

# PUBLIC LANDS

Morgan County has over 75,000 recreational acres which include:

Frozen Head State Park  
50 miles of trails - Camping

Lone Mountain State Forest  
15 miles of trails

Obed Wild & Scenic River  
20 miles of trails - Camping

Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area  
500 miles of trails - 141/MOCO - Camping

Rugby Natural Area  
10 miles of trails

Catoosa Wildlife Mgt Area  
Cumberland Trail State Park  
40 miles of trails

Check out our website for 1 & 2 day itineraries around MoCo & private campgrounds.

Thanks to the many MCTA volunteers who worked to put this brochure together and assisted in editing. We sincerely thank those who submitted or allowed us to use their photos, including the National Park Service, Tennessee State Parks.

# MORGAN COUNTY TENNESSEE

The Morgan County Tourism Alliance welcomes you to our county and its abundant offering of nature's beauty for recreation and rejuvenation. You will experience a diversity of cultural communities such as Wartburg, an 1850's German and Swiss town, historically, and the 1880's historic English village of Rugby.

Tired of crowded trails? Come hike the varied scenic offerings rated from easy to difficult - walks to match your interest and endurance.

Listen to sounds of nature, flowing waterfalls, symphony of songbirds, mixed sounds of wild life roaming the woods, music by the locals and laughter of others as they enjoy the surrounding beauty.

Soundtrack of America – Made in Tennessee the Tennessee State Tourism slogan is heard loud and clear in Morgan County. Come sing along and make your own music.

We invite you to our website for detailed information regarding: PARKS-FESTIVALS-OUTDOOR ADVENTURE-PLACES OF INTEREST-LOGGING AND MORE!

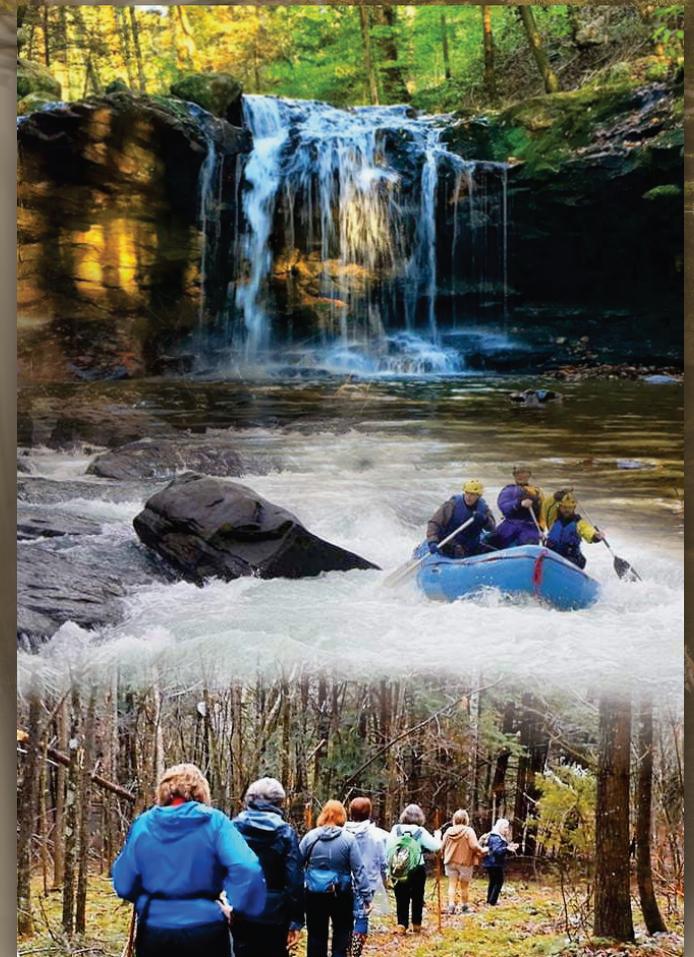
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# WATERFALLS RIVERS & TRAILS



And Other MoCo Adventures

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Nature's Playground - Let's Play

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# ADVENTURES ALL YEAR LONG

## POTTERS FALLS

36° 04.936'N 84° 34.570'W

From Hwy 27N in Wartburg, turn left onto Kingston Street. In approximately .5 miles, Kingston Street will turn into Potters Falls Road. Proceed approximately 2.5 miles until you reach Potters Falls Bridge. Parking is permitted on either side before crossing the bridge.



Upper Potters Falls is just below the bridge to the left. Follow the path about .3 miles to Lower Potters Falls, also to the left.

The two falls provide a great place to picnic and swim on a hot summer day.

## DEBORD FALLS / EMORY GAP FALLS

From Frozen Head State Park, park at the Panther Branch trailhead. Cross the concrete bridge, go up Panther Branch Trail .55 miles. To the right you will see a trail leading to Debord Falls. The trail veers to the right to an overlook view of the falls. To the left, stairs descend to the base of the falls for an "up close" view.

After enjoying Debord Falls, proceed back to Panther Branch Trail and follow the trail to the right. In about .25 miles, Panther Branch Trail bears right and down hill, stay left on Emory Gap Trail for .5 miles. At the end of Emory Gap Trail, you'll be greeted by Emory Gap Falls, an 18' plunge waterfall.

## UPPER & LOWER MELTON MILL FALLS

These falls can be accessed via the Bridge Trail at Lilly Bluff, Obed Wild & Scenic River. While unmarked, the path to the falls is well worn and easily identified. Bridge Trail is .5 miles one way and rated moderate to strenuous. At the top of the trail, be sure to take in the overlook immediately to the right for a gorgeous view of the Obed Wild & Scenic River.



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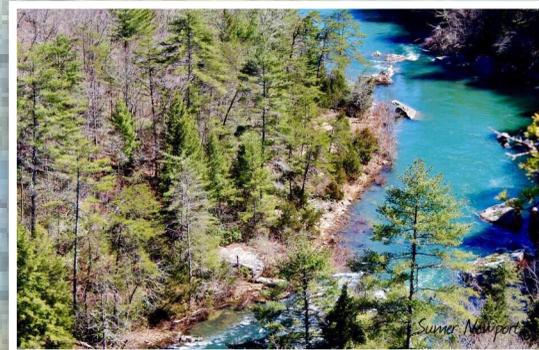
OBED WILD & SCENIC RIVER



DEBORD FALLS



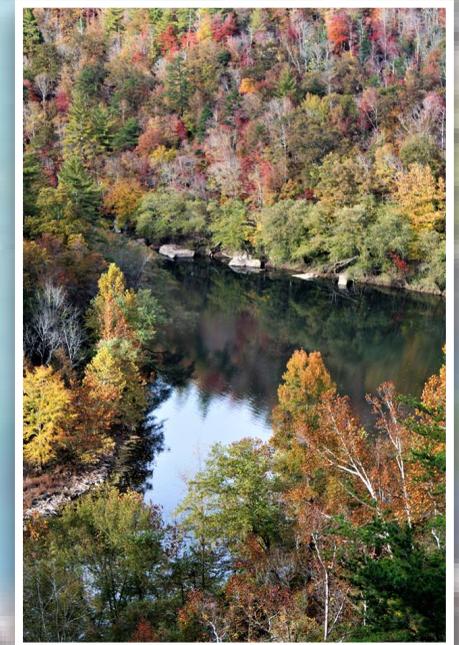
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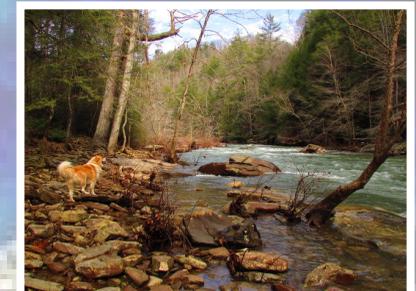
LILLY OVERLOOK

## RIVERS

Morgan County is host to a vast number of rivers and waterways. The Emory River rises on the slopes of Bird Mountain near Wartburg. The Obed Wild & Scenic River runs into the Emory River south of Wartburg. The Clear Fork River which joins New River in Scott County joins together to form the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. These local rivers and waterways offer whitewater rafting, kayaking, fishing and more.



EMORY RIVER GORGE



EMORY RIVER



# GO OUTSIDE AND FIND YOURSELF



## MOCO HIKING

Morgan County is honored to be home to Obed Wild & Scenic River, Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Frozen Head State Park, Cumberland Trail State Park, Lone Mountain State Forest, and Rugby State Natural Area – all of which embrace miles and miles of awesome hiking opportunities for all levels of hikers.

Some of the favorites include:

Point Trail, Lilly Bluff, Obed Wild & Scenic River: 3.8 miles out and back, rated moderate to strenuous.

Emory River Gorge Section, Cumberland Trail State Park: 2.6 miles out and back (starting at the Nemo Bridge parking lot) rated easy.

Gentleman's Swimming Hole / Meeting of the Waters, Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area: Rugby

Coyote Point Trail, Lone Mountain State Forest: 8.3 mile loop, rated strenuous due to distance and elevation gain.

Judge Branch Loop / South Old Mac Trail, Frozen Head State Park: 3.2 mile loop, rated easy to moderate.

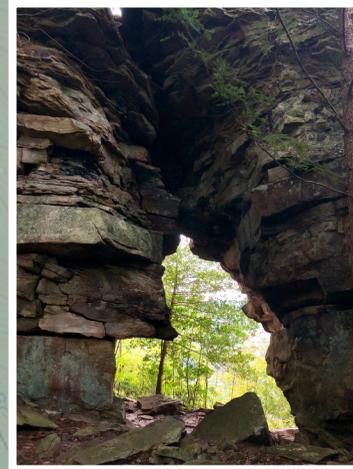
Kellogg's Crack Loop, Rugby State Natural Area: 2.85 mile loop, rated easy.

For more information on parks and trails, visit our website:

[mctamoco.com](http://mctamoco.com)



For detailed maps, videos, Instagram photos, lodging and more: [mctamoco.com](http://mctamoco.com)



## POINT TRAIL- OBED WSR



## RUGBY

RUGBY - 1ST Sheltoewe Trace Trail Town in Tennessee! Coming soon!



WARTBURG - The ONLY Trail Town on the Cumberland Trail



## HIKE MOCO

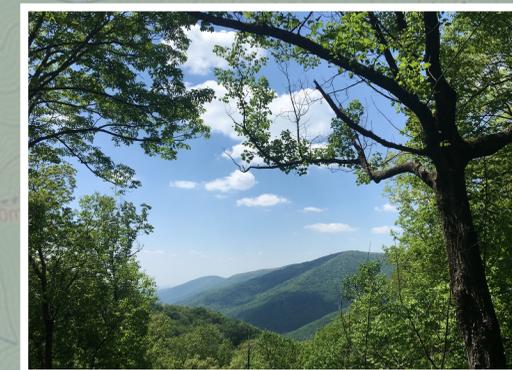
Hike MoCo is an entity of the Morgan County Tourism Alliance (MCTA), the sponsor for the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Hiking Marathons. Originating as a Facebook group, Hike MoCo presently has over 500 members with a common passion for hiking. Whether hiking in MoCo proper or the surrounding areas, hikers network through the Facebook group to meet and hike. Adventures are shared on Facebook and Instagram as well as at park events and information related to outdoor activities.



"Hiking 101" Hike MoCo group is for people beginning or re-beginning to hike. The group hikes shorter, easier trails, taking our time, with a goal of building stamina and skills to take on more challenging trails.

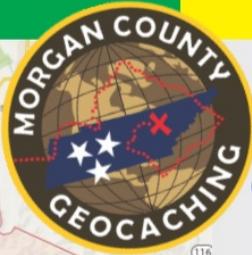
To join in the fun and adventure, look us up and join Hike MoCo!

[mctamoco.com/hike-moco-more](http://mctamoco.com/hike-moco-more)



## FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK

# geocache moco



Explore Morgan County while searching for hidden treasures in:

Catoosa Wildlife Management Area  
Lone Mountain State Forest  
Frozen Head State Park  
Cumberland Trail State Park  
Downtown Wartburg  
Many other great locations

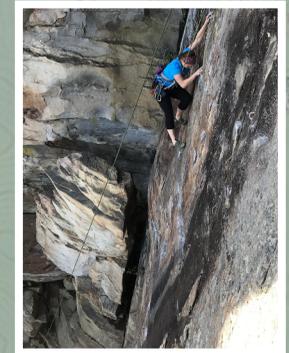
We have some of the most challenging and amazing caches to find!

Log on to [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com) to create an account and start



## ROCK CLIMBING

The Obed Wild & Scenic River Boulder Trail lives up to its name. This area of the Obed WSR will have you winding through a variety of hiking trails that showcase boulders, rock walls and formations. As an international destination, climbers from all over the world come to climb.



Bird watching is a very popular activity at the Obed Wild & Scenic River. Approximately 160 species of birds have been recorded within the park boundaries in the past 40 years! WOW!

Frozen Head State Park is a wildflower haven! The biodiversity of wildflowers is second, only to the great Smoky Mountains with over 100 species. Prime viewing time for wildflowers in the park is during FSP Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage, held the third weekend in April.



## ATV RIDING

Are you ready to ride? Are you ready to see Morgan County from some of the most spectacular viewing locations ever? Well, if you are, load up your GPS mapping and join in the fun.



The trails in Morgan County range from easy to difficult, semi-paved to rocky, muddy to dusty. We have them all. If you are ready to have a great time in an absolutely

beautiful area, trailer in your ride and have a memory-making experience.

The newest ATV rider fun-thing-to-do is visit Historic Brushy Mountain Prison, located off State Highway 116, in Petros. Great food and an historic venue. Check your map for access. You will be glad you did. Check our website for more info on ATV riding: [www.mctamoco.com](http://www.mctamoco.com)

## TRAIL RIDING

Bike and horse trails in Morgan County are located on Lone Mountain and are not for the faint of heart. Best time to go is in drier weather, due to muddy hillsides. Take Coyote Point trail if you want to go to the top. Ask a ranger for directions before getting off the main



trail. Twelve miles of difficult, challenging fun! Elevation 1374!

## HUNTING & FISHING

The Obed Wild & Scenic River and Frozen Head State Park offer the best variety in fishing and hunting. The Obed allows hunting in designated areas and even offers an extended hog season. Both parks follow all TWRA state hunting rules and guidelines.

If you enjoy fishing in some of the most picturesque ponds, streams and rivers, you will love Morgan County. Many species of sportfish make these beautiful waters their home, including; Panfish, Large-mouth, Small-mouth and Rock Bass, Muskellunge (known locally as Jack Fish); three species of catfish and several species of trout. This area



also contains a huge diversity of freshwater, Mussels, Salamanders and Crayfish - some found only here and nowhere else in the world!