

Knoxville's *Nature & Outdoor Tour*

Knoxville offers a variety of popular nature and outdoor activities throughout the city. A nature center, parks, recreational areas, and A historic business district provide opportunities to get outside and enjoy the outdoors year 'round.

The World's Fair Park

Acres of lawn, cascading waterfalls, placid streams, and many more gifts of natural beauty make the World's Fair Park an inviting outdoor arena.

Interactive fountains and a one-story-high geyser make the Park an enjoyable day during seasonal months. Man-made lakes, streams and cascading waterfalls provide relaxation and enjoyment as important focal points to an impressive and highly functional landscape design throughout the Park.

The landscape of World's Fair Park includes plants that are emblematic of Knoxville. In every season plantings offer a variety of color, form and character. Evergreen trees and shrubs display varied textures and shades of green in winter. Spring comes alive in the park with such blooming favorites as dogwood, redbud, rhododendron, azalea and forsythia. In summer there are opportunities to enjoy the sun or rest in the shade of The trees. In autumn the park is aglow with red, yellow, and orange foliage.

Explore the Park on foot on the HGTV Walk located north of the Court of Flags Fountain. The walk consists of dual paths leading through an assortment of flowers, shrubs and trees, providing a setting where people can stroll casually. Benches are provided to allow visitors to rest in a relaxed atmosphere and observe the features of the area. The focus of this walk is the Rachmaninoff Statute which commemorates the composer/performer's last public performance which was held at the University of Tennessee on February 17, 1943. The statute is a bronze casting sculpted by Russian artist, Victor Bokarev.

Paved, handicapped accessible walkways are provided throughout the Park, allowing visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The walks continue in and around the Festival and Performance Lawns, the stream, and the lake. They provide a north-south greenway to connect the Park to the riverfront. Joggers, walkers, or the casual stroller can enjoy the scenery and water features throughout the Park from the walks.



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People flock to Knoxville's Volunteer Landing during every season of the year to enjoy activities it offers.



The Tennessee Riverfront, known as Volunteer Landing, Offers a landscaped walkway, two quality restaurants (Calhoun's and Ruth's Chris), boarding for Three Rivers Rambler train rides, the Star of Knoxville excursion Riverboat, NavCal River Rides, and the Volunteer Princess yacht.

Rent a boat or a bike at Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center.

Rest in one of the swings along the river or stroll through the landing's history area.

The landing is also an anchor of Knoxville's bicycle/pedestrian greenway system which stretches deep into West Knoxville.

956 Volunteer Landing Lane, Knoxville, TN

Ijams Nature Center

Ijams Nature Center is a wild place filled with rocks, trails, rivers, trees, owls, and salamanders. Visitors of all ages and ability can hike, bike, paddle, stroll, learn or simply enjoy the day. Ijams is a sanctuary for all visitors to learn and connect with the natural world and be made better by that connection – a place where living with the earth and caring for the earth become one and the same.

You can also canoe or paddleboard at Ijams. Rentals are available at River Sports Outfitters located at Ijams.

Admission to Ijams is free, but donations are appreciated.

2915 Island Home Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920

Knoxville Zoological Park



Experience wildlife up close as you come face to face with more than 900 of the most fascinating animals on earth at the Knoxville Zoo. The zoo is situated on 53 wooded acres just east of downtown Knoxville.

The zoo is open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Daily. It is open every day except Christmas. Admission and ticket sales stop one hour before closing. Hours are extended May through September.

3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914

