

**Tennessee State Parks
Events and Happenings
August to December 2008**

- Cumberland Trail** **August** **Sunday Nights 8:30 pm WDVX 89.9 fm**
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- Davy Crockett Birthplace** **August** **Thursday Night Movies**
Every other Thursday night, through the summer months, family movies (G, PG & PG-13) will be shown on a big screen down at our Campground Pavilion. Movies will begin at 8:00 pm.
For movie schedules please contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or call (423) 257-2167.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace** **August** **Educational Programs**
Weekly programs will be given on the park during the summer months on nature, wildlife habitats, geology, paleontology, nature hikes, fishing on the Nolichucky, traditional arts & crafts, campfire programs and more. Educational programs can be arranged for groups, home schooled organizations or individual families. Please contact the Visitor's Center to schedule a date at (423) 257-2167 or contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us .
- Fall Creek Falls** **August - Labor Day** **Summer Season at Fall Creek Falls**
Softball, nature hikes, cave trips, canoe floats, campfires, horseback riding, and bluegrass music are just some of the events that mark our summer season. Interpretive and recreational events. (423) 881-5708.
- Sycamore Shoals** **Month of August** **4th Ann. Newell-Hendershot Watermedia Exhibition**
Opening Reception Saturday, August 2 – 10 am – 4 pm
Monday - Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday **1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**
Watercolor presents a style & beauty all its own. Entries are submitted by four art organizations to this judged show. The August 2nd opening includes watercolor demos, presentation of awards at 2 pm, and much more. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.

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Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion
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- Sycamore Shoals** **August** **History at Home**
 A creative mix of historical & natural programs presented throughout the year by our interpretive staff. Please call (423)543-5808 for weekly schedules, or check our website at www.sycamoreshoals.org.
- Fall Creek Falls** **August 1 & 2** **Astronomy Weekends**
 Join us at the Inn for discussions regarding constellations, lunar lore, and our brightest star, the Sun. Telescope viewing will also be offered, weather permitting. For more information, email Lloyd Watkins at watkinslk@comcast.net.
- Red Clay** **August 2 & 3** **Cherokee Days Of Recognition**
 Red Clay is hosting the 26th annual Cherokee Days of Recognition. Featured attractions will include Cherokee traditional and fancy dancers, storytelling, living history demonstrations and more. This two day event begins at 10 am both days. Erin.Medley@state.tn.us or (423) 478-0339.
- Sycamore Shoals** **August 3** **7th Annual Elizabethton Butterfly Count**
 Meeting times: 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Join naturalist Don Holt for this day long winged adventure. Come for all or part of the day. Sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association & Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. (Rain Date: Saturday, August 9.) For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.

- Bledsoe Creek** **August 9** **Star Party**
Cumberland Astronomical Society will host this astronomy event for the public. Sunset to ?. For more information contact Sharon Armistead at (615) 347-3639.
- Burgess Falls** **August 9** **Annual Butterfly Garden Celebration**
Burgess Falls State Natural Area will host this annual event that provides visitors the chance to attend a wide variety of Ranger led Interpretive Programs. Bill.Summers@state.tn.us or (931) 432-5312.
- Fort Loudoun** **August 9 & 10** **Oconostota Victory & Garrison Weekend**
This weekend features a re-enactment of Oconostota's Victory and surrender of the fort to the Cherokee. Visitors can also interact with living historians as they demonstrate a variety of tasks common to a frontier English fortification such as cooking, laundering, blacksmithing, musket & artillery demonstrations, medical, daily life in the enlisted soldier's barracks, 18th century Cherokee camp, and much more.
Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us or (423) 884-6217.
- Sycamore Shoals** **August 9 & 10** **Carter Mansion Celebration & Garrison**
10:00 am – 4:30 pm Join us at the oldest frame house in Tennessee, the beautiful Carter Mansion, located on Broad Street Extension for two days of music and fun. The detailed interior of this house, built around 1775, is unparalleled in Tennessee. Camped along the bank of the Watauga River, you can visit 18th century re-enactors, demonstrating period skills. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Big Ridge** **August 15** **27th Annual Bluegrass Festival**
Join us for an evening full of bluegrass, gospel and old-time and country music performed by several local bands. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Contact the park office at 865-992-5523.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace** **August 16 & 17** **Crockett Days Celebration**
Join park staff and local Re-enactors for a 2-day event celebrating the birth of David Crockett, pioneer, political leader and one of Tennessee's and Greene County's most famous sons. Explore living history demonstrations depicting life on the frontier, activities, workshops, kids games, crafts, period food and music. All activities will highlight both Native American culture and Early Pioneer life in Tennessee. For more information contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or call (423) 257-2167.

- Tims Ford** **August 16 Saturday Night Pickins**
If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music Tims Ford State Park is the place to be every other Saturday night. Please bring your instruments and join in. The music nights are held at the Recreation Building at Tims Ford State Park. 5 – 10 pm. For more information sharon.reagan@state.tn.us or (931) 962-1183.
- Fall Creek Falls** **August 17 Triathlon**
Push your limits in a 1.5km swim, a 40km bike ride, followed by a 10km run. For more information, contact Martin Coleman at (865) 250-3618, or register at www.racedayevents.net.
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- Standing Stone** **August 30 Camper's Night Light Contest**
Decorate your campsite with a creative selection of lights. 1st place prize, for most original display, is one week of FREE Camping at Standing Stone State Park. 2nd place prize is two days/nights of FREE Camping at Standing Stone State Park. Also, a fun prize for 3rd place! Judging will begin at dark. *Camping Fee is required to participate!* Contact: Shawn Hughes, Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us or (931) 823-6347.
- Sycamore Shoals** **August 30 Mountain River Concert:
Jimmy Mullins and Ken Childress**
Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians from our region. Join us at 7:00pm in the Sycamore Shoals Visitors Center on the last Saturday of every month except July, September, November, and December. Admissions Charge. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
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- Natchez Trace** **September** **Crawley Trail Ride**
 This is an annual trail ride in memory of a local cowboy. There will also be a bar-b-que meal and auction. Come on out and enjoy Natchez Trace Wrangler Camp. (731) 968-3742.
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- Fort Pillow** **September 1** **Labor Day Celebration**
 Come celebrate Labor Day Weekend with outdoor activities and programs at Ft. Pillow State Park.
Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us or Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us or (731) 738-5581.
- Fall Creek Falls** **September 5⁷** **30th Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival**
 Handmade crafts, traditional mountain music, and demonstrations of pioneer skills are just part of the fun. Country cooking, bluegrass music, and different exhibits round out the jam-packed schedule. (423) 881-5708.
- Sycamore Shoals** **September 5, 6, &7** **8th Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival**
 Friday Night Torchlight Ceremony 6:30 pm
 Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Saturday Night Concert 6:30 pm
 Come celebrate our Celtic heritage! Opening with a torchlight ceremony Friday Night, Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history; dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening. Admissions Charge. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.

- Fort Loudoun** **September 6 & 7 18th Century Trade Faire**
This annual event in conjunction with the Great Island Festival is reminiscent of fairs of the 18th century featuring period entertainment, food, merchandise, military demonstrations and more.
Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us or (423) 884-6217.
- Natchez Trace** **September 12 Outdoor Classroom**
This is a hands on learning environment for children Pre-K- 8th. Children will learn about animals, nature and the world around them. They will also enjoy various outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, fishing and nature games. Thursdays 10:00-2:00 Contact Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace** **September 13 Mountain Melodies Bluegrass Festival**
Join park staff for a family bluegrass festival down on the banks of the Nolichucky. Welcome a variety of bluegrass musicians from around our region playing throughout the day on Saturday September 13 at Shelter #3 in front of the Crockett Birthplace cabin. For more information on band schedules and times contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or call (423) 257-2167.
- Standing Stone** **September 13 National Rolley Hole Marbles Championship**
This is a one of a kind family experience as featured by ESPN, ABC Evening News, Sports Illustrated, Charles Kurault and CBS, Smithsonian Institution, CNN, National Geographic, Southern Living.... Everyone is invited to participate in marble games of all types. Festival will include kids' games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music and food. (*Registration is required for Rolley Hole Tournament.*) Contact: Shawn Hughes, Shawn.Hughes@state.tn.us or (931) 823-6347.
- Tims Ford** **September 13 Saturday Night Pickins**
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- Natchez Trace** **September 15 – November 15 Fall Color Pontoon Trips**
Pontoon rides are held on Pin Oak Lake where visitors can enjoy a meal at Pin Oak Lodge then head out on the lake to enjoy the fall colors. (This program has a required sign up a week in advance.)
Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-8176.

- Henry Horton** **September 19-21** **Step Back In Time**
Henry Horton State Park will host this annual event that provide visitors the chance to experience the atmosphere of days gone by. Entertainment, arts & crafts, food, demonstrations and much more will be featured during this three day event. Bradd.Halfacre@state.tn.us or 931-364-2222.
- Pinson Mounds** **September 19 – 21** **Archaeofest**
Join us for this celebration of Native American culture and archaeology. Enjoy a wide range of craft demonstrations to include pottery, basketry, leatherwork, flintknapping and chipping, and jewelry making. Children and adults of all ages will enjoy the Native American story telling sessions. Timothy.Poole@state.tn.us or (731) 988-5614.
- Sycamore Shoals** **September 20 & September 21**
Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration
10:00 am – 4:00pm
Join us for an encampment by the Company of Overmountain Men militia before the Battle of King’s Mountain in 1780. Call the park for the schedule of events. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Sycamore Shoals** **September 25** **Overmountain Victory Trail March**
Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march of the Overmountain Men since 1975. This year the marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore Shoals, just as the militia did 227 years ago for the muster before they rode to victory at King’s Mountain. Approximate time of crossing the river is 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Old Stone Fort** **September 26-28** **Knapp In and Archaeoskills**
Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park will host its bi-annual knap-in and archaeo-skills event that allows visitors to take a glance on the Native American way of life. Flint-knapping and crafts such as pottery demonstrations, basket weaving, and cordage making are just a few of the events taking place over the weekend. On Saturday, Dr. Kevin Smith from Middle Tennessee State University will present a program on Mississippian Stone Statuary of the Tennessee Cumberland Region and David Dye of University of Memphis will present on cave archaeology within the state of Tennessee. Vendors with appropriate items will be present for the 3 days of the event. NO AUTHENTIC Artifacts will be sold at this event. stephanie.barton@state.tn.us or 931-723-5073.

- Big Cypress Tree September 27 & 28 Fall Festival**
 Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area hosts the annual Fall Festival which features live animal programs, interpretive trails, arts and crafts, live music, civil war re-enactments, civil war encampment, good food, and more. To reserve a booth for arts and crafts and/or for more information on the festival, email the park at Bill.McCall@state.tn.us or call the park at 731-235-2700.
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- Natchez Trace October Shriner's Trail Ride**
 This is an annual trail ride hosted by the Shrinners. It will be held at the Wrangler Campground. The event will include a bar-b-que meal, auction and hayride for the family. Contact (731) 968-3742.
- Natchez Trace October Run like a Deer Trail Run**
 This is an annual event, which is sponsored by the Friends of Natchez Trace State Park. There will be a 5k and 10k run which will begin at the Park Store and end at Cub Lake Swim Area. For more information on this event contact Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.
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- Sycamore Shoals** **Month of October**
Mysterious Candlelight Tours of the Carter Mansion
 Dates & Times TBA
 Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Carter mansion after dark? A house that is over 200 years old is bound to have some mysterious stories. At select times during the month of October, you will have the rare opportunity to visit the oldest frame house in Tennessee and explore the mysterious side of this historic place. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
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- Big Ridge** **October Fridays and Saturdays** **Ghost House Hikes**
 Join us for a “haunting” experience as we hike Big Ridge State Park’s Ghost House Trail. Along the way we will take a stop at the Norton Cemetery and listen to some spine-tingling stories about the ghosts of Big Ridge. Please bring a flashlight and meet at the grist mill parking lot. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 6 years of age. The hikes are free, but reservations are required. Limit 30 people per hike. Contact Sarah Nicley at 865-992-5523.
- Natchez Trace** **October 1 – November 15** **Fall Color Canoe Trips**
 Canoe trips are held on Browns Lake where visitors often enjoy seeing Great Blue Herons, Fall colors and beautiful sunsets. If you are interested in a Fall Color Canoe Trip contact Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.
- Sycamore Shoals** **October 2-5** **14th Annual Sycamore Shoals Quilt Show**
 Thursday - Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 This four-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitchers, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Bledsoe Creek** **October 4** **Dulcimer Workshop & Jam Session**
 Friends of Bledsoe Creek State Park will host a dulcimer workshop and jam session. Bring your dulcimer and questions. Many clubs will be present. There will be an open stage and an evening jam session. Vendor space available. 11 am – 6 pm. For more information contact Sharon Armistead skarmistead@yahoo.com or (615) 347-3639.

- Sycamore Shoals** **October 4 & 5** **Fort Watauga Knap-In**
10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Help us celebrate Tennessee Archaeology Week at Fort Watauga with demonstrations of how pre-historic man made stone tools and weapons. Displays of replicated primitive artifacts and demonstrations with primitive weapons such as bow and arrow and atlatl fill the days. Come and make your own projectile points! For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
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- Sycamore Shoals** **October 4** **Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter**
Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season. 8 am. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Bicentennial
Capitol Mall** **October 10 & 11** **Tennessee's History Festival**
Tennessee Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park will host it's 5th annual Tennessee History Festival featuring 200 years of living history. Hernando DeSoto, Native American, Frontiersmen, Civil War and World War II will be a part of this years festival. Mock battles of the Civil War and WWII time periods will be featured at 12:00 noon each day. Event will take place from 10:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. each day. For more information contact Michael.C.Cole@state.tn.us or 615-741-5280.
- Natchez Trace** **October 10** **Family Astronomy Day**
This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the crisp autumn air and clear skies in Tennessee. Bring your family or group out for a night of viewing the stars. Equipment will be provided. For more information contact Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.
- Port Royal** **October 11** **Trail of Tears Commemorative Day**
Come and learn about the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation from their homeland. Exhibits about the Trail of Tears and Port Royal, interpretive tours, 1830's domestic skills and medicine living history will be featured and at 10:00 am there will be re-creation of the Cherokees march through the town of Port Royal followed by a ceremony. David.Britton@state.tn.us or (931)-358-9696.

- Chickasaw** **October 11 & 12 Craft Fair**
Chickasaw's annual craft fair features hand crafted items from several vendors through out West Tennessee and beyond. The fair runs from 9-5 on Saturday and 9-4 on Sunday. Ronald.Elder@state.tn.us or (731) 989-5141.
- Standing Stone** **October 11 Annual Car Show**
Come and enjoy antique cars/trucks and hot rods. The event is a fun filled day of music and food. Some 300 vehicles will be showed and judged. Show your own or just come and observe Contact: Patrick Randall, Patrick.Randall@state.tn.us or (931) 823-6347.
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- Natchez Trace** **October 17 Fall Color Pontoon Trips & Photography Day**
This is the perfect time of the year to get out the camera and work on your photography. Visitors will not only have a chance to work on photography but we will also end the day with a Sunset Pontoon Ride. Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.
- Fall Creek Falls** **October 18 & 19 Fall Colors Weekend**
Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls. (423) 881-5708.
- Fort Pillow** **October 18 Fall Festival**
Join park staff for a day of programs and events including a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and a hayride. Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us or Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us or (731) 738-5581.

- Norris Dam** **October 18-30** **Fall Color Cruises**
 Join us as we venture along beautiful Norris Lake in the park's pontoon boat and view nature's artistry of fall colors. Park Rangers will narrate your trip with tree and wildlife identification and park history. Must call the park office to sign up, after Labor Day (865-426-7461). There will be four trips per day departing from Norris Dam Marina and each trip lasts for approximately 1 hour. Trips limited to 10 people and organized groups taken through the week only. Trips will be canceled if inclement weather prevails. Trips cost \$6.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under six. For more information email mike.scott@state.tn.us or call (865-426-7461).
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- Natchez Trace** **October 24** **Backpacking Red Leaves Trail**
 This is an overnight backpacking trip on our newly renovated Red Leaves Hiking Trail. Hikers will head out into the forest and end at a picturesque view of the campsite on the banks of Maple Lake. This program is for both beginners and the experienced backpacker. (You must be over the age of 18 for this program.) For more information contact Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.
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 Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast. (423) 881-5708.
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7:30 pm

Strange things happen around the time of All Hallows Eve, especially in a graveyard. Join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted, we don't think! For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.

**Davy Crockett
Birthplace****October 31 Trick or Treat in the Haunted Forest**

Come out and bring the kids to trick or treat through our woods. There will be a lighted trail to lead the way so you don't get lost, ghost and ghouls will hand out treats along the trail. Dress appropriately for cold weather and bring a flashlight. For more information please contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or call (423) 257-2167.

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Spend the night of the 31st on the park enjoying hayrides, campfire programs and wildlife. Contact Pin Oak Lodge for rooming information. (Sign up is required in advance for this program)
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This garrison weekend celebrates the birthday of King George II, the English King at the time of Fort Loudoun. Visitors can interact with living historians as they demonstrate a variety of tasks common to a frontier English fortification such as cooking, laundering, blacksmithing, musket & artillery demonstrations, medical, daily life in the enlisted soldier's barracks, an 18th century Cherokee camp, and much more. Jeff.Wells@state.tn.us or (423) 884-6217.

Fort Pillow**November 1& 2 Fall Living History Weekend**

Visitors will be able to view reenactors portraying the camp life of both Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. The park museum will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Programs will also be offered throughout the weekend. Greg.S.Taylor@state.tn.us or Robby.Tidwell@state.tn.us or (731) 738-5581.

Fall Creek Falls**November 8 & 9 Backpacking Trip**

Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.

Natchez Trace**November 8 Backpacking Red Leaves Trail**

This is an overnight backpacking trip on our newly renovated Red Leaves Hiking Trail. Hikers will head out into the forest and end at a picturesque view of the campsite on the banks of Maple Lake. This program is for both beginners and the experienced backpacker. (You must be over the age of 18 for this program.) for more information contact Alisha.Weber@state.tn.us or (731) 968-3742.

Tims Ford**November 8 Saturday Night Pickins**

If you play an instrument or just enjoy listening to great music Tims Ford State Park is the place to be every other Saturday night. Please bring your instruments and join in. The music nights are held at the Recreation Building at Tims Ford State Park. 5 – 10 pm. For more information sharon.reagan@state.tn.us or (931) 962-1183.

Sycamore Shoals**November 14 - 16 Christmas Craft Show**

Friday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local crafts persons exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a Christmas twist. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.

- Sycamore Shoals** **December 5 & 6** **Christmas at the Carter Mansion**
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Spend the evening in this 18th century home built on the frontier around 1775 featuring the beautiful interior craftsmanship decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments, and music highlight the evening. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Davy Crockett Birthplace** **December 6 & 7** **Crockett Christmas**
Crockett Christmas is a living history event that will provide visitors a glimpse into Christmas on the frontier. The birthplace cabin will be decorated in pioneer Christmas spirit. Traditional music will be provided along with hot cider and edibles. The path to the cabin will be lit by candlelight and we will have a nice warm campfire outside the cabin. For more information please contact Dawn.Coleman@state.tn.us or call our Visitor's Center at (423) 257-2167
- Fort Loudoun** **December 6** **Living History Weekend**
Fort Loudoun State Historic Area will host this annual event that provides visitors the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18th century Christmas in a British fortification in the Cherokee territory. The fort buildings are decorated with traditional greens such as holly and ivy. Re-enactors will be present to demonstrate daily activities.
- In the evening, the fort will be illuminated with candles and luminaries. Refreshments and candlelight tours begin around 6 p.m. The tours will conclude with a rare, nighttime firing of the fort's largest cannon. This is a one day event and admission is free. For more information, visit the fort's website at www.fortloudoun.com, email the staff at fortloudoun@tds.net or call the park office at 423-884-6217.
- Sycamore Shoals** **December 6 & 7** **Christmas Garrison at Fort Watauga**
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America. For more information, visit www.sycamoreshoals.org or call (423) 543-5808.
- Tims Ford** **December 6** **Saturday Night Pickins**
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**Cordell Hull
Birthplace**

December 11 Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace
Please join park staff as we celebrate the holidays the way they were enjoyed in the late nineteenth century, the time period in which former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Festivities will include old fashioned holiday music by Ross Moore using 14 traditional instruments, lantern-lit trail hikes, refreshments, & seasonal decorations in the restored birthplace cabin. 6-9pm. Contact: Robin Peeler, Robin.Peeler@state.tn.us or 931-864-3247.

Chickasaw

December 12-14 Lighting of the Park
Come enjoy a Christmas drive through the park. There will be numerous electric light displays throughout the park as well as 2500 candle luminaries lining all of the roadways in the park. Santa Claus will be present as well as live entertainment. 6-9 pm each night.
Ronald.Elder@state.tn.us or (731) 989-5141.

Norris Dam

December 13 Holiday Homecoming
Norris Dam will host this annual event to provide visitors with the chance to experience the atmosphere of early life in the Appalachian region. Entertainment, music, 1900 horse-drawn wagon rides, demonstrations, etc. appropriate to the period will be featured for the evening. Walk is approximately 1 mile through the rustic cabins, so please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight for your added safety. Free admission, but donations of non-perishable foods is greatly appreciated for the local mission. Allison.Humble@state.tn.us or the park office at (865) 426-7461.

Tims Ford

December 20 Saturday Night Pickins
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**Davy Crockett
Birthplace**

December TBA Pioneer 10K Run
Join us for an exhilarating run through our park and the town of Limestone. This is part of the Tennessee State Parks Running Tour and all runners must be registered. For more information on the Pioneer 10K Run, please contact Mr. Bob Townsend (423) 257-6188 or (423) 426-6709 bobt4@earthlink.net.