

Gift Shop

Our gift shop is located inside the park office/visitor's center, and is open during office hours.

Boating

We rent paddleboats, rowboats, and canoes on Big Ridge Lake on a seasonal basis.

Planned Programs

Seasonal Interpretive Rangers provide free activities for the entire family during the summer months including guided hikes, movies, campfires, arts and crafts, nature programs, and organized sports activities. Schedules are produced weekly.

Hiking

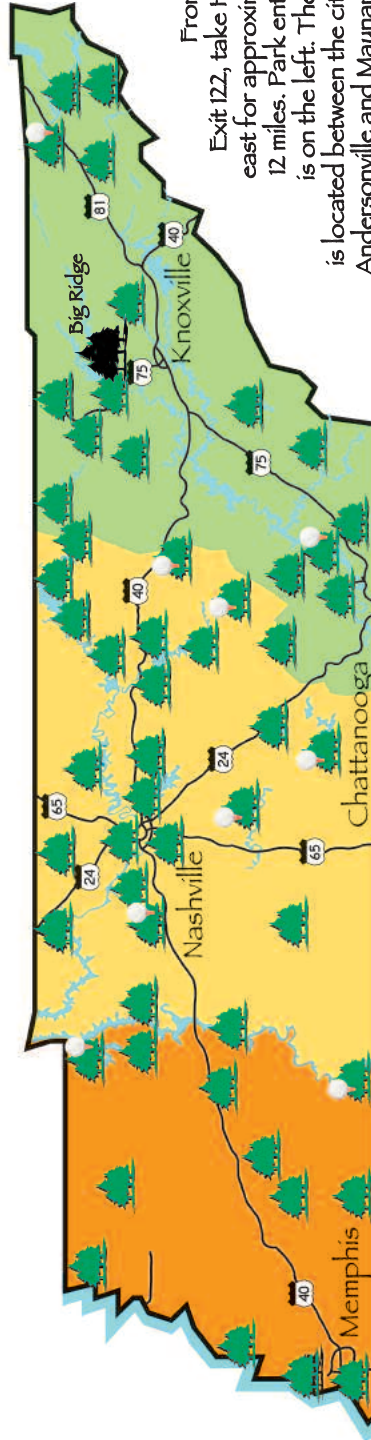
Over 15 miles of hiking trails ranging from easy to very rugged. Trails travel along dry ridges, lush hollows, old roadbeds, lakeshores, and beside cemeteries and remnants of early settlements. Free trail maps are available at the park office.

Annual Events

- Easter Egg Hunt – the day before Easter
- Bluegrass Festival – 3rd Friday in August
- Ghost House Hikes – October weekends



From I-75, Exit 122, take Hwy 61 east for approximately 12 miles. Park entrance is on the left. The park is located between the cities of Andersonville and Maynardville.



Hours of Operation:

Summer: Daylight until 10:00 p.m. / Winter: Daylight to Dark
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For Further Information, and Cabin Reservations Contact:

Big Ridge State Park / 1015 Big Ridge Park Road / Maynardville, TN 37807
Phone (865) 992-5523 or Toll-Free (800) 471-5305

Or Contact:

Tennessee State Parks / 401 Church St., 7th Floor / Nashville, TN 37243
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Big Ridge State Park

was developed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps as an example of public recreation development along TVA lakeshores. The structures on the park reflect the craftsmanship and stonework of the CCC, and along the trails you may see remnants of the homes and farms that existed here prior to the birth of the TVA. The heavily forested, 3,687-acre park lies on the southern shore of TVA's Norris Reservoir approximately 25 miles north of Knoxville.

Cabins

The park has 19 rustic cabins available from April through October capable of accommodating six persons. Call for our pet policy. Make reservations through the park office.

Camping

Big Ridge has 50 campsites on or near Norris Lake to accommodate RV's, trailers, and tent campers. Each site has water and 50-amp electrical hookups, picnic table and grill. A dumping station is provided, as well as three bath-houses with hot showers and restroom facilities.

Group Camp

Accommodating up to 120 persons, the group camp has 18 screened-in bunkhouses, sleeping six to eight each. The group camp is open from April through October and reservations are required.

Biking

Bicycles are welcome on the park's roads and parking areas, but not on the trails. Remember to wear your helmet if you are under 16 years of age.

Swimming

A sandy beach next to Big Ridge Lake provides swimming enjoyment from Memorial Day through Labor Day. There are no lifeguards on duty.

Playgrounds

We have sand volleyball, softball field, two tennis courts, several horseshoe pits and a basketball court. The playground is located next to the park office with swings and other equipment to offer play experiences for children of all ages and abilities with wheelchair accessibility.

Picnic Areas

We have picnic tables available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are three Covered Picnic Shelters that can be reserved.

Recreation Hall

We have a stand alone, self contained dining hall for daily use available only by reservation. It includes seating for 60, a kitchen and two restrooms.

Fishing

You can fish year round anywhere from the shore of Big Ridge Lake except the swimming beach. Norris Lake is famous for its striped bass fishery. State license requirements apply.

