

Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site www.tnstateparks.com/events.)

November

- 5 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Traditional Arts Workshops: Dutch Oven Cooking Class with instructors Nat and Sherri Hyder. Using 18th century methods, participants will make an afternoon breakfast meal over an open fire including biscuits, Scotch Eggs, fried potatoes and onions, fried apples and campfire coffee. Coffee will be roasted and ground on site. Participants are encouraged to wear closed toe shoes. The class is limited in size so pre-registration is required. The fee is \$65 including supplies. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 5 Edgar Evins State Park.** Fall pontoon boat cruises. Pontoon boat cruises are set for 90-minutes to two-hours long on Center Hill Lake. Reservations are required and the fee is \$10 per person. Info: 1-800-250-8619.
- 6 & 20 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Traditional Arts Workshops: Beginners Spinning. Set for 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m., the session will include learning about wool, its structure and how it reacts, along with wool preparation with hand cards, viking combs and drum carders. Also included will be practical at the wheel time. The fee is \$40 for first time students session including fleece (\$15 for returning students.) Instructor is Amy Gawthrop. Reservations are required. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 11-12 Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park.** 8th Annual Tennessee History Festival. This year's festival will be themed to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Info: 615-741-5771.
- 11-20 Scott County.** Cumberland Trail Conference's trail construction on the New River section. Volunteers are needed to help construct the trail along the east side of Arch Mountain in Scott County. This will be a camping outing with meals and water provided by the CTC. Volunteers will need to provide their own tent, sleeping gear and personal items. Base camp will have a kitchen tent with cook stoves. Registration is required. Info: 931-456-6259 or visit the Web site www.cumberlandtrail.org.
- 12-13 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Backpacking Trip. This 13-mile trek includes some of the more remote portions of the park. It is a hike for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a two-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 12-13 Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.** Garrison Weekend. Get a taste of the tasks, skills and encampments from the 18th century from this living history event. Event hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 19 Tims Ford State Park.** Saturday Night Pickin'. An evening of bluegrass, country and gospel music is planned at the Recreation Building. Bring an instrument and join in. Hours are 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Info: 931-962-1183.
- 19 Frozen Head State Park.** Volunteer Trail Day. Volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance and repair. Some moderate hiking will be required. Participants need to wear clothing appropriate for the weather along with a good pair of hiking boots and bring a daypack with water and lunch. Trail work is set from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 19-20 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Harvest Celebration and Militia Muster at Fort Watauga. The Washington Militia musters its troops for good times and good cheer. Re-enactors in period dress provide demonstrations of old-time skills and scenes from daily life in America's colonial past. Event hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 25 Rugby.** Historic Rugby's Thanksgiving Marketplace. Demonstrating artisans and craftsfolk will offer their work. Tours of historic buildings will be available and shops will be open. A Victorian Cream Tea is available at 1880 Newbury House B&B. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 26 Tennessee and Kentucky.** Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area's Christmas in 1850 The Home Place. Join the 1850 farm family as they prepare for the Christmas holidays. Learn how to make traditional Christmas decorations and home cooked goodies. Event hours are 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Info: 270-924-2000.

December

- 2** **Frozen Head State Park.** Volunteer Trail Worker Appreciation Lunch. If you volunteered to do trail work at the park on Volunteer Trail Days, you are invited to a lunch in your honor. Contact the park to let them know you are coming and get more information. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 2-3** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Christmas at Carter Mansion. Spend an evening in the oldest frame house in Tennessee that will be decorated in greenery for the holidays. Event hours are 6 p.m.-9 p.m. each night. Music is planned and costumed interpreters will act out scenes from an 18th century life. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 3** **Warriors' Path State Park.** Adopt a Tree. Come and help plant tree seedlings. For every tree you plant in the park, you get to take one home to plant in your own habitat. Info: 423-239-6786.
- 3** **Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.** 18th Century Christmas. Take a walk back in time to the celebration of an 18th century holiday complete with re-enactors, refreshments and candle light tours. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 3** **Johnson City.** Visions of Christmas 1861 at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site. Join the Haynes family as they celebrate an antebellum Christmas. Plans include music, refreshments and children's activities in the museum. Info: 423-926-3631.
- 3** **Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Park.** Old Fashioned Christmas. Join park staff to celebrate holidays as they were enjoyed in the late 19th century when former Secretary of State Cordell Hull lived in this rural area on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Refreshments and seasonal decorations of the restored cabin birthplace are planned. Park hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. CT. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 3** **Rugby.** Christmas at Historic Rugby. Tours of decorated and lamp-lit historic buildings are planned along with music and actors portraying early Rugby colonists. Other available activities include carol singing and a four-course Victorian dinner at the Harrow Road Café (reservations required.) Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 3-4** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Militia Muster at Fort Watauga. Re-enactors portray a variety of characters from hunters to farmers, land speculators to back-country gentry. Walk among the colonists and native peoples who share their past through talks, mini-dramas and demonstrations of 18th century life. Event hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 10** **Maury County.** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Resource Management Division State Natural Areas Program Field Trip: Winter Hike at Stillhouse Falls State Natural Area. Join Allan J. Trently of the Natural Areas Program to hike about 1.6 miles and see scenic cascades and Stillhouse Hollow Falls. Bring lunch and water. Participants will meet in the parking lot of the natural area at 10 a.m. Central time. Reservations are required. Info: 731-512-1369.
- 10** **Murfreesboro.** Stones River National Battlefield. Living History camps and demonstrations "Remembering the Battle of Cedars." Info: 615-478-1035.
- 10** **Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Crockett Christmas provides visitors a glimpse of Christmas on the frontier. The cabin will be decorated and storytelling will be provided, along with hot wassail and edibles common to the period. Event time is 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Info: Dawn.Coleman@tn.gov.
- 10** **Rugby.** Historic Rugby's Victorian Holiday Home Tour. Tour 10 private Victorian homes decorated for the holidays. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 17** **Tims Ford State Park.** Saturday Night Pickin'. Bring an instrument and join in this bluegrass, country and gospel-playing event from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Recreation Building. Info: 931-962-1183.
- 17** **Tennessee and Kentucky.** Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area's Audubon Christmas Bird Count. A \$5 per person fee goes to the National Audubon Society. Pre-registration is requested. Event hours are 6 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Participants will meet at the Nature Station and organize into teams. Bring a lunch and meet for the lunch time roundup of the morning's sightings. Info: 270-924-2000.