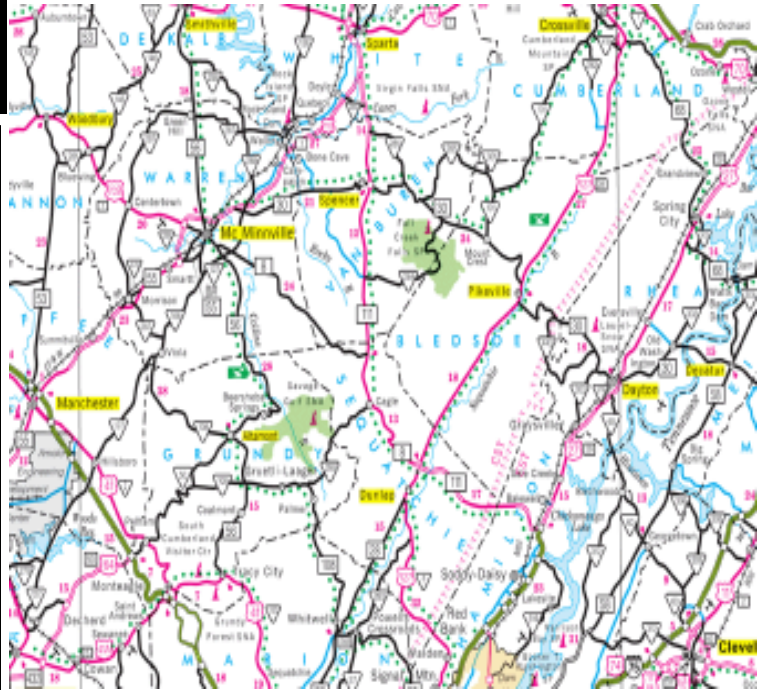


Fall Creek Falls State Park

The Park

Fall Creek Falls, ranked as one of the five best state parks in the Southeastern United States, is the most beautiful state park in Tennessee. The park features four waterfalls: Piney, Cane Creek, Cane Creek Cascades, and the crown jewel of Tennessee, Fall Creek Falls.

Besides the beautiful waterfalls, the park also has several easy day trails that cut through the dense forest that dominates the park. The forest in the gorges is similar to the forests in the neighboring Appalachian Mountains with mountain laurel, rhododendron, tulip poplar, and hemlock; the forest in the rest of the park is a traditional hardwood forest consisting of oak and hickory. Trails cross suspension bridges, descend into the gorges, and provide access to the waterfalls. All of the trails are approximately a mile long; however, there are sixteen trails that can provide a troop with a full day's activities. Of particular interest is the Cable Trail. It is a short, steep, strenuous trail; hikers should use the cable provided and consult the staff before attempting the trail. Hikers need to stay on the trails in most places because leaving the trail and venturing onto the slippery rocks can lead to a serious accident. This network of trails provides an excellent opportunity for Scouts working on merit badges that involve the environment such as Environmental Science or Geology.



Camping

The campground at Fall Creek Falls contains luxuries like tables, grills, water, and shower houses. Sites may have up to three tents in them and no more than eight people can stay in a site. Scout Troops might be more comfortable in the backcountry campsites, but a permit is required to use these sites. This campground is more suited to Cub Scout Packs due to the structured environment and luxuries.

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