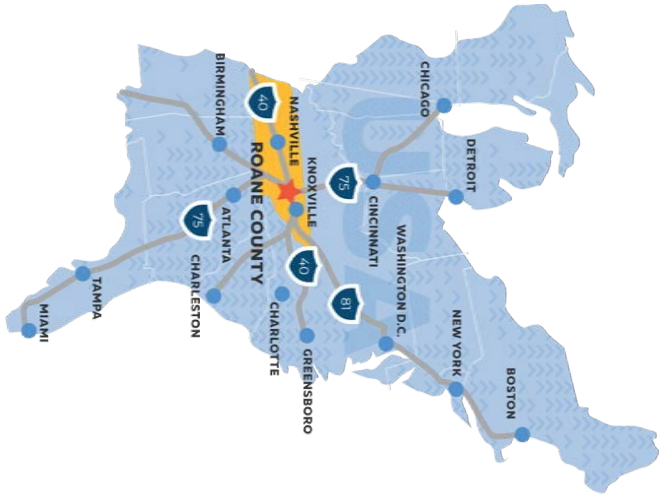




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WATER SPORTS +  
FISHING

Watts Bar Lake



Fishing at Caney Creek Marina



Whitestone Inn



Marinas

# Top Catches

Watts Bar Lake has top-notch sport fishing, with some of the highest ratings in the TVA system for crappie, black crappie, largemouth bass, and spotted bass. Whether you're a tournament fisherman or a novice, you can set off on your own or hire a local guide.



Depth: 20 feet  
Preferred Bait: Minnows, leeches, nightcrawlers  
Habitat: Rock or sandy bottoms



Depth: 100 feet  
Preferred Bait: Crayfish, small fish  
Habitat: Rock or sandy bottoms



Depth: 12-20 feet  
Preferred Bait: Insects, small fish  
Habitat: Clear still water, in vegetation



Depth: 3-5 feet  
Preferred Bait: Insects, frogs, minnows  
Habitat: Clear water, vegetated cover



Depth: 30 feet  
Preferred Bait: Fishes, nymphs  
Habitat: Pools, ledges, rocky areas



Depth: 5 feet  
Preferred Bait: Chicken, crawfish  
Habitat: Clear water with current

## Float in Roane

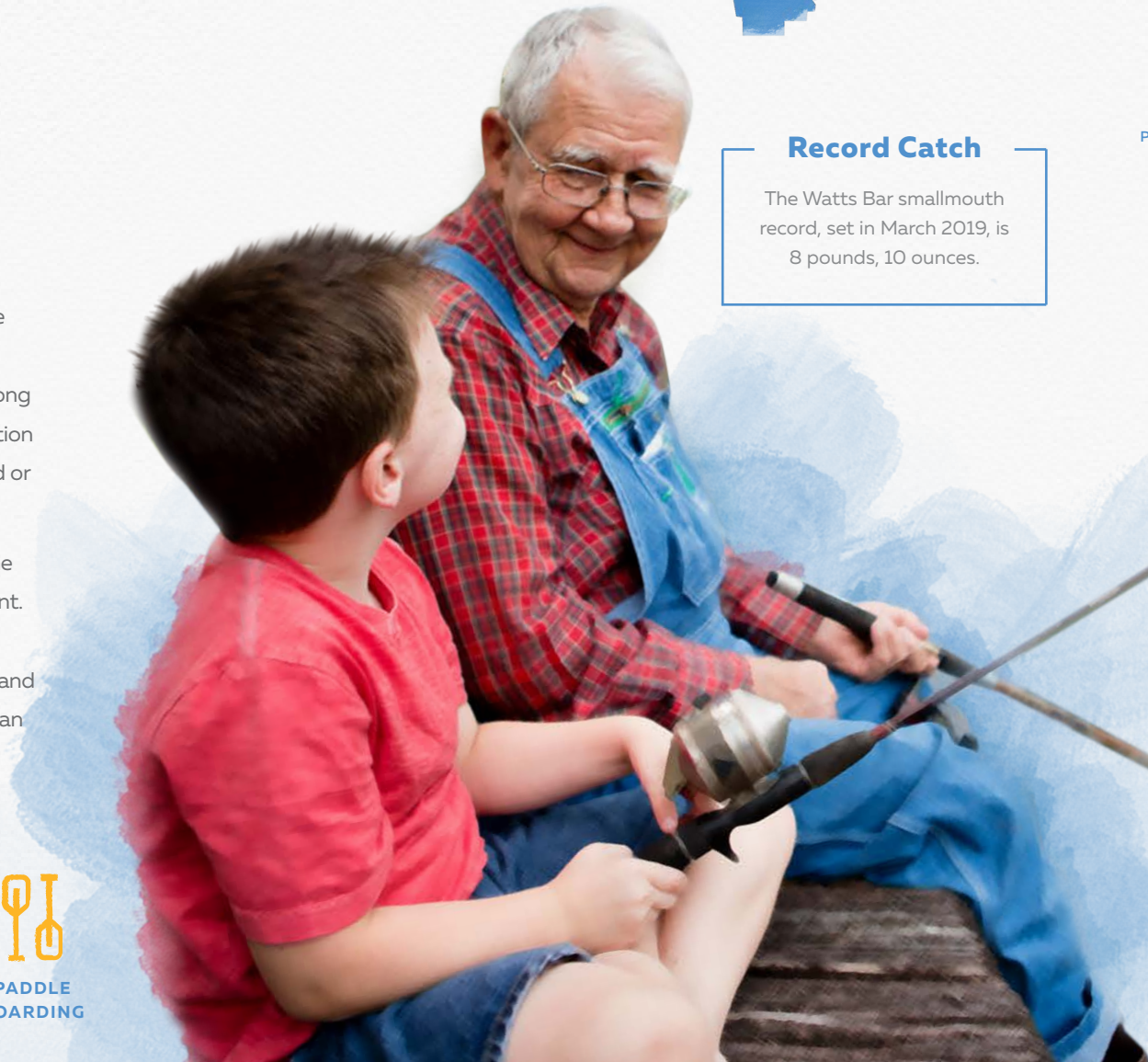
Take a fast boat or a slow float through the 39,000 sparkling blue acres of Watts Bar Lake, one of the largest in the Southeast.

Sail or paddle your way along the Tennessee RiverLine, the shimmering blue version of the Appalachian Trail, which takes you on adventures along the Tennessee, with access to the Clinch and Emory Rivers as well. Sandy spots along more than 700 miles of scenic shoreline call out for a picnic, or for more relaxation book some spa time at Whitestone Inn, just a short boat ride from Long Island or Caney Creek Marinas.

Boat, canoe and kayak rentals are available at marinas and parks all along the shoreline and there is an ADA compliant kayak launch at Kingston's Waterfront.

Launches and docks provide easy access to some of the best fishing in the eastern U.S., with hot spots for several varieties of bass, record sizes of catfish and crappie, stripers, sunfish, muskie and more. Ready to travel? From here, you can take your boat all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

**Record Catch**  
The Watts Bar smallmouth record, set in March 2019, is 8 pounds, 10 ounces.



### Lake Activities



SAILING



TUBING



FLOATING



POWER  
BOATING



KAYAKING



PADDLE  
BOARDING

### RESOURCES

For more information about fishing in Tennessee, including licenses, events and boating information, visit [tn.gov/twra/fishing](https://tn.gov/twra/fishing) and [GoWattsBar.com](https://GoWattsBar.com).





Walkway at Lakeshore Park



Red-Shouldered Hawk



Camping on Watts Barr Lake



Bird  
Watching  
Spots

# Take Flight

Birders find a rich environment for birding, especially water and wading birds such as the great heron and other rare birds. Here are just a few of the feathered beauties you can see in the top birdwatching spots in Roane County.



Diet: Fish, krill, frogs, insects, small mammals  
Habitat: Aquatic with terrestrial vegetation  
Nests: Colonies of sticks in tree branches



Diet: Fish, other prey  
Habitat: Near wetlands, rivers  
Nests: High trees



Diet: Small mammals, reptiles  
Habitat: Hardwood stands, swamps, forests  
Nests: Crook of the main trunk in deciduous trees



Diet: Fish, amphibians, small mammals  
Habitat: Marshes, swamps, shorelines  
Nests: Trees, structures



Diet: Insects  
Habitat: Pine forests, woodlands near streams  
Nests: Forest canopies, near the edges of branches



Diet: Fish, small mammals  
Habitat: Near wetlands, rivers, coasts  
Nests: High structures, dead trees

## Soar in Roane

Roane County parks and wildlife management areas are great places to enjoy nature’s beauty.

Roane County is made for outdoor adventure. With lush green parks, wildlife management areas (WMAs) and refuges, there’s never a shortage of places to get away from civilization and wander the ridges and shorelines.

On foot or by bike, our trails will lead you through a natural wonderland. You’ll find hotspots for bird watching, like the Gupton Wetlands at Lakeshore Park, where at least 114 species of birds can be found. Lookout for Bald Eagles from the water or while picnicking at Kingston City Park or walking the Heritage Center Greenway.

Bring patience and binoculars to spot gorgeous yellow and black throated green warblers on the Rockwood Forest trail. Ride horseback at Winding Creek Stables or Henry/Stafford Exposition Center in the winter during Open Rides, with horse stalls available to rent weeknights.

**Park Highlight**

Long Island WMA, accessible only by boat, is a favorite nesting spot for osprey, whose nests, added to yearly, can reach 10 feet high.

### Outdoor Activities

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GOLF
- 

PICKLE BALL & TENNIS
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DOG PARK
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POOLS & SWIMMING
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BIKING
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HIKING



### RESOURCES

For detailed information on identifying birds, bird songs, and an online guide to birdwatching, visit [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org).





PARKS + TRAILS

Roane County Park  
Disc Golf Course

Caney Creek RV Resort

Kingston Waterfront

Splash Pad at Roane County Park

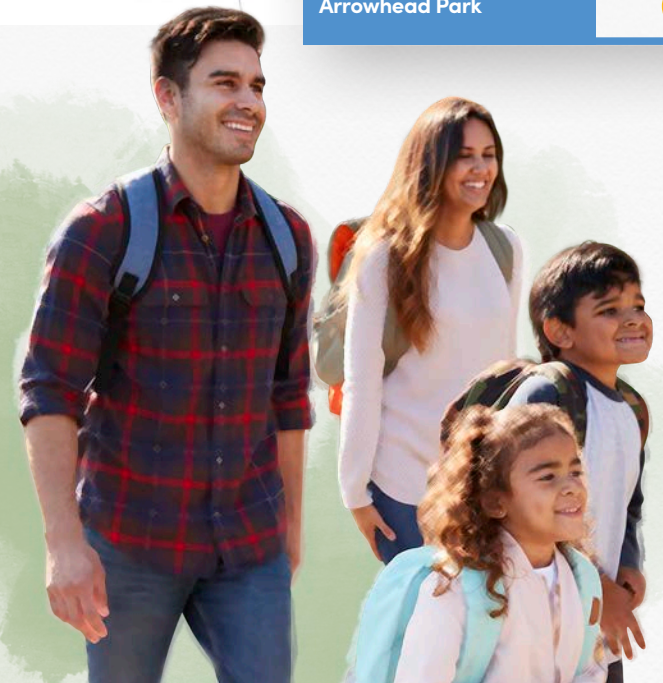
Rockwood Waterfront Park  
Boat Launch

Swimming in Watts Bar Lake

Park Playground

Ladd Park & Greenway

	Walking Trail(s)	Biking	Picnic Area(s)	Fishing Pier(s) or Dock	Boat Launch	Sports Field or Court	Playground(s)	Swimming	Disc Golf	Dog Park	Park Highlights
Roane County Park	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		Splash Pad, Midtown Area
Kingston Waterfront	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Historical Fort, Ampitheatre, Farmer's Market
Rockwood Waterfront Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						County's largest boat launch
Ladd Park & Greenway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						Kingston's largest boat launch
David Webb Riverfront Park	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				Memorials, Harriman Farmer's Market
Lakeshore Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					Gupton Wetlands
Big Turtle Greenway	✓									✓	
Rockwood Forest Trail/ Rockwood Sports Complex	✓	✓	✓			✓					County's largest sports complex & newest trail
North Boundary Trail	✓	✓									
Arrowhead Park	✓		✓			✓	✓				Oliver Springs October Sky Festival



## Roam in Roane

Explore the parks and trails of Roane County to find adventures for the whole family.

With plenty of campgrounds, short-term rentals and a AAA 4-Diamond B&B, you'll find plenty of unique accommodations that get you close to the recreation, specifically the lake activities. In addition, Camp Buck Toms Boy Scout Camp and John Knox Center both offer summer and group camping activities such as ropes courses or zip lining during the summer or off-season.

[VisitRoane.com/Stay](#)

### Top Trails

- LAKESHORE PARK
- SOUTHWEST POINT TO KINGSTON CITY PARK
- ROCKWOOD FOREST TRAIL
- NORTH BOUNDARY TRAIL
- LADD GREENWAY

## Top Parks

- Roane County Park
- Kingston Waterfront
- Rockwood Waterfront Park
- Southwest Point Park
- David Webb Riverfront Park
- Lakeshore Park



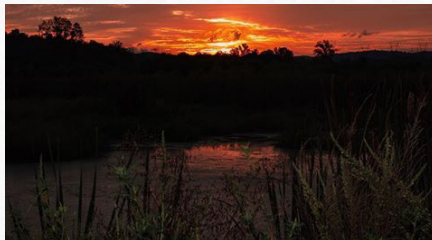
# GET OUTDOORS!

Roane County's four mild seasons make it a perfect place to visit all year—for a weekend getaway or a longer stay. On land or water, in a campground or a sophisticated resort, you'll find endless outdoor treasures. Come and explore outdoor Roane.



## TENNESSEE RIVERLINE

Explore 652 miles of beauty, diversity and history on land and water, from Knoxville, TN, to Paducah, KY.



## GUPTON WETLANDS

See many species of resident and migratory birds including waterfowl and wading birds in this TVA wetland with paved greenway.



## WHITESTONE INN

This refined country inn on 600 secluded acres on Watts Bar Lake is known for its fine cuisine and variety of activities.



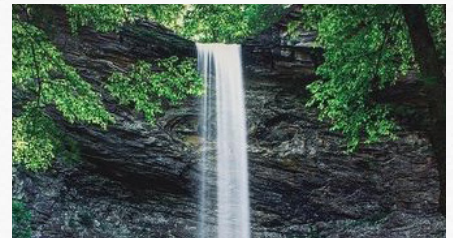
## BLACK OAK RIDGE CONSERVATION AREA

With 2.6 miles of hiking and biking trails and 11 miles of dirt/gravel roads, the area is known for varied wildlife, native plants and historic sites.



## SOUTHWEST POINT PARK

Overlooking Watts Bar Lake, enjoy the park's pavilions, amphitheater and sports facilities or tour Fort Southwest Point.



## OZONE FALLS

Picturesque Ozone Falls, seen in the film "Jungle Book," drops 110 feet to a rocky pool in a Cumberland Plateau natural area near I-40.

Start planning your visit.

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