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# **Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory**

**for**

**Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union  
Counties, Tennessee**

Prepared by the Clinch-Powell Specialty Recreation and Tourism  
Initiative

# Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory

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**Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory  
Claiborne County**

## **FOOD & RESTAURANT INVENTORY**

### **Claiborne County**

[\* indicates restaurants]

#### **1. Cumberland Gap**

- A. \*Ye Old Tea Room and Coffee Shoppe; 869-4844  
[owner - John Stanley; seats 500]
- B. \*Webb's Country Kitchen, Downtown Cumberland Gap;  
869-5877
- C. Cookie Cabin
- D. Ye Old Market & Deli
- E. \*Holiday Inn of America, Cumberland Gap Parkway;  
869-3631 [seats 100; banquet facilities - 200]

#### **2. Harrogate**

- A. \*Oasis Pizza Palace & Substation, P.O.Box 480;  
869-8150, 869-8105, 869-3659 [seats 120]
- B. \*Hardee's, P.O. Box 199; 869-5142 [seats 100]
- C. \*Reed's Restaurant, Hwy 25 E; 869-5710 [seats 100]
- D. \*Shoney's, P.O.Box 179; 869-8036 [seats 178]

#### **3. Tazewell**

- A. \*Bob's Restaurant, Hwy 33, Midtown Shopping Center;  
626-8992 [seats 75]
- B. \*China Wok, Hwy 25; 626-2242 [seats 150]
- C. \*Frostee Freeze Drive-In; 626-3521 [seats 35]
- D. \*Hardee's of Tazewell; 626-7208 [seats 100]
- E. \*Sonic Drive-In, Hwy 33, Midtown Shopping Center; 626-7797 [seats 35]
- F. Blue Top Motors; 626-3768
- G. Bud's Pick-N-Pay Superette; 626-7070
- H. Bud's Pick-N-Pay Superette, Hwy 25 E; 626-8907
- I. Cedar Fork Market; 626-9911
- J. Cope Grocery; 626-4890
- K. Earl Cosby Grocery; 626-5787
- L. Hurst Springdale Grocery; 626-3589
- M. Jack Seals Grocery; 626-4185
- N. Young's Grocery; 626-3533
- O. \*Doug's Restaurant, Mid Town Shopping Center;  
626-8992

- P. \*Happy Days Cafe; 626-5522
- Q. Little Ceasars Pizza, Cumberland Gallery Center; 626-8575
- R. \*Long John Silver's, Hwy 33 S; 626-2500 [seats 98]
- S. \*Olde Tyme Inn, Hwy 25 E and Rt.33; 626-785 [seats 100]
- T. \*Jenny's Doughnut & Sandwich Shop; 626-8232
- U. \*Kentucky Fried Chicken Of Tazewell, Hwy 33; 626-5421 [seats 45]
- V. \*McDonald's, Hwy 33; 626-5055 [seats 100]
- W. \*Pizza Inn, Hwy 33, Midtown Shopping Center; 626-7258 [seats 200]
- X. \*South-Fork Restaurant; 626-9975
- Y. \*Stop & Eat, Dogwood Heights Cntr; 626-6992
- Z. \*Subway, 1544 Hwy 33; 626-1165

#### **4. New Tazewell**

- A. \*Do Drop In, Broad St; 626-8960 [seats 75]
- B. \*Frostee II, Cumberland Gallery; 626-6677 [seats 50]
- C. Ingle's Market, Broad St; 626-6610
- D. Lakeside Market; 626-5027
- E. Midway Market & Deli; 626-4599
- F. Ogan's Jiffy Mart & Deli; 626-9666
- G. Quick-Stop Super Market; 626-4541
- H. Save-A-Lot Discount Food Store; 626-2222
- I. Short Stop Markets & Deli, Hwy 33; 626-9665
- J. White Store 45; 626-7471
- K. \*J & M Country Kitchen; 626-8323
- L. \*Pizza Plus, 101 S. Broad St; 626-6600 [seats 50]
- M. \*Rita's Restaurant, Main St; 626-8275 [seats 20]

#### **5. Lone Mountain**

- A. Lone Mountain General Store; 626-8994

#### **6. Sharps Chapel**

- A. Cedar Grove Pick'N'Pay, Hwy 33; 278-9596
- B. Corner Market; 278-9591
- C. D & A Quik Stop; 278-9599
- D. Morris'Peninsula Quik Stop; 278-3443

#### **7. Springdale:**

- A. Posey's Market & Deli; 626-8928

## **Lodging Inventory Claiborne County**

### Abbreviations:

- AE** - American Express card
- CB** - Carte Blanc card
- DC** - Diners Club card
- DS** - Discover Card
- MC** - Mastercard
- VS** - Visa Card
- SrCit** - Senior Citizen discount
- AAA** - AAA discount

### **1. Tazewell (37879)**

- A. Dixie Plaza Motel, Hwy 25 E; 626-4247
- B. Tazewell Motor Lodge, Hwy 25 E; 626-7229
- C. Villa Motel, Hwy 25 E (on Clinch River); 626-5420
- D. Imperial Motor Inn, Hwy 25 E; 626-4284  
[21 units; kitchenettes]

### **2. Cumberland Gap (37724)**

- A. Holiday Inn, Cumberland Gap Parkway; 869-3631  
[152 units; with restaurant]

## Natural/Recreational Resource Inventory Claiborne County

### 1. Caves

- A. Arthur Saltpeter Cave. Small cave located 1.3 miles south-southwest of Arthur on private property. Possibly suitable for limited spelunking activities.
- B. Alum Cave. In Cumberland Mountain, in Alum Cave Hollow, north of Mclean rock. Possibly suitable for spelunking.
- C. Ausmus Hollow Cave. Located on the west side of Ausmus Hollow, 3.6 miles east and slightly north of the Powell River. Possibly suitable for spelunking.
- D. Buzzard Cave. On the west side of Bull Ridge, near mile 45.2 on the Powell River. Possibly suitable for spelunking.
- E. Cedar Grove Cave. 1 mile north of where the Tazewell Pike bridges the Clinch River, on the north shore of Norris Reservoir.
- F. Cline Cave. Near the south end of Cave Ridge. Possibly suitable for spelunking.
- G. Cumberland Mountain Saltpeter Cave. 1.5 miles northwest of Powell Valley School, in the face of Cumberland Mtn. Rumored to be the location of strange phenomena-"Cumberland Mtn. Lights". Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- H. Double door Cave. Near the top of Cumberland Mountain, a mile west of Cumberland Mt. Saltpeter Cave. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- I. English Cave. 0.9 miles south of Hamilton School, on the south side of a hollow running northwest toward s the Powell River. The largest cave visited in Claiborne county. Contains a large balloon shaped stalagmite and other curious formations. Developed commercially in the early part of the 20th century by a utilitarian socialist colony known as the "Englishmen". The rotting remains of wooden stairways, walkways and bridges may be seen in many places. Suitable for spelunking.
- J. John Lard Cave. On the west bank of Gap creek, 0.2 miles below Minton mill. Suitable for spelunking.
- K. Kingsbend Cave. Located on the Powell River near the mouth of Blair Creek. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- L. Indian Cave. 1.3 miles south-southwest of Arthur, 300 yards east of Arthur saltpeter Cave. Located on private property.
- M. Obie Mill Cave. At the west end of Powell Mountain, 100 feet above and 300 feet east-northeast of Obie Mill Spring. Contains a large flowstone mound and a single large room. Located on private property.
- N. Powell Mountain Cave. At the west end of Powell Mountain, 100 feet above and 300 feet east-northeast of Obie Mill Spring. Located on private property. Numerous attractive formations exist in the cave making it ideal for spelunking. Located on private property.
- O. Quarry Cave. 1.8 miles north-northwest of Tazewell, on the east side of US. 25E in an old abandoned quarry. Located on private property.

P. Station Creek Cave. 1.2 miles northeast of Shawanee and 0.2 miles south of the VA. state line. Located on private property.

Q. Tazewell Saltpeter Cave. 1.5 miles east of Tazewell on the northwest side of Wallen Ridge, may be reached from Crooked Ridge Road. A fairly large and extensive cave system containing numerous domepits. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.

R. Yoakum Cave. 0.5 miles south of the Powell Valley school and 0.4 west of Yoakum crossroad. Located on private property.

S.. Cudjo caverns. Located within Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. Contains the largest stalagmite in the United States. Currently closed pending the completion of the Cumberland Gap Wilderness Road. Scheduled to reopen in 1996.

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## **2. Fishing**

A. Clinch River. See Rivers for description.

B. Powell River. See Rivers for description.

C. Norris Lake. See Lakes for description.

## **3. Geologic formations**

A. McLean Rock. A rocky point projecting outward from Cumberland Mountain Halfway between Cumberland Gap and LaFollette, two miles north of State Highway 63. Offers views of the valley below and a succession of mountain ridges. A trail leads to the summit, which has an elevation of 2,960 ft. McLean Rock is 500 feet higher than the Pinnacle at Cumberland Gap.

## **4. Golf**

A. Lone Mountain Golf Course. Harrogate. 9 holes scheduled to open in summer/1995.

## **5. Hiking/Backpacking**

A. Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. 50 miles of hiking trails and 5 backcountry campsites. The Pinnacle overlook trail is handicapped accessible. See above description.

B. Comby Ridge Natural Area (TVA). 73 acre natural area on the shores of Big Sycamore Creek adjacent to 25E. Activities supported: hiking, hunting, fishing, nature study, wildlife observation and photography. An old logging road provides the only discernible path for hiking in the natural area. Terrain is steep and challenging. Unique geologic features include a saw toothed ridge and bluffs. Designated as a habitat protection and ecological study area. Overnight camping not permitted.

C. Cumberland Mountain Trail. Activities supported: hiking, backpacking, nature study, wildlife observation and photography. Initially the Cumberland Mountain Trail was to connect Cumberland Gap to Chattanooga as a semi-continuous footpath. According to Jack Collier at Cumberland Gap NHP, the section from Cumberland Gap to Lafollete has been completed and is available for hiking/backpacking purposes. Since the trail is primarily on private land this matter should be investigated further to ensure cooperation from private landholders before marketing to the public.

D. TVA public lands. Hiking, backpacking, and overnight camping are permitted on TVA public lands. TVA has numerous tracts of land on the Clinch and Powell rivers west of 25E and surrounding the Norris reservoir. No designated hiking trails exist. The status and location of these lands can be determined by contacting the TVA Recreational Resources Division in Norris, TN.

## **6. Hunting/Wildlife Observation.**

A. Comby Ridge Natural Area (TVA). Activities supported: small and large game hunting during appropriate seasons, wildlife photography and observation. See above description.

B. TVA Public Lands. Activities supported: small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate seasons, wildlife photography and observation. See above description.

C. Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. Activities supported : wildlife observation and photography permitted on a year round basis. Hunting not permitted. See above description.

D. Other private lands within the county provide excellent hunting opportunities, however permission must be granted from private landowners. A directory of private individuals willing to lease their lands for hunting purposes would be helpful.

## **7. Lakes**

A. Norris Lake (TVA). Activities supported: fishing, boating, skiing, camping, and swimming. 10 paved boat launching sites(public and commercial) within the Norris reservoir and headwaters of the Clinch and Powell Rivers. Fish attractor sites within the Clinch River section of the Norris reservoir in Claiborne county. Primitive camping permitted on TVA public lands. Popular sportfish include walleye, sauger, white bass, crappie, striped bass, catfish, bluegill, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass. Seasonal fluctuation of reservoir levels makes access difficult in winter.

## **8. Lakeside camping/Accommodations/Boat Docks**

A. Claiborne Boat Dock (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Covered slips available for lease. Fee boat launch. 64 campsites (RV) available without hookup. 4 motel rooms to be developed by spring 1995. Pontoon boats, houseboats and fishing boats available for rental. Bait/tackle, snack shop and light groceries available.

B. Lakeside Campground (commercial). Fee boat launch. 83 campsites (50% RV, 50% tent) available, 40 with full hookup. Restroom facilities, showers available. Picnic facilities at most sites. Boat/RV storage available. 1300 feet of shoreline

C. Lone Mountain Boat Dock (commercial).-Unable to contact owners, possibly closed for season.

D. Straight Creek Boat Dock (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Covered slips available for lease. Fee boat launch. Free camping available on adjoining TVA land (approximately 30 sites). Pontoon and fishing boats available for rental. Bait/tackle, snack shop and light groceries available.

## **9. Parks.**

A. Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. 20,000 acre heavily forested national historic park in TN, KY, and VA administered by the National Park System. Activities supported: hiking, backpacking, camping, natural, cultural, and historical study, wildlife observation and study, films, campfire programs, music and craft demonstrations, and cultural/historical tour (Hensley settlement). 160 campsites (RV or tent) with no hookups. Picnic facilities and showers available. 50 miles of hiking trails through varied terrain and degree of difficulty. 5 backcountry campsites available on permit basis. The area features impressive sandstone bluffs and caves previously used as rock shelters by native American populations. Other features of interest include the Newlee Iron Furnace, The Pinnacle Overlook (handicapped accessible), and Hensley settlement ( a historic mountain farming community). Cudjo caverns offers a unique subterranean experience, however it is not scheduled to reopen until after the completion of the wilderness road (possibly 1996). A mountain bike trail, 3 miles in length, is currently under construction and will connect the LMU campus to the park. Expected completion date is summer 1995. The visitors center houses a small museum with interpretive displays on the natural and cultural history of the Gap, and also features a short film on the history of the gap as a travel artery. Hunting not permitted.

## **10. Rivers**

A. Clinch River. Activities supported: fishing, canoeing, swimming, nature study, camping, wildlife observation and photography. Only 1 canoe access site east of 25E makes access to free flowing portions of the river difficult. Camping permitted on TVA public lands adjacent to river west of 25E and surrounding Norris reservoir where headwaters drain into lake. Lack of campsites (primitive or developed) along upper stretches of the Clinch River within Claiborne county excludes public use and presents an obstacle to extended float trips.. The river is well noted for its biological diversity and its river valley supports 382 species of wild animals, including 18 either threatened or endangered species. Popular sportfish include smallmouth bass, rock bass, catfish, walleye, and crappie.

B. Powell River. Activities supported: fishing, canoeing, swimming, nature study, camping, wildlife observation and photography. Lack of public canoe access sites on upper stretches of the river makes public use difficult. Camping permitted on TVA public lands west of 25E and surrounding reservoir where headwaters drain into Norris lake. Lack of campsites (primitive of developed) along upper stretches of the Powell river within Claiborne county excludes public use and presents an obstacle for those interested in extended float trips. The river is well noted for its biological diversity with its river valley supporting 330 species of wild animals, including 12 either threatened or endangered species. Popular sportfish include smallmouth bass, rockbass, catfish, walleye, and crappie.

**11. Rock Climbing**

Potential exists for the development of this type of activity in Claiborne county.

**12. Scenic Routes**

A. US. 25E is an AAA designated scenic highway. The route offers motorists an abundance of rural scenery and impressive views of Cumberland Gap and the Pinnacle Overlook when approaching from the south.

## HISTORICAL INVENTORY CLAIBORNE COUNTY

### 1. Historical Attractions

A. *The McClain-Ellison House*

National Register of Historic Places

B. *The Kincaid-Ausmus House*

National Register of Historic Places

C. *Big Spring Church-*

National Register of Historic Places

D. *The Graham-Kivett House-*

National Register of Historic Places

E. *The Kincaid House-*

National Register of Historic Places

F. *The Graham-Parkey House-*

National Register of Historic Places

G. *James Wier House-*

National Register of Historic Places

H. *Grant-Lee Hall-*

National Register of Historic Places

I. *Kesterson-Watkins House-*

National Register of Historic Places

### 2. Historic Districts-

A. *Cumberland Gap National Park-*

National Register of Historic Places. Initially used the Indians as a buffalo hunting trail. Discovered by the white men in 1750 by Thomas Walker. The trail was made safe and accessible by Daniel Boone and his party of thirty axmen. Used as the major two-way thoroughfare through the Appalachian Mountains. From 1790 to 1830, over 300,000 persons traveled through the Gap in search of future settlement in the West.

B. *The City of Cumberland Gap-*

National Register of Historic Places

C. *Hensley Settlement-*

Situated on an isolated plateau astride Brush Mountain, Hensley Settlement flourished for nearly five decades as a community of 12 farmsteads. It was established in 1904 by Sherman Hensley. He and his family constructed the building, mostly of hewn chestnut logs with shake roofs. In the decade after 1925, the settlement reached a peak population of about 100 people. Abandoned in the early 1950's, the settlement has become property of the National Park Service. The NPS has restored three of the farmsteads with their houses, barns, fences, and fields, as well as the schoolhouse and cemetery.

### 3. Sites Nominated by the Claiborne County Historical Society as Historically Significant (sorted by location)-

A. *Arthur*-  
 Arthur Church  
 Gap Creek Baptist Church

B. *Harrogate*-  
 Harrogate Train Station  
 The John Wallen Home  
 Grace Nettleton Home for Girls  
 Four Seasons Hotel and Sanitarium  
 Elisha Wallen-Alexander Arthur Home

C. *Leatherwood*-  
 The Leatherwood Church

D. *Lone Mountain*-  
 Payne Brothers Store  
 Lone Mountain Depot

E. *Riverview*-  
 Powell River Ferry

F. *Sandlick*-  
 Sandlick Store  
 Johnson's Mill

G. *Shawanee*-  
 Rector Institute  
 East Cumberland Gap Hotel  
 Shawanee Railroad Depot

H. *Speedwell*-  
 Speedwell Academy

I. *Sycamore*-  
 Little Sycamore Missionary Baptist Church

J. *Tazewell*-  
 The Graham-Hughes House  
 The Epps-Overton House  
 The Old Jail  
 The Hughes Building  
 The Tazewell Presbyterian Church  
 The Tazewell Academy  
 Breastworks Hill

**4. Historic Sites Privately Marked (sorted by location)-**

A. *Bacchus*-  
 Cline Shop

B. *Cedar Fork*-  
 Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church

C. *Clouds*-  
 The Old Whipping Post

D. *Cumberland Gap*-  
 The Iron Furnace

E. *Harrogate-*  
The Campus of Lincoln Memorial University  
F. *Shawnee-*  
Zeb. Tennessee Post Office  
G. *Speedwell-*  
The Davis Creek Primitive Baptist Church  
H. *Tazewell-*  
Captain David Chadwell Revolutionary Memorial  
The Old Irish Cemetery Confederate Memorial  
The Old Irish Cemetery and Memorial Gardens  
The Claiborne County High School, The P.G. Fulkerson Campus  
The Methodist Episcopal Cemetery

**5. Museums**

- A. *The Lincoln Museum*
- B. *The Harrogate Museum*

**Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory  
Grainger County**

## Food and Restaurant Inventory Grainger County

[\* indicates restaurants]

### 1. Blaine

A. Blaine IGA Supermarket, Rutledge Pike, Mascot;  
992-5618

### 2. Bean Station

A. \*Harris Motor Court [and restaurant], Hwy 11 W & 25 E;  
993-2607

B. Bizzmart, Rt.1; 767-3907

C. Cannon Market, Lakeshore Rd; 767-2170

D. Lakeside Store; 767-2272

E. Wolfe's Grocery, Rt.1; 767-3051

### 3. Rutledge

A. \*Down Home Restaurant, Hwy 11 W; 828-3000

B. \*Fish & Fiddle Restaurant, 1000 Lakeshore Rd;  
828-5692

C. \*Gilmore Bros. Restaurant & Cabins, RFD.2; 767-2510

D. \*Hardee's of Rutledge, Hwy 11 W; 828-8424

E. \*Pizza Plus, Rt.2; 828-8880

F. Cameron's Market, Central Point Rd; 828-8234

G. Cherokee Market & Deli; 828-3483

H. Cox & Wright Food Center No.5, Hwy.11 W; 828-3883

I. East Tennessee Food Market & Deli, Rt.92; 828-4792

J. East Tennessee Food Market & Deli - Number Two, Hwy. 11 W;  
828-4774

K. Jessie's Little Market & Deli, Owl Hole Gap Rd;  
828-5924

L. Lakeway Grocery; 828-8181

M. Longmire Grocery, RFD 3; 828-4125

N. Ron & Sons Market; 828-4457

O. S & B Market, Hwy.11 W; 828-5995

P. Valley Market & Motel, Hwy.11 W; 828-5543

### 4. Washburn

A. Petticoat Junction Grocery; 497-2828

B. Tater Valley Grocery, Tater Valley Rd; 497-2168

C. Washburn Grocery, Hwy.131; 497-2950

D. Will's Market, Inc.; 497-2535

**5. Powder Springs**

- A. Powder Springs Mercantile, Rt.2; 497-2859

**6. Thorn Hill**

- A. \*Clinch Mountain Look-Out; 767-2511
- B. Clinch River Market, Rt. 2; 767-2469
- C. Mountain Valley Grocers, Rt.1; 767-3720
- D. Parkway Market, Rt.2; 767-3929
- E. Thorn Hill Market, Old Hwy 25 E; 767-2123

## Lodging Inventory Grainger County

### Abbreviations:

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**MC** - Mastercard

**VS** - Visa Card

**SrCit** - Senior Citizen discount

**AAA** - AAA discount

### 1. Bean Station (37708)

A. German Creek Boat Dock & Campground. Exit 8 off I-81, Hwy 25E/Rt.1, Box 420; 767-2550. 15 cabins; Kitchenettes; Restaurant; Full-service boat dock; RV park; Rustic tent sites; Boat rental; Live bait; Fishing. Personal checks.

B. Harris Motor Court & Restaurant. Hwy. 11 W & 25E Junction, P.O.Box 8; 586-0433, 993-2607 . 23 units; Pool; Room service; Cable TV; Restaurant; Gift shop; Travelers Checks, AE, MC, VS.

### 2. Rutledge (37861)

A. Gilmore Bros. Restaurant & Cabins. RFD.2; 767-2510. 12 cabins; TV; Refrigerator in room; Family dinners - Spring & Summer (except Sunday); Store; Pets allowed; Lakeside; Boat dock; Personal checks.

B. Cardinal Cove Resort at Southern Dock Resort 1001 Lakeshore Rd.; 828-5300  
32 units; Pool; Kitchenettes; Room service; TV; Pets allowed; Restaurant; Lounge; Rooms for handicapped; Full service marina; Houseboats, pontoon & fishing boats; Condominiums for sale or rent; Campground; Game room; Discounts: SrCit, group rates, corporate, government, military, weekly rate; Personal & travelers checks, AE, DC, MC, VS.

C. WA-Ni Village\*. Lakeshore Rd; 828-5547. 2 cabins (April-Nov.) & 8 motel units; Restaurant; Store with fishing supplies & groceries.

D. Greenlee Campground\*. Lakeshore Rd; 828-5088. 1 efficiency (March 15-Nov.15); Store with fishing supplies & snacks.

### 3. Washburn

A. Narrow Ridge Center. Rt. 2, Box 125; 497-3737. Rugged facilities; Strong emphasis on low environmental impact; Great views; Very private; Hiking trails; Environmental library; Open March-November; Earth Literacy Program - courses in alternative systems, etc. Two buildings: 1) 2 twin beds, or can house up to 20 if bring sleeping bags; kitchen

(no oven); totally solar powered structure; compost toilets; running water, and drinking water from spring; wood burning stove for heat; \$25 for first person, \$10 for ea. add'l(must have reservations). 2) 3-4 people in dome; facilities same as for (1) \$20 for first person, \$10 for ea. add'l person.

## Natural/Recreational Resource Inventory Grainger County

### 1. Caves.

- A. Cedar Springs Cave. 0.2 miles northwest of Cedar Springs Church at the southeast side of Copper Ridge. Relatively small cave. Located on private property.
- B. Forked Deer Cave. 0.9 miles west of Thorn Hill on the west branch of Forked Deer Creek. Contains several attractive columns and curtains of dripstone. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- C. Horseshoe Cave. 4.3 miles west-southwest of Thorn Hill, in the Clinch Valley on the north bank of Dotson Creek. Located on private property.
- D. Indian Cave Park. 2.5 mile winding cavern exhibiting unique karst geologic features. A small stream, the Little Indian River, flows through the cave. Formerly used as a shelter by Cherokee Indians, although no artifacts are currently on display. Open to public April-Oct. Groups only Nov.-March. 2 tour options available. Small rock garden at entrance. Group rates available.
- E. Mallicoat Cave. On the south side of Indian Creek, in the Clinch Valley, 1.0 mile northeast of Clinchview school and 400 feet west of the Hancock county line. Unsuitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- F. Rutledge Cave. On the south side of Richland Valley, 2,000 feet southwest of the Grainger county courthouse. Opens into a large sink with old steps leading into the bottom. Suitable for spelunking. Land holding status undetermined.
- G. Wolfenbarger Cave. On the south side of Cracker Neck Valley, on the side of a ridge 1,100 feet southwest of Center View School. Interesting features include a large stalagmite and flowstone. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.

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### 2. Fishing

- A. Cherokee Lake. See Lakes for description.
- B. Clinch River. See Rivers for description.
- C. Buffalo Springs Wildlife Management Area (TWRA). See description.

### **3. Golf**

A. Clinchview Golf and Country Club. 18 hole golf course, practice green and driving range. 2 double tennis courts. Olympic size swimming pool. Full service proshop. Golf cart and equipment rentals. Snack bar. Open to public; memberships available.

### **4. Hangliding**

A. Clinch Mountain Overlook-US 25E. Suitable as a launching site for this activity.

### **5. Hiking/Backpacking**

A. Clinch Mountain. Although this remains an undeveloped activity in Grainger County, Clinch Mountain holds great potential for this type of development. Miles of uninterrupted ridge line along with scenic views of the Cumberland plateau and Tennessee valley would make this an ideal location for such activities.

B. Buffalo Springs Wildlife Management Area (TWRA). Hiking permitted except during hunting seasons. Camping not permitted. See below for extended description.

C. TVA Public Lands. Hiking and backpacking are permitted on TVA public lands surrounding Cherokee Lake, although no designated trails exist.

### **6. Hunting/Wildlife Observation**

A. Buffalo Springs Wildlife Management Area (TWRA). 350 acre wildlife preserve and trout hatchery. Activities supported: seasonal small and large game hunting, wildlife observation and photography, picnicking, hiking, fishing, volleyball, basketball, horseshoe, educational tours. Stocked trout stream during summer months for public use. Tours of trout hatchery available for groups .

B. Clinch Mountain. Provides excellent hunting opportunities, however permission must be granted from private landowners. A directory of private landowners willing to lease their land for hunting purposes would be helpful.

C. Other private lands within the county provide excellent hunting opportunities. Arrangements must be made with individual landowners.

D. TVA Public Lands. Activities supported: Small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate seasons, wildlife observation and photography. TVA has numerous tracts of land surrounding Cherokee Lake.

### **7. Lakes**

A. Cherokee Lake (TVA). Activities supported: fishing, boating, skiing, camping, swimming. 5 paved and 6 unpaved public boat launching sites. Four commercial boat launching sites. Fish attractor sites prevalent throughout reservoir. Primitive camping permitted on TVA public lands. Seasonal fluctuation of reservoir levels makes access difficult in winter months. Popular sportfish include bass, crappie, walleye, and catfish.

B. Norris Lake (TVA). Activities supported: fishing, boating, skiing, camping, and swimming. 3 paved boat launching sites. Primitive camping permitted on TVA public lands. Fish attractor sites prevalent throughout reservoir. Seasonal fluctuation of reservoir levels makes access difficult in winter months. Popular sportfish include walleye, sauger, white bass, crappie, striped bass, catfish, bluegill, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass.

## **8. Lake side Camping/Accommodations/ Boat Docks**

- A. May Springs (TVA). 96 acre public fee camping facility. 49 sites (RV or tent) available with electrical hookup. Showers and dump station available. Boat launch not available.
- B. German Creek Boatdock and Campground (commercial).: Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease on annual basis. Fee boat launch. 50 camping sites (RV) with full hookup. 15 primitive tent sites. 13 rental cabins available March-Nov. Full service restaurant, tackle/bait, snack shop, and light groceries.. Fishing boat available for rental on hourly basis.
- C. WA-Ni Village (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease on annual basis. Fee boat launch. 75 campsites (RV) with electrical hookup. Showers available. 2 rental cabins available April-Nov. Small motel with 8 rooms available. Full service restaurant, bait/tackle and light groceries.
- D. Gilmore Brothers Restaurant and Cabins (commercial). 9 rental cabins (6 March-Oct., 3 year round). Full service restaurant featuring home cooked meals.
- E. Gilmore Brothers Boat Dock (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease on annual basis. Fee boat launch. 3 campsites available for tent, small RV or pickup, no hookups available. Bait/tackle and light groceries available.
- F. Card'nal Cove Boat Dock and Campground(commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil (March-Nov.). Slips available for lease on annual basis. Fee boat launch. 42 campsite available (RV or tent) with full hookup (March-Nov.). Showers available. 14 rental cabins (11 March-Nov., 3 year round). Houseboat, fishing boat, and pontoon rentals available. Full service restaurant (year round), bait/tackle and light groceries.
- G. Greenlee Campground (Commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Fee boat launch. 130 RV sites (permanent). 8 temporary sites for RV or tents with full hookup. Showers available. 1 efficiency available as nightly rental unit. Bait/tackle and snackshop. Open to public March 15-Nov. 15.

## **9. Parks**

- A. Grainger County Park. Picnic facilities; 1 covered shelter. Playground equipment. Paved boat launch.
- B. Blaine City Park. Softball field and bleachers.
- C. Rutledge City Park. Picnic facilities; Covered shelters. Softball field with bleachers. Restrooms. Site of tractor pulling events.
- D. Grainger County Roadside Park (11W). Lakeside picnic facilities.
- E. Harrell Park. Lakeside rental facility available for private use. Picnic tables. Playground equipment.
- F. Cosby Park (25E). Lake access.

## **10. Rivers**

- A. Clinch River. Activities supported: Fishing, canoeing, swimming, camping viable. 1 unpaved public access site (excluding Norris reservoir). Lack of campsites along the Clinch (primitive or developed) excludes public use. The river is well noted for its biological diversity with its river valley supporting 382 species of wild animals, including 18 either threatened or endangered species. Popular sportsfish include smallmouth bass, rock bass, catfish, walleye, and crappie.
- B. Holston River (see Cherokee Lake).

## **11. Rock Climbing**

Potential exists for the development of this type of activity in Grainger County, particularly along the Clinch River.

## **12. Scenic Routes**

- A. U.S. 25E is an AAA designated scenic highway. The Clinch Mountain overlook featuring the Bean Station historical marker affords excellent views of Cherokee Lake and the Tennessee Valley.
- B. U.S. 11W offers striking views of Clinch and House mountains as well as an abundance of rural and pastoral scenery.

# HISTORICAL INVENTORY

## GRAINGER COUNTY

### 1. Historic Attractions

#### A. *Shield's Station-*

Early tavern run by Samuel And Milton Shields. The building has served as store, inn, post office. Presidents Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and James K. Polk and other notables stopped there. James McDaniel, the first owner, was killed by Indians shortly after 1790. The property was claimed on July 10th 1790, surveyed on October 14th 1785, received a grant on November 17th 1790, and was purchased by Shields in 1833 from Jane McDaniel Campbell, daughter of James McDaniel.

#### B. *Richland (Lea Springs)-*

Built by Major Lea and Lavinia Jarnagin. Construction on the structure began around 1794 and served as a post office and stage stop. Mrs. Lea served as the postmistress, while her husband served as a state legislator. Lea's son Pryor received a MA from Greenville College and served as a trustee at East Tennessee University (Now the University of Tennessee) on committee form the first library in Knoxville.

#### C. *Cynthia Lea Home (Popular Springs)-*

National Register of Historic Places since 1980. Popular Hill was built in 1830 for Cynthia and Elihu Millican by Major Lea. The house boasts a rare early gothic architectural style with bricks made from the brickyard in the rear of the house, timber from nearby forests, 12" thick walls, high arched cathedral windows, and a hand-carved stairway.

#### D. *Highland Springs Farm-*

A early Jarnagin residence. Built in the early 1800's on Jeremiah Jarnagin's 2,000 acre farm. The walls were insulated with oats which still germinated in the 1950's. A cannonball, still coupled together with an iron pin, passed through the west wall of the house during the Civil War.

#### E. *McKoy House/Langley-*

Built by Dr. William E. Cocke, one of the early doctors in the area. The brick are slave manufactured and an early unsupported stairway that is one of eleven in the South. many slave cabins existed behind the home for home domestics and laborers. The walls of the house are 12" thick or greater.

#### F. *Rutledge Methodist Church-*

Built in 1833 on land donated by Benjamin Peck. A slave cemetery is adjacent to the building.

### 2. Museums

#### A. *Olde Jail-* Rutledge

Built in 1844. Serves as the meeting place for the Grainger County Historical Society.

B. *Andrew Johnson Tailor Shop-*Rutledge A replica of the original office of Samuel Bunch who invited Johnson to share the room.

**Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory  
Hancock County**

## Food and Restaurant Inventory Hancock County

[\* indicates restaurants]

### 1. Sneedville

- A. \*Mountain Man Restaurant, E.Main; 733-4902
- B. \*Hardees; 733-4538
- C. Carl Baker's Grocery, Fox Branch Rd; 733-8108
- D. Clonces Market, Hwy.33; 733-4051
- E. Greene's Supermarket and Deli, Jail St; 733-2227
- F. Herman Ramsey Grocery, Mulberry Gap Rd; 733-8494
- G. Valley View Package & Grocery Store, Hwy.33 N;  
733-4660
- H. Bill's Drive In, Jail St; 733-8450
- I. R & S Grocery
- J. Martin's Market
- K. Taylor's Grocery
- L. Tommy's Quick-Stop & Grill & Supermarket
- M. Cash and Tote

### 2. Treadway

- A. Treadway Market & Deli

## Lodging Inventory Hancock County

### Abbreviations:

**AE** - American Express card

**CB** - Carte Blanc card

**DC** - Diners Club card

**DS** - Discover Card

**MC** - Mastercard

**VS** - Visa Card

**SrCit** - Senior Citizen discount

**AAA** - AAA discount

### **1. Sneedville (37869)**

A. Town Motel. Main St; 733-2356, 733-2297. 8 units; Cable TV; Near restaurant; Pets -ask; Downtown location; Personal checks.

## **Natural/Recreational Resource Inventory Hancock County**

### **1. Caves**

- A. Brock Cave. 5 miles northeast of Sneedville, on the east side of Newman Ridge in Cave Gap Hollow. Possibly suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- B. Cantwell Valley Cave. 1.5 miles northeast of Midway school, in the floor of the Cantwell Valley. Interesting features include dripstone formations and chert nodules. Possibly suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- C. Dry Cave. 1.5 miles north of Midway school, in the floor of Cantwell Valley. Possibly suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- D. Fairmont School Cave. In the floor of the Clinch Valley, on the north side of Little War Creek. 0.2 miles southwest of Fairmont School. Interesting features include dripstone formations. Possibly suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- E. Panther Creek Cave. On the south side of Newman Ridge, 6 miles northeast of Sneedville and 0.6 miles south of the VA. state line. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- F. Wolfe Cave. In the floor of Clinch Valley, 0.8 miles northeast of Rock Bridge Church. Possibly suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- G. Caney Sinks & Cave.
- H. Mullins Cave at Blackwater.

### **2. Camping facilities/accommodations**

There are currently no camping facilities, private or developed, available in Hancock county.

### **3. Fishing**

- A. Clinch River. See Rivers for description.
- B. Powell River. See Rivers for description.
- C. Richardson Creek. Tributary of the Clinch River that is stocked with trout by TWRA.
- D. Byrd Creek. Trout fishing available.
- E. Martin Creek. Trout fishing available.

### **4. Hiking/Backpacking**

Although designated hiking trails or primitive camping facilities exist, Hancock county has excellent potential to develop this type of activity. Newman Ridge and Clinch Mountain would both provide ideal locations.

### **5. Hunting/Wildlife Observation.**

- A. Clinch River. Provides a suitable location for wildlife observation and photography. See above description.
- B. Powell River. Provides a suitable location for wildlife observation and photography. See above description.

C. Although there are no designated public access hunting sites within Hancock county, there are numerous private lands within the county that are ideal for both hunting and wildlife observation. A directory of private individuals willing to lease their lands for hunting purposes would be helpful. Clinch Mountain abounds with both small and large game and would make an ideal location for such activities.

## **6. Rivers**

A. Clinch River. Activities supported: fishing, canoeing, nature study, swimming, wildlife observation and photography. 2 public canoe access sites (Kyle's Ford and Sneedville). Lack of campsites (primitive or developed) along river within Hancock county currently excludes this activity and presents an obstacle for extended float trips. The river is well noted for its biological diversity with its river valley supporting 382 species of wild animals, including 18 either threatened or endangered species. Three biodiversity critical habitats have been identified on the Clinch River within Hancock county: The Brooks Island shoal, The Kyles Ford shoal, and the Wallens Bend shoal. All three have been designated as either globally outstanding or globally very high significance habitats. Popular sportfish include smallmouth bass, rock bass, catfish, walleye, and crappie.

B. Powell River. Activities supported: fishing, canoeing, swimming, nature study, camping, wildlife observation and photography. Lack of designated public canoe access sites and campgrounds (primitive or developed) inhibit public recreational use. The river is well noted for its biological diversity with its river valley supporting 330 species of wild animals, including 12 either threatened or endangered species. Popular sportfish include smallmouth bass, rock bass, catfish, walleye, and crappie.

## **7. Rock Climbing**

Potential exists for the development of this type of activity in Hancock County, particularly along the Clinch River.

## **8. Scenic Routes**

A. SR. 31 provides an abundance of rural and pastoral scenery as well as breathtaking and panoramic views from Clinch Mountain.

B. RT. 70 provides scenic and panoramic views from the fire tower.

C. RT. 33 from Kyles Ford to the VA. state line provides motorists with an abundance of rural scenery as well as views of the Clinch River.

D. Back Valley Scenic Loop.

E. Horton Ford-Big Springs -Fisher Valley Road.

F. Goins Chapel Overlook. Scenic views of Cumberland Mtns. Located on Goins Road off of RT. 33.

## **9. Springs**

A. Sprout spring from rock cliffs. Located on Route 70.

**10. Waterfalls**

A. Elrod Falls. Activities supported: hiking, picnicking, swimming, nature study and photography. Scenic waterfall consisting of three cascades of varying heights. Unique geological formation characterizes the second falls. Easy hike with guarded rail to base of first waterfall with plunge pool at base. Approach to second and third falls is via steep trail (potentially hazardous during periods of high soil moisture and/or leaf cover).  
Covered Pavilion. Located 9 miles south of Sneedville on Rt. 31.

## HISTORICAL INVENTORY HANCOCK COUNTY

### 1. Historical Attractions

#### A. *Trent Valley Church and Cemetery-*

Picturesque country church. Original log cabin stood in the corner of the present cemetery. Cedar trees in the cemetery are around 100 years old. The cemetery is noted for its unique "housed grave," which in the Melungeon tradition, was built over graves of highly respected members of the community. Nearby is the tomb of Elize Seal which reads, "ordained a deaconess of the Baptist Church in December 1855." Ms. Seal was the first woman ordained as a Baptist deacon.

#### B. *Chris Livesay's Mill and Store-*

Built in Chris' father, William Thomas, and grandfather, Larkin, in the early 1900, this was the 1st grist mill in the area.

#### C. *Thompson Mill-*

Water-powered grist mill built around 1900.

#### D. *Rob Camp Church-*

Organized in early 1800, one of the oldest churches in Hancock County. The "Rob Camp" name resulted from a hunting and trapping expedition which was robbed of horses, furs, and guns by Indians. During the Civil War, the church was used as a hospital by both Confederate and Union soldiers.

#### E. *Lincoln Amis Log Cabin-*

Built by James Carr Wallin in the late 1790's. Home was the birthplace of Hannah Wallin Fannon whose fraternal ancestors came to America aboard the Anne (1623) and the maternal ancestors came to America aboard the Fortune (1621), both arriving at the Plymouth Colony. Hannah married Baptist Rev. Wesley Fannon, 20th generation descendent of Edward I. Around 1833, Lincoln Amis, skilled stone mason, spent 18 days making two "hip rocks" weighing 300-400 pounds for the chimney only to burst one on the 18th day. 18 days later, the rock was replaced and is still standing after 160 years.

#### F. *Big Creek Church-*

When originally built, this area was known as the "Bloody Seventh" District. The area had been the scene of several killings and it was considered too dangerous to have night services, so no lighting was installed in the church. The tradition continued in the present building, the church still has no electric lights or night services.

#### G. *The Old Jail-*

Built in 1860. It is the oldest building in Sneedville and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

### 2. Historic Districts

#### A. *Vardy School and Church-*

The school was started by Presbyterian Women's Mission Board. The school was built in 1929. The church was constructed in the 1890's after member held services in an apple orchard. Home of Mary Rankin, Vardy's first teacher and principal. The area is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory  
Hawkins County**

## Food and Restaurant Inventory Hawkins County

[\* indicates restaurants]

### 1. Bulls Gap

- A. Dairy Dream, Hwy.11 E; 235-6975
- B. Doogey's Kuntry Store, Hwy.66; 235-4623
- C. Whitesburg Market, Whitesburg; 235-6206

### 2. Church Hill

- A. \*Nell's Restaurant, Old Union Rd. at Hwy 11 W;  
357-8761

### 3. Rogersville

- A. \*Hale Springs Dining Room, 110 W. Main; 272-5171
- B. \*Charlie's Restaurant, 66 Plaza Shopping Ctr; 272-2197
- C. \*Dixie Queen Restaurant, 625 W. Main; 272-7380
- D. \*Golden Dairy, 508 Hwy.66 So; 272-2000
- E. \*Long John Silver's Inc., 602 Hwy.66 So; 272-6320
- F. \*Pizza Plus of Rogersville, 610 Hwy.66; 272-7171
- G. \*Prime Sirloin & Seafood Steakhouse, 315 Parkview Blvd; 272-5128
- H. \*Far Side Cafe II, 318 Eagles Club Dr; 272-6057
- I. \*Kathryn's Country Deli, 209 So. Depot St; 272-6625
- J. \*Kentucky Fried Chicken, 606 So.Hwy 66; 272-5704
- K. \*McDonald's Restaurant, 210 So. Hwy 66; 272-4892
- L. \*Medical Center Grill, 900 W. Main; 272-8104
- M. \*Peking Restaurant, 410 Park Blvd; 272-8278
- N. \*Sweet Creams Pastries & Deli, Parkview Plaza, 412 Park Blvd; 272-5711
- O. \*Subway Subs, 907 E.Main; 272-2765
- P. Domino's Pizza, 410 Park Blvd; 272-9626
- Q. Big John's Market, 1212 E.Main; 272-3999
- R. J & W Market, 1126 E. Main; 272-2470
- S. Hardee's, Park Blvd; 272-5763
- T. Lil' Giant Market, 1615 W. Main; 272-8885
- U. Neal's Grocery, Kyles Ford Rd; 272-7732
- V. Roadside Market, Hwy.66; 272-3062
- W. Rockhill Grocery, Pressmen's Home Rd; 272-9820

### 4. Surgoinsville

- A. \*Surgoinsville Pharmacy; 345-3511 [counter meals; seats 8]
- B. Dairy Mart; 345-2716
- C. Dodson's Service Station & Grocery, Hwy.11 W; 345-2061
- D. Goldie's; 345-3111
- E. John K. Williams Store, Hwy.11 W; 345-2211 [general store]

## **Lodging Inventory Hawkins County**

### **1. Rogersville (37857)**

A. Hale Springs Inn. 16 miles off exit 23 of I-81/110 W. Main; 272-5171. 10 units; Historic inn built in 1824; Cable TV; Restaurant; Fireplaces; Antique furnishings; Candlelight dining; Self-guided tours of old Rogersville available; Discounts: group rates, corporate, government, military; travelers checks, MC, VS.

B. Lance Motel, 906 E. Main; 272-7186

C. Catfish Cove, Rt.7, Box 960; 272-8606 1 cabin - 12 beds, 2 baths, 4 bedrooms; Kitchen; CH/air; Located on small private lake, with dock, paddle boats, and fishing.

D. Sandman Motor Lodge. 207 So. Hwy 66; 272-6800. 40 units; Cable TV; Refrigerator in rooms; Room for handicapped; Close to stores; Discounts: SrCit, AARP, AAA; Personal checks, all credit cards except DS.

E. Town Motel. 1204 W. Main; 272-3975. 11 units; Cable TV with HBO; Discounts: family plan, group rates, corporate, government, military; travelers checks, MC, VS.

## Natural/Recreational Resource Inventory

### Hawkins County

#### 1. Caves

- A. Brooks Cave. 4 miles northeast of Mooresburg, at the northeast base of Potato Hill. Spelunking possible but cave is relatively small. Located on private property.
- B. Canoe Cave. 0.85 mile west of Shady Grove School, on top of a ridge south of Grassy Valley. Spelunking possible. Status of land undetermined.
- C. Church Cave. Caney Valley. Interesting features include small dripstone formations, rimstone pools and flowstone. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- D. Click Creek Cave. Near Clinchfield railroad tracks, between Click Ridge and Sensabaugh Ridge. Interesting features include a large room with dripstone formations. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- E. Etter Cave. On the northwest slope of Bunker Hill, 4 miles northeast of the junction of U.S. Hwy 11W and State Hwy. 70. Interesting features include calcite encrusted pools. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- F. Hasson Cave. In the old abandoned Hasson quarry a half mile south of State Hwy. 66 and 2.1 miles west of Fairview School. No formations in cave. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- G. Hennard Cave. 0.7 mile south of the city limits of Rogersville and 0.3 mile northeast of Spear Springs. Interesting features include flowstone terraces. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- H. Hicks Pit. 4 miles east of Mooresburg, at the north base of Potato Hill. Interesting features include reddish crystalline textured walls and gray stylolites. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- I. Horner Cave. In a large sink west on the west side of Hickory Cove. Interesting features include rimstone dams. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- J. McDaniel Caves. 1.2 miles southwest of Fairview, in an abandoned quarry on the southeast side of Cedar Valley. Two caves, 30 feet apart. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- K. Pearson Cave. 0.5 mile northeast of Lonesome Pine School, in the floor of Kylie Valley. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- L. Sensabaugh Saltpeter Cave. In the northside of a low ridge, in the valley of Sensabaugh Branch. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.
- M. Stewart Cave. 2 miles west of Rogersville and 0.6 mile southeast of Fairview School. Spelunking possible. Located on private property.

#### 2. Fishing

- A. Cherokee Lake. See Lakes for description.
- B. Holston River. See Rivers for description.

### **3. Golf**

- A. Camelot Golf Course. 18 hole golf course, practice greens and driving range. Proshop, snack shop, golf cart rentals and banquet hall available. Daily fee public golf course.
- B. McDonald Golf Club. 18 hole golf course, practice green and driving range. Proshop, snacks and golf cart rental. Open to public, private memberships available.
- C. Silverlake Golf Course (Churchill). 9 hole golf course and putting green. Proshop, snackshop and rental carts available. Open to the public, memberships are available.

### **4. Hiking/Backpacking.**

- A. Laurel Run Park. A short walking trail is available for hiking purposes.
- B. Clinch Mountain. Although this remains an undeveloped activity in Hawkins county, Clinch Mountain offers great potential for this type of development. Miles of uninterrupted ridge line along with scenic views of Cherokee lake and the Tennessee valley make this an ideal location for such activities.
- C. TVA Public Lands. Although there are no designated hiking trails, both hiking and backpacking are permitted on TVA public lands along Cherokee lake.
- D. Berry Island Ecological Study Area (TVA). Hiking is permitted but no designated hiking trails exist. See description below.

### **5. Hunting /Wildlife Observation**

- A. Berry Island Ecological Study Area (TVA). 16 acre island within Cherokee Lake that has been designated as a Society of American Foresters Research Natural Area. Activities supported: hunting, hiking, fishing, nature study, wildlife observation and photography. Contains a 16 acre fenced area of 100 year old stands of Eastern Red Cedar. Designated by the National Park System as a Potential National Landmark (NPS). Access is either by boat or walking across mudflats during periods of low reservoir levels. Hunting permitted during appropriate seasons.
- B. John Sevier Wildlife Management Area (TWRA). 200 acre wildlife preserve managed under the auspices of TWRA and TVA. Activities supported: fishing, small game and waterfowl hunting during appropriate seasons, wildlife observation and photography. Mixed agricultural/wetlands with access by boat only. Popular game species include rabbits, Canadian geese, mallards, blacks, and woodducks.
- C. Phipps Bend Waterfowl Refuge (TWRA). 1200 acre wildlife preserve surrounding industrial park. Activities supported: permit deer hunting, wildlife photography and observation. Limited access to public. 50% of refuge open to public for wildlife observation. Deer hunting is strictly controlled and permits must be granted directly from TWRA.
- D. TVA Public Lands. Activities supported: small and large game, waterfowl hunting during appropriate seasons, wildlife photography and observation. TVA has numerous tracts of land available for public recreational use surrounding Cherokee Lake and the Holston River. The status and location of these lands can be obtained by contacting the TVA Recreational Resources Division in Norris, TN.

E. Other private lands within the county provide excellent hunting opportunities, however permission must be granted by private landowners. A directory of private individuals willing to lease their lands for hunting purposes would be helpful.

## **6. Lakes**

A. Cherokee Lake (TVA). Activities supported: fishing, boating, skiing, camping, swimming. 2 paved public boat launching sites. 1 commercial boat launching site. Fish attractor sites prevalent throughout reservoir. Primitive camping permitted on TVA public lands. Seasonal fluctuation of reservoir levels makes access difficult in winter months. Popular sportfish include bass, crappie, walleye, and catfish.

## **7. Lakeside Camping/Accommodations/Boat Docks**

A. Cherokee Lake Campground (commercial). Dock. Fee boat launch. 61 campsites (RV) with full hookup and picnic facilities. Showers available. Swimming pool, snack room and light groceries available.

B. Cherokee Boat Dock (commercial). Private storage only.

## **8. Parks.**

A. Bulls Gap Park (?). Softball field. Adjacent to school.

B. Churchill City Park. Facilities: volleyball court, 4 tennis courts, 3 picnic tables including covered shelter, and an Olympic size swimming pool.

C. Jaycee Park (Churchill). Facilities: 1 walking trail, 1 volleyball court, 3 picnic tables and 3 covered shelters, 4 softball fields, playground equipment and gazebo.

D. Laurel Run Park. 45 acre county park. Facilities: 1 walking trail, 12 covered picnic shelters, 1 softball field, 4 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, playground equipment and amphitheater.

E. Mt. Carmel Park. Facilities: 2 covered picnic shelters, 4 softball fields ( 1 lighted), and 2 tennis courts.

F. Rogersville City Park. 60 acre city park. Facilities: picnic tables, Olympic size swimming pool, 1 walking trail, 8 lighted softball fields, 1 volleyball court, 4 lighted tennis courts, teen center and stage/amphitheater.

G. Surgoinsville City Park. Facilities: swimming pool, and 4 softball fields ( 1 lighted).

H. Swift Park. Facilities: 2 covered picnic shelters, 1 basketball court, and playground equipment.

## **9. Rivers**

A. Holston River. Activities supported: fishing, power boating, canoeing, swimming, nature study, camping, wildlife observation and photography. Primitive camping permitted on TVA public lands along river bank where headwaters drain into lake. The river is well noted for its biological diversity and its river valley supports 345 species of wild animals, including 10 either threatened or endangered species. Popular sportfish include smallmouth bass, rock bass, catfish, walleye, crappie and muskellunge.

**10. Rock Climbing**

A. Pumpkin Valley.

**11. Scenic Routes**

A. U.S. 11W offers an abundance of rural scenery, including scenic farmsteads. Views of Clinch Mountain and Cherokee Lake are also favorable.

B. RT. 70 in Hawkins County offers an abundance of rural scenery. A scenic overlook along the route is currently under construction.

**12. Special Camps**

A. Sequoyah Council Boy Scout Reservation. Located on the shores of Cherokee Lake between Hamblen and Hawkins counties.

**13. Springs**

A. Ebbing and Flowing Spring. One of only two known springs in the world exhibiting "tidal" characteristics. Flows vary from an indiscernible trickle to 500 gallons per minute at an interval of 2 hours and 47 minutes. Located about 4 miles east of Rogersville.

Options are being considered for designation as a TN. State Natural Area

B. Mineral Springs. Former site of Hale springs resort.

## HISTORICAL INVENTORY HAWKINS COUNTY

### 1. Historic Attractions

#### A. *Hale Springs Inn-*

Opposite the Kyle House on Main Street, the Inn was built in 1824-25 by John McKinney and has been the stopping place for many a famous person. It has hosted personages like President Andrew Jackson who stayed at the Inn many times and hosted President Andrew Johnson and James K. Polk. Originally called McKinney's Tavern, the Inn became Union headquarters during the Civil War. In 1884 the building took the name of Hale Springs Hotel and was the stopover for tourists going to the famous Hale Springs Resort, a mineral springs about 15 minutes north of Rogersville. During the early 1900's, the building was changed somewhat to make it more competitive with other establishments. In 1982 it was purchased by Capt. Carl Netherland-Brown formerly master of the S/S Bahama Star, and a direct descendant of the Netherlands at the Netherland Inn in Kingsport. Under his supervision, the Hale Springs Inn has been restored to its original grandeur and splendor, making it the oldest continuously run Inn in the state of Tennessee.

#### B. *Hawkins County Courthouse-*

Fronting the town square, the building is located at the corner of Main and Depot Streets and was constructed in 1836. It is the oldest operating courthouse in the state. Its brick columns and palladian windows over the front door have attracted the attention of many architects. The interior wainscoating and woodwork are fine examples of Colonial decor. The main courtroom is said to be copied from Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

#### C. *The Amis House-*

The house is located about three miles southeast on Burem Road, this fortress type stone house was built by Captain Thomas Amis, the donor of the land where Rogersville is geographically situated, as a defense against Indians. Doors are of double thickness with hinges and locks wrought at the owner's blacksmith shop. Each room has its own fireplace and stairway leading to the upper story.

#### D. *The Masonic Temple-*

Located across the square from the Courthouse, it is a classic example of revival architecture and bears the original 1939 cornices and decorations. Originally a bank, the building now houses Overton Lodge No. 5, the third chartered in Tennessee and the oldest continuously active lodge in the state.

#### E. *The Kyle House-*

Built in 1837 for William Simpson on the northwest corner of the square, it was the Confederate Headquarters during the War Between the States.

#### F. *Old Rogersville Synodical College-*

The college was established in 1850 as a school for young ladies. This building, with its campus spread with holly, maple, dogwood, and huge English Boxwoods, has been modernized and is now the Rogersville Elementary School.

*G. Rogersville Presbyterian Church-*

Founded in 1905 and built in 1840, the church contains the original pews in the balcony where family servant once worshipped.

*H. Fudge Farm-*

Located Northeast of Surgoinsville on U.S. 11W.

*I. Long Meadow-*

Located North of Surgoinsville on U.S. 11W (Route 1).

*J. New Providence Presbyterian Church, Academy, and Cemetery-*

Located Northeast of Surgoinsville off U.S. 11W.

*K. Stony Point-*

Located Northeast of Surgoinsville on U.S. 11W.

*L. Rogers Cemetery-*

When leaving the Hale Springs Inn turn left and go three blocks on Main Street to a large historic market. Turn left and go the crest of the hill to the cemetery. Here lie the grandparents of Davy Crockett who were killed by Indians. Also the founders of Rogersville, Joseph and Mary Amis Rogers are buried here.

**2. Historic Districts**

*A. Boatyard Historic District-*

Located Southwest of Kingsport on Holston and Southern fork of the Holston River.

*B. Rogersville Historical District-*

Bounded by North Boyd Street, Kyle Street, Clinch Street, North Bend Street, McKinney Avenue, and South Rogen Road.

*C. Pressman's Home Historic District-*

Located on Tennessee Highway 94.

*D. Bulls Gap Historic District-*

Bounded by South Main, Church, McGregor, Price, and Mills Streets.

**3. Museums**

*A. Rogersville Depot Museum-*

Located on South Depot Street, the museum was constructed in 1890 and restored by the Rogersville Heritage Association. The building houses the Chamber of Commerce and contains memorabilia of Historic Rogersville.

*B. Archie Campbell Complex and Museum-*

Located 2.5/10 miles off I-81 (exit 23). Activities in the complex include a tour of Archie Campbell's homeplace, a walking tour of the historic district, and a visit to the Bulls Gap Museum. The complex additionally hosts a collection of railroad memorabilia in a renovated Southern Caboose.

**Recreational and Tourism Resource Inventory  
Union County**

## Food and Restaurant Inventory Union County

[\* indicates restaurants]

### 1. **Maynardville**

- A. \*City Cafe, 904 Main St; 992-4895
- B. \*Gangster's Smoke House & Grill, 2711 Maynardville Hwy; 992-9010
- C. \* Hickory Star Restaurant, 1356 Hickory Star Rd; 992-5336
- D. \*Holloway's Restaurant, 2809 Maynardville Hwy; 992-0690
- E. \*Kirkland's Kuntry Kitchen, Hwy 33; 992-3625
- F. \*McDonald's, 2716 Maynardville Hwy; 992-2043
- G. \*Oskies, 2825 Maynardville Hwy; 992-8811
- H. \*33 Diner, Hwy. 33; 992-0537
- I. Baker's IGA, 3141 Highway 61 E; 992-8065
- J. Beeler's Grocery, 610 Highway 61 E; 992-5436
- K. Cecil H. Butcher, 1003 Main St; 992-5454
- L. Hensley's Food Center, 2615 Maynardville Hwy; 992-8121
- M. Kay's Market & Deli, 3465 Maynardville Hwy; 992-0824
- N. Little D's Market & Deli, 1330 Maynardville Hwy; 992-0609
- O. Shoffner's Grocery, 6216 Maynardville Hwy; 992-0302
- P. Smoky Mountain Market, 6302 Maynardville Hwy; 992-4930
- Q. Spur Convenience Store, 572 Tazewell Pike; 992-8048

## **Lodging Inventory Union County**

**1. Andersonville Boat Dock.** \* 408 Dock Rd., Rt.1; 494-9649. 6 cabins, 2 during winter months; Restaurant; Fishing & pontoon boats; Store-fishing supplies, groceries.

**2. Maynardville (37807)**

A. Big Ridge State Park\* 1015 Big Ridge Park Rd; 992-5523. 18 cabins, 1 group cabin (up to 120 people);Hiking trails; Swimming beach; Paddle boats, flat-bottomed rowboats; Visitors center; Picnic areas; Campfire programs; Guided hikes.

B. Hickory Star Marina\*. 1360 Hickory Star Rd., 33 N. to Maynardville, left on Hwy 144, 3 miles; 992-5241. 9 units & rental RV (stationary); Kitchenettes; Pool; Boat launches & slips; Houseboat, pontoon & john boat; Store with deli, fishing supplies & groceries.

**3. Speedwell**

A. Blue Springs Hollow Dock\*. 680 Blue Springs Rd; 562-9953. 3 units; Boat launch; Store-fishing supplies & groceries.

## Natural/Recreational Resource Inventory Union County

### 1. Caves

- A. Coppock Cave. Located on the north side of Chestnut Ridge, east of Coppock Cemetery. Suitable for spelunking. Status of land undetermined.
- B. Gray Cave. In Hickory Valley, about 0.75 mile north of Malone Gap. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private land.
- C. McCoy Cave. 1.0 mile northeast of Valley Grove Church. Interesting features include walls encrusted with cave coral. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private land.
- D. Oaks Cave. In the central peninsula between the Clinch and Powell River arms of Norris reservoir, 1.0 mile north of Clear Creek. Interesting features include walls encrusted with cave coral. Suitable for spelunking.
- E. Republic Quarry Cave. In an abandoned cave of the Republic Marble Company, 0.5 mile northeast of the junction of State hwy's 131 and 61 at Luttrell. Interesting features include flowstones and columns. Some formations have been heavily vandalized. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private land.
- F. Rockhouse Cave. On the north side of Chestnut Ridge, 1.1 miles north of Valley Grove Church, slightly east of Big Ridge State Park boundary. Suitable for spelunking.
- G. Wolf Cave. 1.3 miles west of Sharps Chapel and 1.3 miles southeast of Welch Crossroad. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.
- H. Wright Cave. 0.8 mile southwest of Welch Crossroad, near Johnson Hollow. Interesting features include large rooms and tree roots hanging from the ceiling. Suitable for spelunking. Located on private property.

### 2. Fishing

- A. Norris Lake. See Lakes for description.
- B. Clinch River. See Lakes for description.
- C. Powell River. See Lakes for description.

### 3. Hiking/Backpacking

- A. Chuck Swan Wildlife Management Area (TWRA). 25,000 acre wildlife preserve. Activities supported: hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, wildlife observation and photography. Popular area among small and large game hunters. Harvestable species include deer, turkey, boar, and small game during appropriate seasons. Horseback riding and mountain biking permitted on gravel roads within the preserve. Hiking available throughout the preserve, however, there are no designated trails. 3 primitive campsites are available near the entrance and are available for public use. Closed to the general public during big game hunts for safety reasons.
- B. Monks Corner Small Wild Area (TVA). 115 acre natural preserve located on the shores of Norris lake adjacent to Chuck Swan. Activities supported: hunting, hiking, fishing, wildlife observation and photography. There are no designated hiking trails and the terrain is steep and challenging. The area features unique geologic formations

including steep ridges, rock chimneys and limestone outcrops. Closed to general public during big game hunts for safety reasons.

C. Hemlock Bluff Small Wild Area (TVA). 75 acre natural preserve located on the shores of Norris lake adjacent to Loyston Point Public Use Area. Activities supported: hunting, hiking, fishing, wildlife observation and photography. Features a moderate to fairly difficult 5 mile hiking trail with varied terrain and vegetation. Interesting wildflowers, bird populations, and old home sites. Geologic features include bluffs and rock outcrops. Affords excellent views of Norris Lake. Trail is linear in fashion with a return by road. Designated as a National Recreation Trail.

D. Stiner's Woods (TVA & TN. State Natural Area). 57 acre small wild area located on Norris Lake, north of Monk's Corner. Activities supported: hunting, hiking, fishing, wildlife observation and photography. Contains significant stands of old growth beech trees in a grove preserved by the Stiner family. Interesting wildflowers, old tree carvings, and views of Norris lake. Geologic features of interest include bluffs overlooking the lake. Fall foliage is particularly attractive in this area. Trail is underused and in disrepair; old dirt boat launch is currently inaccessible. Locating this small wild area is challenging due to lack of signage (repeated removal by local population). Maps are available from TVA's Recreational Resources Program. Designated as a National Recreation Trail.

E. TVA public lands. Numerous tracts of TVA public lands skirt Norris Lake and are available for backpacking, hunting, hiking and primitive camping.

F. Big Ridge State Park. Offers 15 miles of hiking trails of varying difficulty. Backpacking permitted. See above description.

#### **4. Hunting/Wild life Observation**

A. Chuck Swan Wildlife Management Area (TWRA). Small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate season. See above description.

B. Monks Corner Small Wild Area (TVA). Small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate season. See above description.

C. Hemlock Bluff Small Wild Area (TVA). Small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate season. See above description.

D. Stiner's Woods (TVA and TN State Natural Area). Small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate season. See above description.

E. TVA Public Lands. Small and large game hunting permitted during appropriate season. See above description.

F. Other private lands within the county provide excellent hunting opportunities, however permission must be granted from private landowners. A directory of private individuals willing to lease their lands for hunting purposes would be helpful.

#### **5. Lakes**

A. Norris Lake (TVA). Activities supported: Fishing, boating, skiing, camping, and swimming. 12 paved boat launching sites, 6 public and 6 commercial. Fish attractor sites prevalent throughout reservoir. Primitive camping permitted on TVA public lands. Popular sportfish include Walleye, Sauger, White Bass, Crappie, Striped Bass, Catfish, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass and Spotted Bass. Seasonal fluctuation of reservoir levels makes access difficult in winter.

## **6. Lakeside Camping/Accommodations/Boat Docks**

A. Andersonville Boat Dock (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease. Fee boat launch. 50 (RV) campsites available with full hookup and 30 primitive sites. Showers available. 6 rental cabins available, 2 during winter months. Fishing and pontoon boats available for rental. Restaurant featuring full breakfast and short order meals (April-October). Tackle/bait and light groceries available.

B. Blue Springs Hollow Dock (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease. Fee boat launch. 3 furnished rental units available for overnight stays. Bait/tackle and light groceries available.

C. Hickory Star Marina and Campground (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease. 2 fee boat launches (one winter access). 75 (RV) campsites available with full hookup and 5 primitive tent sites. Showers and laundry facilities available. Olympic size swimming pool (fee). Rental RV(stationary) and a 9 unit motel with kitchenettes. Houseboat, pontoon and small john boat available for rental. Bait/tackle, deli, and light groceries available.

D. Loyston Point Public Use Area (TVA). 1,018 public recreation area and fee campground. 2 paved boat launching areas. 51 RV sites available, tenting also permitted on sites. Picnic facilities available. Swimming beach., 3 toilet buildings and dumping station. 10.8 road miles within the public use area; 211 parking spaces.

E. 33 Bridge Marina Inc. (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Slips available for lease. Fee boat launch. Primitive campsites available on small peninsula (quantity?). Showers available. Wave runner and pontoon boats available for rental. Bait/tackle, snack bar and light groceries available.

F. Union County Boat Dock (commercial). Dock-gasoline/oil. Fee boat launch. Covered slips available for lease. 60 (RV) campsites available with full hookup. Showers available. Fishing, pontoon, and houseboats available for rental. Bait/tackle, and light groceries available.

## **7. Parks**

A. Big Ridge State Park. 3,600 acre, heavily forested park on the southern shore of Norris Lake. Activities supported: hiking, camping, canoeing, swimming, fishing, backpacking, wildlife observation and photography, tennis, basketball, softball, volleyball, guided hikes, films and campfire programs. 52 campsites available for tent or RV with electric/water hookup and picnic/grill at each site. Dumping station for RV. Showers available for campers. 18 rental cabins available April-October. 1 group cabin (up to 120 people) also available.. 15 miles of hiking trails available with varying degrees of difficulty. Fee swimming beach on small lake separated from Norris by a dam. Rental paddle boats and flat-bottomed rowboats available. Assembly hall available for rental to interested groups. Visitors center with interpretive displays on cultural and natural history.

B. Sharp's Chapel. Next to Sharp's Chapel elementary school. Softball field, picnic facilities and concession stand.

**8. Rivers**

- A. Clinch River. See Norris Lake.
- B. Powell River. See Norris Lake.

**9. Scenic Routes**

- A. Hwy. 33 and 61 provide motorists with an abundance of rural scenery, including scenic farmsteads.

**10. Special Camps**

- A. Knoxville Council Boy Scout Camp. On the shores of Norris lake adjacent to Loyston Point public use area.
- B. Tanasi Council Girl Scout Camp. Located on the shores of Norris Lake near Big Ridge State Park.

## HISTORICAL INVENTORY UNION COUNTY

### 1. Historic Attractions

#### A. *The Bale-Osley House-*

On the Nation Register of Historic Places.

#### B. *Sharp's Station-*

Located on the south side of the Clinch River, the site is now within the boundary of Big Ridge Park. It was the first settlement at Sharp's Station. The site was ceded to the U.S. by the Cherokee Nation in 1791.

#### C. *The Town of Loyston-*

Originally located in the southwestern part of the county near the Clinch River, the town had to be abandoned because it was in the area submerged by Norris Lake. Its citizens moved most of the buildings to a site nearby, reerected buildings and established a new town of Loyston.

#### D. *Maynard Monument-*

A marble monument with an appropriate inscription stands to the memory of Horace Maynard, for whom the town of Maynardville was named.

#### E. *The Old Log Schoolhouse-*

The cabin is almost 200 years, and was used as a schoolhouse at its original site in Lost Creek. The structure was moved several times, its uses ranging from a home to a storage shed. In 1976, it was donated to the teacher's group and later moved to its present site. Clifford Stiner worked to restore it as nearly as possible to its original state. It is shingled in Canadian cedar shakes, and has a dirt floor and a one-log wide window which serves as a shelf when opened.

### 2. Museums

#### A. *The Roy Acuff Museum-*

The museum displays artifacts related to the history of Union County, Roy Acuff, and the TVA development of Norris Lake. Should be especially noted for the museum's collection of TVA documents and pictures related to the Norris Dam Project.