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**CAMPING**

The park has two camping areas. Each site has a picnic table, grill, and 20-, 30-, or 50-amp electrical and water hookups. Modern bathhouses and dump stations are provided. A laundromat is located at the Village Green complex. The maximum stay limit is two weeks. A primitive camping area with 10 sites is located in the East Campground. Sites are equipped with a picnic table and fire pit. The park also offers three primitive backcountry sites for access via backpacking. Reservations are available online or by contacting the park directly at 865-425-4500. Campground improvements are planned, which may affect availability.

**MUSEUMS**

The park contains three interpretative facilities. The Lenoir Museum shows a diverse collection of artifacts that depict the Appalachian way of life, and features special exhibits throughout the year. The 18th Century Rice Gristmill, initially constructed in 1798 in Union County, was dismantled and rebuilt on Clear Creek in 1935 by the TVA and CCC. The Caleb Crosby Threshing Barn was originally built on the Holston River in the 1830s and was relocated to its present site in 1978. It displays a horse-drawn wagon, plows, and antique farm tools. The Rice Gristmill and Crosby Threshing Barn are seasonal operations, open from May through October, Wednesday through Sundays.

**BOATING/MARINA**

Located on the shores of Norris Lake, the park offers recreational boating, water skiing, and fishing. Norris Dam Marina offers a boat ramp and pontoon boat rentals, and provides guide service information.

**GIFT SHOPS**

The park offers four gift shops. The gift shops offer a great assortment of apparel and keepsakes to commemorate your visit to the park. Gift shops are located at the park headquarters, Lenoir Museum, Rice Grist Mill, and the Canteen at the west campground. The Rice Grist Mill and Canteen are open seasonally.

**ANNUAL EVENTS**

- March: Wildflower Guided Hikes
- July: Junior Ranger Camp
- October: Fall Color Boat Cruises
- October: Pickin' in the Park
- December: Christmas in the Park

**NEARBY ATTRACTIONS**

- American Museum of Science and Energy: 21 miles
- Big South Fork Recreation Area: 61 miles
- Cumberland Gap National Historic Park: 53 miles
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park : 60 miles
- Manhattan Project National Historical Park: 23 miles
- Museum of Appalachia: 5 miles

**OTHER NEARBY STATE PARKS**

- Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park: Distance varies; closest trailhead is at Cove Lake State Park
- Cove Lake State Park: 7.4 miles
- Big Ridge State Park: 11 miles
- Seven Islands State Birding Park: 41 miles

**PLANNED PROGRAMS**

Planned Interpretative activities such as lake cruises, nature hikes, historical tours, and wildlife programs are offered throughout the year.

**GET INVOLVED**

Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting and preserving their favorite state park's 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. To learn more, visit [tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved](http://tnstateparks.com/about/get-involved).



**NORRIS DAM STATE PARK**

125 Village Green Circle  
 Rocky Top, TN 37769  
 Park Headquarters: 865-425-4500  
 Cabin and Camping Reservations: 1-888-TN-PARKS

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Park headquarters: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. ET  
 Park closes at 9:00 P.M.


**DIRECTIONS**

From I-75, take exit 128 and go 2.5 miles south on Hwy. 441 to the entrance of the park.



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**FISHING**

Norris Lake provides excellent opportunities for Largemouth, Spotted, and Smallmouth Bass, and is stocked annually with Walleye and Striped Bass. Wade fishing during non-generation periods is very productive for Rainbow, Brook and Brown Trout. Bigger trout are often taken by boat during power generation periods. Rockfish, walleye, bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish can also be found at Norris Lake.

**HIKING, MOUNTAIN BIKING, AND HORSEBACK RIDING**

Approximately 30 miles of wooded hiking trails meander through the park. Mountain biking and horseback riding are allowed on designated trails. Trail maps are available on the website and at the park's park headquarters.

**MEETING ROOMS/EVENT VENUE**

Two rooms for gatherings are located in the west section of the park. The Conference Room seats 12, while the Appalachian Event Center, located at the Village Green complex, seats 75. Both may be reserved up to a year in advance. The Tea Room is a popular venue for weddings, reunions and receptions. For more information including prices, please contact the park directly at 865-425-4500.

**PICNIC PAVILIONS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Picnic areas are equipped with tables and grills, and have playgrounds nearby. Two picnic pavilions are available with tables, electricity and bathrooms. Shelters may be reserved for a fee.



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**NORRIS DAM STATE PARK** is located on the shores of Norris Lake, situated on 4,000 acres within the ridges and valleys of East Tennessee. In addition to outstanding recreational activities, great emphasis is placed on conservation education and an appreciation of our historical and cultural treasures. These include the Caleb Crosby Threshing Barn, the 18th century Rice Grist Mill, the Lenoir Museum and the historic Civilian Conservation Corp's Camp Kinchen. Interpretive panels and stone remains tell the story of this original CCC camp.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

During construction of Norris Dam, TVA's first project, President Roosevelt sent workers known as the Civilian Conservation Corp to create a recreational park. Many of the facilities that were constructed by the CCC between 1933 and 1936 are still in use.

**CABINS**

The park has 20 historic CCC cabins and 10 three-bedroom standard cabins. Located in a quiet, wooded setting, cabins are completely equipped including electrical appliances, cooking utensils, and linens. All cabins have fireplaces, outdoor picnic tables, and grills. Playgrounds and hiking trails are nearby.



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