

From Nashville, take I-40 East to Cookeville. Turn right onto 111 South (exit 288). Park entrance is on the left on Highway 284 (45 miles).

From Knoxville, take I-40 West to Crossville, Peavine Road, exit 322. Take a left off the exit, onto Hwy 101 South. At the 4-way stop, go straight on Hwy 392, through the first traffic light at Hwy 127. Continue straight to the 2nd traffic light (Lantana Road, Hwy 101). Take a left turn onto Hwy 101 South, and travel approx. 30 minutes to a dead-end. Turn left and go approx. 4 miles to Hwy 30. Turn right on Hwy 30 West. Park entrance is approx. 5 miles on the left (at Hwy 284).

From Atlanta, take I-75 North to Chattanooga, take I-24 toward Nashville, take Hwy 27 North toward Dayton and follow Highway 111 North to the park entrance on the right.

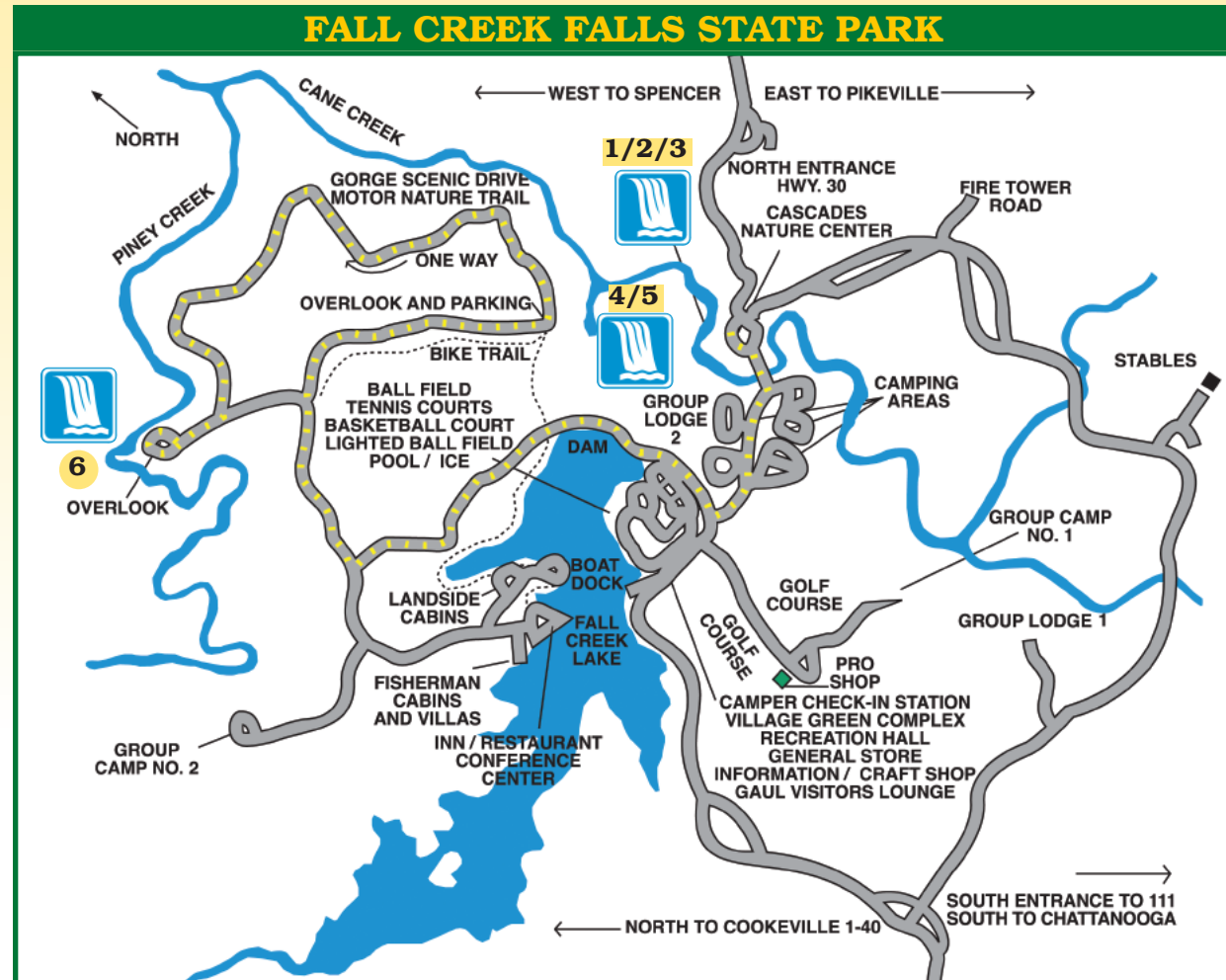


The Fall Creek Falls Inn is situated on scenic Fall Creek Lake and has 145 guestrooms with lake views. Guests may reserve inn rooms up to 2 years in advance by calling (800) 250-8610.

The park features 20 two-bedroom, one-bath cabins and 10 three-bedroom, two bath villas, each furnished to sleep up to eight or ten people.

The park has 229 campsites in five different areas. Most sites have tables, grills, water, and electricity and are served by seven bathhouses. Ninety two sites have sewer connections. Nine primitive walk-in sites and 3 primitive camping areas on the overnight trails are also available. Call (800) 250-8611 for camping reservations.

Fall Creek Falls Restaurant seats 220 and serves southern style buffet cuisine daily. Box lunches are available upon request.



References:
Waterfalls of Tennessee by Gregory Plumb. 2008, The Overmountain Press, Johnson City, Tennessee.
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FALL CREEK FALLS



BASE CAMP

Fall Creek Falls State Park Waterfall Tour!

Our numerous waterfalls, beautiful overlooks, extensive hiking trails, plentiful accommodations, central location, and available educational programs make Fall Creek Falls a convenient hub of activity for the waterfall enthusiast. There are more than 60 waterfalls of significant size within a 40 mile radius of the inn. In this brochure, directions and information are provided for 6 of those waterfalls inside the park. We encourage you to take advantage of this brochure and visit all of our waterfalls.



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Fall Creek Falls State Park

Fall Creek Falls State Park is in the middle of the south Cumberland Plateau. The south Cumberland possesses more waterfalls than in any other geographic area in Tennessee. In the park itself, there are six waterfalls with easy accessibility.



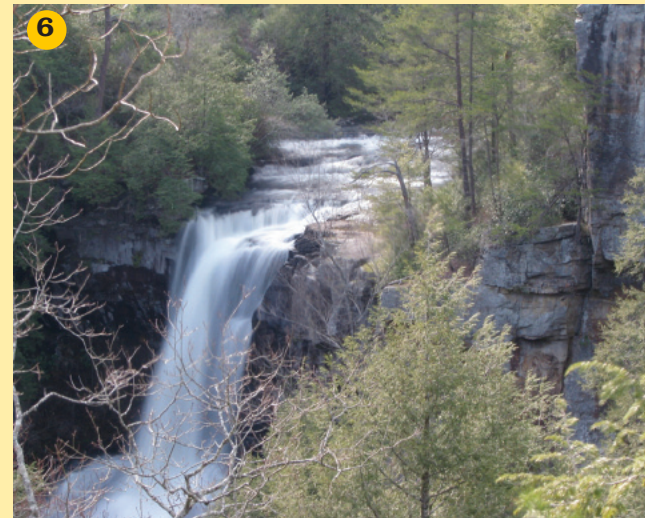
1. Cane Creek Cascades, 45'; paved access by auto, short easy hike, Cane Creek is the largest stream in the park and these cascades are located behind the Betty Dunn Nature Center, located within the park 3.3 miles from the junction of SR 284 and SR 30. There is parking and the falls are a short walk behind the Nature Center. For excitement, there is a swinging bridge over the falls that one can go out on.

2. Rockhouse Falls, 125' ; paved access by auto, short easy hike, Walk toward the right (north) side of the nature center to an overlook of Cane Creek Canyon. To the immediate right are the falls. To the left is Cane Creek Falls. Another inspiring view can be gained from the bottom of the gorge via Cable Trail. From the nature center, go 0.1 mile along Paw Paw Trail to the bridge crossing Rockhouse Creek beside SR 284. Find the sign for Cable Trail. The route is only 200 feet long, but it is very steep with a cable wire available for hand-holds. It is a difficult hike but affords a rewarding view.

3. Cane Creek Falls, 85'; paved access by auto, short easy hike. Same directions as Rockhouse Falls. Rockhouse Falls & Cane Creek Falls together are considered the 3rd largest falls in Tennessee as measured in magnitude. The trail across the swinging bridge over Cane Creek Cascades leads to Fall Creek Falls but also has a bluff top route that has a great overlook, which is where the featured photo of Cane Creek Falls was taken.

4. Fall Creek Falls, 256'; paved access by auto, very short easy hike. From the Nature Center, drive 1 mile south through the campgrounds then turn right towards the Park Inn. Continue 1.6 miles passing over Fall Creek Dam, then turn right on Scenic Drive, turning right again on loop. It's 1.7 miles to the parking area for the falls overlook. The overlook is from a stone walled cross-canyon vantage point. Facing the falls, Fall Creek Falls is on the left and Coon Creek Falls is on the right. You can hike to the overlook from the Nature Center on the 2 mile Loop Trail or from the inn on the 4 mile roundtrip paved bike trail. Fall Creek & Coon Creek Falls together are considered the largest falls in TN as measured in magnitude. Fall Creek Falls is also considered to have the highest drop at 256' east of the Rocky Mountains.

5. Coon Creek Falls, 250'; paved access by auto, very short easy hike. In a typical dry summer, Coon Creek Falls will slow to a trickle but during the spring, Coon Creek Falls can have a greater discharge than its more famous counterpart. This is due to Fall Creek Falls being regulated by the dam upstream while Coon Creek Falls is free-flowing.



6. Piney Creek Falls, 95'; paved access by auto, moderately easy 0.1 miles hike. From the Fall Creek Falls parking lot take the one-way scenic drive by all the gorge overlooks for 2.7 miles. Turn right on the Piney Falls access road for 0.3 miles to the trailhead at road's end. The short rocky trail leads to a cross-canyon view of the falls.



Safety first. While the park may give one the feeling of a secure setting, remember that the exploration of waterfalls can be hazardous. Danger can come in the form of poisonous plants, slippery trails, wild animals and unanticipated weather. Come prepared with proper clothing and shoes, sun-block lotions, hats, drinking water and tools (ie, flashlights, walking sticks, compass, etc.). Control your children and yourself. Stay on marked trails and obey all warning signs.