



Good times and good friends await you in Knoxville, a vibrant and beautiful river city with an abundance of great restaurants, nightlife, museums, shopping, family fun and national championship sports. It's a warm, welcoming place with its own distinct history, spirited arts community and blessed with the natural beauty of the Tennessee River and the Great Smoky Mountains.

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A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN KNOXVILLE

Knoxville's vast assortment of sporting and outdoor events provides a number of activities to keep you busy during the beautiful spring and summer months of East Tennessee. You could enjoy the majesty of the mountains and the thrill of a baseball game all in one day.

Spectator Sports

Knoxville is home to several sports teams including the *Knoxville Ice Bears*, a member of the Southern Professional Hockey League, whose home games are held at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum in the heart of downtown Knoxville. Led by General Manager Dave Feather, a UT graduate, and Head Coach Marc Rodgers, the Ice Bears have established a large local fan base and bring in large crowds for all games.

The *Tennessee Smokies* are a class AA baseball team and a member of the Southern League of Professional Baseball. The Smokies, who are affiliated with the Chicago Cubs, play at Smokies Park in Sevierville, Tenn.

Knoxville is also home of the beloved *University of Tennessee Volunteers*. Both the men's and women's athletic departments offer NCAA athletic programs including football, basketball, baseball, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, golf, tennis, cross-country and volleyball.

Golf

Great weather-year-round – breezy springs, mild summers, and beautiful autumns – make Knoxville the perfect place to come for a weekend of golf. There are 13 golf courses in Knox County and an additional 26 golf courses less than an hour away. Enjoy a round and experience the beauty of the hills, lakes and rivers of East Tennessee.

Outdoor Recreation

Knoxville's greatest attribute is the beauty of its great outdoors. The stunning river valley surrounded on the west by the Cumberland Plateau and on the east by the *Great Smoky Mountains National Park* offers a wide variety of outdoor and recreational activities. There are seven lakes, all within a 30-minute drive of Knoxville, which offer an abundance of recreational boating, skiing, fishing and other water sports.

The *Hiwassee and Ocoee River State Parks* offer kayaking, white-water rafting, backpacking and mountain biking. And, don't forget the amazing camping and hiking to be done in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Additionally, East Tennessee offers some of the best fishing and hunting anywhere. From giant small-mouth bass and catfish to whitetail deer and wild boar, the area's **19,000 miles of streams** and **48,000 acres of recreational lakes** create an environment rich in species and habitats.

The Knoxville Tourism & Sports Corporation promotes the Knoxville/Knox County area as a premier destination for conventions, sports-related events & leisure travelers to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the City and County, while generating economic impact & development.

“It's All Here, Just for You. Enjoy!”

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