

## Camping

Reservations with managing agencies are required.

- *Please camp in designated Blueway or private campsites only. Much of the land along the Blueway is private, so respect the landowners and do not trespass.*
- *All Blueway campsites are marked with a Blueway sign.*
- *Please Tread Lightly!*
  - *The facilities are primitive. No potable water is available so campers should pack in or treat drinking water. DO NOT DRINK UNTREATED RIVER WATER!*
  - *All trash (including fishing line) should be packed-out.*
  - *Pit toilets are available at Maclellan Island, Williams Island, and Pot Point. All other campsites are without sanitary facilities. Campers must pack-out all human waste. Portable backcountry sanitation systems can be purchased from outdoor equipment suppliers.*
  - *Maclellan Island, Williams Island, and Pot Point can accommodate groups of 20, though advanced permission is required.*
  - *Please check with managing agencies to see if campfires are permitted. Only dead and downed wood may be burned. Do not cut standing vegetation under any circumstances.*
- *Due to the topography, cell phone coverage is non-existent or sporadic, at best. Plan accordingly.*

### Designated Blueway Campsites:

#### **Maclellan Island– Downtown Chattanooga**

River Mile: 464.8

Campsite: Northeast corner

Amenities: Pit toilets, bunk house (20 pp), picnic area.

Supplies: Restaurants, post office, and a drug store are available within walking distance of the river on Chattanooga's north shore.

Features: 18-acre island with a 2-mile perimeter hiking trail and views of downtown Chattanooga, Great Blue Heron rookery and bird sanctuary.

Managed by: Chattanooga Audubon Society

Information: [www.chattanoogaaudubon.org](http://www.chattanoogaaudubon.org)

#### **Williams Island - Moccasin Bend/Suck Creek Area**

River Mile: 455.2

Campsite: On the northeast shore of island across from Baylor School on river right.

Amenities: Pit toilet

Supplies: Suck Creek boat launch is 2 miles downstream. A fishing supply/grocery is located ¼ mile north on Suck Creek Road (U.S. 27)

Features: Archaeological sites dating to 12,000 B.C. and the Mississippian era. Much of the island is now used for cattle farming. A former oxbow on the west shore has been turned into a wetland by beaver dams. A perimeter hiking trail is currently under construction.

Managed by: Tennessee River Gorge Trust

Information: [www.trgt.org](http://www.trgt.org)

**Pot Point Campsite– TN River Gorge Trust/Prentice Cooper State Forest**

River Mile: 447.7

Campsite: River right just downstream of Pot Point House.

Amenities: Pit Toilet

Supplies: None

Features: The campsite is primitive and for tent camping only. Pot Point House is available for rental by groups, but reservations should be made far in advance, especially in warm months. It is equipped with full kitchen, bath and showers, dining room, great room, and two group bedrooms. Nearby are a boardwalk river trail, and hiking trails up into TRGT property and Prentice Cooper State Forest.

Managed by: Tennessee River Gorge Trust

Information: [www.trgt.org](http://www.trgt.org)

**Prentice Cooper State Forest – Tennessee River Gorge**

River Mile: 444.5

Campsite: River right

Amenities: None

Supplies:

Features:

Managed by: Tennessee Dept. of Forestry

Information: [www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/stateforests/7.html](http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/stateforests/7.html)

**Marion County Park and Campground – Nickajack Lake**

River Mile: 429.0

Campsite: Public park with RV and tent sites

Amenities: Rest rooms, showers, campground store

Managed by: Marion County Parks and Recreation

Information: [www.marioncountychamber.com/accomodations1](http://www.marioncountychamber.com/accomodations1)

**Private Campgrounds:**

*These campgrounds require reservations in advance and may require minimum stays. All provide tent camping. Please call to double check requirements.*

**Camp on the Lake**

Campground: Underneath the I-24 Bridge in the center of Nickajack Lake

River Mile:

GPS Coord:

Address: 10241 Highway 156, Guild, TN 37340

Amenities: Showers, cabins, convenience store

Toll Free: (866)942-4078

Phone: (423)942-4078

Information: [www.camponthelake.com](http://www.camponthelake.com)

**Hales Bar Marina and Resort (River Mile 431.1)**

Campground: On river left just downstream of Hales Bar Dam

Address: 1265 Oldhales Bar Rd., Guild, TN 37340

Amenities: Tent sites, cabins, laundry, pool, restaurant

Reservations: (423) 942-9000

Email: [info@halesbarmarina.com](mailto:info@halesbarmarina.com)

Information: [www.halesbarmarina.com](http://www.halesbarmarina.com)

For information on area canoe and kayak instruction, guided trips, and resource stewardship, please contact Outdoor Chattanooga at (423) 643-6888 or email [info@outdoorchattanooga.com](mailto:info@outdoorchattanooga.com).