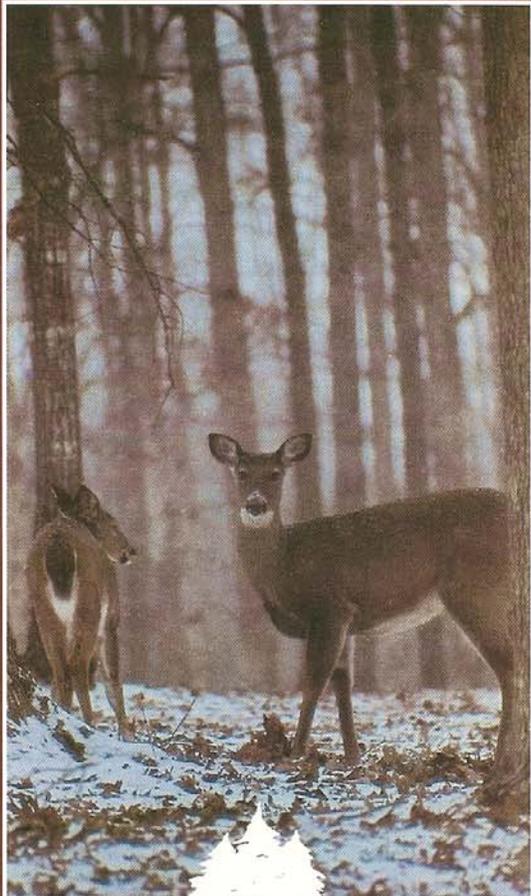


# MONTGOMERY BELL STATE RESORT PARK



## OUR COMMITMENT

As a land and resource management agency, it is the purpose of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to preserve and protect our Tennessee heritage, interpret its natural and cultural significance and provide within its areas a wide range of outdoor-oriented recreation opportunities for this and future generations.

## SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Montgomery Bell State Resort Park is a sanctuary and all features including plants and animals (living and dead), rocks, minerals, artifacts and fossils are protected by Tennessee State Law. Violators are subject to prosecution.

Please be careful with fires and help us keep your state park neat and natural.

As a sanctuary, no hunting or firearms are allowed at any time.

Within any natural setting, obvious hazards exist. Visitors should be careful, stay on marked trails, heed all posted signs and warnings and enjoy your visit safely.

## PLEASE COME AGAIN

We hope you enjoy your visit to Montgomery Bell State Resort Park and invite you to explore our other Tennessee Outdoor Recreation Areas and State Parks. There is a state park within an hour's drive of every point in Tennessee.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer: 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Winter: 8:00 a.m. until sundown

Camper quiet time is 10:00 p.m.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

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## MONTGOMERY BELL STATE RESORT PARK

Vestiges of the iron ore industry that attracted Montgomery Bell and other pioneering entrepreneurs to the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee in the early 1800's are still visible on the region's landscape. But, just as the once-burgeoning iron furnaces gave way to great steel mills in the industrial northeast, pioneer inns have yielded to ultra-modern facilities. The new Montgomery Bell inn and conference center provides a superlative business setting while the park continues to offer individuals and families a diverse range of vacation and recreational opportunities.

With an amenity-filled inn and superb restaurant supporting a conference and meeting center that surpasses the necessities of a modern business center, Montgomery Bell State Resort Park is the ideal locale for small meetings and large corporate gatherings.

Just as Bell and his peers were impressed by the natural beauty of the area, today's visitors will delight in the park's scenery and will enjoy observing the abundant wildlife that freely roams its almost 4,000 acres and its 20 miles of hiking trails. An 11.7-mile overnight trail beckons the truly adventuresome to a generous sampling of backcountry solitude and exploration. Three primitive overnight campsites provide trail users rudimentary shelter along the route.

### HISTORY

The area's iron ore industry is traceable to 1795 when Gen. James Robertson, a war hero and founder of Nashville, established the Cumberland Iron Works. Seven years later, Montgomery Bell came from Pennsylvania to operate the furnace for Robertson and, soon after, purchased it. It provided the springboard for his Dickson County industrial empire. A farmer as well as an industrialist, Bell accomplished an enduring engineering marvel by using slave labor to cut a 290-foot tunnel through solid rock to divert the Harpeth River and shorten its channel by five miles, using the coursing water to power his forge.

The tunnel is believed to be the oldest existing man-made tunnel in the nation.

This achievement earned Bell a prominent place in Tennessee history as the state's first industrialist and capitalist and gained him renown as the South's greatest ironmaster.

The "Narrows Of The Harpeth" is operated as an adjunct of Montgomery Bell State Resort Park and an on-site ranger conducts tours of the Narrows and adjacent Native American sites.

While the iron industry folded in the face of new technology and has long been silent, evidence of it may be viewed within the park. Remnants of the old Laurel Furnace remain and the abandoned ore pits can still be seen.



### INN AND RESTAURANT

The new resort inn provides 110 rooms and five suites with several designed to accommodate persons with disabilities. All inn rooms have lake views. Guests services include cable television, an indoor year-round pool, seasonal outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, exercise room, video game room and laundry. The restaurant seats more than 100 people in a dining room overlooking Lake Acorn. It offers traditional Southern cuisine and provides catering services and banquet meals for those using the conference center.

### CABINS AND CAMPING

Eight two-bedroom cabins are located across a cove from the inn and restaurant. A rustic footbridge connects the areas.

All are completely equipped with linens, utensils and kitchenware. All have televisions, telephones, and gas fireplaces. A handicapped accessible cabin is available.

The park's campground provides first-come, first-served sites suitable for tents and campers up to 32 feet. Two pull-through sites are handicapped accessible. Sites have complete hookups including electric and water plus grills and picnic tables. Three bathhouses with restroom facilities serve the campground.

### CONFERENCE CENTER



With more than 6,500 square feet of available space that can be configured a variety of ways to meet every need, the conference center is well equipped with audio-visual and public address systems. Standard business items such as overhead projectors, microphones and stands, podiums and marker boards are available. Also, copying and Fax services can be provided.

### GOLF COURSE

The Governor Frank G. Clement Golf Course was constructed in 1973 and reconfigured in 1988 by designer Gary Roger Baird. It has been recognized by Golf Digest magazine as one of the "Top 100 Public Courses To Play." The signature hole is Number Two, a 446-yard, par 5. The hole plays down fairways lined by hardwood trees to a green protected by four bunkers. The entire course is heavily wooded and has an abundance of wildlife. It is not unusual to have to pause play to allow deer, geese and wild turkeys to cross fairways and greens.

The Montgomery Bell pro shop provides club and cart rentals, a complete line of golfing accessories and a snack bar. The course has a practice green and driving range. Private lessons can be arranged. Complete tournament-outing packages including food and lodging are available. Also, individual packages with meals and rooms are offered at competitive rates.

Tee times are required and may be made up to six days in advance.



### GROUP CAMP

Montgomery Bell's Group Camp is popular with churches, schools and other organizations having a need for a controlled campus setting. Open from spring through fall on a reservations-only basis, the camp features individual cabins with a capacity of 120 persons. A well-equipped central dining facility, recreation sites and a boat dock serves the group camp.

### ACTIVITIES

There are many recreational opportunities awaiting Montgomery Bell visitors. Scenic Lake Acorn has an inviting sandy beach and an adjacent bathhouse to accommodate swimmers and sun-lovers.

For those wanting more active water sports, canoes, rowboats and paddleboats are available for rent and anglers can fish in Lake Acorn or either of the other two park lakes,

Woodhaven and Creech Hollow. Good catches of bream, catfish, crappie and bass are common. There is no fee for fishing but the appropriate state license is required.

The park has more than 125 picnic tables and grills scattered throughout and four covered picnic pavilions are available for public use. Restrooms and drinking water are conveniently located near the main picnic areas.

Sports enthusiasts will find a lighted tennis court, basketball, croquet, shuffleboard and volleyball courts, ball field, playgrounds and other recreation facilities and equipment for visitor use.

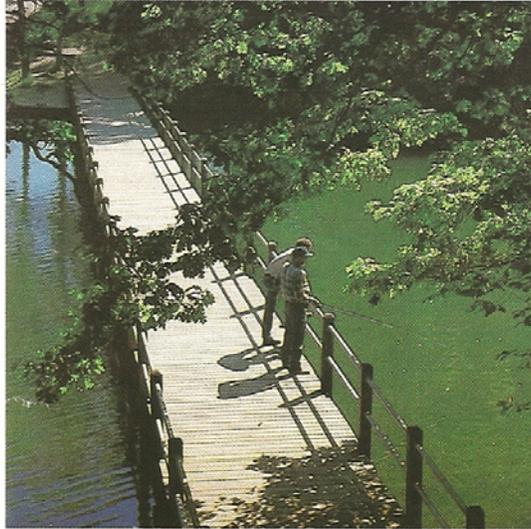
Seasonal naturalists and recreators staff the park during the summer and lead a variety of special interest programs and activities. These include arts and crafts, organized games, hikes, campfire programs and nature demonstrations.

### ATTRACTIONS

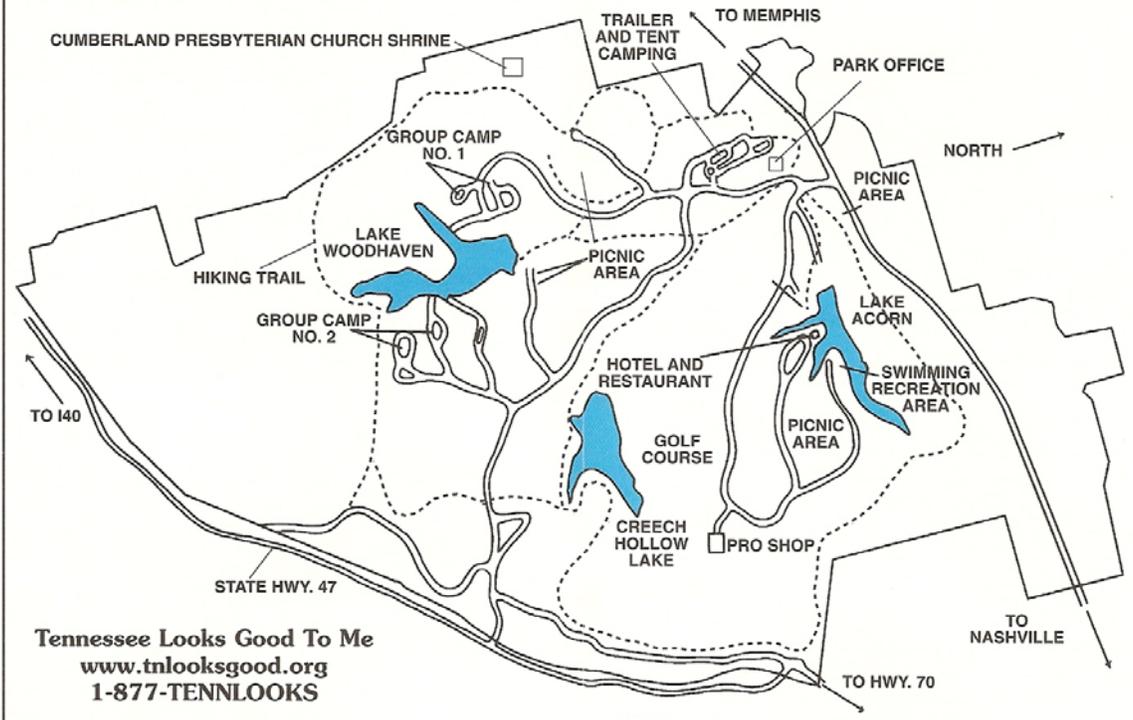
Three ministers founded the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1810 on a site that now lies within the park. A reproduction of the Rev. Samuel McAdow's log house has been reconstructed on the approximate original location and a chapel was added in 1961. It is available for weddings and other gatherings.

The nearby Harpeth River is popular with canoeists and the state maintains several entry and takeout points. A number of private float operators also provide services.

Mousetail Landing, Paris Landing, Radnor Lake, Natchez Trace and the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Parks are located within convenient distance of Montgomery Bell and all the attractions of Nashville, Music City USA, are about a one-half hour drive from the park.



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## LOCATION AND HOURS

Montgomery Bell State Resort Park is located along U.S. Highway 70, about seven miles east of Dickson. From Interstate 40, take Exit 182 (State Highway 96) and go (west) to the intersection with U.S. 70. Turn right (east) on U.S. 70 and proceed to the park entrance that will be on the right.



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