president of Tuskegee Institute, now known as Tuskegee University.

Group Camp and Group Lodge

The Oaks Group Camp consists of six cabins, a state-of-the-art dining hall, a bathhouse, covered pavilion and basketball court. Each cabin sleeps 16 people. The facility was completely renovated in 2014. The group camp can accommodate 100 people and is available from May through October. Priority is given to week long reservations, however short term rentals are also available.

The Tuskegee Airmen Group Lodge accommodates up to 50 people and rents by the week or for shorter periods of time. It has a fully equipped kitchen and dining area and two sleeping sections, each served by its own shower and restroom facilities. Both the group lodge and the group camp are ADA compliant. The facility may be reserved through the park office.

Picnic Shelters and Playgrounds

Three picnic shelters can be reserved online up to a year in advance. They are equipped with picnic tables and grills and have an electrical outlet. There are also other individual sites with tables, grills, and playground facilities.

Swimming

Our Olympic-size pool is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. There is a small fee to access the pool. Lifeguards are on duty.

Bike Trails

The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association has stated that this is one of the best off road bicycle trails in the south. The seven mile trail runs along Chickamauga Lake.