Trip Essentials
- Blueway permit and map
- Alligator or other sound signaling device
- Photo identification
- Fishing license (if fishing)
- Sunscreen and insect repellant
- Cell phone
- Waterproof bags and extra city clothing
- Camping gear (tent, food, etc.) if camping
- First aid kit

About the Blueway
The Tims Ford Blueway is designed to meet the interests of a growing population of paddlers. The town of Estill Springs is located at the northernmost end of the Blueway. In the early 1800s the town’s mineral springs attracted individuals in pursuit of the reputed curative qualities of the water. Today, the remaining springs are still the source of the town’s water supply. Further downstream is the city of Winchester. The historic district offers antique shops, art galleries and fine dining. Access to the Blueway as well as camping is available at the City Park. Nearby Tims Ford State Park is named for an early river crossing and is known for its scenic views, natural surroundings and biologically significant habitats. The park offers camping, cabins, rentals, hiking and biking trails with spectacular views of the reservoir, and access to the Blueway. Five islands, accessible only by boat, can be reserved for primitive camping through the state park.

Tims Ford Lake is located in Franklin County, in the south central portion of Tennessee. The lake is formed by the 175-foot-tall Tims Ford Dam that stretches 1,580 feet across the Elk River. The reservoir covers 10,700 acres with a maximum depth of 150 feet and 255 miles of shoreline. Construction of the dam by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) began in 1966. In 1970 the dam was completed and within a few weeks the reservoir was filled. In addition to power generation and recreation, Tims Ford provides water supply and flood damage control on the Elk River. Tims Ford Lake is named for a crossing on the Elk River near Winchester, Tennessee. The crossing, or ford, was on or near land owned by Abner Mansfield Tims, an early settler in the area.

Public River Access Latitude/Longitude
- Tims Ford State Park/Lakeview Marina
  35°123.5308, 86°14.49.3908
- Winchester City Park
  35°12.9300, 86°15.93.8109
- Estill Springs City Park
  35°17.49.06, 86°08.76.2494
- Dry Creek Beach
  35°11.05.06, 86°08.55.5706
- Ramona Campground/Deer Step Boat Ramp
  35°11.72.72, 86°18.03.0606
- Holiday Landing Marina
  35°18.25.2494, 86°14.14.8109
- Tims Ford Marina
  35°12.29.06, 86°14.09.8109
- Taylor Creek Greenway
  35°18.85.8106, 86°08.41.8106
- Ash hill Bridge
  35°10.23.06, 86°14.51.8109
- Loon Creek Boat Ramp
  35°13.12.81, 86°16.71.7588
- Junction Creek Boat Ramp
  35°12.84.96, 86°17.14.8109
- Pleasant Grove Boat Ramp
  35°15.13.81, 86°12.81.6106
- Rock Creek Boat Ramp
  35°15.34.96, 86°16.81.4109
- Turkey Creek Boat Ramp
  35°15.83.2492, 86°15.51.8109
- White Sand Campground
  35°11.72.72, 86°18.03.0606
- Mud Bend Island
  35°14.10.7808, 86°11.83.1949
- Greene Island
  35°12.93.1984, 86°15.51.8109
- Leatherwood Island
  35°12.70.0494, 86°14.49.3908
- Wolf Island
  35°12.19.5606, 86°10.52.1984
- Little Island
  35°12.51.7806, 86°15.51.8109

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For boating information and safety, visit www.state.tn.us/twra

Find other land and water trails in Tennessee at: http://connectwithtn.com

For locating information and safety, visit: www.timsford.com

For more information about the Tims Ford Dam, call 1-800-482-5263 or visit www.timsford.com
Devils Step Boat Ramp – Maple Bend Island: This 2 mile paddle will take you through one of the highest visited sections of the lake. Take a slow pace and enjoy nature along the way. Pass through the TVA land with woods and some open areas. Great views and fishing. Keep left at the last bend to enter Maple Bend Island. Paddling required.

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