

# Tennessee State Parks 2009 Special Events

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In addition to special events, most State Parks offer seasonal hikes, programming and workshops.  
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## Special Winter Rates

November 1, 2009  
through  
February 28, 2010

Take advantage of TN State Parks' **Special Winter Rates** on hundreds of cabins, villas and Resort Inn rooms throughout the state. Cabins are 50% off, Sunday through Thursday with a 2-night minimum. Inn rooms are \$47.95 per night, 7 days a week. Offer is not available during holiday weeks and other restrictions may apply. Special rates not valid with other discounts. Click here for more information about this and other specials.



Montgomery Bell State Park's new villas offer all the comforts of home in a tranquil setting.

## on Going

### Cumberland Trail Sunday Nights 8:30 p.m. EST WDVX 89.9 fm

Join Cumberland Trail State Park Manager Bob Fulcher as he presents rare old-time bluegrass, gospel, rockabilly and more, 1926 to present day, from musicians who were born and raised along the Cumberland Trail. Web cast at [www.WDVX.com](http://www.WDVX.com).

*For more information call: (423) 566-2229.*

### Tims Ford Saturday Night Pickins

Enjoy an evening of bluegrass, country and gospel music at Tims Ford State Park recreation building, from 6 p.m. til 10 p.m. CDT. Bring your instrument and join in, or just sit back and relax.

*For more information call: (931) 962-1183.*

## November

Events are as accurate as possible when posted but may change.

### Nathan Bedford Forrest November 6-8 Skirmish with Forrest

Join us for a skirmish with Forrest's Escorts. There will be a target competition with soldiers dressed in traditional North and South uniforms.

*For more information call: (731) 584-2128.*

### Fort Loudoun November 7 & 8 Garrison Weekend

Join us for a weekend when the daily lives of men, women and children of Fort Loudoun are recreated. Visitors will find living history re-enactors in period costume, an 18th century infirmary, soldier's barracks and more!

*For more information call: (423) 884-6217.*

### Devil's Backbone Natural Area November 7 RSVP by November 5

This hike will follow the three mile easy to moderate loop trail through the natural area which is located on the Natchez Trace Parkway near mile marker 394. The trail runs along a high ridge featuring dry, oak-hickory forest and traverses down slope to a moist soil hardwood forest indicative of the Western Highland Rim region of Tennessee. The hike will be cancelled in case of bad weather. The trip leader will interpret the ecology of the natural area so be prepared to learn about the ecology of the region. For descriptions, directions and maps, visit [www.tn.gov/environment/na](http://www.tn.gov/environment/na).

*For more information or to RSVP call Allan Trently: (731) 512-1369.*

### Harpeth River November 9 Hidden Lake Hike

Join us on a moderate two mile hike and discover the mystery and beauty of Hidden Lake. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Event will be canceled if it rains.

*For more information call: (615) 335-9659.*

Inns

Meetings

Cabins



Let someone else do the cooking this Thanksgiving. Join Tennessee State Parks for a holiday feast with all the trimmings.

Cumberland Mountain  
(931) 484-7186

David Crockett  
(931) 762-9541

Fall Creek Falls  
(423) 881-5241

Henry Horton  
(931) 364-2222

Montgomery Bell  
(615) 797-3101

Natchez Trace  
(731) 968-8176

Paris Landing  
(731) 642-4311

Pickwick Landing  
(731) 689-3135



**Sgt. Alvin C. York November 11 Veteran's Day Celebration**

Join the park and the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation for the Veteran's Day tribute. This very special annual ceremony begins at 11 a.m. CST and pays tribute to all members of the armed forces, both past and present. Events include the presentation of colors, dignitary speeches and music.

**For more information call: (931) 879-3657. [www.sgtYork.org](http://www.sgtYork.org)**

**South Cumberland November 12 Sunrise Hike to Stone Door**

Join Ranger Jamie at the Stone Door Ranger Station for a brisk morning stroll to the Stone Door overlooks to see the sunrise over the Gulf (weather permitting). This will be a 2-mile round trip hike.

**For more information contact:(931) 924-2980.**

**Sycamore Shoals November 13-15 Christmas Craft Show**

Opens 10 a.m. EST. Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local crafts persons exhibit and demonstrate their talents.

**For more information call: (423) 543-5808.**

**Nathan Bedford Forrest November 14 Pilot Knob 10K Run**

Join us for the 6th race in the Tennessee Running Tour. This 10K starts at Eva Beach and ends at Pilot Knob Pre-registration deadline is November 7. Basic registration is \$5. All participants that pre-register one week before race events may also order a high quality, long sleeve shirt with Tour logo and specific race name for \$18. Same day registration without shirt is \$12.

**For more information contact Mike Bell with the Jackson Roadrunners at (731) 584-9147.**

**Roan Mountain November 14 Christmas at the Farmstead**

Join us from 1-4 p.m. at the Miller Farmstead for some old fashioned Yule. Discover how Christmas was celebrated many years ago, before electricity and modern technology. We will have music, hot cider and hot chocolate, traditional snacks and a reading of the original Christmas Story.

**For more information call: (423) 772-0190.**

**Fall Creek Falls November 14 & 15 Backpacking Trip**

Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both the novice and experienced backpacker and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required.

**For more information call: (423) 881-5708.**

**Cumberland Mountain November 15 S.O.A.R. Program**

Have you ever seen the majestic Bald Eagle, Hawk or Owl in person? Join us at 2 p.m. CST at the recreation hall for a lively and informative presentation by John and Dale Stokes of Save Our American Raptors. The program features a variety of birds; some are free flying which gives an unforgettable close encounter.

**For more information call: (931) 484-6138.**





**Trails** do more than connect one point to another – they are an invitation, a promise of possibilities. Trails range from easy, paved trails to rugged backcountry trails. Some parks have trails designed for cyclists and mountain bikers. Horseback riding is also welcomed at designated state parks, whether you ride for a day, or stay overnight at a wrangler **camp**.



**Frozen Head      November 21      Volunteer Trail Day**

Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. Bring a daypack with your water, lunch, good pair of hiking boots and wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Specific projects will be determined later but will focus on trail maintenance and repair. Some moderate hiking may be required and we will return at 3 p.m. EST or before.

*For more information call: (423) 346-3318.*

**Sycamore Shoals      November 21 & 22      Thanksgiving Garrison**

Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. EST. Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Plenty of food and demonstrations.

*For more information call: (423) 543-5808.*

**Harpeth River      November 22      Mound Bottom Tour**

Join us for a moderate one mile ranger led hike into Mound Bottom archaeological site. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Reservations required with a 15 person limit. Canceled if rain.

*For more information call: (615) 335-9659.*

**South Cumberland      November 22      Turkey Tromp**

Meet Ranger Jason at the Buggytop trailhead at to learn about the life and times of our Tennessee turkey. This program involves a mile or two of moderate hiking, so bring water and a snack.

*For more information call: (931) 924-2980.*

**South Cumberland      November 27      Gizzard Day Hike**

Need to work off the extra helping of pumpkin pie? Come hike the 13 mile Fiery Gizzard Trail to work out your senses as well as your body. Meet at the Grundy Forest parking lot with a pack lunch and plenty of water.

*For more information call: (931) 924-2980.*

**Cumberland Mountain      November 28      Plateau Gobbler Gallop**

Join us for the eighth segment of the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour. The race is an 11K (6.8 miles) run through beautiful Cumberland Mountain State Park and the Cumberland Plateau region. Race starts at 11 a.m. CST at the recreation hall. For more information visit: [www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/RunningTour](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/RunningTour), or Tony Cox at the Frostbite Running Club at [Tcox@tntech.edu](mailto:Tcox@tntech.edu) or (615) 773-8785.

*For more information call: (931) 484-6138.*

**Nathan Bedford Forrest      November 28      Lighting of the Knob**

Join us as we kick off the holiday season with the 6th annual Lighting of the Knob. Thousands of lights will decorate the museum, visits with Santa, Christmas choirs playing festive music, lots of food and fellowship. The knob will be officially lit at 6 p.m. CST.

*For more information call: (731) 584-2128.*

**Sycamore Shoals      Winterfest Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show**

Month of December Opening Reception November 29 at 1:30 p.m. EST. With an annual Winterfest theme, this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features fraser fir trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork.

*For more information call: (423) 543-5808.*



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**David Crockett**

**Nov. 30 & Dec 2**

**Christmas in the Park**

Celebrate Christmas with David Crockett State Park! The park will be lit by simple lights and candles and have stations spread throughout the shelters in the park. Transportation between shelters will be by walking and hay ride, and handicap transportation is available. All activities are outside, so dress warm, there will be fires to help warm you. The theme this year will follow the 50th anniversary with the history of the park. So come out with friends and family and enjoy a different trip to the park! Reservations are required, and will be taken beginning November 1. Event times will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. CST each night.

**For more information call: (931) 762-9408.**



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**Plan** now to go to Reelfoot Lake State Park's Eagle Tours this January and February. The park encompasses 25,000 acres (15,000 of which are water) and harbors almost every kind of shore and wading bird, as well as the golden and American bald eagles. Plan your trip to see these magnificent birds **today**.

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