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PICNIC PAVILIONS

The park has three picnic pavilions that may be reserved for group gatherings. Depending on the shelter, the maximum capacity ranges from 30 to 100 people. The shelters are equipped with picnic tables and a grill. Shelters 1 and 3 have access to a restroom.

AMPHITHEATER

An amphitheater that seats 100 may be rented for weddings and events.

PLANNED PROGRAMS

Interpretive programs are available throughout the summer. Ranger-led programs are offered year-round by request.

FISHING

The Doe River, which originates just above the park on Roan Mountain, is cool enough year-round to be home to three species of trout. Native brook trout are present, as well as rainbow and brown trout stocked by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

MUSEUM/INTERPRETIVE/VISITORS CENTER

T-shirts, books, and other souvenirs are available for purchase at the gift shop, including hand-crafted items by regional and local artisans. The interpretive museum connects visitors to the unique natural and cultural history of the region.

ANNUAL PARK EVENTS

- February: Winter Naturalists Rally
- April: Spring Naturalists Rally
- May: Junior Trout Tournament
- June: Rhododendron Festival
- June: Junior Ranger Camp
- July: Xtreme Roan Adventures Youth Rally
- September: Fall Naturalists Rally
- October: Fall-O-Dendron Festival

GET INVOLVED

Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting, preserving, and promoting their favorite state park's cultural and natural resources, giving their time and talents to ensure their park's integrity for future generations to enjoy. It's easy to show your support—join a Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities we offer individuals, families, and groups. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area, visit tnstateparks.com.

ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

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Roan Mountain, TN 37687
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888-TN-PARKS (888-867-2757) Reservations

HOURS OF OPERATION

Open year-round 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

DIRECTIONS

Take I-26 through Johnson City and take Exit 24, the Elizabethton/Roan Mountain State Park exit [Hwy 67]. Follow Hwy. 67 through Elizabethton, turn right onto Hwy. 19E South. In Roan Mountain, turn right on Hwy. 143 and follow it into the park.

From Boone, NC, take Hwy. 105 to Newland, NC. Take Hwy. 194 North out of Newland toward Roan Mountain, TN. From Elk Park, NC, take Hwy. 19E to Roan Mountain, TN. In Roan Mountain, turn left on Hwy. 143 and follow it into the park.



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National Forest. The parking lot at Carver's Gap provides access to the Appalachian Trail. To the north, the AT crosses a series of grassy balds, virtually treeless areas that offer unobstructed views of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina.

HIKING/BIKING TRAILS

There are approximately 12 miles of hiking trails in Roan Mountain State Park and two miles of mountain bike trails. Difficulty levels range from easy to strenuous. The Appalachian Trail, Rhododendron Gardens Trail, Roan High Bluff Trail and Hack Line Road Trail can be accessed from nearby Carver's Gap in the National Forest.

CONFERENCE CENTER

The conference center is popular for receptions, family reunions, and small conferences. It features a large stone fireplace and a beautiful view of the mountains. The conference center can accommodate up to 150 people. A catering kitchen is available.

CABINS

There are 30 cabins nestled in the woods. Each has a front porch with rocking chairs. All cabins have a fully equipped kitchen, full bath, linens, wood stove and outdoor grill. Cabins accommodate four to six people. Pet friendly and accessible cabins are available. Reservations may be made up to a year in advance.

CAMPING

There are 86 RV sites with water and electrical hookups and 20 tent sites with water. All campsites have a picnic table and grill and are near bathhouses, a laundry room, ice sales, and a dump station. The lower RV loop and tent area of the campground are open year-round. There are four group sites that may be reserved during the summer.



ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK is located at the base of the majestic 6,285 foot Roan Mountain. The park encompasses 2,156 acres, dominated by rich hardwood forest along rugged ridges. The cool, clear Doe River winds its way through the center of the park and supports a healthy population of trout. Abundant wildflowers and wildlife inhabit the hollows and ridges of the Roan foothills. Overnight lodging includes a choice of RV and tent camping or fully-equipped cabins. You can access the Appalachian Trail and the famous Catawba Rhododendron Gardens of Roan Mountain at Carver's Gap, an eight-mile drive from the park.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Southern Appalachian Mountains have a rich cultural history. In September 1780, the Overmountain Men trekked through what is now the park on their way to the Battle of King's Mountain, a turning point in the Revolutionary War. The parkland bears the marks of early mining ventures, farming, logging, and the old homesteads and cemeteries of the families that settled the area.

THE MILLER FARMSTEAD

The Miller House was built in 1908 and is a preserved reminder of the way folks used to live in these mountains. The farmhouse is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, and weekends in October. In 2015, the farmstead was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

CARVER'S GAP

As you drive south on TN Hwy 143, you leave Roan Mountain State Park and enter the Cherokee

