

8 **BEST FAMILY ADVENTURES**



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ROCK CITY & RUBY FALLS

Visit Rock City & Ruby Falls (Lookout Mountain): These two natural wonders atop Lookout Mountain are a stones throw away from each other so we recommend hitting both spots. Rock City has many options for adventure but we recommend Lover's Leap, the Swing-A-Long Bridge, and Observation Point for stellar views. Another bonus of Rock City is that it is dog friendly. Ruby Falls, located over 1120 feet beneath Lookout Mountain, boasts a mammoth 145 feet high waterfall. While the falls is the main attraction, be sure to check out the numerous picture perfect stalactites and stalagmites.

Directions from Chattanooga: To Ruby Falls follow Broad St./TN-2 south for about 3.5 miles to slight left at Lookout Mountain Blvd./TN-148 for .5 mile. To Rock City follow Broad St./TN-2 for about 2.5 miles (watch for left at red light) that becomes TN-2/TN-17/ US-11. Follow for .5 mile to right turn up the mountain on TN-58. Follow this up to top of mountain for about 3 miles to entrance on left.

Hike to Foster Falls (Marion County): Foster Falls Small Wild Area is part of the South Cumberland State Park and centers on a 60-foot waterfall. Start the hike at the picnic area at the Foster Falls sign and head .5 miles to the foot of the falls. Also, be on the look-out for climbers at this popular climbing spot.

Directions from Chattanooga: Take I-24 W for 19 miles to exit 158/TN-27 towards Powells Crossroads. Turn right at Baptist Hill Rd./ TN-27 for .3 mile to a left at TN-41/US-41. Head 4 miles to right at Betsy Pack Dr./TN-150/US-41. Take this for 9 miles to the left at Foster Falls Rd. The pavilion will be about .5 mile on the right.

Explore the Pot Point Property (Tennessee River Gorge Area):

The Pot Point Self-Guided Nature Trail is a shining example of the conservation efforts of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust. The 3.5 mile loop trail is a moderately strenuous trail with climbs that reach over 1,000 feet in altitude around Azalea Point. The property also includes the historic Pot Point Cabin which is surrounded by 491 acres of pristine forest and is available for day and overnight rentals.

Directions from Chattanooga: Take 27 N toward Signal Mountain. Take the US-127 N/Signal Mountain Rd. exit. Proceed toward Signal Mountain to left onto Hwy 27 (Suck Creek Rd.). Head 4 miles and at the end of the Suck Creek bridge take a sharp left onto River Canyon Rd. Head 4 miles to the Pot Point Cabin.

Play at Chickamauga Lake (Harrison Bay State Park): Chickamauga Lake has 810 miles of shoreline with about 40 miles of shoreline found at the 1,200 acre Harrison Bay State Park. The lake is ideal for flat water paddling, swimming and fishing. While the lake is certainly the attraction, check out the 5 miles of rolling trails perfect for hiking and biking.

Directions from Chattanooga: Take I-24 E to I-75 N to exit 4/Hwy 153. Head north on Hwy 153 and at Hwy 58, turn north. Travel 12 miles to Harrison Bay Rd. on the left. Follow the signs to the park entrance for 1 mile.

Paddle at North Chickamauga Creek Greenway (Hixson): This family friendly area covers over 220 acres that includes the Greenway Farm and several miles of trails for hiking and biking. With the three river access points, we suggest paddling this gentle section of the North Chickamauga Creek. See City Map page 11.

Directions from Chattanooga: Take I-24 E to I-75 N to the Hwy 153 exit. Cross over the dam to right on to Hamil Rd. Follow Hamil Rd. for 2 miles to Greenway Farm on the right.

Related Resources

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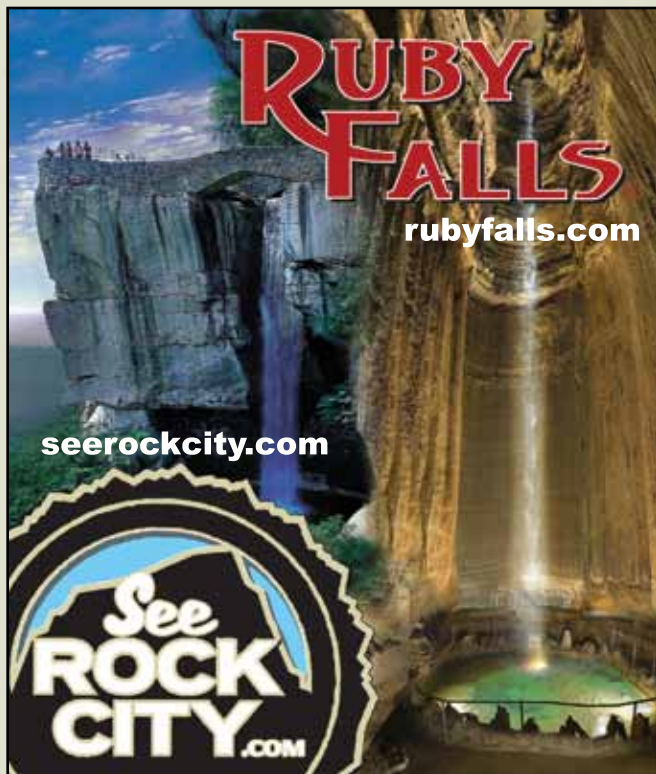
Ruby Falls Information: 423-821-2544 / www.rubyfalls.com

Foster Falls Information: 423-942-5759 / www.tn.gov/environment/parks/SouthCumberland/

Pot Point Property Information: Tennessee River Gorge Trust / 423-266-0314 / www.trgt.org

Chickamauga Lake Information: 423-344-6214 / www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/HarrisonBay

N. Chickamauga Creek Greenway Information: 423-757-2143 / www.northchick.org/greenway.html



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