



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Family-friendly programs, ranger-led tours and special events are offered throughout the year. Pre-scheduled, ranger-led group programs are available as well. Visit tnstateparks.com/parks/johnsonville or call 931-535-2789 or for more information.

HIKING

The park has approximately eight miles of hiking trails ranging from easy to moderate. Trail maps are located at trailhead locations in the park and at the visitor center. All hikers must exit the park by closing time.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

Johnsonville it is home to many species of wildlife along the Tennessee River. Birding is especially popular. Don't miss our observation deck near Trace Creek.

FISHING

Year-round bank fishing is available. A valid Tennessee fishing license is required.

BOAT LAUNCHING

Kayak and canoe launching is permitted from the shoreline. A boat ramp for larger craft is available at nearby Pebble Isle Marina.

PICNICKING

Picnic tables and grills are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Restrooms are located at the visitor center; standard and wheelchair accessible chemical toilets are located in the park.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pets are welcome at the park; all dogs must be on a leash. Artifact hunting is strictly prohibited. For a complete list of all park rules and regulations, visit tnstateparks.com.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Pebble Isle Marina: One mile
- The Walls Art Park: 10 miles
- Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge: 14 miles
- Loretta Lynn's Ranch: 18 miles

OTHER NEARBY STATE PARKS

- Nathan Bedford Forrest: 22 miles
- Montgomery Bell: 41 miles
- Natchez Trace: 42 miles
- Mousetail Landing: 46 miles

GO GREEN WITH US



Help us to help our environment. Recycling is available in the park and at the visitor center. Please do not litter as it is harmful to wildlife, and pollutes our waterways.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting, preserving and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area visit tnstateparks.com.

DONATE

Tennessee State Parks are free for everyone to visit and enjoy. If you love our park, you can donate today to help us continue investing in quality programs and services.



JOHNSONVILLE STATE HISTORIC PARK

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Day-use only.
Open seven days a week, 8:00 A.M. until one hour before sunset.
Visitor Center hours of operation:
Monday-Saturday 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Sunday 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.

DIRECTIONS

From I-40 take Exit 143. Take Highway 13 North for 13 miles to Waverly, TN. From Waverly, take Highway 70 West to New Johnsonville and then follow the signs to the park. The park is two miles past the visitor center.



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JOHNSONVILLE STATE HISTORIC PARK preserves, protects, and shares the stories of Johnsonville. Located in Humphreys County, the park opened in 1971 along the eastern bank of the Tennessee River [Kentucky Lake] in New Johnsonville, Tennessee.

OUR STORIES

The Union Army captured Nashville in February 1862 and received supplies via the Cumberland River and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Problems with both made it clear that the army needed another supply line. This need prompted the construction of a supply depot along the banks of the Tennessee River. Named Johnsonville in honor of Tennessee's Military Governor Andrew Johnson, the supply depot opened in 1864 complete with docks, wharves, offices, warehouses, corrals, sawmills, and quarters for garrisoned soldiers including United States Colored Troops. Steamboats loaded with supplies docked at the depot, and the Nashville & Northwestern Military Railroad carried those supplies 78 miles to Nashville. The artillery of Fort Johnson's earthen defenses overlooked the supply depot as Navy gunboats patrolled the river.



1864

The Battle of Johnsonville began on November 4, 1864, when artillery under the command of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest bombarded the supply depot from the western bank of the Tennessee River. The attack resulted in the loss of millions of dollars' worth of supplies and property. Afterwards, the army all but abandoned Johnsonville.

After the Civil War, Johnsonville continued as a railroad town upon completion of a bridge across the Tennessee River in 1867. During this time the Freedman's Bureau operated a school for African American students. The Town of Johnsonville lived on until 1944, when the Tennessee Valley Authority completed Kentucky Dam. This action created Kentucky Lake and flooded most of Johnsonville, which is underwater to this day.

YOUR VISIT

Experience how rivers, railroads, and raiders shaped the stories of Johnsonville. Start at our visitor center and then travel two miles on to the park. Tour original Civil War earthworks and reproduction soldier huts. Wander the railroad bed. Find your way through a historic cemetery. Enjoy one of our award-winning ranger-led programs. Explore the shores of the Tennessee River. Take a hike to a former homesite. Have a picnic, watch for wildlife, or enjoy some quiet fishing from the bank. Enjoy your unique outdoor experience full of fun and adventure at Johnsonville State Historic Park.

VISITOR CENTER

View a short video on the Civil War Battle of Johnsonville and explore exhibits on the Civil War and the Town Era history of Johnsonville. Maps, brochures and information on other parks and area attractions are available. Our gift shop offers an assortment of books and other items to remember your visit.

