

Boating

The park's marina has 198 boat slips to accommodate boats up to 60 feet based on a yearly lease. Fuel, snacks, ice and a pump-out station are available. There is one public boat launch ramp at the marina and the Wolftever ramp is located off Highway 58. The park rents canoes, kayaks and stand up paddleboards seasonally.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

There are two picnic shelters with tables and grills available to groups. Depending on the shelter, capacity ranges from 30 to 75 people. A rec lodge is also available. It has restrooms, a full kitchen, tables and chairs and a deck overlooking the pool and lake. The swimming pool and playground are nearby. Facilities may be rented up to one year in advance. Sporting equipment can be checked out at the camper check-in station during the summer months.

Golf Course

A must play for golfers visiting the area, the Jack Nicklaus-designed course offers challenging play in a beautiful setting. The clubhouse has a grill, pro shop and driving range. For more information and to book tee times, call 877-611-2327.





Nearby Attractions

- Tennessee Aguarium 20 miles
- Hunter Museum of Art 20 miles
- Creative Discovery Museum 20 miles
- Rock City/Ruby Falls/Incline 25 miles

Other Nearby State Parks

- Booker T. Washington State Park 8 miles
- Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail 20 miles
- Red Clay State Historic Park 21 miles

We're Mobile!

The Tennessee State Parks Pocket Ranger app. The app is available at the Apple app store and Google play.





Directions

From Chattanooga: Take Exit 4 off I-75 onto State Route 153. Travel north on Hwy. 153 and at the sixth exit, Hwy. 58, turn north. Travel approximately 12 miles to Harrison Bay Road on the left. Follow the signs to the park entrance. The park entrance is approximately one mile on the left.

From Knoxville: Take Exit 25 off I-75 onto Hwy. 60. Travel on Hwy. 60 approximately nine miles to Hwy. 58. Turn south at Highway 58 and travel approximately 15 miles to Harrison Bay Road. Turn right onto Harrison Bay Road. The park entrance is approximately one mile on the left.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Friends of Harrison Bay and volunteers assist in protecting, preserving and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park, giving of their time and talents to ensure their park's integrity for future generations to enjoy. It's easy to show your support – join the Friends of Harrison Bay (www.friendsofharrisonbay.org) or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities we offer individuals, families and groups.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in your area, please visit www.tnstateparks.com.







Harrison Bay State Park

Located along 40 miles of Chickamauga Lake shoreline, Harrison Bay State Park offers many opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast including camping, boating, biking and fishing. The 1,200-acre park is approximately 20 miles from Chattanooga.

Historical Significance

Harrison Bay was the first state park in Tennessee. The park was originally developed as a Tennessee Valley Authority recreation demonstration area in 1937, and built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The workmanship of the CCC can still be admired throughout the park. The name is derived from a large bay of the Tennessee River that covers the old town of Harrison. The original town site was also the last Cherokee Campground in the area.

Restaurant

Visitors can enjoy a local favorite, the Dockside Philly Cheese Steak, while dining at the Dockside Cafe, which offers an impressive view of Harrison Bay. For hours of operation, contact the Dockside Café directly 423-344-9998.

Fishing

Harrison Bay offers access to TVA's Chickamagua Lake, an impoundment of the Tennessee River. With over 35,000 acres of lake accessible, the park provides almost any type of fishing desired, whether by boat, bank, or the park's ADA accessible pier. Bass, bluegill, shelcracker, crappie, catfish, gar, and others are commonly caught. Valid TWRA Fishing License is required for ages 13 and older.

Planned Programs

During the summer, seasonal interpretive staff offers scheduled activities and programs including nature-related games and environmental education hikes.

Camping

Harrison Bay has 162 sites in four camping areas. Fifteen are waterfront and 134 sites have water and 50 amp and 30 amp electrical service. There are 28 rustic camping sites. All 162 sites have picnic tables and fires rings and are conveniently located near bathhouses with hot showers. A dumping station is centrally located. A camp store, open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, offers camping supplies and snacks. Camping area D is closed after November 1st, while areas A, B, & D remain open year-round. Online reservations are accepted. Stop at camp store to check in before setting up.

Group Camp

The group camp has 24 rustic open-air cabins with three sets of bunk beds in each, sleeping six people per cabin. The camp has a dining lodge and also features a playground, shelters, a ball field and basketball and volleyball courts. The camp can be reserved through the park office up to one year in advance.

Bike Trails

Bring your mountain bike and ride the 4.5-mile Bay Point Loop, an easy-moderate biking/hiking trail that meanders along the shoreline. Bike clubs and individuals throughout the region frequently use this popular loop.

Hiking

Trails range from easy to moderate. Explore the shoreline on the 4.5 mile multiuse loop trail. The 1.5 mile wooded nature loop offers some steep inclines and the 0.5 mile walking trail tracks through native grassland.

Swimming

The park's Olympic-sized swimming pool opens Memorial Day. There is a diving board, children's wading pool and lifeguards on duty. Campers pay half price admission. Please call for hours of operation.





