

The Nature Conservancy in Tennessee Milestone: 400,000 acres conserved across the state since 1978.



Mississippi River Land Protection

Along the Mississippi River and its iconic tributary, the Hatchie River, large-scale land protection of floodplains has led to the expansion of public recreation areas and safeguarding wildlife corridors while reducing flood damage and improving water quality.



Jewels of Middle Tennessee

Wildflowers are delicate jewels that have been protected in this area since 1978 when TNC purchased the Taylor Hollow Preserve. Numerous cedar glades also have been acquired to safeguard rare and endangered plants, including the iconic Tennessee coneflower.



Northern Cumberland Plateau

Large-Scale Connectivity

In 2007, the Conservancy led the protection effort of 127,000 acres—the biggest single project in Tennessee since the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934. Most recently, the Cumberland Forest project secured 253,000 acres in the coal fields region of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia.



An Oasis in Northeast Tennessee

Shady Valley, where the Conservancy began work in the 1970s, is a bountiful place for nature. From historic cranberry bogs to natural sandy artesian springs, Shady Valley preserves are accessible to the public and showcase public-private partnerships for conservation.

Conservation Platform

In 2018, Bridgestone Americas, Inc. donated nearly 5,800 acres which represents the crown jewel of over 65,000 acres of protected landscape on the Cumberland Plateau, making it a living laboratory and a site for natural climate solutions.



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William B. Clark Conservation Area

This region of the Wolf River represents a diverse ecosystem that contains important wildlife habitat. The area is important to improve water quality, recycle nutrients and moderate flood peaks. The public can access the area via a board walk to see Bald Cypress and Black Gum trees.



Protecting A Vital Resource

The Duck River is considered to be the richest river in varieties of freshwater animals on the North American continent. Since 1999, The Nature Conservancy has been working on the Duck River with local communities, businesses, and government agencies to ensure the long-term protection of the river's water quality and ecological integrity.



Southern Cumberland Plateau

Recreation Playground

The public-accessible area known as the Walls of Jericho on the Tennessee state line links large, intact forestlands within the Southern Highlands for a total of more than 80,000 acres of protected lands.



Flourishing Partnerships

Along Tennessee's Southern Appalachian mountain range, the Conservancy has assisted with land protection in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service. In addition, these partnerships have evolved to include removing in-stream barriers that impede fish passage and forest restoration through prescribed fire.

The Nature Conservancy Protection Projects



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| 1. Radnor Lake State Natural Area | 19. Cedar Glades and Barrens | 39. Powell River State Natural Area | 59. Duck River-Kennedy (Conservation Easement) |
| 2. Tapoco Lands | 20. Clifty Creek Gorge | 40. Obed Wild & Scenic River | 60. Alexander Cave Preserve |
| 3. Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge | 21. Doe Mountain | 41. Duck River | 61. Neely Preserve (Conservation Easement) |
| 4. Pumplog Hollow and The Narrows | 22. Tally Wilderness Area, Pogue Creek Canyon, Jim Creek | 42. Tennessee Coneflower Sites | 62. Plantation Pond (Conservation Easement) |
| 5. Reelfoot Lake | 23. Frozen Head State Park | 43. Skinner Mountain | 63. Sunnyside Cedar Glade State Natural Area |
| 6. Clinch River and Kyles Ford | 24. North Cumberlands Wildlife Management Area/Connecting the Cumberlands | 44. Hubbards Cave | 64. Clinch-Torbett (Conservation Easement) |
| 7. Barnett's Woods State Natural Area | 25. Taylor Hollow State Natural Area | 45. Cumberland Forest Project/Ataya/Tackett Creek | 65. Pearson Cave |
| 8. Tennessee River Gorge, Aetna Mountain, Franklin State Forest | 26. Langford Branch Seeps and Dry Branch Seeps | 46. Bear Hollow Mountain WMA - South Unit | 66. Watauga River Bluffs State Natural Area |
| 9. Washmorgan Hollow | 27. Savage Gulf/South Cumberland State Park | 47. Middle Fork Forked Deer River/Jackson Wetlands | 67. Colditz Cove State Natural Area |
| 10. Shady Valley | 28. Fall Creek Falls State Park | 48. Land Between the Lakes | 68. Duck River-Anderson Tract |
| 11. Kelly Creek Seeps | 29. Jarrell Switch Refuge | 49. Buffalo Mountain Camp | 69. Bellamy Cave |
| 12. William B. Clark State Natural Area | 30. Cherokee National Forest - Unicoi County | 50. Conasauga River | 70. Cummins Falls State Park |
| 13. Big South Fork National River and Recreational Area | 31. Bendabout Farm (Conservation Easement) | 51. Shafer-Tuuk Tree Farm (Conservation Easement) | 71. Sunk Lake State Natural Area |
| 14. Hatchie River National Wildlife Refuge | 32. Cherokee National Forest - Carter County | 52. The Bridgestone Nature Reserve at Chestnut Mountain | 72. Hawkins Cove State Natural Area |
| 15. Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge | 33. Longhunter State Park and Couchville Cedar Glades | 53. Piney River Gorge | 73. White Oak Swamp |
| 16. Bear Hollow Mountain Wildlife Management Area - North Unit | 34. Chickasaw State Park | 54. Mt. Roosevelt Wildlife Management Area | 74. Beech Creek Bluffs State Natural Area |
| 17. French Broad River | 35. Cherokee National Forest - Greene County | 55. North Cumberlands Wildlife Management Area - Highcliff | 75. Shaws Creek Bottoms |
| 18. Walls of Jericho | 36. McCloud Mountain | 56. Cherokee National Forest - Tri-Corner | 76. Little Hickory Creek |
| | 37. Yanahli Wildlife Management Area | 57. Wolf River- Clark Restoration Site | 77. Wolf River Cave |
| | 38. Cherokee National Forest - Cocke County | 58. Duck River-Allen Dairy (Conservation Easement) | 78. John Tully WMA and State Forest |

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