



HORSE TRAILS

The park has more than 10 miles of scenic horse trails for the equestrian. A horse trailer parking area is located just past the boat ramp. All riders must always have proof of Coggins papers on them.

GIFT SHOP

The visitor center gift shop carries a variety of gifts and souvenirs.

CAMPING

Panther Creek has 50 campsites complete with water, electrical hookups, grills, picnic tables, fire rings, dump station, and two bathhouses with laundry facilities. The campground and facilities are open year-round. Maximum stay is two weeks. Campsites may be reserved online or by calling the park.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Davy Crockett Tavern, Morristown: eight miles
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park: 45 miles

PICNIC PAVILIONS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Three picnic pavilions may be reserved up to one year in advance. Capacity ranges from 12 to 75 people. Two pavilions have grills. Reservations may be made online or by calling the park.



GET INVOLVED

Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting, preserving, and promoting 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.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday–Friday: 8:30 A.M.–4:00 P.M.
Saturday: 8:30 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
Sunday: Closed
Park and Boat Ramp: Open every day from 7:00 A.M.–dusk

PANTHER CREEK STATE PARK

2010 Panther Creek Park Road
Morristown, TN 37814
423-587-7046

DIRECTIONS


From I-40 East through Knoxville, take Exit 394 (Highway 11 E North). The exit is approx. 35 miles from the park and Morristown.

From I-81 South, take Exit 12 (Highway 160). Drive north on 160 to Highway 11E, turn right and then take Panther Creek Road on the left. The park is approx. 2.5 miles on the right.

From Gatlinburg, get on I-40 East and take Exit 417 (Highway 92). Travel toward Jefferson City. At the light, turn right (Highway 11E North). Keep going to Morristown and Panther Creek State Park.




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PANTHER CREEK STATE PARK covers 1,444 acres and is on the shores of Cherokee Reservoir, six miles west of Morristown. The park offers camping, fishing, boating, picnicking, disc golf, hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The park is in the Hamblen County community of Panther Springs, one of the oldest settlements in the county. At one time, Panther Springs was the first stop on the stagecoach route out of Knoxville on the way to Abingdon, Virginia. Prior to this time, the Cherokee Indians were the most prominent Native American tribe in the area.

HIKING

Panther Creek has more than 30 miles of trails ranging from moderate to difficult. Visitors are encouraged to Leave No Trace when using our trails. Hikers can enjoy a magnificent view of Cherokee Lake and the Cumberland Mountains from the Point Lookout Trail, which reaches 1,460 feet above sea level.

BIKING

Panther Creek has more than 10 miles of mountain biking trails ranging from easy to difficult. The Trout Lily Trail is a jewel among mountain bikers. It is a two-mile loop developed by the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club and is for experienced riders.

BOATING/FISHING

Cherokee Lake is a beautiful lake for boating and fishing. The park provides a boat ramp for visitors to launch from mid-April to late September. Cherokee Lake offers year-round catches of bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish, and bream.

PLANNED PROGRAMS

Visitors can enjoy a variety of recreational and educational programs year-round. During the summer, a seasonal interpretive ranger provides interpretive programs and activities including nature hikes, environmental education activities, and canoeing.

