**Directions**

From Nashville, take I-24 E to exit 111 at Manchester. Turn left onto Hwy 55 W into Tullahoma. Turn left onto State Hwy 130 S. Follow Hwy 130 S to Awt Rd./SR 476 and turn right. Follow Awt Rd./SR 476 until it dead ends at Mansford Rd./SR 476. Turn left onto Mansford Rd./SR 476. The park entrance is 1.6 miles on the right.

From Chattanooga, take I-24 to exit 127. Turn left onto Hwy 64 W, Veterans Memorial By-pass. Turn right onto Mingo Rd. Take Mingo Rd. to a 4-way stop, turn right onto Owl Hollow Rd., then turn left at Hwy 50 W, then right onto Mansford Rd./SR 476. The park entrance is 5 miles on the left.

**Hours of Operation**

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM - Visitor Center

Tims Ford State Park
570 Tims Ford Drive
Winchester, TN 37398
931-962-1183 – Visitor Center
800-471-5295 - Cabin Reservations

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

www.tnstateparks.com

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers help Tims Ford State Park in the preservation and protection of the park’s abundant natural and cultural resources, giving of their time and talents to ensure the park’s integrity for all future generations. You may contact the park directly for volunteer opportunities or become a member of the park’s friends group. To learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact the park visitor center.
Restaurant and Resort

Tim's Ford State Park

Tim's Ford State Park is located on the Tim's Ford Reservoir in the rolling hills of southern middle Tennessee. The 1,322 acre Tim's Ford Lake is one of the most picturesque in Tennessee and is regarded as one of the top bass fishing and recreational lakes in the Southeast.

The name Tim's Ford is derived from an early river crossing constructed by Abner Tim's Ford Dam on the headwaters of the Elk River, the area was used extensively by Native Americans as hunting and fishing territory. Archaeological excavations uncovered numerous artifacts and occupational sites, indicating that man had occupied the area as much as 10,000 to 12,000 years ago.

Today the park is noted for scenic views, natural surroundings and biologically significant wildlife habitats. It includes campgrounds and cabins, along with several areas where visitors can relax on the lake while fishing, skiing, or boating. Visitors may also spend the day at the swimming pool, hiking or biking on the park trails, or enjoy a picnic lunch in the park's public use areas. Visitors will enjoy viewing white-tailed deer, wild turkey, songbirds and many other animals common to the middle Tennessee area. The 1,322 acre park was established in 1978.

Restaurant and Resort

The Blue Gill Grill, located six miles from the main park, is a full-service restaurant located at the Holiday Landing Resort and Marina. The resort also has five cabins and five motel rooms. For additional information, call 931-455-3151.

Gift Shop

There is a small gift shop at the visitor center that offers a variety of seasonal merchandise.

Meeting Rooms

Tim's Ford State Park has a recreation building with two meeting rooms available for rent. The small meeting room can accommodate 40 people and the large meeting room can accommodate 80 people. There is also a small conference room at the park visitor center that can accommodate 20-30 guests. For reservations, call 800-471-5295.

Trails

Tim's Ford State Park offers over 27 total miles of trails. There are six miles of paved biking/hiking trails that connect all the major areas of the park. A multi-use mountain bike/hiking trail has an out and back total of over 16 miles and runs along the shoreline of Tim's Ford Reservoir. The park also offers two foot traffic only dirt trails that total over five miles in length. One of these trails includes two swinging bridges and offers spectacular views of the reservoir.

Cabin at Tim's Ford State Park

Cabin

Tim's Ford State Park has 20 cabins, open year-round, located on the bluffs overlooking Tim's Ford Lake. The cabins have two bedrooms and will sleep eight people. Each has a full kitchen with modern appliances, a full bath with shower. There is a living area with a gas log fireplace and decks off of each room overlooking the lake. Pet cabins are available. A recreational complex provides visitors with volleyball, basketball and horseshoes, and equipment rental. Playgrounds are located at the recreational complex and in the picnic area.

Swimming

An Olympic-size pool opens Memorial Day weekend. The pool is staffed with Red Cross certified lifeguards. The hours of operation and seasonal closing are subject to change. Please check with the park visitor center for current information.

Planned Programs

Tim's Ford offers weekly interpretative and recreational programs on native plants, wildlife and local history throughout the summer months. Groups may schedule ranger led programs through the park visitor center.

Boating

Tim's Ford State Park manages eight public boat ramps around the lake and leases two marinas, providing ample access to Tim's Ford Lake.

Lakeview Marina, located within the main park area, provides boat rentals, fishing bait, camp supplies and marine gas. For information call 931-967-6711.

Holiday Landing Resort and Marina offers a full service marina with slip rentals, gas, pontoon boat rentals, and a floating restaurant, The Bluegill Grill. For information, call 931-455-3151.

Fishing

Tim's Ford Lake provides year-round fishing opportunities for anglers. It is known for Smallmouth and Striped Bass, but an angler could expect to catch Largemouth Bass, crappie, catfish and Bluegill. Bait and a cleaning station available at Lakeview Marina.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

There are two picnic pavilions that can be reserved that will accommodate up to 50 people. The park has several public use areas around the lake for family picnics. A recreational complex provides visitors with volleyball, basketball and horseshoes, and equipment rental. Playgrounds are located at the recreational complex and in the picnic area.

Camping

Tim's Ford Campground located inside the main park area, is open year round. It offers 52 RV or tent campsites, each with water and 30 amp electric hookups, picnic tables and fire rings. Four sites have full hookups. Bathhouses with cold/hot showers, and a sewage disposal station are centrally located.

Fairview Campground, eight miles from the main park area on Hwy 50 toward Winchester, is open April through October. It is located on the lake and has 82 campsites. All sites are equipped with 50, 30, and 20 amp electricity; 18 sites may be rented seasonally. The campground has a bathhouse with cold/hot showers and a central sewage disposal station. Campsites are available for reservations. For more information call 800-471-5295.

Golf Course

The park has a challenging 18-hole Jack Nicholas designed signature golf course featuring several holes with scenic views of Tim's Ford Lake. The Bear Trace also has a seasonal short-order grill. For information and tee times call 931-968-0995.

Nearby Attractions

- Historic Winchester - 12 miles
- Historic Lynchburg - 12 miles
- Jack Daniels Distillery - 12 miles
- Old Stone Fort State Archeological Park - 25 miles
- South Cumberland State Park - 35 miles

Nearby Annual Events

- April - High on the Hog Bar-B-Que Cook-off, Winchester
- May - Dogwood Festival, Winchester
- June - Frontier Days, Lynchburg
- Sept. - Polly Crockett Festival, Cowan
- Oct. - Jack Daniels Bar-B-Que Cook-off

Annual Park Events

- Easter Sunday – Easter Celebration and egg hunt
- Oct. – Heritage Day, second weekend
- Dec. – A Tim's Ford Christmas, first Saturday