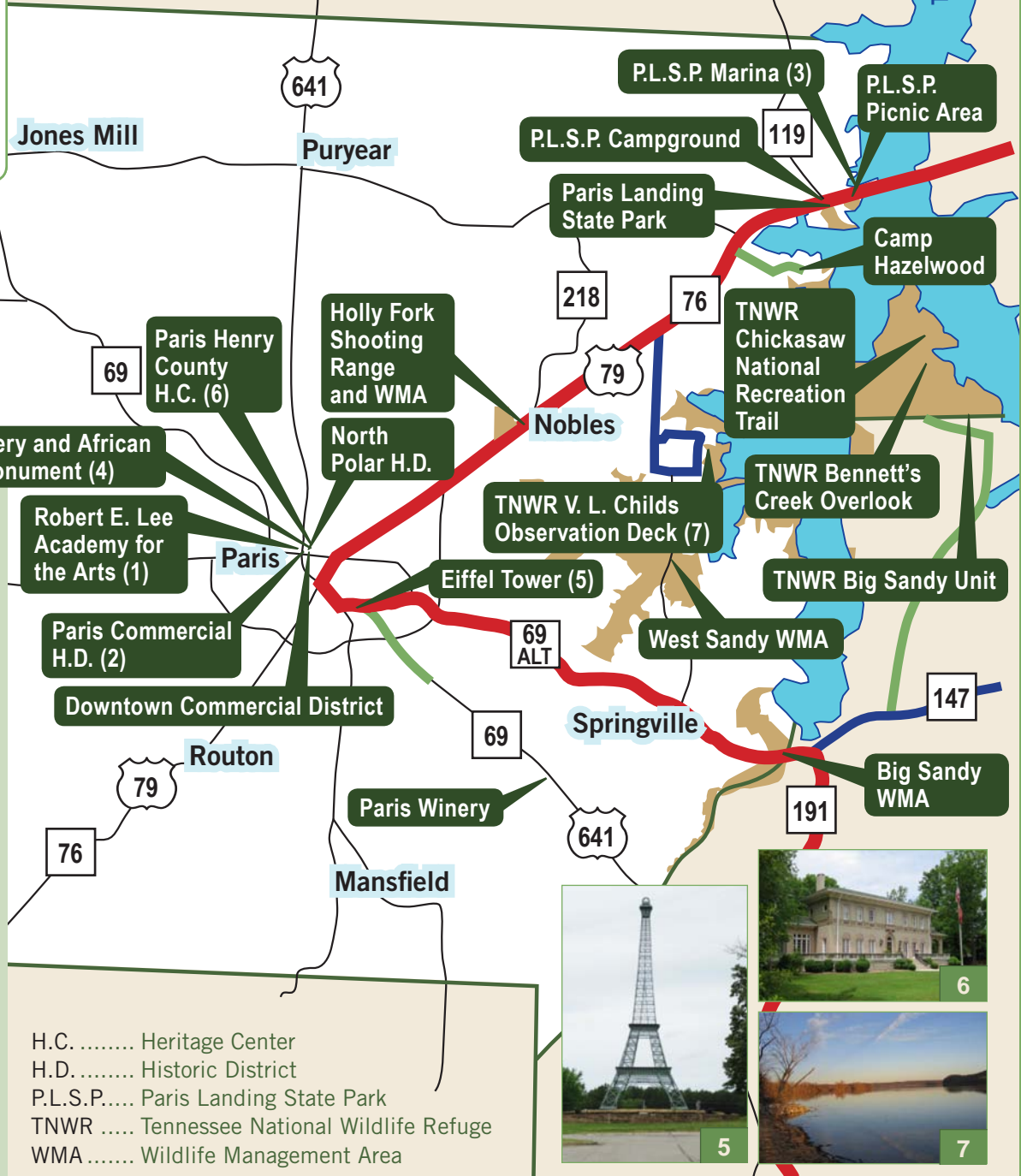
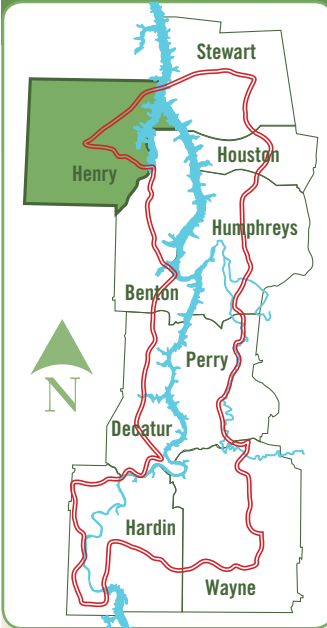


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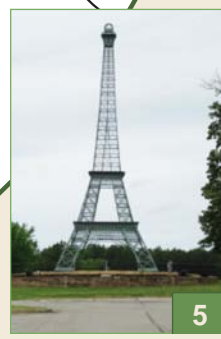


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- H.C. Heritage Center
- H.D. Historic District
- P.L.S.P. Paris Landing State Park
- TNWR Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge
- WMA Wildlife Management Area



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Henry County

Henry County is located on the west side of the Tennessee River on the Kentucky border. It was formed out of the Jackson Purchase in 1821, and was named in honor of Patrick Henry, the famed Virginia orator. The county has a total area of 596 square miles, and its 2000 population was 31,115, the largest in the Tennessee River Trails area. Paris (population 9,763) is the county seat, other incorporated towns are Cottage Grove (population 97), Henry (population 520), and Puryear (population 667).

Outdoor recreation draws the largest number of visitors, many of whom flock to Paris Landing State Park on Kentucky Lake. Others come for wildlife viewing or to visit the historic attractions in Paris. Public lands include the Big Sandy Unit of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge and several state wildlife management areas. Other attractions include Paris' Eiffel Tower and the Paris Winery.

Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Information

The Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce is the tourism bureau for the county.

Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce
2508 East Wood Street
Paris, TN · 38242
731 642-3431
www.paristnchamber.com
pariscoc@charterbn.com

Annual Events

- *World's Biggest Fish Fry, Paris*
Last full week of April
- *Water Fun Run*
Third Saturday of July
- *Henry County Fair*
Mid-August
- *Eye-Full of Paris*
Last full week of September
- *Downtown Unwrapped Open House, Paris*
December
- *New Years Eve on the Lake, Paris Landing State Park*
December 31

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Inventory

Eighteen resources in Henry County were inventoried:

AFRICAN AMERICAN

Paris Cemetery and African American Monument

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Paris Commercial Historic District

Paris Henry County Heritage Center

ENVIRONMENTAL

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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, Bennett's Creek Overlook

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, Chickasaw National Recreation Trail

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, V. L. Childs Observation Deck

West Sandy Wildlife Management Area

OTHER INTEREST

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Paris-Henry County Heritage Center

Robert E. Lee Academy for the Arts

PUBLIC LANDS

Holly Fork Shooting Range and Wildlife Management Area

Paris Landing State Park

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

CAMPGROUNDS

Paris Landing State Park, Campground

PICNIC AREAS

Paris Landing State Park, Picnic Area

MARINA

Paris Landing State Park, Marina

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Big Sandy Wildlife Management Area

LOCATION

Tennessee Highway 69A at Big Sandy River
Big Sandy vic, Benton and Henry counties
Latitude 36.232161 Longitude 88.104508

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Ellington Agricultural Center
P.O. Box 41489
Nashville, TN 37204
615 781-6500

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

See agency regs for closed seasons

DESCRIPTION

The 2,370-acre Big Sandy Wildlife Management Area is located along the Big Sandy River, just south of its confluence with Kentucky Lake, and along a tributary, Gin Creek.

SIGNIFICANCE

The area is open for small and big game hunting, but waterfowl hunting is the main attraction.

NOTES

See the TWRA website for area regulations.

PHOTOS



Fishing in the Big Sandy WMA

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Environmental
Resource Level:5, Limited interest
Site quality: Fair; access is difficult

RESOURCE NUMBER: 102

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Eiffel Tower

LOCATION

Memorial Park, on Volunteer Drive
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.287024 Longitude 88.301267

ADMINISTRATION

City of Paris

HOURS

May be viewed during daylight hours

DESCRIPTION

The Eiffel Tower of Paris, Tennessee, is a 70' scale reproduction of Gustave Eiffel's "Tour Eiffel," constructed as the centerpiece of the 1889 World's Fair in Paris (France). The structure is located in Paris' Memorial Park.

SIGNIFICANCE

The original (replica) Eiffel Tower was constructed in 1990 by engineering students at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee for the annual "Memphis in May" festival, which in 1990 honored France. The 60' wood and steel rod structure was the centerpiece of one of the university's quadrangles, but university officials worried about students climbing the temporary structure. After learning that Paris, Tennessee held a "Paris, USA" festival in 1991 to which representatives from the fifteen cities named "Paris" in the United States were invited, the university offered the structure to the city of Paris, which accepted. It was moved to Paris and dedicated on January 29, 1993. The structure was later refabricated as a 70' all-steel structure by Keith Jackson of Paris's Precision Grinding and Metal, Inc. The tower is the centerpiece of Paris' Memorial Park, and is the twelfth tallest Eiffel Tower replica in the world.

NOTES

The tower is a nearly perfect 1:20 scale model of the original.

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Other interest
Resource Level: Level 3, Local significance
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 121

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009



Eiffel Tower

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Holly Fork Shooting Range and Wildlife Management Area

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 79
Paris vic, Henry County
Latitude 36.359344 Longitude 88.215763

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Ellington Agricultural Center
P.O. Box 41489
Nashville, TN 37204
615 781-6500

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

See agency regs for closed seasons

DESCRIPTION

The Holly Fork Shooting Range, which opened in 2007, has a pistol range, a 400-yard rifle range, and a range for sporting clays. The range has been the site for the State Junior Olympic Championships.

SIGNIFICANCE

The adjacent 141-acre wildlife management area is managed for youth hunts.

NOTES

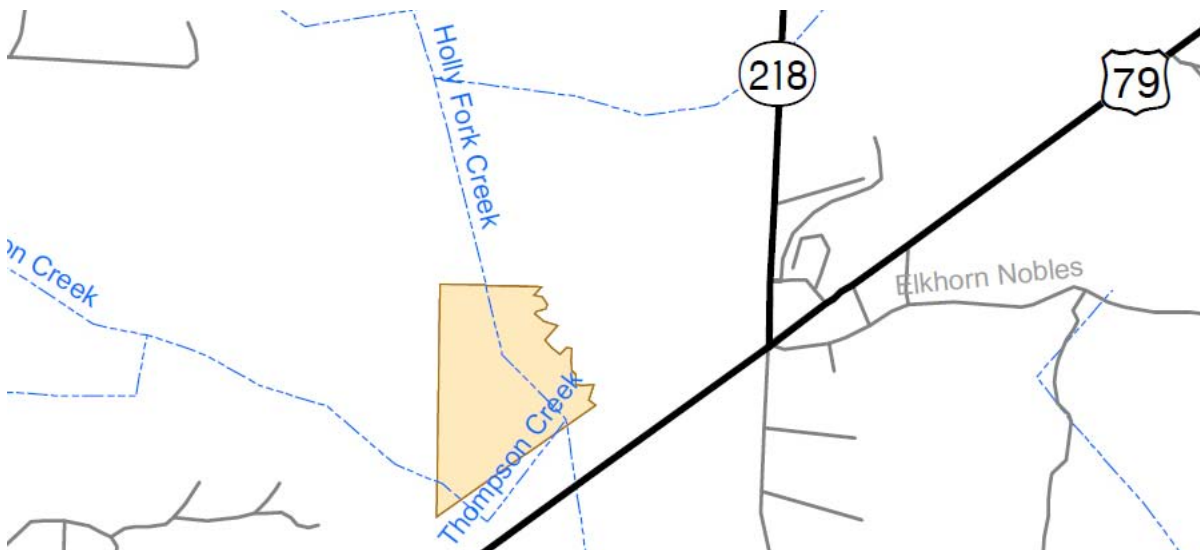
See the TWRA website for area regulations.

CONTACT

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200 Lowell Thomas Dr
Jackson, TN 38301
731 423-5725
<http://www.state.tn.us/twra/gis/wmapdf/HollyFork.pdf>

SITE DETAILS

Road type: State or federal highway
Restrooms: Onsite
Proximity to food: Less than 6 miles
Proximity to gas: Less than 3 miles



Map of Holly Fork Wildlife Management Area, from TWRA website

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource themes: Environmental, other
Resource Level:4, Potential interest
Site quality: Good

RESOURCE NUMBER: 141

RECORDED: Richard Quin, November 2009

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North Poplar Historic District

LOCATION

North Poplar Street; also East Church Street
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.308488 Longitude 88.325255

ADMINISTRATION

Properties are privately owned

HOURS

May be viewed from street during daylight hours

DESCRIPTION

Paris' North Poplar Historic District contains 60 historic structures along North Poplar Street and adjacent East Church Street, just north of downtown Paris. The mostly residential buildings date from the 1870s to the 1940s and include examples of the Italian Renaissance, Bungalow, Craftsman, Neoclassical and Colonial Revival styles.

SIGNIFICANCE

The North Poplar Historic District contains some of the best examples of late nineteenth and early twentieth century residential architecture in West Tennessee. Buildings are from a wide variety of styles, ranging from vernacular bungalows to one of the most imposing Italian Renaissance Revival houses in the mid-South. The most famous resident of the area was perhaps Dr. Edwin Wiley Grove, pharmacist and founder of Grove Laboratories, and best known as the founder of the famous Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina. The historic district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

NOTES

An audio tour of the historic district is available from the Paris Henry County Heritage Center. Personalized walking tours are conducted by appointment by area resident Susan Jones; contact her at 731 693-2696 for details.

PHOTOS



Foursquare House with Mission Revival detailing



A Classical Revival home

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Exploration/settlement
Resource Level: Level 3, Local significance
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 123

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009



Paris City Cemetery and African American Monument

LOCATION

East Ruff Street at Church Street
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.304013 Longitude 88.323417

ADMINISTRATION

Privately owned

HOURS

Open year-round, sunrise to sunset

DESCRIPTION

Located just east of downtown Paris, the City Cemetery contains many of Paris' early settlers and leaders. Among the more notable burials are Tennessee Governor James D. Porter; General J. D. C. Atkins, Confederate and U.S. Congressman; John Wesley Crockett, U.S. Congressman and son of pioneer Davy Crockett, and Dr. Edwin Wiley Grove, pharmaceutical magnate and builder of the famed Grove Park Inn at Asheville, North Carolina.

SIGNIFICANCE

In 2006, the people of Paris erected a large monument to the former slaves and free blacks who worked and toiled in the city. The monument is located in front of historic Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church.

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource themes: Exploration/settlement, African-American
Resource Level: Level 3, Local significance
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 131

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

CONTACT

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Paris, TN 38242
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pariscoc@charterbn.com
www.visitdowntownparis.com/photoops

SITE DETAILS

Road type: Paved road
Restrooms: Less than 2 miles
Proximity to food: Less than 2 miles
Proximity to gas: Less than 3 miles

PHOTOS



African American Monument

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Paris Commercial Historic District

LOCATION

Downtown Paris
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.308488 Longitude 88.325255

ADMINISTRATION

Most properties are privately owned

HOURS

Open during business hours

CONTACT

Downtown Paris Association
P.O. Box 95
Paris, TN 38242
pariscoc@charterbn.com
www.visitdowntownparis.com

SITE DETAILS

Road type: Paved road
Restrooms: Onsite
Proximity to food: Less than 2 miles
Proximity to gas: Less than 3 miles

DESCRIPTION

Paris historic downtown contains 44 historic structures surrounding the historic 1869 Henry County Courthouse. The mostly commercial district contains a wide mix of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, many of which have been restored to their historic appearance. Non-commercial buildings include Grace Episcopal Church with its Tiffany & Co. windows, the Colonial Revival U.S. Post Office, and the 1891 train depot built by the Paducah, Tennessee & Alabama Railroad.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Paris Commercial Historic District contains one of the best-preserved historic downtowns in the Tennessee River Trails Association area. The historic district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

NOTES

A guide to the historic district is available online at www.visithenryco.com/images/dpapdf.jpg.

PHOTOS



Confederate Monument and historic storefronts



Commercial row on north side of the square

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Exploration/settlement
Resource Level: Level 3, Local significance
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 124

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Paris-Henry County Heritage Center

LOCATION

614 North Poplar Street
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.307972 Longitude 88.325149

ADMINISTRATION

Paris Henry County Heritage Center

HOURS

Tuesday-Friday, 10 AM-4 PM; Saturday 10AM-2PM

DESCRIPTION

The Heritage Center is located in Cavitt Place, the most prestigious mansion in Paris when it was built in 1916. The Italian Renaissance Revival, two-story home has been called “the jewel in the crown of Paris,” and is one of Tennessee’s most extravagant examples of Italian Renaissance architecture.

SIGNIFICANCE

Established in 1989, the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center collects, preserves and interprets historic artifacts, documents, photographs and other materials. The museum educates the public through exhibits, programs, publications, technology, oral history and other activities.

NOTES

The Heritage Center also features a gift shop with items of local and regional interest.

PHOTOS



Cavitt Place, housing the Heritage Center



Mural in the Jelks Room (former dining room)

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Multiple
Resource Level: Level 3, Local significance
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 122

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Paris Landing State Park

LOCATION

16055 U.S. Highway 79 N
Buchanan, Henry County
Latitude 36.36.434541 Longitude 88.079327

LOCATION

18 miles east of Paris at Tennessee River

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Tennessee State Parks

HOURS

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

Located at the widest point on Kentucky Lake, Paris Landing State Park is one of Tennessee's premier state parks. The 841-acre park features an inn and conference center, restaurant, 18-hole golf course, cabins, campground, picnic area, swimming beach, play fields, picnic shelters, playgrounds, amphitheater, a three-mile hiking trail system, and a 280-slip marina with store, fuel, and boat-launching ramp.

SIGNIFICANCE

Paris Landing was an historic river landing, at which goods were transferred to serve the Henry County seat of Paris and the surrounding region. With the impoundment of the Tennessee River in 1942 to create Kentucky Lake, the state park was established. Today, Paris Landing State Park is considered one of the state's premier parks and offers services and programs for a wide variety of visitors.

NOTES

The park's golf course recently attained a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" designation from Audubon International by demonstrating and maintaining a high degree of environmental quality. Paris Landing successfully met high Audubon standards in areas such as environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reductions, water conservation and water quality management.

PHOTOS



Inn and Conference Center



Picnic area on Kentucky Lake

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Multiple
Resource Level: Level 2, State significance
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 127

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Paris Landing State Park Campground

LOCATION

Paris Landing State Park, north side of U.S. 79
Buchanan, Henry County
Latitude 36.36.440322 Longitude 88.086463

LOCATION

18 miles east of Paris at Tennessee River

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Tennessee State Parks

HOURS

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

Located on the north side of U.S. Highway 79 away from the main body of the park, the campground features 44 sites with water and 30-amp electrical service, and 18 primitive sites. Campsites can accommodate recreational vehicles up to 38' in length.

SIGNIFICANCE

While the Paris Landing State Park campground is not located directly on Kentucky Lake, a number of campsites offer views of it. Other campsites are located on the edge of woodlands and along two ridge lines.

NOTES

The campground features water, two bathhouses, a RV dump station and a laundrette. Campground fees are \$20 a night; campers should set up their sites and a ranger will visit to complete the registration.

PHOTOS



Developed campsites



Primitive campsites

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Campground

Resource Level: Level 4, Potential interest

Site quality: Fair

RESOURCE NUMBER: 129

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Paris Landing State Park Picnic Area

LOCATION

Off Bridgeview Road, in Paris Landing State Park
Buchanan, Henry County
Latitude 36.36.437359 Longitude 88.076424

LOCATION

18 miles east of Paris at Tennessee River

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Tennessee State Parks

HOURS

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

Located on the side of Kentucky Lake, the park's large picnic area offers dozens of choice picnic sites, many right on the water. Each site has a table, grill, and water is available at the picnic shelters. The picnic area also features two pavilions, restrooms, a boat ramp and a play area.

SIGNIFICANCE

With many sites located right on the lake, Paris Landing State Park's picnic area is a fabulous spot for an outdoor meal.

NOTES

The picnic area is conveniently located to the swimming pool, swimming beach, and play fields. The two pavilions can be reserved by calling the park office.

PHOTOS



Lakeside picnic sites

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Picnic area
Resource Level: Level 4, Potential interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 128

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Paris Landing State Park Marina

LOCATION

Paris Landing State Park, north side of U.S. 79
Buchanan, Henry County
Latitude 36.36.441028 Longitude 88.082925

LOCATION

18 miles east of Paris at Tennessee River

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Tennessee State Parks

HOURS

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

Located at Kentucky Lake mile marker 66.1, the Paris Landing State Park Marina has covered and uncovered slips with 30 amp and 50 amp electrical service. The marina sells gas and diesel fuel, has a pump-out service, and offers free transportation to the park inn, restaurant and golf course. The marina also sells fishing bait, licenses, ice and general supplies. A fish cleaning station is available for users.

SIGNIFICANCE

In addition to the boat slips, a courtesy ramp and parking is available for other boaters.

NOTES

The harbormaster can be reached on channel 16.

PHOTOS



Paris Landing State Park Marina



Fish cleaning station

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Marina

Resource Level: Level 4, Potential interest

Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 130

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Paris Winery

LOCATION

2982 Harvey Bowden Road
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.218040 Longitude 88.210194

LOCATION

7 miles south of Paris off U.S. Highway 641

ADMINISTRATION

Privately owned

HOURS

Mon-Sat 10 AM-6 PM, Sun 12 Noon-6 PM, extended
hours Fridays and Saturdays during summer months

DESCRIPTION

This 100-acre working family farm includes two vineyards, a winery, a Venetian-themed tasting room and gift shop. Visitors are invited to tour the barrel cellar, visit the beautifully landscaped grounds, enjoy a picnic, and sample from many varieties of wine made on site.

SIGNIFICANCE

Owners Roger and Lisa Ciarrocchi opened Paris Winery in April 2008. They originally discovered the rolling hillsides that would soon become acres of grapevines while fleeing from the hurricanes in Florida. From the air, the landscape reminded them of the Tuscany hillsides. The farm was originally a cornfield with not even as much as a dirt road. Filling their land with cattle, pigs, ducks, geese, rabbits and domestic animals, they decided to plant a few acres of grapevines to make some personal wine. The vineyard started with 5500 vines and today there is over 8000 vines comprised of 23 types of grapes. About 3 years later, they decided to build a winery. It opened in late April 2008 and now boasts over 23 different wines to choose from.

Designed in a Venetian style architecture, the winery offers daily wine tasting and a Summer concert series "Concerts In The Woods," every few Saturdays. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful landscape and views from the tasting room, as well as stroll through the vineyards and enjoy the grapevines.

NOTES

The winery also offers wedding packages, catered lunches and limousine tours of Paris.

PHOTOS



The Winery



One of the vineyards

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Other interest
Resource Level: Level 4, Potential interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 126

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Robert E. Lee Academy for the Arts

LOCATION

402 Lee Street
Paris, Henry County
Latitude 36.305778 Longitude 88.329271

ADMINISTRATION

Robert E. Lee School Association

HOURS

Open during school sessions

DESCRIPTION

Located in an historic 1881 school building, the Robert E. Lee Academy of the Arts offers a full curriculum of year-round arts courses with special emphasis on visual and performing arts. Classes include music, dance, ballet, art, pottery, yoga and more. The recently-restored school lunchroom is a popular spot for local events.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert E. Lee Academy of the Arts stands on grounds that have been associated with education since the early days of Paris. In 1825, the Paris Male Academy was located here, and received a new building in 1848. During the Civil War, the Fifth Tennessee Regiment organized on the school grounds. The building burned in 1880, and was replaced by Paris' first public school, erected the next year. The school was named for Confederate hero Robert E. Lee in the early twentieth century. The Lee School continued as a elementary school until 1975, and afterwards served as school offices. After the offices closed, the Robert E. Lee School Association campaigned to save the structure, organized as a not-for-profit, and was deeded the structure. The association raised funds and with the help of grants from the Tennessee Historical Commission and the National Park Service, restored the structure.

The Robert E. Lee Academy of the Arts began offering year-round classes in 2004.

NOTES

PHOTOS



Robert E. Lee Academy for the Arts



Youth ballet class

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Exploration/settlement, other interest
Resource Level: Level 4, Potential interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 125

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Bennetts Creek Overlook

LOCATION

Bennett's Creek Road, off Lick Creek Road
Big Sandy vic, Henry County
Latitude 36.377438 Longitude 88.045979

ADMINISTRATION

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3006 Dinkins Lane
Paris, TN 38242
731 642-2091

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

This wooden observation deck offers a sweeping view of the Bennett's Creek embayment and seasonal pools flooded for waterfowl enhancement.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Bennetts Creek Overlook offers one of the best opportunities for bird-watching in the refuge. Due to a nearby bald eagle roost, this spot is one of the best places to see bald eagles, especially in the early morning or late afternoon.

NOTES

Accessible parking area.

PHOTOS



Bennetts Creek Overlook



Bird-watching from observation deck

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Environmental
Resource Level:1, National interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 97

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Big Sandy Unit

LOCATION

Lick Creek Road; also Britton Ford Road
Big Sandy vic, Benton and Henry counties
Latitude 36.358974 Longitude 88.030851

ADMINISTRATION

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3006 Dinkins Lane
Paris, TN 38242
731 642-2091

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Most areas open year-round, some areas closed
November 15 – March 15

DESCRIPTION

The 21,348-acre Big Sandy Unit of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is located mostly on the peninsula between the Big Sandy River embayment and the main stem of the Tennessee River in Kentucky Lake. Smaller enclaves are located on the west side of the Big Sandy and on offshore islands. The main body on the peninsula has a road system leading to Pace Point and around the peninsula. On the west side of the Big Sandy, the Britton Ford Road is a well-known wildlife viewing drive.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge was created as a result of the impoundment of the Tennessee River to create Kentucky Lake and to provide for wildlife and waterfowl habitat along the shoreline. The refuge was established on December 28, 1945, by President Harry S. Truman, who signed Executive Order No. 9670, designating the area "for the use of the Department of the Interior as a refuge and wildlife management area for migratory birds and other wildlife." On December 29, 1945, the Department of the Interior and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) entered into agreement with respect to the lands that were to be reserved and used as the wildlife refuge.

The Big Sandy Unit occupies the large peninsula between the Big Sandy and Tennessee rivers and shoreline on the western side. The area is managed for wildlife habitat through forest and wet-soil wetland management and agricultural production for wildlife enhancement. The area is popular with hunters, fishers, birdwatchers and other wildlife enthusiasts.

NOTES

Developed areas in the unit include an information kiosk at the entrance to the peninsula section, the Bennetts Creek Overlook, the V. L. Childs Observation Deck, the Britton Ford Road, the Britton Ford Hiking Trail, the Chickasaw National Recreational trail, and several boat ramps.

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Environmental
Resource Level:1, National interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 96

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

CONTACT

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SITE DETAILS

Road type: Paved road
Restrooms: More than 8 miles
Proximity to food: More than 10 miles
Proximity to gas: More than 10 miles



Entrance to peninsula segment on Lick Creek Road

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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Chickasaw National Recreation Trail

LOCATION

Bennett's Creek Road, off Lick Creek Road
Big Sandy vic, Henry County
Latitude 36.387289 Longitude 88.059118

ADMINISTRATION

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3006 Dinkins Lane
Paris, TN 38242
731 642-2091

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

This 1.1 mile loop trail takes hikers through an oak-hickory forest, along the edge of two fields, and along the side of a small pond, offering access to a variety of wildlife habitats.

SIGNIFICANCE

The diversified forest is home to many songbirds, making this trail popular with birdwatchers.

NOTES

Interpretive sign in parking area, interpretive markers along trail.

PHOTOS



Information sign in parking area

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Environmental
Resource Level:1, National interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 99

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

CONTACT

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Paris, TN 38242
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www.fws.gov/tennesseerefuge

SITE DETAILS

Road type: Improved gravel
Restrooms: More than 8 miles
Proximity to food: More than 10 miles
Proximity to gas: More than 10 miles



Hiking trail

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Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge V. L. Childs Observation Deck

LOCATION

Swamp Creek Road, off Elkhorn-Nobles Road
Big Sandy vic, Henry County
Latitude 36.333139 Longitude 88.139663

ADMINISTRATION

U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
3006 Dinkins Lane
Paris, TN 38242
731 642-2091

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Open year-round

DESCRIPTION

This wooden observation deck offers a sweeping view of the Swamp Creek embayment, a popular gathering spot for varied waterfowl in the winter months.

SIGNIFICANCE

The V. L. Childs Observation deck offers one of the best opportunities for bird-watching in the refuge.

NOTES

Information kiosk in parking area.

PHOTOS



V. L. Childs Observation Deck



View from observation deck

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Environmental
Resource Level:1, National interest
Site quality: Excellent

RESOURCE NUMBER: 98

RECORDED: Richard Quin, May 2009

Tennessee River Trail SCENIC BYWAY

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West Sandy Wildlife Management Area

LOCATION

Along Elkhorn Road at West Sandy Creek
Springville vic, Henry County
Latitude 36.302307 Longitude 88.160499

ADMINISTRATION

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Ellington Agricultural Center
P.O. Box 41489
Nashville, TN 37204
615 781-6500

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

See agency regs for closed seasons

DESCRIPTION

The 4,319-acre West Sandy Wildlife Management Area is located in the Springville Bottoms, a large expanse of forests and wetlands, flooded in the winter when TWRA closes the West Sandy Dike to provide for waterfowl habitat. The area occupies bottoms along West Sandy Creek and its tributaries.

SIGNIFICANCE

The area is open for small and big game hunting, but waterfowl hunting is the main attraction. This is also a fabulous area for bird-watching and fishing.

NOTES

Boat ramps are located on Old Springville Road (Pumphouse Road), Old Union Road, and Copeland Road. See the TWRA website for area regulations.

PHOTOS



Flooded timber in the West Sandy WMA.

SITE ASSESSMENT

Resource theme: Environmental
Resource Level:4, Potential interest
Site quality: Fair; access is difficult

RESOURCE NUMBER: 101

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