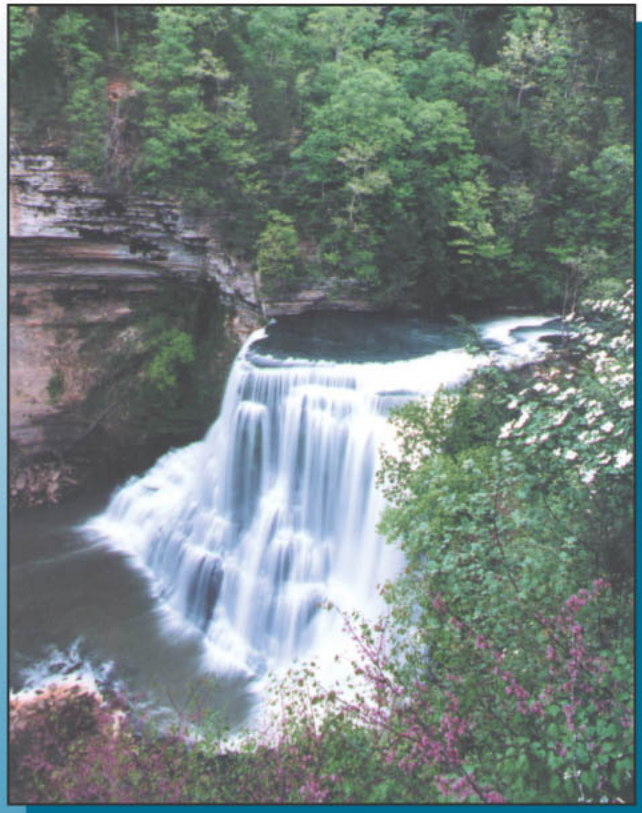
Burgess Falls
State Natural Area



Burgess Falls, located in Middle Tennessee, lies on the eastern edge of the Highland Rim adjacent to the Cumberland Plateau. Take Exit 286 off I-40 onto Hwy 135, follow signs to park.

FACILITIES
- Playground

ACTIVITIES
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Picnicking
- Volleyball
- Horseshoes

Burgess Falls State Natural Area, located in Middle Tennessee, lies on the eastern edge of Tennessee's Highland Rim adjacent to the Cumberland Plateau. Sheer bluffs, narrow ridges, rolling water, and abundant mixed forest. characterize this natural area. The Falling Water River runs through the area providing breathtaking scenery and numerous waterfalls.

The Falling Water River played a very important role in the development of the surrounding region. Along this river there once stood a gristmill that provided meal and flour to many settlers of the region. A sawmill, also powered by the river, supplied lumber instead of the hand-sawn lumber that took so long for the settlers to cut. Most importantly, the City of Cookeville acquired the land in the early 1920's, and constructed a dam and power-house in order to produce electricity for the area.

Although the original dam was washed out by flood waters a few years after it was built, the re-constructed dam still stands today. Now this area is a lovely natural area full of scenic beauty; preserved to be enjoyed by everyone.

Access Fees may apply. Call park for details.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

A self-guided 3/4 mile trail allows hikers to observe three waterfalls. Trails are moderate in difficulty. Hikers only-no bikes. Park Manager provides on and off park programs.

HOURS OF OPERATION

8:00 a.m. - 30 minutes before sunset

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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