



## Tennessee State Parks

### Park Strategic Management Planning Response to Comments

#### Big Ridge State Park

The 10-year individual Park Strategic Management Plans for Tennessee State Parks are part of the overall planning processes within the department and are developed to guide the management and direction of each park. These plans steer continued success of each park and influence long term innovation by the park staff. Building on Tennessee State Parks' strong foundation they seek to address the various challenges anticipated for each park. The Strategic Management Plans present a strategic and actionable strategy for the next 10 years.

This response to comments document is shared publicly as a record of comments that were made at a public information meeting as well as an online survey. The public information meeting was held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Big Ridge State Park's Recreation Hall at 5:30pm.

#### Summary of Public Comments and Department Responses

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation received **1 public comment** specific to the draft Strategic Management Plan for Big Ridge State Park. Respondent is complimentary of the park's current condition and highlights their appreciation of the cabins.

#### Department Response

The Department appreciates the public's engagement and their thoughtful input regarding the future of Big Ridge State Park. All comments received through the public meeting and online survey were thoroughly reviewed and evaluated by Tennessee State Parks leadership. Each suggestion was considered in the context of the park's mission, existing site conditions, operational needs, and the goals and strategies outlined within the Strategic Management Plan.