Nearby Attractions
- Chucalissa Indian Village - adjacent to the park
- Graceland - 5 miles
- National Civil Rights Museum - 9 miles

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

Annual Area Events
- May - Memphis in May Festival

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
- Oct. - Fall Festival
- Oct. - Fuller Fest
- Nov. – Camporee
- Nov. – After Thanksgiving Day Hike

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

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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Get Involved
Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting, preserving and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park. They do this by giving of their time and talents to ensure the 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 offered to individuals, families and, groups. To learn more visit www.tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved.
Swimming
The Olympic-size pool and splash pad are in the main recreational area. A bathhouse with showers and restrooms are nearby. It is open from the end of May to mid-August. The pool is closed on Monday and Tuesday, except holiday weeks. Summer pool passes can be purchased online or at the park.

Hiking
There are three hiking trails, ranging from moderate to rugged. The Discovery Trail is a loop with several scenic points of interest including the Chucalissa Indian Village and wetlands.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds
The park has four pavilions that accommodate from 40 to 120 people. All pavilions have grills, bathroom facilities, picnic tables, and electric outlets. Reservations are required and should be made well in advance. There are four playgrounds: two are in the main recreational area, one is in the camping area, and one is 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, a P.A. system, a projector with a screen, and a playground is nearby. Reservations are made through the park office.

Interpretive Center
The T.O. Fuller Interpretive Center serves as an indoor and outdoor educational classroom. Located in the park’s wildlife habitat area, the center houses our flight cages, outdoor classroom, conference room, gift shop, and information about the wildlife of West Tennessee.

Wildlife Habitat Area/Birding
The wildlife habitat area is being developed and consists of floodplain wetlands, native wildflowers, native grassy meadows, and upland ponds. Lying in the heart of the Mississippi Flyway, the area has attracted rare black-bellied whistling ducks and nesting black-necked stilts.

Historical Significance
T.O. Fuller State Park is 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 renamed 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 built by Civilian Conservation Corps 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. Forty-five campsites are RV accessible with some sites accommodating rigs up to 85 feet. Tent campers are also welcome. The campground has a picnic shelter, playground, bathhouse, and laundry. Each campsite has a picnic table, lantern hanger, fire ring, grill, and electrical and water hook-ups. A dump station and trash receptacle are near the entrance of the campground. There is a primitive tent camping field near the campground.