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IN ANDERSON COUNTY & OAK RIDGE...

# ADVENTURE AWAITS

**EAST TN VISITOR'S GUIDE**  
OAK RIDGE, CLINTON, NORRIS, OLIVER SPRINGS, AND ROCKY TOP

# EXPERIENCE

## ANDERSON COUNTY & OAK RIDGE

Anderson County and its largest city, Oak Ridge are ideal destinations if you want to explore the outdoors, discover American's heritage and history or just relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Our mountains and valleys create the perfect landscape for the outdoor enthusiast whether you are an adrenalin junky or wildlife observer. You can boat, ski, paddle or fish along our 900 miles of shoreline on Norris Lake and Melton Hill Lake or fish the Clinch River, one of the world's premier trout fisheries.

We also have over 80,000 acres of wilderness that are ideal for hiking, biking, off-roading, horseback riding, wildlife and wildflower viewing and more than 400 miles of trails that meander along river banks and climb into majestic mountains.

Our area also offers the unique opportunity to travel through 300 years of American History. You can be transported from 18th Century Appalachia to the atomic age to the Civil Rights Era and into the future.

Your journey starts with an immersion into Appalachian culture of crafts, music, cuisine, heritage and beliefs at the Museum of Appalachia, Lenoir Museum Historical Complex and Appalachian Arts Craft Center.

From there, discover how 75,000 people kept the Manhattan Project a secret and propelled the world into the atomic age.

Go on to hear the story of the 12 students that walked into history by being the first African Americans to attend a state-supported high school in the south.

Anderson County and Oak Ridge have endless adventures to explore.





## WATER ADVENTURES

### Norris Lake

One of East Tennessee's premier attractions is Norris Lake. It has recently become very popular among wake-boarders and wake surfers because the lake's 800 miles of shoreline, wide channels and numerous coves provide places to test your skills or try it for the first time.

Don't worry, if skiing, paddle boarding or canoeing is more your idea of adventure, there is plenty of water for that too.

Remember to bring a fishing pole because Norris Lake is home to 14 different species of fish from striped, largemouth and small mouth bass to crappie and walleye.

The shoreline and marinas on Norris Lake have numerous campgrounds and lodging rentals.

While on Norris Lake be sure to check out these attractions:

**Anderson County Park**, Andersonville  
196 acres, camping, swimming area, playgrounds, hiking trails and boat launch

**Norris Dam State Park**, Rocky Top-4,000 acres situated east and west of Norris Dam features camping, cabins, a full-service marina with boat launch, hiking trails, interpretive programs and event venues

**Sequoyah Marina**, Andersonville-famous for Wing Night on Fridays, full service marina with watercraft rentals, lodging, restaurant and event space

**Stardust Marina**, Andersonville-famous for Sundown Saturdays, full service marina with pontoon and ski boat rentals, lodging and restaurant

### Clinch River

The Clinch River, tail water of Norris Lake, is considered one of the best trout fisheries in the United States. Flowing from Norris Dam, 13 miles to Clinton, the Clinch is home to Rainbow and Brown Trout, the state record Brown Trout was caught in the Clinch. There are many access points for fishing and boating activities. Guide services and maps available. There are several cabins and houses available along the river bank for easy wading access. Go to [fishtheclinch.com](http://fishtheclinch.com) for more information.

### Melton Hill Lake

With 173 miles of shoreline, Melton Hill is a popular attraction for boating, fishing, swimming and boasts a world-renowned rowing course. The shoreline also has a greenway with a 7 mile trail great for bicycling, walking, running and skating. Melton Hill is home to muskies as well as large and smallmouth bass, white and black crappie, bluegill, walleye, yellow perch, and numerous other fish.

### Gear and Guides

If you would love to try our trail and water adventures but don't have the right equipment, don't worry, we have places that can hook you up.

**Adventures Outdoors**, Oak Ridge- single and double kayak, paddle board, hydro bike and bike rentals.

**Norris Paddling Adventures**, Norris- single and double kayak, paddle board and hydro bike rentals

**Up the Creek Canoe Rental**, Rocky Top-canoes, kayaks, paddle board, row-boat and gear rental and transportation service



## OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES

### Windrock Park, Oliver Springs

Seventy-three thousand acres and over 350 miles of trails for off-road vehicles, dirt and mountain biking, horseback riding and hiking. Windrock Park is the perfect place to see the 262 foot windmill farm. Maps, cabins, camping and ATV rentals available.

Adjacent to Windrock Park is the City of Rocky Top where Off-Road Vehicles are welcome to ride designated roads, which give riders access to gas stations, restaurants, hotels and other amenities of the city.



## TRAIL ADVENTURES

Anderson County has over 80,000 acres of wilderness that are ideal for hiking, biking and off-roading. Our more than 400 miles of trails meander along river banks and climb into majestic mountains while providing many picturesque resting spots. Whether you prefer a challenging climb or a casual stroll, the perfect trail is waiting for you to explore.

Here are a couple of places to get on a trail:

**Haw Ridge Park**, Oak Ridge-25 miles of hiking, mountain biking, running, and Nordic skiing trails, with access for canoeing. Maps available.

**Norris Dam State Park**, Rocky Top-4,000 acres of virgin forest and scenic nature trails surrounding Norris Dam and overlooking Norris Lake. Camping and cabins available. Join the park rangers throughout the year for nature and history programs. Maps available.

**Norris Watershed Trails**, Norris-30 miles of woodland trails that meander through the watershed and provide spectacular views of Norris Lake as you hike, bike, or horseback ride. Maps available.

**Oak Ridge Greenways**, Oak Ridge-Enjoy eleven greenways totaling 48 miles designed for pedestrians, bicyclists and skaters. Maps available.

**Savage Gardens**, Rocky Top (Seasonal)-Visit this 30 acre garden of many rare wildflowers and towering limestone rock formations to explore. Open March, April and May.

**Songbird Trail**, Norris-Two mile crushed gravel loop that meanders along the Clinch River below Norris Dam. ADA Accessible, Tennessee Birding Trail

**University of Tennessee Arboretum**, Oak Ridge-Four trails covering 250 acres featuring 2,500 plant specimens including 800 species of trees, shrubs and flowering plants. The Arboretum is a great place for bird watching.

**Windrock Bike Park**, Oliver Springs-the park's natural terrain offers some of the best downhill mountain bike and cross-country trails in East TN. Designed as a training ground for professional downhill racers by World Cup racer Neko Mulally, the park boasts some of the gnarliest terrain around with 500 acres and 9 trails to ride.



## MUST SEE & SELFIE SPOTS

### Little Ponderosa Zoo, Clinton

This "hands-on zoo" is the perfect place for animal lovers of all ages to see your typical farm yard animals and exotic animals. Enjoy pony rides, the petting zoo and the barnyard nursery. There are also event areas, programs for groups and a pavilion near the pond for picnic lunches.

### Norris Dam, Norris

The first dam built by the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1936 for flood control, to bring efficient electrical power to East Tennessee and for recreation, Norris Dam is 265 feet high and stretches 1,860 feet across the Clinch River. Visitors can enjoy the views of the mountains and valley surrounding the dam at the overlooks, trails and information center.

### Windrock Shooting Range and Training Center, Oliver Springs

Covered rifle range extending 140+ yards for handgun, rifle and shotgun shooting with shoot paper and steel targets. Onsite pro shop offers firearm rentals including full-auto and a 50 BMG and ammunition sales and transfers.

### Golf and Disc Golf

**Carl Yearwood Disc Golf Course**, Oak Ridge-Challenging but short Par 3 disc golf course with tee signs, access to a water fountain, restrooms, and two different basket locations and tee lengths on each hole.

**Groves Park at South Hills**, Oak Ridge-18-hole disc golf course with four tee lengths on each hole to provide a fun challenge for beginners, intermediate players, advanced players, and professionals.

**Tennessee Centennial Golf Course**, Oak Ridge-Designed by renowned architect Gary Roger Baird, this 18 hole course is nestled in the rolling ridges and valleys of East Tennessee providing a fun and challenging experience for players of all skill levels.



## HISTORY AND HERITAGE

America was founded on the principles that everyone is created equal and that these people have fundamental rights. Over the course of history, many Americans have fought and died because of their firm belief in these principles. America was also founded by men and women with a spirit comprised of hard work and ingenuity. The spirit of the American pioneer is on display in Anderson County from the pioneers that settled the Southern US to the scientific pioneers that created the atomic bomb to the civil rights pioneers that took the first step in ensuring civil liberties for all Americans regardless of color.

### Appalachian Heritage

In 1775, Daniel Boone blazed a trail through the Cumberland Gap leading the way for the establishment of the first settlements in the Appalachian Mountains in what is now known as Tennessee.



The term "Appalachian" is not only the name of the mountain range in Eastern North America. It also refers to a unique American culture of crafts, music, cuisine, heritage, and beliefs. Plan on spending some time at these attractions to discover how the pioneers lived off the land and made the tools they needed to survive.

**Museum of Appalachia**, Norris- A Smithsonian Affiliate, this museum is considered "the most authentic and complete replica of pioneer Appalachian life in the world". Displays include over 250,000 pioneer relics and 30 log structures including cantilever barns, chapel, schoolhouse and cabins including the Mark Twain Family cabin. Gift shop and country café on site.



**Coal Creek Miners Museum and Trail**, Rocky Top-"Oh God for one more breath, remember me as long as you live," were the last words written on the side of a collapsed mine by Jacob Vowell before he and 250 men and boys died in the Fraterville Mine Disaster. Learn their story and the stories of the Coal Creek War and the Cross Mountain Mine Disaster.

**David Hall Cabin**, Clinton-Built in 1799, this home, inn and tavern, was home to an American Revolutionary War veteran. If the walls could talk, it would tell you about Indian confrontations and Civil War soldiers.

**Lenoir Historical Complex at Norris Dam State Park**, Rocky Top-This complex includes the Lenoir Museum, an 18th Century Grist Mill and a Threshing Barn that depicts the life before the Tennessee Valley Authority built Norris Dam through a pictorial history display, artifacts and historical documents.



## MANHATTAN PROJECT

Oak Ridge is a city built of war, living for peace, and growing through science. When Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, the city of Oak Ridge didn't even exist. In an effort to end the war, the U.S. government purchased rural farmland in 1942 and rapidly built the city of Oak Ridge, which would play a pivotal role in the Manhattan Project and the end of WWII. Just two and a half years later, the Secret City skyrocketed to a population of 75,000, making it the fifth-largest city in Tennessee at the time.

That city, enclosed behind a fence and not even on a map until 1949, stands as a testimony to the hard work and insurmountable courage of a people whose hope of ending the war gave them the strength to work on a top-secret mission to create the world's first atomic bomb.

**American Museum of Science & Energy**, Oak Ridge - Discover the story of national and global security, science, research, engineering, technology development, and environmental restoration successes that have occurred in Oak Ridge since the very first days of the Manhattan Project. AMSE provides interactive curriculum-based classroom programs for school groups and STEM education programs.

**Children's Museum**, Oak Ridge- Explore a child-size dollhouse, experience the wonders of a rainforest, and learn the unique heritage of the region through the eyes of a child. Don't miss the World of Trains exhibit and the many special events, classes and camps that are offered throughout the year.

**Oak Ridge History Museum**, Oak Ridge-The museum shines a light on the "human side" of the Manhattan Project, focusing on history and people's day-to-day lives during WWII and living behind the walls of the "Secret City". The museum also contains the largest collection of original Ed Westcott photography.

**DOE Facilities Public Bus Tour**, Oak Ridge-Explore original Manhattan Project sites around Oak Ridge and learn the history behind the world's first atomic weapon which helped to end WWII. Tour schedule varies seasonally. Check the American Museum of Science and Energy for details.

**Historic Jackson Square**, Oak Ridge- One of the original Townsites of Oak Ridge, During the war, this facility was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and was a hub of activity. Now, it features unique shopping, dining, entertainment and historic displays.

**Alexander Inn**, Oak Ridge - The historic Alexander Inn, originally known as The Guest House, was built during the Manhattan Project to house official visitors and was later used as a hotel. Included on the National Register of Historic Places, this historic gem is just a short walk from Jackson Square.

**Chapel on the Hill**, Oak Ridge - One of Oak Ridge's primary church facilities during the Manhattan Project, the Chapel on the Hill was originally a multi-denominational chapel shared by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish congregations. Nondenominational services are still held in the chapel.

**International Friendship Bell**, Oak Ridge-The first monument between a U.S. Manhattan Project city and Japan, the bell serves as an expression of hope for everlasting peace.

**K-25 History Center**, Oak Ridge-The 7,500 square foot facility offers visitors more than 250 original artifacts, nearly 1,000 interviews with early workers, and numerous interactive galleries that highlight the historical significance of the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion facility and provide context for how it fits into the national and international story.

**New Hope Center**, Oak Ridge-Located at Y-12, one of the original Manhattan Project facilities, this center houses historic displays and videos about the history and discoveries of the Y-12 facility. It is also home to the "Moon Box" that was designed for NASA to bring home rocks from the Apollo 11 Mission.

**Secret City Commemorative Walk**, Oak Ridge-A memorial dedicated to everyone who came at their nation's call, to a city that was not on any map, to help end the greatest war this world has ever seen.

**Manhattan Project Historical National Park**  
The Manhattan Project National Park consists of 3 cities; Oak Ridge, TN-Los Alamos, NM- Hanford, WA. The National Park is designed to educate the public and interpret what some have called "the single most significant event of the 20th century," the development of the atomic bomb and introduction of the Nuclear Age. Newly opened in 2015, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park tells the stories of people, events, science, and engineering that changed the world and ended WWII.





## AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE

### Green McAdoo Cultural Center, Clinton

On August 27, 1956, twelve African-American high school students walked into history and changed the south. They were the first to attend a desegregated state-supported high school in the south. Learn how they not only changed a community but a nation. FREE.



## ART, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT

### Appalachian Arts Craft Center, Clinton

The center was founded in 1970 to enrich the souls and pocketbooks of low-income people in Anderson County, by teaching, producing, and selling hand crafts. Today the center is an educational facility and shop.

### Historic Downtown Clinton, Clinton

Stroll through our historic district with antique, collectible and unique shops housed in restored 19th Century buildings. You can also have breakfast, lunch or dinner at one of the cafés or eateries. Be sure to stop in Hoskins Drug Store for a milkshake and check out the Ritz Theater, which opened in 1945 where they feature first-run movies, concerts and gospel singings.

### Oak Ridge

Upon the city of Oak Ridge's founding, scientists and other professionals were recruited from all over the world to work on the Manhattan Project. These individuals and their families brought their diverse cultures and interests with them. Today, Oak Ridge still attracts people from all over and a diversity of creative energy continues to thrive. From theater to ballet to exhibits and events, the arts are alive in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**Oak Ridge Art Center** – Permanent contemporary collection as well as rotating exhibits of local and regional artists. The Center also offers art classes, seminars and workshops.

**Oak Ridge Ballet-Civic Symphony and Choir, Oak Ridge Community Band** – Experience the sights and sounds of art within the city from some of the best community artists in the area. All organizations offer a yearly schedule of performances that will entertain all ages.

**Oak Ridge Community Playhouse** – The Oak Ridge Playhouse and Junior Playhouse is one of the oldest continually-operating community theaters in the country. The playhouse is a professionally-managed volunteer organization, which produces a diverse annual season of musicals, plays and children's theatre for audiences and participants of all ages. Located in Historic Jackson Square, the Playhouse offers quality entertainment at an affordable price.

**Oak Ridge Farmer's Market/Winter Farmer's Market** – Come find fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, bread, and meats available. All agricultural goods are locally produced.

**Tinseltown Theater** – Enjoy a night out at the movies and watch the latest blockbuster at Oak Ridge's premier 14 screen, stadium seating theater. Where every seat in the building is a heated recliner! Plus, their \$5 Tuesdays are the best deal in town!



## TRAILS

Looking for a way to fill your weekend or afternoon, look no further than one of several trails that features stops in Anderson County including the Top Secret Trail, White Lightning Trail, Devil's Triangle (popular among motorcyclist), Southern Settlement Trail, Tennessee Civil War Trail and the Tennessee Music Pathway. Visit [AdventureAnderson.com](http://AdventureAnderson.com) for more details and maps.



## ANNUAL EVENTS

### January

- Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Children's Museum

### February

- International Festival, Children's Museum

### March

- Wildflower Walk, Norris Dam State Park
- Windrock Bike Park Pro Gravity Tour

### April

- Celebration of the Young Child, Children's Museum
- Dogwood Regatta, Melton Hill Lake
- Earth Day Festival, A.K. Bissell Park
- Sheep Shearing Day, Museum of Appalachia
- Smoky Mountain Shoot Out, Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Club
- Windrock Park Spring Shindig

### May

- Clinch River Spring Antique Fair, Historic Downtown Clinton
- Memorial Day Concert by the Oak Ridge Community Band, A.K. Bissell Park

### June

- Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival, Historic Grove Theater
- Lavender Festival, Historic Jackson Square
- Nine Lakes Wine Festival, Melton Lake Park
- Secret City Festival, A.K. Bissell Park
- Smoky Mountain Antique Engine and Tractor Festival, Anderson County High School

### July

- Anderson County Fair, Jaycee Park
- Celebration on the 4th, Melton Lake Park
- July 4th Celebration and Anvil Shoot, Museum of Appalachia
- Oak Ridge Community Band Concert & Fireworks, A.K. Bissell Park

### August

- Oak Ridge Fall Velo Classic, Various Locations

### September

- Days of Pioneer Antique Show, Museum of Appalachia
- Labor Day Concert, Oak Ridge Community Band, A.K. Bissell Park
- Memory Magic Scrapbook Event, Oak Ridge Civic Center

### October

- Clinch River Antique Festival, Historic Downtown Clinton
- Fall Color Cruises, Norris Lake
- Fall Heritage Days, Museum of Appalachia
- Fall Jamboree, Windrock Park
- Haunts and History, Museum of Appalachia
- October Sky Festival, Downtown Oliver Springs
- Owl Prowl, UT Arboretum
- Pickin in the Park, Norris Dam State Park
- Secret City Head Race, Melton Hill Lake
- Street Painting Festival, Roane State Community College

### November

- Big Foot Blast 5K and 10K, Windrock Park
- ORCBA presents The Nutcracker, Oak Ridge
- Secret City Half Marathon, Oak Ridge

### December

- A Candlelight Christmas, Museum of Appalachia
- Festival of Photons, American Museum of Science and Energy
- Holiday Homecoming, Norris Dam State Park

# LODGING AND CAMPGROUNDS

## CLINTON



**Baymont Inn & Suites**  
Phone: 865-269-8144  
710 Park Place,  
Clinton TN 37716



**Hampton Inn**  
Phone: 865-691-8070  
105 Hillvale Rd,  
Clinton TN 37716



**Quality Inn**  
Phone: 865-457-2255  
120 Welcome Ln,  
Clinton TN 37716



**Super 8**  
Phone: 865-264-9995  
720 Park Place,  
Clinton TN 37716



**Fairfield Inn**  
Opening in 2020.



**Holiday Inn Express**  
Phone: 865-457-2233  
111 Hillvale Rd,  
Clinton TN 37716



**Red Roof Inn**  
Phone: 865-457-9070  
141 Buffalo Rd,  
Clinton TN 37716

## CAMPGROUNDS

**Anderson County Park**  
Phone: 865-494-9352  
2191 Park Ln,  
Andersonville TN 37705

**Clinton KOA**  
Phone: 865-494-9386  
2423 N. Charles G Seivers Blvd  
Clinton TN 37716

**Halfmoon Campground**  
Phone: 865-435-2385  
423 Half Moon Rd,  
Oliver Springs TN 37840

**Indian Creek Campground**  
Phone: 865-435-0962  
1387 Cove Ln,  
Oliver Springs TN 37840

**Norris Dam State Park**  
Phone: 865-425-4500  
125 Village Green Circle,  
Rocky Top TN 37769

**Windrock Gap Campground**  
Phone: 865-435-6009  
300 Hoskins Gap Rd,  
Oliver Springs TN 37840

**Windrock Park Campground**  
Phone: 865-435-1251  
555 Windrock Park Ln,  
Oliver Springs TN 37840

*All campgrounds have electrical and water hookups, waste stations and bath facilities.*

## OAK RIDGE



**Comfort Inn**  
Phone: 865-481-8200  
433 S. Rutgers Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Double Tree by Hilton**  
Phone: 865-481-2468  
215 S. Illinois Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Holiday Inn Express**  
Phone: 865-298-1990  
114 Tulsa Rd,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Staybridge**  
Phone: 865-298-0050  
420 S. Illinois Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Days Inn**  
Phone: 865-483-5615  
206 S. Illinois Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Hampton Inn**  
Phone: 865-482-7889  
208 S. Illinois Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Quality Inn**  
Phone: 865-483-6809  
216 S Rutgers Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830



**Town Place Suites**  
Phone: 865-409-5059  
300 S. Rutgers Ave,  
Oak Ridge 37830

## AND SO MUCH MORE!

Anderson County and Oak Ridge have many cabins, condos, houses and Airbnb's. Be sure to visit [adventureanderson.com](http://adventureanderson.com) and [exploreoakridge.com](http://exploreoakridge.com) for all of the current listings.

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Tourist Information

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Exit 356 off Interstate 40

