

League of American Bicyclists

Awarded Chattanooga with its coveted Bicycle Friendly Community designation in 2003 and renewed through 2011.

Bicycling Magazine

Named Chattanooga as one of the best cycling cities in the U.S, March, 2006.

Journal of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals

Chattanooga is among the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) members' favorite places to walk and bike, according to a poll of APBP members.

Additional Chattanooga Accolades

- * Undiscovered Gem of Tennessee, **NY Times**
- * **Planner's Choice Award**, Meetings and Conventions Magazine
- * A Top 10 City in Which to Live Big, Play Hard and Work, **Outdoor Magazine**
- * One Cool City, **Runner's World Magazine**
- * **Disney Family Travel**, 1 of 50 best family vacations
- * **Plenty Magazine as featured on CBS Morning Show**, A walk-able and bike-friendly city; very eco-oriented, with local markets
- * "We agree this is America at its best. Environmental sustainability is a core value at Volkswagen, and Chattanooga has moved to make environmental awareness part of the city's fabric." - **Stefan Jacoby, President and CEO of Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**

Chattanooga is within a 3-hour drive of 10 million people. Approximately one-third of the nation's population can reach Chattanooga in a day's drive.

Chattanooga boasts one of the nation's top ten green convention centers, a state-of-the-art, one-level, 185,000 square foot facility. The city offers 9000 guest rooms in the metro area, an airport that offers non-stop and one-stop connections to over 1000 destinations, a free zero-emission electric shuttle system and unique off-site function venues and recreational options.

Through the leadership and vision of our government, citizens and local advocates, Chattanooga has made great strides in advancing our bicycle and pedestrian networks. Home to a regional office of the Trust for Public Land, Chattanooga has an extensive greenways master plan of which the Tennessee Riverpark is a cornerstone. Recognized by the American Planning Association with its 2007 National Excellence Award for Implementation of our bicycle planning efforts, Chattanooga continues to move forward. The Chattanooga Chapter of the Southern Off Road Bicycle Association (SORBA) has also initiated its Singletrack Mind Initiative, set at developing 100 miles of bikeable singletrack within 10 miles of Chattanooga by 2010.

Access: Possibly, you may find you have a large membership in the southeast, our central location being 90 minutes north of Atlanta and on the border of Alabama, GA and TN create for a great draw. Airport service has non stops to Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Memphis, Washington, DC – Reagan, Columbus, DFW-Dallas, Houston, Orlando, Tampa/St. Pete, Ft. Lauderdale and Detroit.

Outdoor activities and sites around Chattanooga that would make excellent educational mobile workshops!

Tennessee Riverpark

Extending from Ross's Landing and Coolidge Park, explore the Tennessee Riverpark by foot or bicycle as it follows the Tennessee River to Lake Chickamauga. Learn first hand from Trust for Public Land staff how they pieced together a challenging trail acquisition program through industrial sites to high-dollar homes to create the initial 10-mile trail.

Raccoon Mountain Trail System

Hike or bike on over 16 miles of Chattanooga's newest singletrack at the unique Tennessee Valley Authority's Raccoon Mountain Pumped Storage Facility. SORBA Chattanooga will describe how the partnership with TVA was established and the hoops they had to jump through to get this trail on the ground in less than two years.

The Guild Trail

Experience a 5-mile bike ride on Chattanooga's first rail-to-trail along Lookout Mountain. Session leaders will highlight the unique way the trail was acquired, and the partnerships in place with utilities and the National Park Service to keep it open. The route also is highlighted by scenic overlooks of the City.

Braille Trail at the Pot Point House

Take a trip to the scenic Pot Point House, owned by the Tennessee River Gorge Trust on the banks of the Tennessee River. Enjoy a leisurely walk along a new Braille boardwalk that was refurbished in 2006 to allow visually impaired users the opportunity to better interact with nature. Listen to a CD of bird calls found along the Cumberland Trail. See how your organization can better accommodate persons with disabilities on trails.

Enterprise South Nature Park, a Military Arsenal Turned Park

Learn about a new regional park partnership between the City and County to transform the former Volunteer Army Ammunition Site into a first-class recreation park with multi-use trails. This 3000-acre nature preserve will provide miles of singletrack, on-road bicycle and equestrian trails located adjacent to the County's 3000-acre industrial mega-site.

Cumberland Trail

Learn how this public/private partnership has achieved success in trail building, utilizing the help of AmeriCorps, AHS Volunteer Vacationers, and college students on spring and fall breaks to build 150 miles of trail.

Cumberland Trail

The challenges of balancing backcountry and front country trail management in the North Chickamauga Creek State Natural Area and the Rock-Possum-Soddy Segment.

Tennessee River Blueway, Hands On

Grab a paddle and enjoy a leisurely float down the Tennessee River to see first hand what it takes to make a water trail a reality.

Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park Civil War Trail History

Walk back in time to the Civil War and learn about the Battles for Chattanooga that ultimately led to the Union victory over the South.

South Chickamauga Creek Greenway

Tour the greenway with opportunities for education on the ecology, history, and challenges of watching over and improving the water quality of the creek. A canoe trip is also foreseeable.

Trail of Tears

Learn about how thousands of Cherokee and Creeks were forced to leave their homelands and travel to Oklahoma and how the National Park Service provides opportunities for interpretation of this event as part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Tennessee Aquarium, Behind the Scenes Tour

An opportunity to see how the aquarium operates and how hundreds of fish and amphibian species are cared for. Check out the Rivers Journey building, which specializes in species from the Southeast, along with collections of freshwater species from around the world. The recently opened Oceans Journey includes a touching pool of sharks and rays and an indoor butterfly garden.

Cave Trek

Led by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, enjoy an educational exploration of one of Chattanooga's area caves. Learn about how these caves were formed, how caves serve as important habitat for rare species, and what measures the cave conservancy is taking to protect our caves from abuse and development.

Ocoee Whitewater Center

Consider a scenic drive through the Ocoee River Gorge to the home of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games Whitewater Venue. Learn how the Ocoee River was structurally transformed to accommodate whitewater competitions. See the new 20+ mile network of mountain bike trails. And if the weather is warm, take a dip in one of the blue holes to cool off!

Pigeon Mountain Equestrian Ride

Enjoy equestrian riding on Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area while learning how local land managers wrestle with the demands of various user groups and work in harmony with equestrian volunteer groups to maintain riding opportunities.

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The historic Walnut Street Bridge, erected in 1890, and reopened in 1993 as one of the longest pedestrian bridges in the world, serves as a key component in Chattanooga's North-South Bicycle Corridor.

