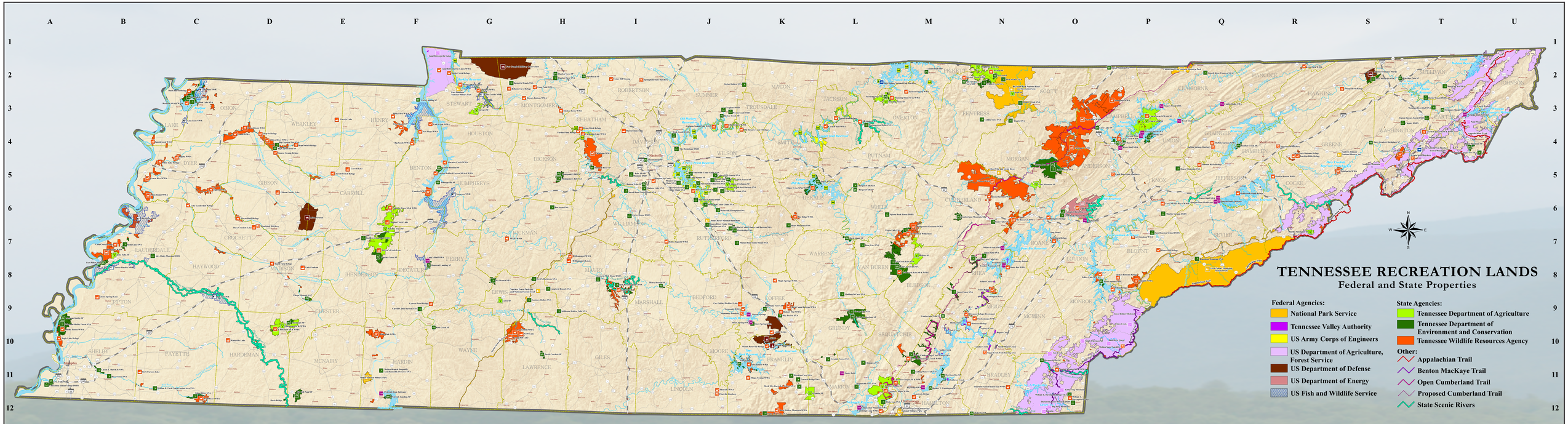

The statewide recreation and lands map provides a broad visual representation of the diverse public resources available to Tennessean and visitors alike. Federal, state, municipal, and private land managing agencies provides a vast array of outdoor recreation opportunities including: greenways, blueways, hiking, boating, fishing, swimming, hunting, caving, nature studies, cultural and educational enhancement.

Tennessee's large tracts of public land lie under the stewardship of ten state and federal agencies, whose principal holdings are compiled here in detail. Together these properties represent virtually all of the large, publicly held areas in the state currently available for natural, historical and cultural-oriented recreation activities.

There are more than 2.2 million acres held in trust by the agencies represented on this map for future generations of Tennessean to enjoy.

The lands shown here are all owned and managed by government agencies for purposes of recreation and resource protection. The area boundaries shown on the map are approximate, and they may include private holdings that are not indicated.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA)

The Forestry Division is part of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. It was established in 1937 to manage these public lands obtained by the State for the benefit of the citizens of Tennessee. Specifically, these lands are "to provide for the multiple-use management of the various renewable and non-renewable resources such that these resources are utilized in the combination that best meets the needs of the people of Tennessee." The Forestry Division has management districts in 13 state forests distributed throughout nine physiographic regions. Total area of all forests combined is about 164,321 acres. They are quite varied, ranging from mountain coves to cedar glades to bottomlands along the Mississippi.

The Forestry Division manages these forestlands for multiple-use, with revenue generated by recreation being a primary objective. "Multiple use" means the management of the use of forests such that a variety or mix of natural resource benefits are derived from that land. "Multiple use" includes, but is not limited to, a combination of timber production, demonstration, watershed protection, recreation, conservation education, and aesthetics. The State Forest's primary objectives are to demonstrate sound forestry practices, maintain healthy forests and produce high quality timber and other forest based products and services for the benefit of Tennessee.

Several of the State Forests are actually located adjacent to State Parks and some are also Wildlife Management Areas. All receive a considerable amount of recreational use by the public. Revenue is generated primarily through timber sales and provides a share of the operating costs for the Division. State nursery operations produce seedlings for the public and state use on state land as well.

For more information, contact the TN Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Forestry, Ellington Agricultural Center, P.O. Box 40627, Melrose Station, Nashville, TN 37204 or call (615) 837-5333. Internet information can be found at www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/forestry/

State Forest

Hiwassee
Cherokee
Alex Haley Museum
Belle Meade Mansion
Cedars of Lebanon
Chickasaw
Chuck Swan
Franklin
John Tully
Lewis
Lone Mountain
James K. Polk Home
Marble Springs
Parkers Crossroads
Rock Castle
Rocky Mount
Sam Houston School
Sparta Rock House
The Hermitage
Tipton-Haynes Farm
Wynnewood
Pickett
Prentice Cooper
Scott
Standing Stone
Stewart

State Natural Area

Aarons Creek
Barnett's Woods
Bays Mountain
Big Cypress Tree
Bon Aqua
Anthony Hollow
Burgess Falls
Campbell Bend Barrens
Carroll Cabin Barrens
Cedars of Lebanon
Chimneys
Coldfoot Cove
Cowsher Cemetery Barrens
Devil's Backbone
Dry Branch
Duck River Complex
Dunbar Cave
Elisa Quarterman Cedar Glade
Fall Creek Falls
Falling Water Falls
Fate Sanders Barrens
Flat Rock Cedar Glades And Barrens
Frozen Head
Gaininger's Cedar Glade And Barrens
Ghost River
Grundy Forest
Hampton Creek Cove
Hawkins Cove
Hicks Gap
Honey Creek
House Mountain
Hubbard's Cave
Langford Branch
Laurel Snow
Lucius E. Burch Jr.
Mansa Road Cedar Glade
Map Prairie
Mosman-Shelby Forest
Montgomery Bell Forest
Moore Lane
Morrell's Cave
Mount View Glade
Mr & Mrs Harry Lee Carter
Natural Bridge
North Chickamauga Creek Gorge
Overbridge
Ozone Falls
Piney Falls
Pogue Creek
Powell River Preserve
Radnor Lake
Reelfoot Lake
Riverwoods
Roundup Mountain
Rugby
Rummage Cave
Savage Gulf
Sequatchie Cave
Short Mountain
Short Springs
Stoned Road Cedar Glade
Stillhouse Hollow Falls
Stinging Fork Falls
Stones River Cedar Glade And Barrens
Sunk Lake
Sunnyfield Cedar Glade
Taylor Hollow
Twin Arches
Vesta Cedar Glade
Vine Cedar Glade
Virgin Falls
Walker Branch Dragonfly
And Damselfly Preserve
Walls Of Jericho
Walnehall Floodplain
Washmorgan Hollow
Watauga Riverbluff
William B Clark Conservation Area
William L. Davenport Refuge

State Parks

Bicentennial
Big Cypress Tree
Big Hill Pond
Big Ridge
Bledsoe Creek
Booker T. Washington
Burgess Falls
Cedars Of Lebanon
Chickasaw
Cove Lake
Cumberland Mountain
Cumberland Trail
David Crockett
Dery Crockett Birthplace
Dunbar Cave
Edgar Evins
Fall Creek Falls
Frozen Head
Harpeth River
Harrison Bay
Henry Horton
Hiwassee/Ocoee
Indian Mountain
Johnsonville
Long Hunter
Norris Dam
Panther Creek
Paris Landing
Pickett
Pickwick Landing
Port Royal
Radnor Lake
Red Clay
Reelfoot Lake
Roan Mountain
Rock Island
Ross Creek
South Cumberland
Standing Stone
Sycamore Shoals
T. O. Fuller
Time Ford
Warriors Path

State Historic Park

Cordell Hull
Fort Loudon
Fort Pillow
Sgt. Alvin C.York

State Archaeological Park

Old Stone Fort
Pinson Mounds

State Scenic Rivers

Blackburn Fork
Buffalo River
Clinch River
Collins River
Cumberland
Duck River
Elk River
French Broad River
Harpeth River
Hatchie River
Hiwassee River
Roaring River
Spring Creek
Tuckahoe Creek

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) administers 1,200,000 acres in over 140 separate management units spread across the state. These lands fall into four general management systems: State Parks, Natural Areas, Archaeological Areas and Historical Areas. Each of these systems has its own set of management policies governing allowable development in regard to the amount, type, and location of development. State Parks and Natural Areas limit development to trails and primitive campsites in order to preserve each area's natural integrity. The Historic and Archaeological Areas are managed principally for the preservation of each site's cultural features. The State Parks, the most highly developed of the Department's holdings, often contain such facilities as campgrounds, cabins, trails for hiking and horseback riding, boat and equestrian rentals and interpretive centers, and swimming beaches, while a few include resort-type inns, golf courses, and swimming pools.

The source of information about TDEC lands is 10th Floor, L&C Tower, 401 Church St., Nashville, TN 37243. The telephone number is (615) 532-0748. The website is www.state.tn.us/environment/

Designated State Historical Site

Chester
Alex Haley Museum
Belle Meade Mansion
Cheekwood
Chickasaw
Chuck Swan
Franklin
Fort Loudon
Fort Pillow
Hiwassee
Indian Mound
Johnsonville
Long Hunter
Morrison-Shelby
Montgomery Bell
Mousetail Landing
Natchez Trace
Nathan Bedford
Norris Dam
Panther Creek
Paris Landing
Pickett
Pickwick Landing
Port Royal
Radnor Lake
Red Clay
Reelfoot Lake
Roan Mountain
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Ross Creek
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Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA)

With 1.3 million acres currently included in its Wildlife Management Areas, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) deals with more recreation land than any other agency in the state. While most of these lands are federal, state or private property that is managed under lease or cooperative agreement, the agency also owns over 400,000 acres outright. All these areas are maintained to provide habitat for game animals and game birds. Development is limited to roads and jeep trails.

While hunting is the primary activity on Wildlife Management Areas, they are also suitable for other land-based activities, such as hiking, backpacking, fishing and nature study. Non-hunting uses are subject to restriction according to the time of year and the demand for habitat protection.

As part of its fisheries programs, the agency oversees fish habitat in TVA and Corps lakes and maintains eighteen small fishing lakes, nine hatcheries and one fish rearing station. In addition, not shown here are some 350-lake access sites maintained by TWRA and numerous trout management streams, which are stocked annually.

More information about TWRA lands and lake access sites is available from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, P.O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204; phone: (615) 781-6500. Online information can be found at: www.tnwildlife.org

Wildlife Management Areas

AEDC
Barkley C. York
Black Creek Camp Barrens
Bluff
Bear Hollow Mountain
Big Sandy
Bridgestone/Firestone
Buffalo Springs
Bumpass Cove
Camden
Catoosa
Cedar Hill Swamp
Charlotte Anne Finnell Neal
Cheatham Lake
Cheatham
Chickamauga
Chickasaw SF
Chuck Swan SF
Cordell Hull
Cove Creek
Cumminger Cove
Edgar Evins SP
Ernest Rice
Fall Creek Falls
Franklin
Fontbella
Forks Of The River
Fort Loudon
Gallatin Steam Plant
Gooch
Haley-Jaquith
Harrison Creek
Haynes Bottom
Hickory Flat
Holly Fork
Jackson Swamp
John Tully
Keyes-Harrison
Kyles Ford
Land Between The Lakes
Laurel Hill
Lick Creek
Long Island
Long Pond
Maple Springs
Mingo Swamp
Moss Island
Mt. Harmony
MT Roan
Natchez Trace SF
Nathan Bedford Forrest SHA
New Hope
Nolichucky
Normandy
North Cherokee NF
North Chickamauga Creek
Oak Ridge
Obion River
Old Hickory
Owl Hollow
Pea Ridge
Percy Priest
Pickett SP
Prentice Cooper
Rankin Bottom
Reelfoot
Royal Blue
Shelby Forest
Shelton Ferry
South Cherokee NF
Standing Stone SF
Sundquist
Tellico Lake
The Beals
Three Rivers
Tigrett
Tumbleweed
Watts Bar
West Sandy
White Oak
Willampurt
Wolf River
Wolfpower Creek
Yanahli

Wildlife Refuges

Annscroia Refuge
Bards Creek Refuge
Bean Switch Refuge
Bellamy Cove Refuge
Black Bottom Refuge
Cold Creek Refuge
Cordell Hull Refuge
Cypress Pond Refuge
Dyson Ditch Refuge
Eagle Lake Refuge
Hingleton Ag Center
Henderson Island Refuge
Hiwassee Refuge
Holston River Refuge
Hop-in-Refuge
Horns Bluff Refuge
Jarrell Swamp Refuge
Joachim Bible Refuge
Kingston Refuge
Kyker Bottoms Refuge
Lake Lauderdale Refuge
Lick Creek Bottoms Refuge
Mansa Swamp Refuge
Old Hickory Lock 5 Refuge
Pickwick Refuge
Purdue Pond Refuge
Pippin Bend Refuge
South Fork Refuge
Tellico
White Lake Refuge
Whites Mill Refuge
William L. Davenport Refuge
Woods Reservoir Refuge
Yanahli Refuge

TWRA Fishing Lakes

Brown's Creek
Carroll
Coy Gaither/Bedford
Darry Crocket
Garrett
Gibbons County
Glenn Springs
Herb Parsons
Lake Graham
Laurel Hill
Maples Creek
Pickwick
VFW
Whitesville
Williamsport

TWRA Hatcheries

Buffalo Springs Hatchery
Eagle Bend State Hatchery
Erwin State Hatchery
Flintville Hatchery
Hambold Hatchery
Morristown Hatchery
Normandy Hatchery
Springfield State Hatchery
Sugar Creek Fish Rearing Area
Tellico State Hatchery

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

National Park Service (NPS)

National Park Service (NPS) units in Tennessee encompass 240,000 acres. These include recreation areas, natural areas or historic sites of national significance. Portions of these lands have been developed to provide campgrounds, interpretive centers, nature trails and scenic parkways. Yet the majority of this acreage is maintained in the wilderness management areas of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

This park, one of the most heavily visited in the nation, represents the largest single undisturbed tract in the state and the area of greatest biological diversity in the East. Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the National Parks, except for hunting and off-road vehicle use, which are prohibited. Hunting is allowed in Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

Information about NPS lands is available from the Public Information Office, National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama St. SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30303-8700; phone: (404) 562-3123. Internet address: www.nps.gov/state/tn/

For Great Smoky Mountains National Park information contact the Superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; phone: (865) 436-1200.

For Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area information contact the Superintendent, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 4564 Leatherwood Road, Oneida, TN 37841; phone: (423) 569-9778. Internet address: www.nps.gov/biso/

NPS Recreation Areas

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site
Big South Fork National River
and Recreation Area
Chickamauga and Chattanooga
National Military Park
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
Fort Donelson National Military Park
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Natchez Trace Parkway and National
Obed Wild and Scenic River
Shiloh National Military Park
Stones River National Battlefield

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Millions of people enjoy recreational activities on Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) reservoirs each year. The six large mainstream reservoirs and twenty-three smaller tributary reservoirs on the Tennessee River System within the state are part of TVA's navigation, flood damage reduction, power generation, water quality and supply and sustainable economic development programs. The reservoirs and the 293,000 acres of public land surrounding them offer nearly unlimited opportunities for public recreation, including water skiing, canoeing, sailing, windsurfing, fishing, hunting, swimming, hiking, nature photography, picnicking, bird watching, and camping. TVA has developed public campgrounds with campsites, boat ramps, bathhouses, and swimming beaches. In addition, TVA maintains boat launching ramps, day use areas, and small informal recreation areas at points scattered around the reservoirs. Some of the best fishing places have been set aside as Small Wild Areas.

For information about TVA-managed lands, visit www.tva.com, email tvainfo@tva.com or contact Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W. Summit Hill Dr. ET 6B, Knoxville, TN 37902-1499. Phone: 865-632-2101.

TVA Campgrounds & Small Wild Areas

Big Ridge
Cumby Ridge
Freedom Peninsula
Hiawassee Island
Lady's Bluff
Little Cedar Mountain
River Bluff
Short Springs
Sisters Wood
Tenfoot Bluff
Whites Creek

TVA Campgrounds

Barton Springs
Cherokee Dam
Douglas Dam Headwater
Douglas Dam Tailwater
Fontana
Loyston Point
Melton Hill
Pickwick Dam Tailwater
Watauga Dam Tailwater

TVA Mainstream Reservoirs

Chickamauga
Fort Loudon
Kentucky
Nickajack
Pickwick
Watts Bar

TVA Tributary Reservoirs

Boone
Cherokee
Davy Crockett
Douglas
Fort Patrick Henry
Great Falls
Melton Hill
Normandy
Norris
Ocoee 1
Ocoee 2
Ocoee 3
South Holston
Tellico
Tim Ford
Watauga

US Department of Defense (DOD)

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Seven lakes and their surrounding lands managed by the Corps of Engineers in the Tennessee portion of the Cumberland River watershed add up to about 300,000 acres available for public recreation. The lands have been developed with lakeshore access for recreation purposes. The lakes boast balanced shoreline parks, Public Campgrounds, which provide campsites, launch ramps, swimming beaches and nature trails. For more information about Corps lands, contact Public Affairs Office, US Army Corps of Engineers, PO Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202-1070; phone: (615) 736-7161. Website: www.orn.usace.army.mil/

Arnold Engineering Development Center
Woods Reservoir Refuge

USACE Recreation Areas

USACE Reservoirs

Barkley
Center Hill
Cheatham
Cordell Hull
Dale Hollow
J. Percy Priest
Old Hickory

USACE Campgrounds

Anderson Road
Bumpus Mills
Cagle Bend
Cedar Creek
Dale Hollow Dam
Defeated Creek
Fall Creek
Floating Mill
Harpeth River
Lillydale
Loch A
Long Branch
Obey River
Poole Ebob
Ragland Bottom
Salt Lick Creek
Seven Points
Willow Grove

US Air Force

Portions of lands owned by the US Air Force are managed by the TWRA as a wildlife management unit and refuge. There are areas that may contain UXO (unexploded ordnance) and are closed to current Tennessee Hunting & Trapping Guide for rules and regulations. For more information about US Air Force lands, contact Arnold Air Force Base Arnold AFB, TN 37389, (931) 454-4204. Online information can be found at www.arnold.af.mil

US Army

Lands owned by the US Army are available to the public for hunting, fishing, and other recreation activities. Special permits, obtainable from the base headquarters, are required for all visits. More information about these lands is available by calling the phone number listed or visiting the website.

Fort Campbell
(270) 798-2175
Website: www.campbell.army.mil/huntfish.htm

Holston Army Ammunition Plant
(423) 578-6276

Milan Army Ammunition Plant
(731) 686-6682
Website: www.milanarmyammuntion.com

US Department of Energy (DOE)

Portions of land owned by the Department of Energy are managed by the TWRA as a wildlife management unit. These parcels are undeveloped and serve multiple uses that include utility easement, limited security and facility buffer, wildlife management, forestry, and environmental monitoring. Please refer to the most current Tennessee Hunting & Trapping Guide for rules and regulations.

Oak Ridge NWA — O-5

US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) manages over 1,000,000 acres in Tennessee for permanent or seasonal wildlife habitat for migratory waterfowl and threatened or endangered species. Wildlife oriented recreational facilities, such as hunting, fishing, or wildlife observation, are provided on some refuges and where they do not conflict with the primary purpose. Camping is not allowed, and certain areas may be closed to public entry. The agency also operates two national fish hatcheries, a regional office, a law enforcement office and an ecological services field office in the state.

Office Locations:

Law Enforcement Office — Nashville, TN;
Ecological Services Office — Cookeville, TN

More information about the various agency facilities in Tennessee can be obtained from the Public Affairs Office, USFWS, 1875 Century Blvd., Room 430, Atlanta, GA 30345; telephone (404) 679-7289. Visit the website:
www.fws.gov/southeast/maps/tn.html

National Wildlife Refuges

Chickasaw NWR — B-4
Cross Creek NWR — G-2
Hatchie NWR — C-4
Lake Isom NWR — C-3
Lower Hatchie NWR — B-8
Reelfoot NWR — C-2
Tennessee NWR — F-5

National Wildlife Fish Hatcheries

Dale Hollow — L-4
Erwin — T-4

Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture (USFS)

Within the Congressionally authorized boundaries of Cherokee National Forest (NF), the Forest Service manages a complex patchwork of tracts totaling approximately 640,000 acres, the largest public land area in the mountainous east in Tennessee. Cherokee NF stretches from Chattanooga to Bristol and is divided into two sections by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Federal law directs the Forest Service to pursue "multiple-use" land management policies, balancing public demand for timber production, wilderness preservation, wildlife management, water quality protection, and recreation.

Developed trails, scenic byways, campgrounds, picnic areas, boat launches and shooting ranges are available throughout the forest to accommodate a wide range of outdoor activities. The Cherokee NF is managed cooperatively with TWRA as a Wildlife Management Area and most of the public access areas are managed for remote backcountry recreation.

This includes over 66,000 acres of Congressionally designated Wilderness.

For more information:
Website: www.fs.fed.us/r8/cherokee/
Phone: (423) 476-9700.

Cherokee National Forest

North Cherokee NF — T-3
South Cherokee NF — O-9
Bald River Gorge Wilderness — P-9
Big Frog Mountain Wilderness — O-11
Big Laurel Branch Wilderness — T-3
Citico Creek Wilderness — P-9
Cohutta Wilderness — O-11
Cove Creek Wilderness — N-10
Joyce Kilmer/Slickrock Wilderness — P-9
Little Frog Mountain Wilderness — O-10
Pond Mountain Wilderness — T-3
Sampson Mountain Wilderness — S-4
Unaka Mountain Wilderness — T-4

Land Between the Lakes (LBL) is a designated national recreation area managed by the Department of the Forest Service. LBL offers all the outdoor recreation "basics," with some unique opportunities for environmental education and historic interpretation. Nestled in western Kentucky and Tennessee, LBL boats an average of two million visitors each year who come from all over the nation and more than 30 foreign countries. With more than 170,000 acres and 300 miles of undeveloped shoreline, you'll discover a wide range of opportunities in LBL to create memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information visit www.lbl.org or call 1-800-LBL-7077.

Land Between the Lakes — F-2

Abbreviations

DSHS	Designated State Historical Site	SNA	State Natural Area
NF	National Forest	SP	State Park
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	SSR	State Scenic River
SAP	State Archaeological Park	SWA	Small Wild Area
SF	State Forest	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
SHP	State Historic Park		

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