



**Other Nearby State Parks**

Johnsonville State Historic Park – 33 miles  
 Natchez Trace State Park – 37 miles  
 Paris Landing State Park – 40 miles



**Directions**

Take Exit 126 on I-40 and travel north on Hwy. 641 for 15 miles to Camden. Turn right on Highway 70 East (do not take the 70 By-pass) at the traffic signal. Follow the signs to the park along Hwy 191 N.



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The Tennessee State Parks Pocket Ranger app is available at the Apple app store and Google Play.



**Hours of Operation**

7:00 AM to 10:00 PM Park  
 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Office and Museum  
 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM Park Quiet Hours

**Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park**

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 Eva, TN 38333  
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Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting, preserving and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park, giving of 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 [www.tnstateparks.com](http://www.tnstateparks.com).



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### Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park

Located on Kentucky Lake and the Tennessee River, Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park is noted for its fishing, boating, camping, swimming, and hiking. The 2,650-acre park is home to the Tennessee River Folklife Interpretive Center and Museum which is situated on a prominent landmark and scenic overlook, Pilot Knob. The center features displays about the lifeways and customs of folks on the Tennessee River.

The park was named for General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the intrepid Confederate cavalry leader, who on November 4, 1864, attacked and destroyed the federal supply and munitions depot at [Old] Johnsonville at the mouth of Trace Creek. His operations were concentrated along the western banks of the Tennessee River in the vicinity of the park and the town of Eva.



### Cabins

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park has seven cabins, (two are pet-friendly), which sleep up to eight people. Each cabin is comfortably furnished with modern conveniences and decks overlooking the river. The park has one rustic log cabin located on a secluded ridge overlooking Kentucky Lake. The renovated 1930s cabin has a covered back porch complete with a glider and rocking chairs with a view of Kentucky Lake. All cabins are open year-round.

### Camping

The park has three campgrounds, two of those being primitive. Happy Hollow RV Campground has 37 sites, with electric and water hookups, a playground, a central bathhouse and a dump station for self-contained rigs. Lakefront Primitive Campground has 13 available sites with a central restroom. The third campground is available for supervised youth groups such as scouts. Reservations are required.



### Group Lodge

This modern group lodge has a maximum capacity of 64 persons. Reservations are required.

### Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Five picnic pavilions are available for group use. Pavilions may be reserved up to two years in advance. Recreation activities include softball, volleyball, horseshoes, and disc golf. There are also four playgrounds and a large playfield with a backstop.

### Fishing

Large catches of smallmouth, largemouth, striped bass, sauger, crappie, bream, and catfish are common on Kentucky Lake. A Tennessee fishing license is required for ages 13 and older.

### Hiking

There are over 25 miles of hiking trails ranging in length from 1/4 mile to 20 miles and from easy to rugged. Two backcountry shelters are available for overnight hikes and can be reserved with a permit issued at the park office. Trail maps are available at the park office and museum or on the website, [www.tnstateparks.com](http://www.tnstateparks.com).



### Museum

The Tennessee River Folk Life Museum and Interpretive Center features the lifeways and customs of folks on the Tennessee River. For information, call (731) 584-2128.



### Nature Center

The Tennessee River Folk Life Museum also houses a miniature nature center complete with live animal exhibits including, snakes, turtles, and small fish.



### Annual Events

- Spring - Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring - Astronomy Day
- May - Storytelling [3rd Saturday]
- Summer - Fishing Rodeo [Coincides with TWRA's Free Fishing Day]
- September - Folk-Life Festival [3rd Saturday]
- October - Haunted Trail [Saturday one week before Halloween]
- November - Civil War Days [1st Friday and Saturday]
- November - Pilot Knob 10K [2nd Saturday]
- November - Lighting of the Knob [Saturday after Thanksgiving]

### Boating

Three boat access ramps are available in the park.



### Planned Programs

The park has a full-time interpretive ranger who conducts regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer months and special programs upon request the rest of the year.

### Swimming

Swimming is available in Kentucky Lake at the Eva Beach site. This unsupervised, sandy beach area is open to the public at no charge.

