

# TENNESSEE

## HUNTING AND FISHING GUIDE

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Places to go and see for fun in Tennessee

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#### TENNESSEE TRAILS VOLUNTEERS: OUR UNSUNG HEROES

A new volunteer group that has made incredible strides since its organization is the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR at website: [www.tellicowater.org](http://www.tellicowater.org)). These volunteer citizens are dedicated to protecting the environment in the Tellico Reservoir Watershed and have developed a National Recreation Trail, the East Lakeshore Trail System, at Tellico Lake.

Rosemary Marshall, Past President of the Tennessee Trails Association calls it: 'One of the most beautiful and accessible trails in East Tennessee.' The group also works to eliminate pollution, clean up the shoreline, and maintain the system's walking trails. Volunteers have built nearly 30 miles of trail along the banks of the Tellico River off Highway 95.

A map of the trails with clear directions to each of the trailheads can be found on the WATeR website at: <http://tellicowater.org/documents/Complete%20ELT%20Map.pdf>. All the trails are nice but an initial one to explore might be the 2.4 mile Coytee Loop Trail or the 3.8 mile Lotterdale Branch Trail twining along the lake shore.

Memberships are welcome in all these Tennessee organizations and volunteers are always needed to work on creating and maintaining the vast network of recreational trailways in the state. Check one out today!