Directions
The park is on West Mitchell Road. Take Exit 7 and travel south on Highway 61. Turn right onto West Mitchell Road and go three miles to the park entrance.

Hours of Operation
8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Spring and Summer
8:00 AM to Sunset Fall and Winter

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Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting and preserving the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park, 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 a Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities we offer individuals, families and groups. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area visit www.tnstateparks.com.

Nearby Attractions
- Chucalissa Indian Village - adjacent to the park
- Graceland, Memphis - 5 miles
- Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid - 7 miles
- Stax Museum - 8 miles
- Mud Island River Park - 9 miles
- Rendezvous Barbeque - 9 miles
- The Orpheum Theater - 9 miles
- National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis - 9 miles
- FedEx Forum, home of the Memphis Grizzlies - 9 miles
- AutoZone Park, home of the Memphis Redbirds - 9 miles
- Beale Street - 10 miles
- Sun Studio - 10 miles
- The Pink Palace Museum - 11 miles
- Memphis Botanic Gardens - 11 miles
- Memphis Zoo - 12 miles
- AgriCenter International - 20 miles

Nearby State Parks
- Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park - 30 miles

Annual Area Events
- Jan. - New Year’s on Beale Street
- Jan. - International Blues Challenge
- May - Memphis Italian Festival
- May - Memphis in May Festival
- May - World Championship BBQ Contest
- May - Beale Street Music Festival
- Aug. - Elvis Week
- Sept. - Cooper Young Street Festival
- Sept. - Southern Heritage Classic
- Nov./Dec. - Starry Nights
- Dec. - The AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Park Events
- Jan. - First Day Hike
- March - Spring Hike
- Easter - Easter Egg Hunt
- June - Youth Fishing Rodeo
- June - Jr. Ranger Camp
- June - National Trails Day Hike
- Sept. - National Public Lands Day Hike
- October - Fall Festival
- October - Fuller Fest
- Nov. - Camporee
- Nov. - After Thanksgiving Day Hike
T.O. Fuller State Park
The 1138-acre park is located in Shelby County within the southern limits of the city of Memphis. Its diverse terrain, from the Mississippi flood plains to the high and overshadowing bluff ridges, makes the area an ideal place for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts.

Historical Significance
T.O. Fuller State Park is noted as the first state park to open for African Americans east of the Mississippi River. It was designated Shelby County Negro State Park in 1938 and was later changed to T.O. Fuller State Park in 1942 in honor of Dr. Thomas O. Fuller who spent his life empowering and educating African Americans. Park facilities were initially built by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp 1464-SP-10. During excavation for a proposed swimming pool in 1940, CCC workers unearthed evidence of a prehistoric village, opening the door to a lost and forgotten civilization. The site is now known as the Chucalissa Indian Village and is operated by the University of Memphis. It includes a village, preserved archeological excavations and a modern museum.

Camping
The campground is nestled among hardwood trees, providing plenty of shade. There are 45 campsites that are RV accessible with some sites accommodating up to 85 feet of RV space. Tent campers are also welcome. The campground has a picnic shelter, playground, bathhouse and laundry. Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table, lantern hanger, fire ring, grill, electrical and water hook-ups. There is a dump station and trash receptacle near the entrance of the campground. There is a primitive tent camping field near the campground.

Swimming
The Olympic-size pool and splash pad are centrally located in the main recreation area of the park and are served by a bathhouse with showers and restrooms. It is open from the end of May to mid-August. Lifeguards are on duty during regular swimming hours. All park public pools are closed on Monday and Tuesday, except holiday weeks. Please call the park for those schedules. Camping guests pay half price for admission to the pool.

Hiking
The park has over eight miles of natural hiking trails ranging from moderate to rugged. The Discovery Trail is a 4.5-mile continuous loop with a number of scenic points of interest including the Chucalissa Indian Village and wetlands. There is also a section of trail known as the Day Use Trail, 0.25-miles, located in the park’s main recreational area.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds
The park has four shelters that can accommodate from 40 to 120 people. All shelters have grills, nearby bathroom facilities, picnic tables and electric outlets. Reservations are required and should be made well in advance. The park offers four playgrounds, two are located within the park’s main recreational area, one is located in the camping area, and one is located at Picnic Shelter 4.

Meeting Facility
The Shelby Bluff Center meeting facility seats 180 people. The center is popular for weddings, meetings and reunions. Amenities include folding tables and chairs, central heat and air, a kitchen, appliances, P.A. system, projector with screen, and a playground nearby. Reservations can be made through the park office.

Conference Room and Outdoor Classroom
Both the conference room and the outdoor classroom are located at the Interpretive Center and are open for reservation during Interpretive Center hours.

Visitor Center
The visitor center and park office are located at 1500 W. Mitchell Rd. Memphis, TN 38109. Reservations can be made at the Visitor Center or by phone during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM until 4:15 PM.

Planed Programs
Park staff offer year-round interpretive programs that can accommodate school groups, church groups and families of all ages.

Interpretive Center
The T.O. Fuller Interpretive Center serves as an indoor and outdoor educational classroom located in the park’s wildlife habitat area. Built to be as environmentally friendly and energy conserving as possible, the center is ideal for demonstrating energy efficiency techniques such as photo-voltic cells and geothermal heating and air conditioning. The center houses our flight cages, outdoor classroom, conference room, gift shop and information about the wildlife of West Tennessee.

Wildlife Habitat Area/Birding
A wildlife habitat area is being developed and will consist of floodplain wetlands, native wildflowers, native grassy meadows and upland ponds. The area already has attracted rare black-bellied whistling ducks, nesting black-necked stilts. Lying in the heart of the Mississippi Flyway, the area is on its way to becoming a significant birding area for resident and migratory songbirds, shorebirds, raptors and wintering waterfowl.