Swimming
The outdoor swimming pool complex is open seasonally beginning Memorial Day weekend. There is an Olympic-sized swimming pool, children's wading pool, and restrooms.

Nearby Attractions
- Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area - 30 miles
- Museum of Appalachia, Clinton - 15 miles

Nearby State Parks
- Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park
- Norris Dam State Park - 10 miles

Camping
Cove Lake has a 100-site campground, all with water and 20, 30-amp electric hookups, picnic tables and fire ring. Five handicap sites are also available with 50-amp service. Campsites are available by reservation.

Hiking and Biking
We have more than seven miles of trails ranging from easy to moderate, of which 3.6 miles are paved for multi-use, including jogging and biking. Our trail also provides access to the Cumberland Trail, Tennessee's first linear state park.

 Volunteer Opportunities
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Directions
Cove Lake is located 30 miles northwest of Knoxville, on US Highway 25W. From I-75, take Exit 134; travel 1/2 mile on Veterans Memorial Highway and take the first left turn.

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Hours of Operation
8:00 AM to Sunset ET

Cove Lake State Park
110 Cove Lake Lane
Caryville, TN 37714
423-566-9701

Tennessee State Parks
William Snodgrass TN Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 2nd Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
888-867-2757

www.tnstateparks.com
Cove Lake State Park, with its 606-acre land and 210-acre lake, is situated in a picturesque valley surrounded by the towering Cumberland Mountains. This park was established on the shores of Cove Lake, an arm of Norris Lake created by an auxiliary dam at Caryville. This bird watchers paradise provides ample opportunity for nature enthusiasts, while also providing a variety of recreational opportunities. Most all park facilities are ADA accessible, including two playgrounds.

Historical Significance
Ancient Native Americans prospered along Cove Creek from AD 1000 to 1200. The University of Tennessee excavated mounds and habitation sites associated with this culture in 1937. Earthen remnants of one mound are still visible at the end of Goose Island.

Restaurant
Rickard Ridge BBQ is open year-round. Serving delicious food with a view, the restaurant offers inside seating and outdoor seating on the deck. Please call 423-907-8202 or visit rickardridgebbq.com for more information.

Meeting Rooms
The recreation building is popular for weddings, family reunions and other events. It has a full kitchen, central heat and air and accommodates up to 130 people. It may be reserved up to a year in advance.

**Planned Programs**
A seasonal interpretive ranger is available throughout the summer months, providing many planned activities including guided walks, hikes, bicycle tours, kayak tours, arts and crafts, recreational activities and campfires.

**Boating /Fishing**
Fishing is permitted on Cove Lake and along the bank. A valid Tennessee fishing license is required. Bass and bluegill are the best sporting fish, but good catches of crappie always tempt the angler. The park rents Jon boats year round. Guests may bring their own electric trolling motors for use on park Jon boats. Personal canoes and kayaks may be launched from the boat dock or kayak launch once a permit is obtained in the visitor center.

**Birding**
The lake serves as a magnet for migrating birds. There is an observation tower along the paved trail to aid in birdwatching. The Volunteer Loop Trail traverses a mature hardwood forest where many migratory birds can be seen in the spring and fall and many nesting birds can also be found.

**Picnic Shelters**
There are 112 picnic tables and grills available for individual park visitors. Six large picnic shelters with grills may be rented and can be reserved up to a year in advance. All pavilions are conveniently located to restrooms and playgrounds.