MORGAN COUNTY

Major draws to the area is hiking, mountain biking and Historic Rugby

 Obed Wild & Scenic River N.P. 208 N. Maiden (Visitors Center) Wartburg, TN 37887 Phone: 423-346-6294 <u>http://www.tnvacation.com/vendors/obed_wild_scenic_river/</u>

Recreation includes whitewater kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, hiking, fishing and picnicking. A scenic overlook is located at Lilly Bluff. **Directions:** Take U.S. Hwy. 27 North from I-40 at Harriman, TN to the town of Wartburg, TN. Follow

Things to do: Cornstalk Heights Historic District, Harriman Heritage Museum, Frozen Head State Natural Area, Oliver Springs Railroad Depot.

2. Frozen Head State Park

Wartburg, TN 37887

http://thesmokies.com/features/places/frozen_head/frozenhead.htm

Preview: Frozen Head is a little-known jewel of a state park tucked away in the Cumberland Mountains, a mountain range west of the Smokies. Steep, forested peaks and deep valleys diffused with rock formations characterize this state park that was settled in the early 1800s by simple farmers. This is an ideal park for active people who like a small campground but want plenty of activities all within walking distance of the campground. Stay at Frozen Head and explore the waterfalls, rock shelters, and mountaintop caprocks of the rugged Cumberland Mountains.

3. Lone Mountain State Forest

Wartburg, TN 37887 http://www.cs.utk.edu/~dunigan/mtnbike/lone.html

4. Cumberland Trail State Park

19 E. Fourth St. Crossville, TN 00000 Phone: 931-456-6259

http://www.tnvacation.com/vendors/justin_p_wilson_cumberland_trail_state_park/ http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/

The Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park, the state's only linear park, runs 300 miles, cutting through 11 Tennessee counties from the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park on the Tennessee-Virginia-Kentucky border, to the Signal Point near Chattanooga.

One hundred fifty miles of the Cumberland Trail are open and ready for exploration. This includes the Cumberland Mountain Segments above LaFollette and Jacksboro and in the Cumberland Gap National Military Park, the Grassy Cove Segment on Black and Brady Mountain in Cumberland County, the Tennessee River Gorge Segment in Prentice

Cooper State Forest, and the Obed Wild and Scenic River Segment in the Obed River Gorge and Catoosa WMA.

The Cumberland Trail wanders among the remnants of the Cumberland Mountains that once rose as high as the Rockies. The trail represented a barrier to all who dared push through storied gaps westward onto and over the Cumberland plateau. It now provides a linkage north to south, forming natural connections and opportunities for scenic vistas and curious geological formations.

Things to do: The Palace Theatre, McCoy Place Bed & Breakfast, The Crossville Depot, Fairfield Glade Resort.

Places to stay: Lake Tansi Resort & Cabins, Fairfield Glad Resort, Days Inn, Meadow Park Lake Old City Lake.

5. Catoosa WMA

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 218 Genesis Road, Crossville, TN 38555. (931)456-2479 <u>http://www.tnwildside.org/stories.asp?Story=244</u> <u>http://sherpaguides.com/tennessee/upper_cumberland_plateau/catoosa_wma.html</u>

6. Big South Fork National River Park Headquarters
4564 Leatherwood Road Oneida, Tennessee 37841 (865) 569-9778 (423) 569-9778 <u>http://bigsouthforkpark.com/</u> <u>http://bigsouthforkpark.com/index.html</u> <u>http://www.bigsouthforkinfo.com/index.html</u>

The free flowing Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and it's tributaries pass through 90 miles of scenic gorges and valleys containing a wide range of natural and historic features.

The Big South Fork National Recreation Area make a fine alternative to the Smokies, and it is always much less crowded. Although it lacks the mountains, there is plenty of remote wilderness, with steep cliffs and interesting geology, including some of the biggest arches in the east.

Location: The National Park is located in northeast Tennessee and southeast Kentucky. Park Visitors Centers are located in Tennessee 15 miles west of Oneida off TN 297 and in Kentucky in Stearns on KY 92. Park Headquarters is located 9 miles west of Oneida on TN 297.

From Knoxville, TN take I-75 north to exit 141, then Hwy. 63 west to Huntsville, then north on Hwy. 27 to Oneida, then left on Hwy. 297 toward Jamestown, about 9 miles west of Oneida.

Programs / Activities: Summer evening programs - Saturday night from Memorial Day through September. Special events throughout the year including Pioneer Encampments, Astronomy Programs and Storytelling Festival. For additional information on these and other special park events - click to visit the National Park Service Big South Fork special news page or call the park for specific dates and times at (931) 879-3625 or (423) 286-7275.

Lodging and Camping Facilities: Bandy Creek Campground - 100 sites with water and electric, 50 tent sites and two group camping area, restrooms, showers, dump station and swimming pool are available in the Brandy Creek. Reservations for the Bandy Creek Campground and group sites are available between May 1 and October 31, walk-ins are also permitted. Information concerning the Bandy Creek Campground may be obtained by calling (931) 879-4869 or (423) 286-8368. Campground reservations are recommended and available through the National Park Reservations Service. Call (800) 365-2267

Blue Heron Campground - 49 sites with water and electric, restrooms, showers and dump station. Information concerning the Blue Heron Campground may be obtained by calling (931) 879-4869 or (606) 376-5073.

Station Camp Horse Camp - 24 sites for horse camping. Each site has water, electricity and a four-horse tie stall. All have access to restrooms and showers. Concession operated, for further information call (423) 569-3321.

Bear Creek Horse Camp - 23 sites for horse camping. Each site has water, electricity and a four-horse tie stall. All have access to restrooms and showers. Concession operated, for further information call (423) 569-3321

Charit Creek Lodge - a backcountry lodge accessible only by foot or horseback. Offers full service accommodations, but no phones or electricity. Concession operated, for further information call (423) 429-5704.

7. Historic Rubgy Historic Rugby P.O. Box 8, Hwy.52, Rugby Tennessee, 37733 (865) 628-2441 http://www.historicrugby.org/

Victorian England in the Tennessee Cumberlands

In 1880, Rugby's British founder called it a lovely corner of God's earth...In this century, writers call it a town of cultured ghosts and Utopia in the . The National Trust calls it one of the most authentically preserved historic villages in America.

"The world watched in 1880 as famous British author, statesman and social reformer Thomas Hughes dedicated America's Rugby. It was to be a cooperative, class-free society where Britain's younger sons of gentry--and artisans, tradesman and farming families-could build a new community through agriculture, temperance and high Christian principles."

Rugby today is a heritage treasure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1972. In a rugged river gorge setting, little changed by 20th century technology, this would-be Utopia survives. More than twenty of its decorative, gabled buildings remain. Rugby's British and Appalachian heritage is visible everywhere.

When You Visit

Stop at the old schoolhouse where exhibits trace a century of Rugby history. Tour Victorian buildings. Wander on river gorge trails built by 1880's colonists. Shop for unusual books and traditional handicrafts in historic settings.

Open Daily For Tours

Christ Church Episcopal, 1887, with its original hanging lamps and 1849 rosewood organ, still played for services every Sunday;

Thomas Hughes Library, 1882, literally unchanged since the doors opened with its 7,000 volumes of Victorian literature;

Kingstone Lisle, 1884, the graceful rural Gothic cottage built for Rugby's founder; **Schoolhouse Visitor Centre**, with exhibits and artifacts that take you from Rugby's founding to today's renaissance.

1997 General Admission: \$4.00 Adults, \$2.00 Students, \$1.00 Scott, Morgan & Fentress County Students. Reduced Rates for Groups.

Museum Shops, Specialty Dining and Lodging

Rugby Craft Commissary and Board of Aid Bookshop, open all year.

Harrow Road Café with traditional and local fare.

1880 Newbury House Bed & Breakfast, authentically restored and Victorian-furnished.

Year Round Special Events

- 23rd Annual Festival of British & Appalachian Culture- May 17 & 18
- Rugby Pilgrimage October 5 & 6
- Thanksgiving Marketplace November 29 & 30
- Christmas at Rugby December 7 & December 14

Reaching Rugby

Historic Rugby is on State Hwy. 52, in East Tennessee; 35 miles from both I-75 (Exit 141) and I-40 (Exit 300); adjacent to the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

 Brushy Mountain State Prison/Museum Department of Correction Brushy Mountain Prison P. O. Box 1000 Petros, TN 37845 423-324-4011

- 9. Deer Lodge http://www.tngenweb.org/morgan/DEERLODGE.html
- 10. Nemo Bridge Access <u>http://www.americanwhitewater.org/rivers/id/1732/</u> 423/346-6294
- 11. Lilly Bridge Access http://www.americanwhitewater.org/rivers/id/1732/
- 12. Jett Bridge Access
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