Less Than One Tank Trips:
Events at Tennessee State Parks for Summer 2010

Enjoy Tennessee's great outdoors and some of its most compelling stories on less than a tank of gas this summer. Each week presents a new opportunity to experience our state's natural, cultural and historical uniqueness at a state park near you. Discover authentic Tennessee on any of these ***Less Than One Tank Trips*** this summer:

May 2010

April 30-May 2	**Archaeoskills Weekend at Old Stone Fort**
May 8	**Head of Sequatchie Opening at Cumberland Trail**
May 15 & 16	**Siege of Fort Watauga at Sycamore Shoals**
May 24-30	**Western Wallflower Week at Edgar Evins**
May 29	**Cordell Hull Folk Celebration at Cordell Hull Birthplace**

June 2010

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June 12	**Louie Bluie Music and Arts Festival at Cove Lake State Park**
June 19 & 20	**62nd annual Rhododendron Festival at Roan Mountain State Park**
June 26	**Pioneer Camp Crockett at Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park**

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July 31	**Youth Naturalist Rally at Roan Mountain**

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August 7 & 8	**Cherokee Days of Recognition at Red Clay**
August 13-15	**Crockett Days Celebration at David Crockett State Park**
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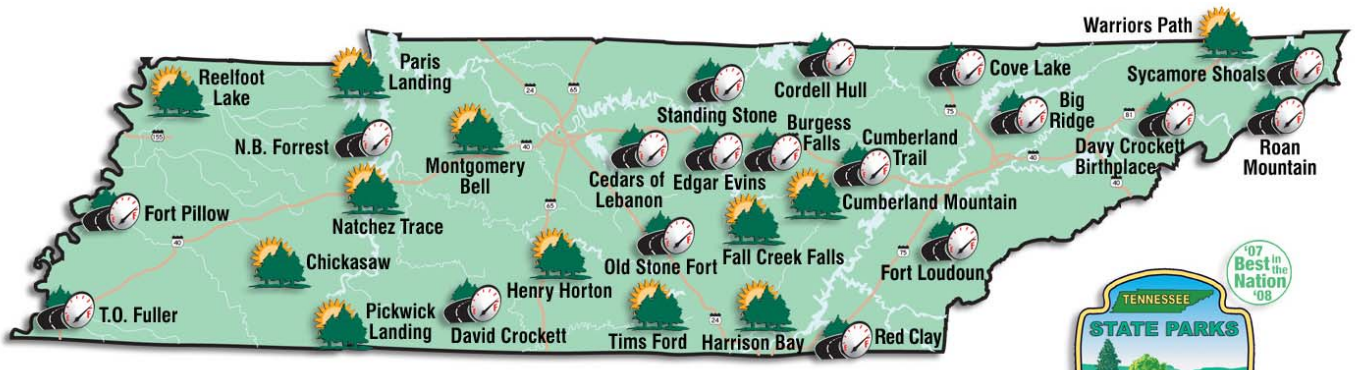

Be sure to check out all of the Tennessee State Park ***events***

April 30- May 2 Old Stone Fort

Knap-In & Archaeoskills Weekend

Join us for a weekend of pottery demonstrations, dugout canoe demonstrations, atlatl throwing and knapping. If you have any aboriginal skills that you would like to demonstrate, please contact thepark office to set up a scheduled time, as volunteers are always welcome. Guests will enjoy visiting the 2000 year old mound site tucked between the forks of the Duck River, with cliffs and waterfalls to each side.

For more information call: (931) 723-5073.

Experience the pristine beauty of the east Tennessee foothills at the Head of Sequatchie grand opening on May 8.

May 8 Cumberland Trail

Head of Sequatchie Opening

Join us in celebrating the grand opening of the Head of Sequatchie. Ranger Michael Hodge will lead a morning hike around the Head of Sequatchie farm. This is a great program for bird lovers of all different levels to spot and identify birds. Then join State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath for a wildflower hike to view and identify the many wildflowers. Top the day off with Ranger Wright for a slideshow on the history of the Cumberland Trail. Gates open at 8 a.m. CST and close at 4 p.m.

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

History comes alive at Sycamore Shoals May 15 and 16 at the annual Seige of Fort Watauga.

May 15 & 16 Sycamore Shoals

16th annual Siege at Fort Watauga

Step back to a vibrant and dangerous time. America declares Independence in the summer of 1776, and people beyond the mountains build forts, stock powder and sharpen hatchets for the oncoming war. Walk among local legends – the vivacious Bonnie Kate, mysterious Old Abram, dignified Col. Carter, and daring John Sevier – for a glimpse of life on this “dark and bloody ground”. Colonial, native, and British living history actors share their past through talks, mini-dramas, and demonstrations of 18th century life. Battle demonstrations both days. Join us from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday EDT.

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

Spend a relaxing day on the water as we search for the rare Western Wallflower, nestled among the limestone bluffs of Center Hill Reservoir.

May 24-30 Edgar Evins

Western Wallflower Week

Join park rangers and the seasonal naturalist for daily boat tours to view a magnificent display of this infrequent wildflower and other species endemic to the limestone bluffs on Center Hill Reservoir. Be prepared for sun and rain. Water and a bagged lunch are recommended. Be sure to bring your binoculars. Arrive 15 minutes prior. Boat will leave promptly at 10 a.m. CDT and trip will last approximately three hours. Limed to 12 people per tour. Sorry, no children under three. Reservations required.

For more information call: (931) 858-2114.

Join us on May 29 for the Cordell Hull Folk Celebration – a celebration of the natural, cultural and historical facets of this gem of a park.

May 29 Cordell Hull Birthplace

Cordell Hull Folk Celebration

Enjoy bluegrass and gospel music, food, storytelling, handcrafted gifts and visit the modest log cabin birthplace of famous Cordell Hull, Father of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize winner. Other highlights include a children’s area, folk skill demonstrations and period garden activities. Fun throughout the day beginning at 10 a.m. www.friendsofcordellhull.org.

For more information call: (931) 864-3247.

June 5 Fort Pillow

National Trails Day Hike

Join us at 9 a.m. CDT for a 5-mile hike along the Blue trail. We will travel along bluffs located above the Mississippi River. The park has been designated as a Wildlife Observation Area by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and provides sanctuary for deer, turkey, and is a favorite destination for bird watchers.

For more information call: (731) 738-5581.

Spectacular views of the Mississippi and abundant wildlife are ready to be discovered on this National Trails Day Hike on June 5 at Fort Pillow.

June 12 Cove Lake

Louie Bluie Music and Arts Festival

This June 12 festival at Cove Lake State Park celebrates the many musicians and artists who were influenced by Campbell County native Howard "Louie Bluie" Armstrong. The all-day event runs from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST and features a wide variety of food, music, crafts and storytelling traditions. Old-time musicians and
popular regional string bands play throughout the day.

For more information call: (423) 562-8189.

Regional music draws the crowds at the Louie Bluie Music and Arts Festival on June 12.

June 19-20 Roan Mountain

62nd annual Rhododendron Festival

The 62nd annual Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival at Roan Mountain State Park features the world's largest natural rhodeodendron gardens. Free demonstrations and entertainment will be featured in the park amphitheater all day both days. A variety of arts, crafts, food and drink will be available. Sponsored by the Roan Mountain Citizens Club, the festival is nationally known and happens to be a favorite stopping point along the Appalachian Trail. The rhododendrons achieve peak bloom each year in mid-June. Bring the family for a weekend of fun, food, crafts, mountain music and clogging in the friendly village of Roan Mountain.

For more information call: (423) 772-3303.

Blazing colors pop during the Rhododendron Festival at Roan Mountain June 19 & 20.

June 26 Davy Crockett Birthplace

Pioneer Camp Crockett

This weeklong pioneer camp at Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park introduces young people to the Appalachian frontier heritage of the early 1800s. Kids will get hands-on experience with traditional crafts, cooking, fishing, archery, fire starting and more as park rangers, local artisans and re-enactors will provide instruction. The program is sponsored by the Pioneer Friends Group of Davy Crockett Birthplace. There is a participation fee.

For more information call: (423) 253-2167.

Children have pioneer experiences at Camp Crockett – a weeklong exploration of life in the early 1800s.

July 3 & 4 Fort Pillow

Independence Day Celebration

Located in Lauderdale County on the Chickasaw Bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, the 1,600-acre Fort Pillow State Park site is rich in both historic and archaeological significance. The extensive fortifications built by the Confederate Army in 1861 remain as well-preserved earthworks for exploration and backdrop for the life of a Civil War soldier. Celebrate American independence with outdoor activities, such as guided hikes, fishing on Fort Pillow Lake, arts and crafts demonstrations and museum tours.

For more information call: (731) 738-5581.

Celebrate Independence Day with a bang at Fort Pillow State Park.

July 15-17 July 22-24 July 29-31 Sycamore Shoals

***Liberty*: Saga of Sycamore Shoals**

Liberty, Tennessee's longest running outdoor drama, is the must-see event at Sycamore Shoals State Park in Carter County each summer. The drama depicts the 18th-century settlement of northeast Tennessee and tells the story of the major events surrounding the Watauga Settlement on the grounds where they actually happened. Seating is available in the Watauga Amphitheater and performances begin evenings at 7:30 p.m. EDT. Presented each year by local performers in the shadow of Fort Watauga, *Liberty* is sponsored by the Friends of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. There is an admission fee.

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

Liberty: Saga of Sycamore Shoals is the must-see drama event in northeast Tennessee.

July 17 Nathan Bedford Forrest

Eva Beach Music Festival

Join us from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. CDT at Eva Beach for live music – rock, bluegrass, country, and gospel. Craft demonstrations include fish trapping, basket weaving, chair bottoming and tomahawk throwing, games for all ages, food vendors and artisans.

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

Guests to Nathan Becdford Forrest will also enjoy Pilot Knob, the highest elevation in West Tennessee and the Tennessee River Folklife Interpretive Center.

July 31 Roan Mountain

2nd annual Youth Naturalists' Rally

Discover nature up close and personal at Roan Xtreme Adventures. Kids of all ages will enjoy an assortment of activities from geology walks and birds of prey to butterfly identification and stream ecology.

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

August 7 T.O. Fuller

Fuller Fest

Join us for our annual Fuller Fest celebration – a day to remind some and acquaint others with the beauty of T.O. Fuller Park. This all day event consists of 3 on 3 shoot out, volleyball contest, 5km run/walk, car/motorcycle show and golf tournament. There will be live music, games and vendors.

For more information call: (901)543-7581.

Cherokee Days of Recognition at Red Clay State Park on August 7 & 8 offers a colorful look into the rich history of the Cherokee.

August 7 & 8 Red Clay

26th annual Cherokee Days of Recognition

Living history, along with authentic crafts and food, are front and center during the Cherokee Days of Recognition at Red Clay State Park in Bradley County. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT each day. Cherokee fancy dancers, traditional dancers and storytelling bring native peoples and participants from across the southeastern United States to this former Cherokee Council Grounds site.

For more information call: (423) 478-0339.

Trails and Tennessee history complement David Crockett Days in Lawrenceburg August 13-15.

August 13-15 David Crockett

Crockett Days

Come step back in time at an annual celebration of Crockett's birthday. A Pre-1840s rendezvous will be set up in the park and will host a number of activities. There will be shooting competitions, tomahawk throwing, blacksmithing, fire starting, brain tanning, period music, trade goods for sale, and much much more!

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

August 14 Burgess Falls

Annual Butterfly Festival

Celebrate the award-winning Native Butterfly Garden at Burgess Falls State Park with a fun filled day of hands-on activities and educational encounters. Programs will include hikes, landscaping with native plants, butterfly identification walks and birds of prey demonstrations. The Native Butterfly Garden, created by the hard work of state parks' staff, local Master Gardeners and area volunteers, is winner of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Parks and Recreation.

For more information call: (931) 432-5312.

Hikes and native plant gardening are part of hands-on activities during the festival at Burgess Falls on August 14.

August 20 Big Ridge

29th annual Bluegrass Festival

While many come throughout the summer for the sandy beach at Norris Lake, Big Ridge State Park draws folks from all over East Tennessee for its annual Bluegrass Music Festival. The festival will be held from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight EDT this year. Various local bands will be on hand to play bluegrass, country and old-time country music that really packs in the crowds.

For more information call: 865) 992-5523.

Put on your dancing shoes when the stage is set for the Big Ridge Bluegrass Festival on August 20.

September 10-12 Fall Creek Falls

32nd annual Mountaineer Folk Festival

Fall Creek Falls State Park will host its annual Mountaineer Folk Festival on September 10-12. The family-friendly festival features old-time music, pioneer skills demonstrations, crafts and great country cooking. All activities will be held in the park's Village Green area. Numerous craft booths with a wide variety of local wares will be available to celebrate the rich culture of the Cumberlands. The festival is sponsored by the Friends of Fall Creek Falls and Fall Creek Falls State Park, which has been voted by its users as one of the top family destinations in the Southeast. Facilities located within the park include a campground, a hotel and conference center and cabins.

For more information call: (423) 881-5162.

Enjoy the scenic views at the 30th annual Mountaineer Folk Festival at Fall Creek Falls on September 5-7.

September 11 Standing Stone

National Rolley Hole Championships

Come to Standing Stone State Park in Overton County to witness or be part of the National Rolley Hole Marbles Championship. This traditional marbles contest draws some of the country's best players to a tournament where men and women match wits and skills with special flint balls on a smooth dirt surface. It's a one of a kind event and has been featured on ESPN, ABC Evening News, CNN, CBS and National Geographic.

For more information call: (931) 823-6347.

Concentration is key prior to releasing the flint ball on the dirt surface for Rolley Hole.

Sept 11 & 12 Fort Loudoun

18th Century Trade Faire

Mark the end of summer with the 18th Century Trade Faire at Fort Loudoun State Park on the banks of Lake Tellico in Monroe County. The 18th Century Trade Faire showcases one of the earliest British fortifications on the western frontier and also features period entertainment, such as a sword swallowers, jugglers, magicians and traditional Celtic music. Re-enactors and costumed historians join artisans and craftspeople skilled in 18th century style production – not to mention 18th century style food.

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

Fort Loudoun comes alive as a trading post and early British frontier fortification on September 6-7.