



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.

CAMPING

The park has 31 campsites, all with water hookups, picnic tables and grills. Twenty campsites have electrical hookups. The campground has a modern bathhouse and a dump station. The campground is open year-round and the maximum stay limit is two weeks.

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 two-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.

NATURE PROGRAMS

Interpretive programs for all ages that cover both natural and cultural history are scheduled throughout the year.

ANNUAL PARK EVENTS

- New Years Day: First Hike
- Spring/April: Spring Astronomy Day
- Summer/July: Dark Sky Star Party

- Summer/August: Perseid Meteor Shower
- Fall/October: Fall Astronomy Day
- Labor Day: Old Timers Day
- Winter/December: Christmas in the Park

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area: adjacent to park
- Bandy Creek Stables: 13 miles
- East Fork Stables: 20 miles
- Historic Rugby: 30 miles
- Big South Fork Scenic Railway: 39 miles

NEARBY STATE PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS

- Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area: adjacent to park
- Sgt. Alvin C. York Historic Park: 20 miles
- Colditz Cove State Natural Area: 20 miles
- Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park: 38 miles

ANNUAL AREA EVENTS

- May: Rugby Festival of 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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting and preserving the cultural and natural resources of the park. They do this by giving of their time and talents to ensure their 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 we offer. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area, visit tnstateparks.com.

HOURS OF OPERATION

7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Park Office

PICKETT CCC MEMORIAL STATE PARK

4605 Pickett Park Highway
Jamestown, TN 38556

Office 931-879-5821
Cabin Reservations 877-260-0010

DIRECTIONS

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



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is situated on the Cumberland Plateau, and known for its geological, botanical, and scenic wonders. Lying within 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 (CCC) 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 groups: the five Rustic and historic 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 two people; and the five Premium 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. Anglers need a trout stamp and a Tennessee Fishing License.

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 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.

BOATING

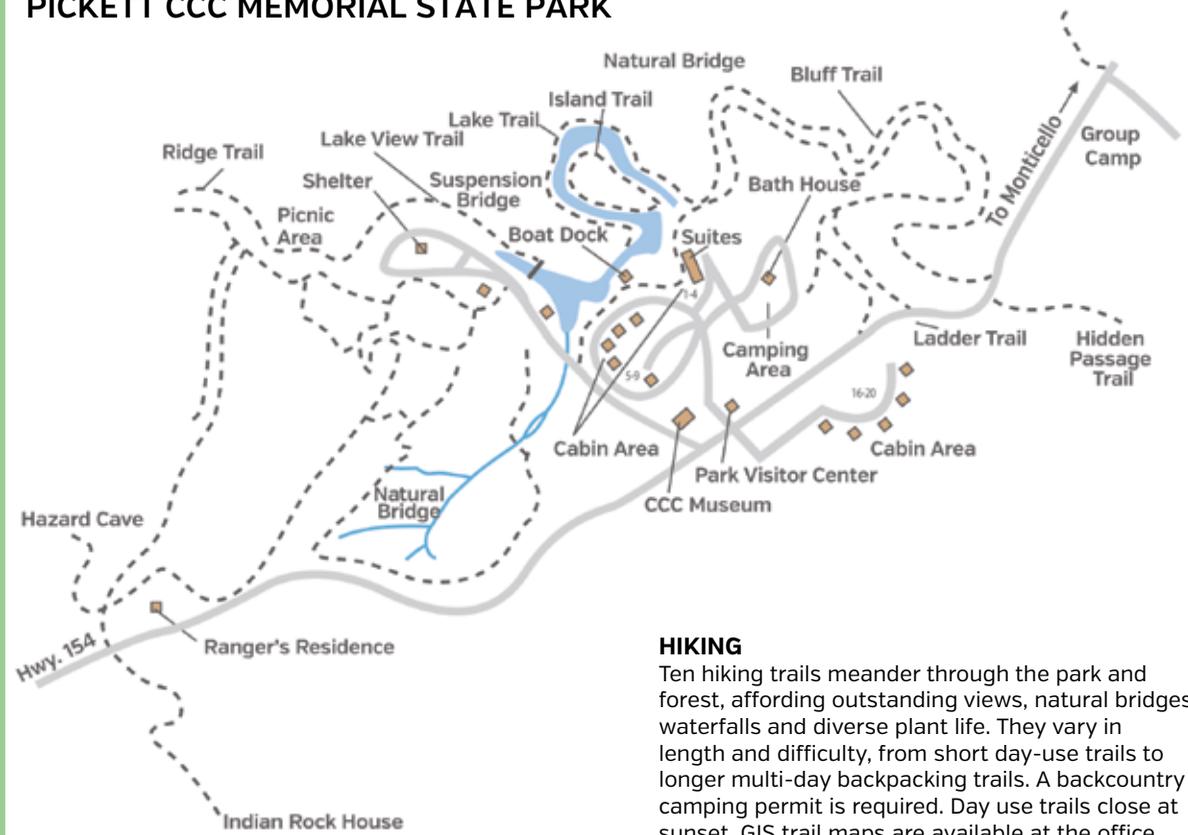
Bring your canoe or kayak for peaceful paddles around Arch Lake. Fishing boats and canoes are also available for rent April-October.

PICNIC AREAS

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



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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. Day use trails close at sunset. GIS trail maps are available at the office.