



ANNUAL EVENTS

- March: Nature Day—last Saturday of the month
- June: Summer Solstice Gathering—first day of summer
- October: Knap-In and Atlatl Weekend—first full weekend

NEARBY MANCHESTER ATTRACTIONS

- Bonnaroo Music Festival: third weekend of June
- Manchester Recreation Complex and Pool
- Foothills Crafts
- Downtown Manchester Historic Square

NEARBY STATE PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS

- May Prairie State Natural Area: six miles
- Short Springs State Natural Area: 12 miles
- Tims Ford State Park: 25 miles
- South Cumberland State Park: 30 miles
- Savage Gulf State Park: 30 miles
- Rock Island State Park: 42 miles
- Henry Horton State Park: 44 miles



GET INVOLVED

Friends and volunteers help protect, preserve, and promote their favorite state parks' cultural and natural resources. They do this by giving their time and talents to ensure the park's integrity for future generations. It's easy to show your support—join a Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities offered. Visit tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved to learn more.

OLD STONE FORT STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park is a 782-acre historic area dedicated to preserving, protecting, and interpreting the Old Stone Fort, a 2,000-year-old American Indian ceremonial site. The site consists of mounds and earthen walls combined with cliffs and rivers to form an enclosure, 1.4 miles around. The 42-acre hilltop enclosure mound site is believed to have served as a central ceremonial gathering place for approximately 500 years before it was abandoned. By the time European settlers arrived, it was unclear what the area had been used for, which resulted in it being misnamed as a fort. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, visitors to the park enjoy camping, hiking, and fishing on the Duck and Little Duck Rivers.

PICNIC AREA

There are 30 tables with grills, restrooms, and a playground. There is also one shelter that may be rented for functions and group gatherings.

PLANNED PROGRAMS

Interpretive programs about the Old Stone Fort, the culture and lifestyles of the Woodland Peoples, and the goals and techniques of archaeology can be scheduled upon request for school and other groups. Nature and interpretive programs and other activities are offered on the weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

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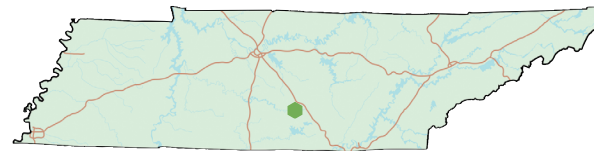
732 Stone Fort Drive
Manchester, TN 37355
931-461-7676

HOURS OF OPERATION

8:00 A.M. to Sunset
Museum: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

DIRECTIONS

Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park is on U.S. Hwy. 41 on the north side of Manchester. Exit 110 on I-24 is within two miles of the entrance by way of Hwy. 53 to U.S. Hwy. 41. with signs leading from the interstate. Manchester is approximately one hour from both Nashville and Chattanooga.



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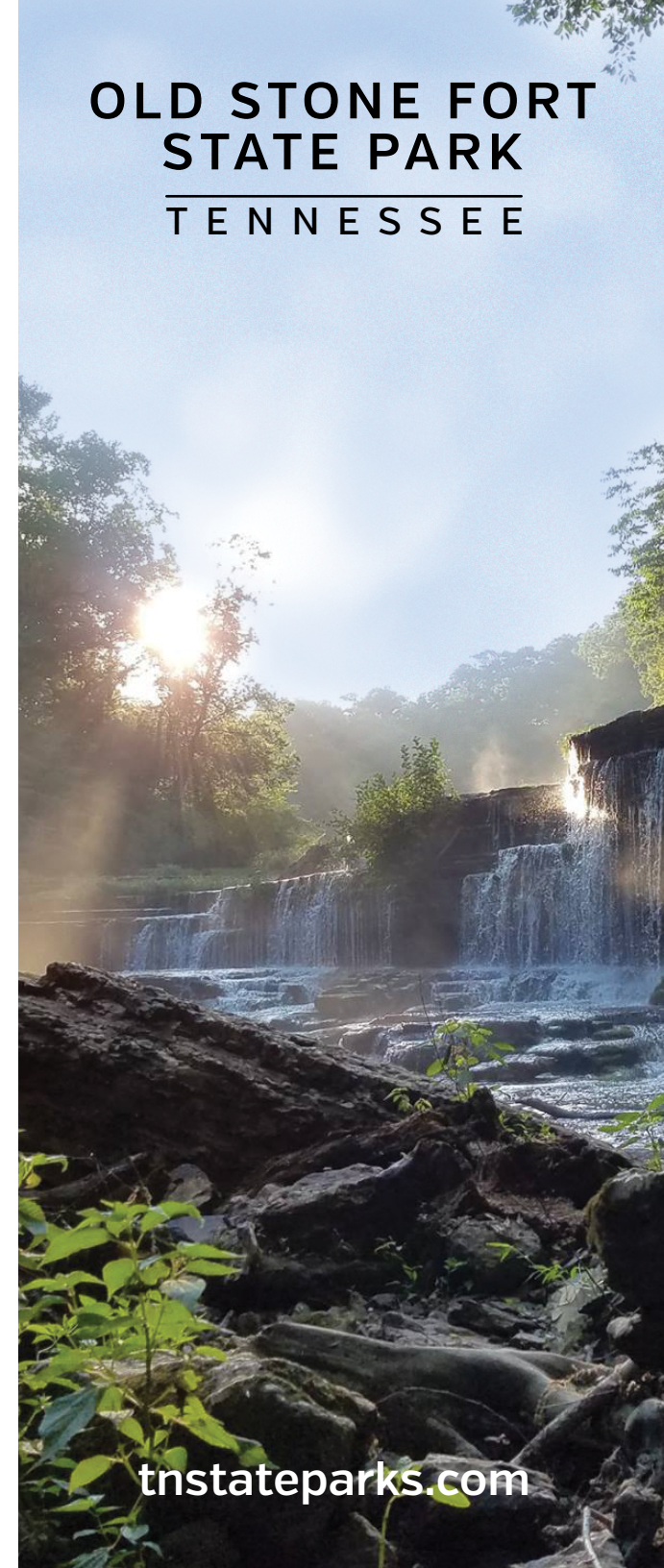
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MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

The park museum provides an orientation to the site and interpretation of this remarkable example of Tennessee's prehistoric heritage. The gift shop offers a wide variety of books on archaeology and Native American culture in addition to Tennessee State Parks merchandise. This is also the location of the park office.

CAMPING

There are 50 campsites with water and electrical hookups, fire rings, grills, picnic tables, and hard-surface pads. Some sites also have pea gravel tent pads. A dump station is open year-round. One of the two restroom facilities is also open year-round. The facility with the showers is closed December through February. The stay limit is 14 days in-season and 28 days off-season.

HIKING

The trail around the "fort" is 1.4 miles long and features 12 wayside panels to help guide and interpret the site and area for you. The trail follows the main earthen wall of the Old Stone Fort. Winding through the landscape, you can see the enclosure's original entrance which was designed to face the exact spot on the horizon where the sun rises on the summer solstice. Hikers also enjoy the area's graceful waterfalls. The three largest—Step Falls, Blue Hole Falls, and Big Falls—are all visible along the Enclosure Trail. There are two miles of trails beyond the main interpretive trail and two trails in the campground area. The Chumbley Woods Trailhead located on Powers Bridge Road offers another 4.5 miles. Bicycles are not allowed on any park trails, except for the Power Line Trail.

