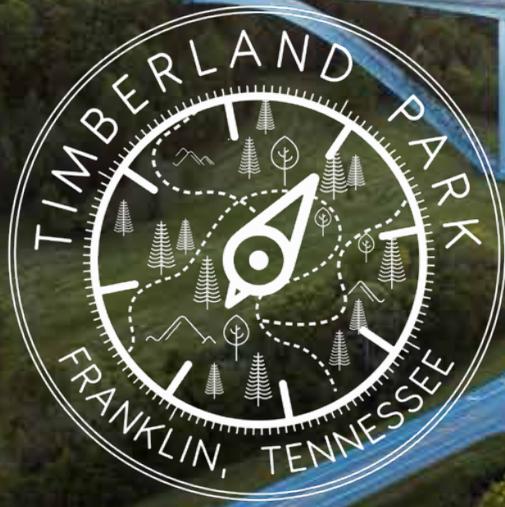


Timberland Park



**OUR PLACE ON
THE TRACE**

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION



LOCATION

Timberland Park is located just south of the Hwy. 96 entrance to the Natchez Trace Parkway at mile marker 437.2 on the historic Natchez Trace Parkway in Franklin, Tennessee.

HOURS

- March to October
Daily, 9:00am to 6:00pm
- November to February
Daily, 9:00am to 4:00pm

AMENITIES

- Interpretive Center with information and educational displays
- Hiking trails
- Overlook
- Butterfly garden
- Restrooms
- Picnic tables
- ADA Accessible Trail
- RV Accessible
- No dump station onsite
- Groups are welcome and escorted group hikes can be pre-arranged
- Come enjoy the beauty of nature and the variety of rustic, challenging trails throughout the property!

PETS

- Pets are permitted and must remain on a leash and under physical restraint at all times
- Dog waste receptacles are available onsite

- Timberland Park sits on 72 acres that were donated to Williamson County by the State of Tennessee.
- The park trails are old logging roads that have been left intact over the years, with the addition of new trails.
- Nine different hiking trails of various length and activity level wind over five miles throughout the scenic park.



Timberland Park provides opportunities for hiking, bird watching and wildlife observation.

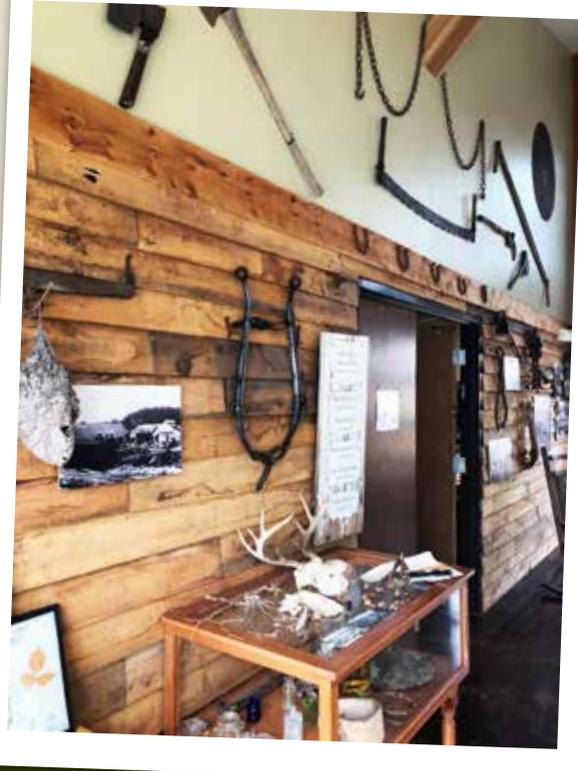
Walking sticks made from reclaimed fallen branches on the property are available for use by hikers.



For many generations, the wooded property comprising **TIMBERLAND PARK** was owned and logged by local families. Early loggers used two-man hand saws to fell large trees, then grappled those logs onto chains connected to harnessed mules.

Once the logs were hauled out of the woods, they were loaded onto wagons pulled by mule or horses and driven to a nearby sawmill. The cut lumber was used to build homes and businesses in the growing town of Franklin.

Old logging roads can be observed today throughout **TIMBERLAND PARK**.



Open daily, the 2000 sq. ft. self-sustaining Interpretive Center at **TIMBERLAND PARK** uses solar panels and stores energy in batteries for electricity, rain water collection for irrigation, propane for the fireplace and a septic system for waste. Stop by for a visit and view the artifacts and educational displays.



In 1975, the Maxson family sold the 80 acres comprising **TIMBERLAND PARK** to the **STATE OF TENNESSEE** which had plans to build a folk arts center on the property.

That idea never came to fruition, and the property was declared surplus by the state in 1996 and placed at auction.

Representatives of Williamson County lobbied to acquire the property, and after over a year of work with the **STATE OF TENNESSEE**, the **NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY** and the **FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**, an agreement was made to retain the land for its originally intended public use. This effort was spearheaded by influential Williamson County, Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Williamson County Parks and Recreation officials. The transfer of deed to Williamson County was finalized in **MAY 1999**.

The development of the property into the present-day **TIMBERLAND PARK** was a journey of perseverance, cooperation and vision that took two decades. Williamson County Parks and Recreation envisioned a rustic passive park, the first of its kind in a system consisting of active parks, recreation centers and pools. A master plan was developed which included an environmentally sustainable interpretive center and walking trails.

