Nearby Attractions

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore, TN, 1 mile
- Lost Sea, Sweetwater, TN, 15 miles
- Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains, TN, 20 miles
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN, 45 miles

Other Nearby State Parks

- Hiwassee Scenic River and Ocoee River Recreation Area, 34 miles

Annual Events

- 18th Century Trade Faire, September – This living history event recreates a colonial marketplace complete with merchants, artisans and entertainers.
- Christmas at Fort Loudoun, December – Christmas customs of the 18th Century are highlighted along with candlelight tours of the fort.

Tour Buses and Motor Coaches

Tour buses/Motor coaches are welcome. Please call ahead to ensure a ranger is available to do requested programs.

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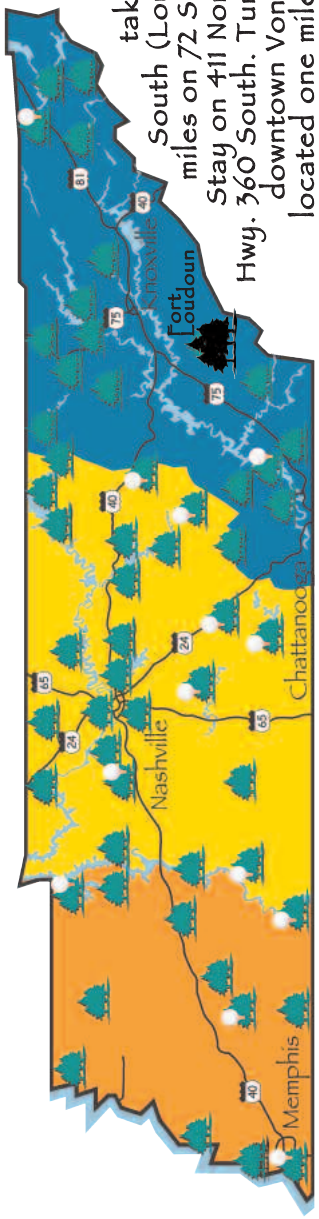

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Hours of Operation:
Park: 8:00 a.m. to Sunset. Park Office: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Park and Visitors Center are closed on Christmas Day

For Further Information, Contact:
Fort Loudoun State Historic Area / 338 Fort Loudoun Road / Vonore, TN 37885
Phone (423) 884-6217

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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

FORT LOUDOUN STATE HISTORIC AREA

Fort Loudoun State Historic Area

is a 1200-acre historic area and day use state park located on the shores of Tellico Lake. It is dedicated to preserving the history of Fort Loudoun and the role it played in the French and Indian War.

During the French and Indian War (1754-1763) the British colony of South Carolina felt threatened by French activities in the Mississippi River valley. To counter this threat the colony sent the Independent Company of South Carolina to construct and garrison what became Fort Loudoun. This move helped to ally the powerful Overhill Cherokee Nation in the fight against the French and guaranteed that trade would continue between the Cherokees and South Carolina.

In the course of the fort's four-year existence (1756-1760), relations between the British and the Cherokee nation broke down. In August 1760, the Cherokee captured Fort Loudoun and its garrison.

Gift Shop

The Visitors Center holds a bookstore and gift shop. Merchandise reflects the colonial theme of Fort Loudoun.

Picnic Sites and Pavilions

Fort Loudoun has thirty picnic sites with grills at each table. There is one pavilion that accommodates up to 50 people. The pavilion is available for rental by reservation. Restroom facilities are available in the picnic area

Fishing

Fishing is available year round from a 50' long, handicap accessible, fishing pier that projects over Tellico Lake. A Tennessee Fishing License is required for adults under 65 years of age.

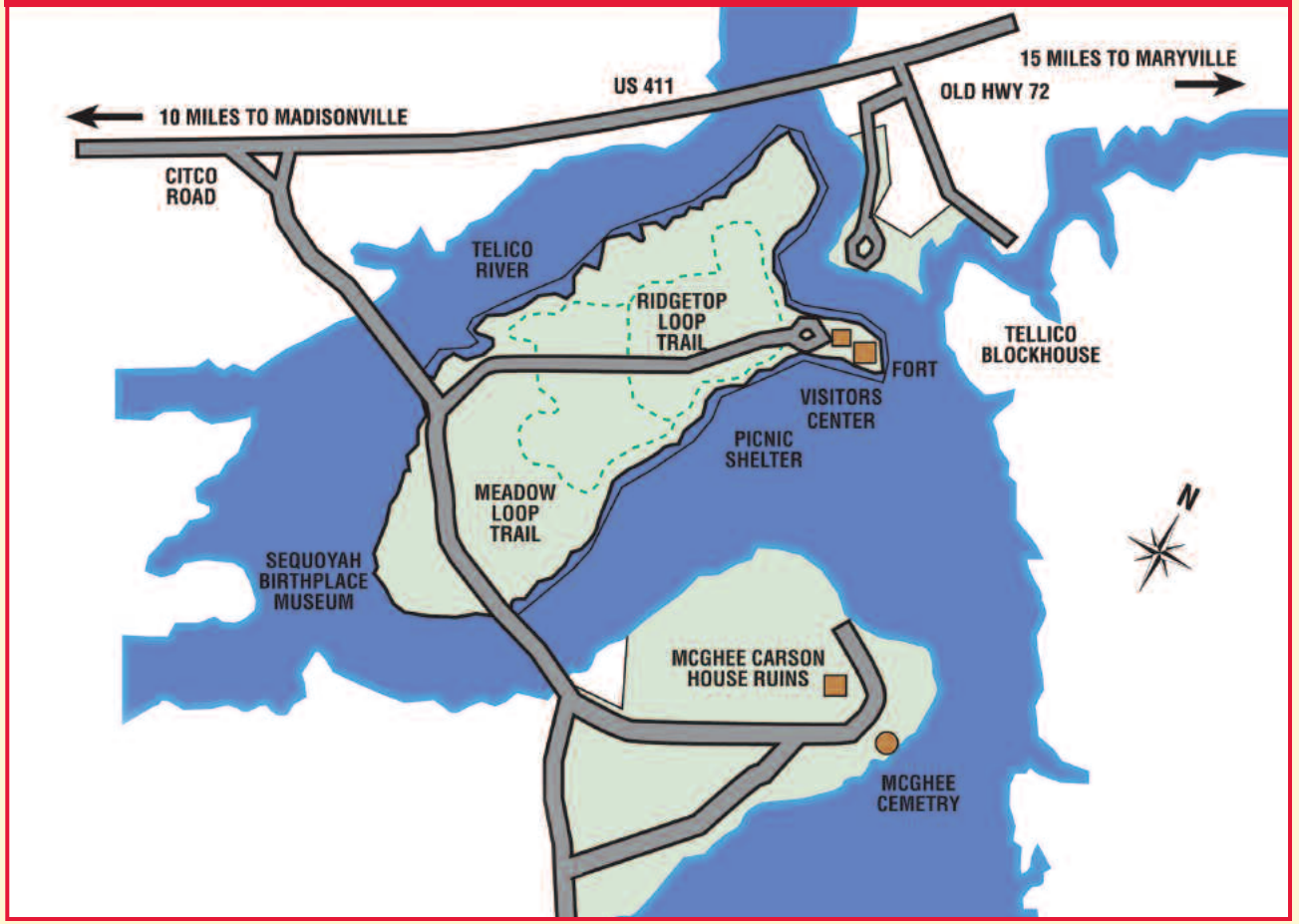
Hiking

There are five miles of moderate trails that loop around the park. Trail maps are available at the park office.

Museum

The Fort Loudoun Visitors Center houses an exhibit area with artifacts from the French and Indian War. There is an auditorium that features "The Fort Loudoun Story"-an award winning, 15-minute video on the history of the site. Hours for the Visitors Center are 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily.

Planned Programs

There are monthly interpretive programs that recreate the original troops of Fort Loudoun. Programs are appropriate for children and adults.

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