



# Tennessee State Parks

## NOTABLE TENNESSEANS

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*Tennessee State Parks bring history to action with re-enactments, workshops, demonstrations and special events that educate and inspire. Learn how Tennesseans helped shape this country by visiting a park near you.*

**Sgt. Alvin C. York** - The Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park, located in Pall Mall, pays tribute to Sgt. Alvin C. York. Born in 1887 into an impoverished farming family from the mountains of Tennessee, York became one of the most decorated soldiers of World War I and was honored with a dozen medals, including the Congressional Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre. The York homesite museum includes a collection of wartime and personal momentos, including historical photographs, family portraits and personal items. Visitors will enjoy the 3/4-mile trail and a swinging bridge allows park visitors to walk from the York home, General Store and Gristmill to York's burial site and the York Bible School, while also permitting them to experience the scenic beauty of the Wolf River.

**For more information call: (931) 879-6456.**

**Cordell Hull Birthplace** - The Cordell Hull Birthplace and Museum is a 58-acre historic park on the Highland Rim in Pickett County. Born in a log cabin in 1871, Cordell's thirst for knowledge served him well. Hull was appointed Secretary of State by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and served until 1944, longer than any other secretary. He was given the sobriquet "Father of the United Nations" by Roosevelt and in 1945 was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for his role in establishing the United Nations. The park consists of a representation of Hull's log cabin birthplace, an activities center and a museum housing documents and artifacts as well as a replica of his Nobel Peace Prize. The park also features the beautiful Bunkum Cave Trail leading to an overlook and the entrance of historic Bunkum Cave where Cordell Hull's father made moonshine many years ago.

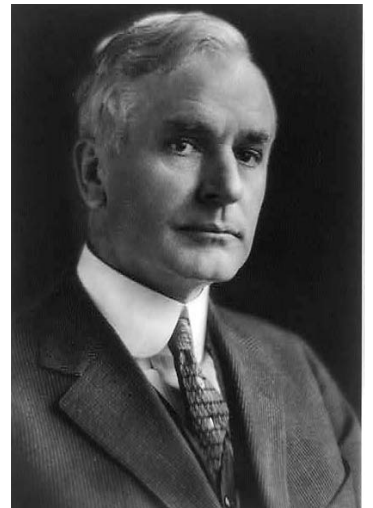
**For more information call: (423) 884-6217.**

**Davy Crockett Birthplace** - Davy Crockett was born in northeast Tennessee in 1786. A pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist, Crockett moved to middle Tennessee and served as a justice of the peace, a colonel of the militia and state representative. He established a diversified industry, consisting of a powdermill, a gristmill and a distillery. All three operations were washed away in a flood in September 1821. Financial difficulties from this loss caused Crockett to move to West Tennessee where he was elected to Congress. Crockett died at the Alamo 1836 while aiding the Texans in their fight for independence from Mexico. Visitors can learn a lot about Crockett the hunter, the politician and the businessman at the museum that contains exhibits telling of the different aspects of Crockett's life. In addition to the museum, a birthplace cabin replica is a short walking distance away. Located in front of the cabin is the engraved footstone to the original cabin. After visiting the museum and cabin, the visitor can look for his or her own home states' natural stone incorporated in the Crockett monument wall.

**For more information call: (423) 257-2167.**



Sgt. Alvin C. York.



Cordell Hull.



Davy Crockett.

**Montgomery Bell** - Montgomery Bell, early Tennessee industrialist and iron-master, was a manufacturing entrepreneur crucial to the economic development of early Middle Tennessee. Bell was greatly enriched by a government contract for cannonballs and owned one of the largest iron works in the entire Southern United States. The iron industry in Dickson County has been long silent, but the 3,782 acres that make up Montgomery Bell State Resort Park still show the signs of its presence. The remains of the Old Laurel Furnace, and ore pits, where men once scratched iron ore from the earth, now lie quiet and abandoned; the hardwood forest, once heavily cut to clear farmland and to produce charcoal for the iron furnaces, has slowly healed its wounds. The park is also the site of the first Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Visitors to the park enjoy a variety of activities – from mountain biking to hiking and fishing. Additionally, the park has campgrounds and RV campsites, rustic group camping cabins and a 120-room, 5-suite park inn and a restaurant. The park will open eight brand new 2-bedroom vacation cabins in Fall 2009.

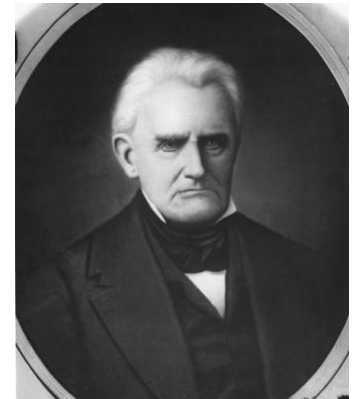
*For more in formation call: (615) 797-9051.*



The first Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Montgomery Bell.

**T.O. Fuller** - Dr. Thomas O. Fuller spent his life empowering and educating African Americans. The 1,138-acre T.O. Fuller State Park was the first state park east of the Mississippi River and second in the nation to be open to African Americans. The park is located in Shelby County within the southern limits of the city of Memphis and offers an abundance of wildlife for the nature lover. A Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp established in the area initiated construction of the park facilities in 1938. During excavation for a swimming pool in 1940, CCC workers unearthed evidence of a prehistoric village, opening the door to a lost and forgotten civilization. The site has since been developed as Chucalissa Indian Village and includes a village, preserved archaeological excavations and a modern museum. This urban park offers many activities and amenities, like the 6-mile continuous loop Discovery Trail with a number of scenic points of interest including the Chucalissa Indian Village and wetlands. Swimming, picnicking, camping and an 18-hole golf course and are favorites.

*For more information call: (901) 543-7581).*



Montgomery Bell.



T.O. Fuller

### What ever your interest –

Battlefields, Burial Grounds, or Birthplaces –

Tennessee State Parks honor the events and people that helped create this country's historical tapestry. Experience history today at a state park near you: Bicentennial Capitol Mall, Cordell Hull Birthplace, Davy Crockett Birthplace, Fort Loudoun, Fort Pillow, Johnsonville, Old Stone Fort, Pinson Mounds, Port Royal, Red Clay, Sgt. Alvin C. York, Sycamore Shoals and T.O. Fuller.

Exploring these historic parks is economical, fun and convenient when you make a Tennessee State Park your home base. Most parks feature a variety of unique cabins for overnight stays, weekend outings or extended family vacations. Comfortable accommodations range from rustic cabins built by the Civilian Conservation Corps to new modern villas. They come complete with everything you need to set up housekeeping and offer a terrific bargain for the family. By the way – most are open in the winter also, and make for a cozy winter retreat.



The good nature of Tennessee State Parks and the Tennessee Golf Trail offer unique recreation opportunities, high quality accommodations and the chance to make lifetime memories.

**Tennessee State Parks –  
Close to home, but a world away!**