



FORT LOUDOUN STATE HISTORIC PARK

is an 853-acre day-use park located on the shores of Tellico Lake. The park preserves the history of Fort Loudoun and the role it played in the French and Indian War. Built in 1756, the fort was one of the earliest British fortifications on the western frontier.

During the French and Indian War (1754-1763), the British Colony of South Carolina felt threatened by French activities in the Mississippi River Valley. To counter this threat, the Colony sent the Independent Company of South Carolina to construct and garrison what became Fort Loudoun. This move helped to ally the mighty Overhill Cherokee Nation in the fight against the French and guaranteed that trade would continue between the Cherokees and South Carolina. In the course of the fort's four-year existence between 1756 and 1760, relations between the British and the Cherokee nation broke down. In August 1760, the British surrendered Fort Loudoun to the Cherokee, and its garrison was attacked and taken hostage 15 miles from the fort.

The fort was reconstructed during the Great Depression. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965.



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NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore: One mile
- Lost Sea, Sweetwater: 15 miles
- Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains: 20 miles
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg: 45 miles

NEARBY STATE PARKS

- Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park: 34 miles

ANNUAL EVENTS

- December: Christmas at Fort Loudoun

GET INVOLVED

The Fort Loudoun Association and volunteers assist in protecting, preserving, and promoting the cultural and natural resources of Fort Loudoun. They do this by giving of their time and talents to ensure the park's integrity for future generations to enjoy. It's easy to show your support—join the Association at fortloudoun.com/fort-loudoun-association. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area, visit tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved.



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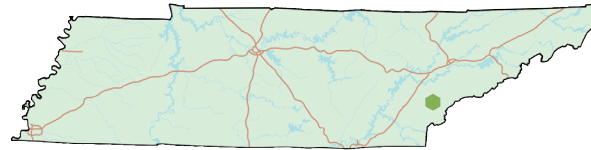
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Park: 8:00 A.M. to Sunset ET
Office: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Park and office are closed on Christmas day.

DIRECTIONS

From Knoxville, take I-75 to Hwy. 72 South (Loudon Exit). Drive 20 miles on 72 South to Hwy. 411. Stay on Hwy. 411 North until it intersects Hwy. 360 South. Turn onto Hwy. 360 South in downtown Vonore. The park is one mile on the left.



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HIKING

There are five miles of moderate trail that loop around the park. Trail maps are available at the park office, on the website, and on the mobile app.

PICNIC PAVILIONS

Fort Loudoun has thirty picnic sites with grills at each table. There is one pavilion that accommodates up to 50 people. Reservations can be made online or by calling the park. Restrooms are available in the picnic area.

PADDLING

Kayaks and SUPs are available to rent daily, with the exception of garrison weekends and during special events. You are welcome to use the kayak launch if you are bringing your own canoe or kayak.

FISHING

Fishing is available year-round from a 50-foot, accessible fishing pier that projects over Tellico Lake. A Tennessee fishing license is required.



PLANNED PROGRAMS

There are monthly interpretive programs that recreate the daily life of the original troops of Fort Loudoun. Programs are appropriate for all ages.

GIFT SHOP

The visitors center holds a bookstore and gift shop. The merchandise reflects the colonial theme of Fort Loudoun.

MUSEUM

The visitors center houses an exhibit area with artifacts recovered during an archaeological dig of the fort site. Visitors can watch "The Fort Loudoun Story," an award-winning, 15-minute video on the history of the site in the auditorium. Hours for the visitors center are 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily.

