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Local Events

- July 18—Fort Loudoun State Park, Junior Ranger Camp (call for details 423-884-6217)
- Aug 6—Fort Loudoun State Park, Garrison Weekend
- Aug 7—Sequoyah Museum, Sequoyah Remembrance Day
- Sept 10-11—Sequoyah Museum, 25th Annual Cherokee Fall festival 10am-5pm
- Sept 9-10 —New Midland Plaza Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, Alcoa
- Sept 17—Fort Loudoun State Park, School of The Soldier
- Sept 23-24—4th Annual Muscadine Balloon Fiesta, Tsali Notch Vineyard, Madisonville, 3pm-10pm
- Sept 24-25—National Muscadine Festival, Sweetwater
- Sept 23-24 —Townsend Fall Heritage Festival, Townsend Visitors Center
- Oct 15-16 Fort Loudoun State Park, 18th Century Trade Fair, 10am
- Nov 5—Fort Loudoun State Park, Garrison Weekend
- Dec 3—Fort Loudoun State Park, 18th Century Christmas 10-4:30

New Adventures for Toqua Campground

Toqua Campground is proud to provide a new product for visitors —camping cabins are now available for rent. These cozy cabins can provide a camping experience for those not owning their own camper or RV. The cabins provide visitors with a beautiful view of the cove in a peaceful setting.



Each cabin is equipped with a queen bed, twin bunk beds, dinette table and chairs, refrigerator, microwave, air conditioning, heat, picnic table, and two outdoor chairs and side table. Guest will need to provide their own bed linens, including pillows, and bath towels. The cabins are located with

convenient access to bathhouses and one cabin is handicap accessible.

Cabins are scheduled to begin renting July 4th weekend. Cost for renting a cabin is \$75 per night with a two night minimum and 14 night maximum. Contact the Toqua Campground Manager's office at 423-884-3317 to



check availability and make a reservation.



TRDA is also proud to announce the construction

of Toqua Memorial Park, located at Toqua Campground. Toqua was one of the principal Cherokee towns

by the thirteenth century and was a center for political, economic, and religious activities of the Cherokee people. Located under what is now Tellico Lake near Toqua Campground, the town was

home to approximately 250-300 people by 1400 A.D. and

covered 4.8 acres. Two burial mounds were found within Toqua. Based on archeological

investigation it is believed the chief lived on top of the largest mound and high status individuals were buried within.

The Toqua Memorial Park will commemorate the lives of those who made their homes here and will contain a trail, benches, enhanced natural spring flowing into a protected wetland, and a native plant garden.

For more information about the town of Toqua and other Native American history in East Tennessee, see "Tellico Archaeology: 12,000 Years of Native American History" by Jefferson Chapman.





The Big One That **Didn't** Get Away

Recently Keith and Glenda Lynn's grandson, Jake, caught an enormous crappie near Notchy Creek Campground. The fish measured an impressive 18 inches. That one was definitely a keeper!

Congratulations Jake!









Toqua Events

September 3—Labor Day celebration to be determined, ideas include, covered dish dinner, kids camp out, and live band. Suggestion appreciated, see Susie.

October 22—Trick or Treat and Hayride (hayride for smaller children in the afternoon; older children in the evening)

Improvements at Notchy Creek Campground

During the past off-season several improvements were completed at Notchy Creek Campground. These improvements included the installation of a new minnow tank,



laundry room and moving and refurbishing the boat slips.

The new minnow tank is a 195 gallon fiberglass tank, complete with chiller. Minnow, night crawlers, and red worms are all available in



A new laundry room has been installed

for camper convenience. The machines are coin operated for \$1 per load and are available during store/office hours. One camper called this new service "a life saver."

Finally, the boat slips located near the public ramp have been moved and all slips have been refurbished.



Enhancements at Lotterdale Cove



The new pavilion at Lotterdale Cove has seen much use during the spring and early summer months. If you would like to reserve the pavilion for your special event or family picnic, contact the Manager's office at 865-856-7284.

The horseshoe pits were also refurbished during the off-season. We hope you are enjoying both of these amenities.

Also, now available at the Camp Store is a "Take-a-Book-Leave-a-Book" corner.

If you need a little light reading a book exchange has been set up. See the Managers for details.



Lotterdale Cove Views

Photos courtesy of El Matthews







Memorial Day Festivities at Toqua



4th Fun at Lotterdale Cove



Toqua Celebrates Independence



Tellico Lake Campgrounds Tellico Reservoir Development Agency

Lotterdale Cove Campground 17177 East Coast Tellico Parkway Greenback, TN 37742 For Reservations call **(865) 856-7284**

Notchy Creek Campground 1235 Corntassel Road Vonore, TN 37885 For Reservations call (423) 884-6280

Toqua Campground 1315 Highway 360 Vonore, TN 37885 For Reservations call **(423) 884-3317**

We're on the web!

www.tellicolakecampgrounds.com

The perfect camping experience is waiting for you and your family!

Anniversaries

April 13

Don & Jean Matlock celebrated 55 year of marriage. Congratulations!

July 4

Mr. & Mrs. David Hatcher Celebrated 63 years of marriage. Congratulations!

We apologize if we missed your birthday or anniversary. If you would like your birthday/anniversary included in, or removed from, our list, please let your Campground Manager know or contact Michelle Jenkins at 423-884-6868, 865-673-8599, or mjenkins@tds.net.



Black Bear Trading Post Offers Unique Art

Sean and Michelle Russell have operated Black Bear Trading Post in Vonore, Tennessee, since 2006. They strive to create beautiful and unique art for your home and yard. From their signature black bears to fun flamingos, you will be sure to find just the right piece at Black Bear Trading Post. Their works of art also make great gifts.

All carvings are hand-made from locally sourced cedar and carefully carved with a chain saw by Sean. Michelle follows with the burning, painting and other finishing touches.

Black Bear Trading Post can create that custom



sign you need, either for your business or to show off your personality. A variety of sizes and styles are available. They recently created the signage for the new Toqua Memorial Park.

Seasonal décor is also available for your favorite holiday!

Hours of Operation

Mid-February— July 3 Wednesday—Friday 10:-00 am—5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

July 4th—December 24 Tuesday—Friday 10:00 am—5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Extended Hours during Fall and Christmas Seasons, call for details.



Black Bear Trading Post is located at:

1142 Hwy 411 Vonore, Tennessee 37885 Phone: 423-519-5285 Email: blackbeartp@yahoo.com

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Sean working on one of his signature black bears.