



Camping

The park offers 31 sites each with electricity and water, picnic tables and grills. The campground has a modern bathhouse and dump station. The campground is open year-round and reservations are available, with a maximum 2-week limit.



Group Camp

The group camp accommodates up to 144 people. It contains six bunkhouses, bathhouses and a dining hall with completely equipped kitchen. Campers must provide food, linens and cleaning supplies. During summer months, rental is weekly, but otherwise can be reserved for a 2-night minimum.

Swimming

The park's sandy swim beach is located on Arch Lake. Edged by sandstone cliffs it is one of the most picturesque beaches in the South. There are no lifeguards at the swimming area and adults must accompany children. The beach is free, open Memorial Day to Labor Day.



Nature Programs

Interpretive programs for all ages covering natural and cultural history are scheduled during the summer months. A small nature center at the campground houses exhibits on the park's features.

Dark Skies

Pickett was the first state park in the Southeast to be certified a dark sky viewing location by the International Dark-Sky Association. The astronomy field is available to use for stargazing year-round and scheduled astronomy programs are held throughout the year.



Picnic Areas

A large picnic area is located on Arch Lake, tables and grills are free and first-come, first-serve. Two picnic shelters can be reserved, with playgrounds, tennis courts, and restrooms nearby.

Park Events

- New Years - First Hike
- Spring (April) Dark Sky Astronomy Weekend
- Summer (July) Dark Sky Star Party
- Labor Day - Old Timers Day
- Winter (December) Christmas in the Park

Nearby Attractions

- Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area - adjacent to park
- Sgt. Alvin C. York Historic Park - 17 miles
- Colditz Cove State Natural Area - 24 miles
- East Fork Stables - 28 miles
- Historic Rugby - 30 miles
- Bandy Creek Stables - 33 miles
- Cordell Hull State Park - 38 miles
- Big South Fork Scenic Railway - 48 miles
- Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area - adjacent to park

Nearby Annual Events

- May - Rugby Festival of British & Appalachian Culture
- Memorial Day Weekend - Jamestown Rotary Chicken Festival
- August - Hwy. 127 Yard Sale (World's Longest)
- September - Haunting in the Hills at Big South Fork
- September - Rugby Pilgrimage
- October - Allardt Pumpkin Festival
- December - Christmas at Rugby



Directions

Take I-40 to Exit 317 and take Hwy. 127 north for 46 miles. Turn right on Hwy. 154 and travel 12 miles to park entrance.



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Hours of Operation
7:30 AM to Sunset
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Park Office

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Volunteer Opportunities

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Pickett State Park

is situated in the Cumberland Plateau, and known for its geological, botanical, and scenic wonders. Lying within the 19,200-acre Pickett State Forest, visitors can explore large rock-houses, sandstone bridges, bluffs and mountain streams. Spring brings dazzling displays of wildflowers, and autumn a patchwork of brilliant colors. All facilities except for two cabins are available year-round.

In 1933 the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company donated 12,000 acres to the State of Tennessee for a forest recreation project. The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed trails, native sandstone cabins, a lodge, ranger station and a twelve-acre lake. The park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cabins

The park has 20 cabins, with four styles to accommodate different sized families: the five Rustic CCC cabins accommodate four people, the five Standard cabins (two or three bedroom) accommodate up to six people, the five Suite cabins (one bedroom) accommodate four people, and the five Deluxe cabins (three bedroom) accommodate eight people. Each type of cabin is completely equipped for housekeeping with full modern bathrooms, kitchen appliances, cooking utensils, linens and towels and fireplaces. All cabins are open year-round with the exception of two Rustic cabins, which are closed during the winter months. Reservations are required and can be made up to two years in advance through the park office, one year online. Pet friendly cabins are available.

Fishing

The 12-acre Arch Lake is stocked with trout during summer months. Fishermen need a trout stamp and a Tennessee Fishing License which can be purchased at park office.



Hiking

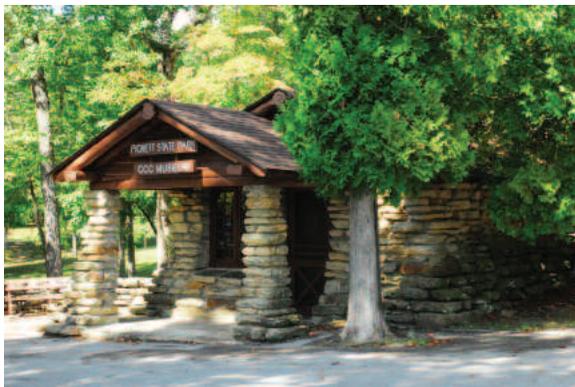
Ten hiking trails meander through the park and forest, affording outstanding views, natural bridges, waterfalls and diverse plant life. They vary in length and difficulty, from short day-use trails to longer multi-day backpacking trails. A backcountry camping permit is required.

Boating

Bring your canoe or kayak for peaceful paddles around Arch Lake. Fishing boats and canoes are also available for rent during the summer months.

CCC Museum

The Pickett CCC Museum features interpretative exhibits and artifacts, depicting the Civilian Conservation Corps' contributions to Tennessee's parks and natural areas, while recognizing the CCC's extensive efforts across the country. An interactive touch-screen exhibit gives visitors an opportunity to hear directly from former CCC's workers, sharing their stories about their time working to construct Pickett State Park. Developed by Tennessee State Parks, the museum is in the same location of the former park office, constructed by the CCC in the 1930s. Approximately 70,000 Tennesseans served in the CCC in various locations around the country. There were 77 CCC camps located throughout Tennessee.



PICKETT STATE PARK

