

# Big South Fork Tennessee State Rally

Joint East TN and Music City Airstream Clubs Rally

May 13-16, 2021 Thursday-Sunday

(Weekend after Mother's Day)

Bandy Creek Group Campground

Join us for double the fun at Big South Fork National Park with lots of sightseeing, history, and nature. Hike to the Twin Arches -- the most impressive rock arches in the eastern US. Take a guided tour of historic Rugby -- a town built as an experimental utopian colony by the English. Take a guided tour of the home of Sgt. Alvin York -- famous WWI hero, played by Gary Cooper in the movie. Do as little or as much as you want. There is something for everyone.

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## RALLY FEE INCLUDES:

- **Boondocking Group Campsite at Bandy Creek Campground (group area).** Included **FREE** in the Rally Fee are 19 boondocking campsites in the group area assigned to East TN and/or Music City Clubs based on order of registration until filled. Quiet generators allowed. This includes a centrally located, screened pavilion with lights and a bath house for our private use the entire time. **All activities will take place in the group campsite / screened-in pavilion.**

**NOTE: E/W Campsites Available.** When group campsites are full OR for those who want electric/water, you are responsible for making your own reservation at the non-group area in Bandy Creek Campground across the street. Your additional cost would be \$12.50/night with Senior National Park Pass or \$25/night with no senior discount. May we suggest **Loop C** for everyone to be together.

<https://www.recreation.gov>

- Thursday - campfire wood
  - Friday - morning coffee; charcoal for bring-your-own foil dinner in the Pavilion
  - Saturday - morning coffee; Dinner in the Pavilion, including charcoal
  - Sunday - morning coffee & sweets
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## SCHEDULE

### NOTE:

**Eastern Time: Bandy Creek Campground and town of Rugby**

**Central Time: Alvin York Memorial (town of Pall Mall) and other surrounding area tourist attractions (Jamestown, Muddy Pond)**

## Thursday—

### Arrive at **Bandy Creek Group Campground**

<https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/upload/Bandy-Creek-Campground-Map-Regs-2018-bw-2.pdf>.

Boondocking? **First-come-first-served** on site selection in group section E: sites 1-19.

**4:30 ET.** Happy Hour Get-acquainted meeting (GAMs) – Bring your own beverage.

**6:00 ET.** Potluck Dinner

**7:00 ET.** Review of activities for the weekend and alternative options explained. Evening campfire.

## Friday—

**7:30 ET.** Coffee provided at the pavilion.

**Day is FREE.** See optional activity page.

**4:30 ET.** Happy Hour at the group pavilion. Bring your own beverage.

**6:00 ET. Open Grill** at Pavilion. Charcoal and hot coals provided. Bring your own complete foil dinner and drink. Enjoy everyone's company as you wait for your culinary creation to cook and share your tips for foil dinners.

## Saturday —

**7:30 ET.** Coffee provided at the pavilion.

**8:30 ET.** East TN Executive Board Meeting (and any interested regular members)

**9:15 ET.** East TN Business Meeting (all members)

**10:30 ET.** Build-a-Bluebird House project. (All those who signed up)

**Day is FREE.** See optional activity page.

**4:30 ET.** Happy Hour at the group pavilion. Bring your own beverage.

**6:00 ET. Dinner Provided.** Brats / buns / potato salad / chips / condiments provided.

## Sunday—

**8:30 ET.** Coffee and sweet pastry provided at the pavilion.

# Suggested ½ Day Activities

## ½ Day: HISTORIC ALVIN C. YORK

**9:45 ET.** Depart for **Sgt. Alvin C. York State Park**, Pall Mall, TN. At the Visitor’s Center, purchase your tickets for the 45-minute guided tour of his home (10, 11, 1, 2, 3 **CT**). Be sure to watch the introductory movie every hour on the half hour.

**Before/After.** Explore rest of Alvin York park (WWI trench in the field, grist mill, cemetery, school). There is also an old authentic country store within 10 miles.

**Hiking nearby:** Twin Arches

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## ½ Day: HISTORIC RUGBY

**8:30 ET.** Depart for **Rugby, TN.**

**10:00 ET.** Purchase \$5 tickets for guided tour of Rugby historic homes. Meet at the Rebecca Johnson Theater, there’s an award winning film to enjoy.

There are several enjoyable gift shops in the central town area.

**Hiking nearby:** Gentleman’s Watering Hole, Colditz Cove State Natural Area (waterfall)

**NOON.** Lunch at the historic Harrow Road Café in Rugby

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## ½ Day: TWIN ARCHES

The most impressive rock arches in the eastern US.  
Open sunlight to sunset.

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## Optional Activities:

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center & Museum**—free public Wi-Fi, bookstore, restrooms, firewood/ ice sales, maps, exhibits, <https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm>. Hours are Fri-Mon 8am-6pm & Tue-Thurs. 9am-5pm.

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## HIKING

**Bandy Creek Loop Trail** -- <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/bandy-creek-loop-trail-1.4> Next to the visitors center at the campground. 1.4 mile easy loop trail. Keep dogs on leash.

## **Colditz Cove State Natural Area (Northrup Falls)**

2552 Northrup Falls Rd, Jamestown, TN 38556  
1 mile loop (easy if viewed partway from the top; moderate if you hike down (uneven, rocky terrain. suggest that you go counterclockwise).

**Gentleman's Watering Hole Trail, Rugby, TN.** – 3 mile loop (Easy/Moderate).  
<https://scenicusa.net/121410.html>

**Twin Arches Trail** — View the most impressive rock arches in the eastern US. 1.4 miles from parking lot, (Easy/Moderate) (go up and down 5 flights of steep stairs)  
<https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/twinarches.htm>.

**Twin Arches Loop Trail** -- 4.5 miles long (Moderate in difficulty) and includes some interesting rock overhangs (rock shelters) and cliffs, an old home site and the Charit Creek Lodge. The trail can be hiked in three to four hours.  
<https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/twinarches.htm>

**Angel Falls Overlook Trail** --  
<https://www.ihoneida.com/2017/05/23/hike-of-the-week-angel-falls-overlook/>  
5.8 miles. Elevation gain 600 feet. Most photographed section of the park.

**Slave Falls Loop Trail**—3.2 mile loop (Easy/Moderate), West Side Hiking Trail starting at Sawmill Trailhead  
<https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/tntrails.htm>. Creeks cutting through rock slowly in geologic time, the result is a tall but narrow hanging waterfall (60 ft drop), which you can reach in 1.2 miles. Slave Falls Loop also features a large 90 feet wide, 75 feet deep Indian Rock House and Needle Arch

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## **HISTORIC**

**Pickett CCC Memorial State Park**—4605 Pickett Park Hwy, Jamestown, TN. The park memorializes and preserves the unique work of the CCC between 1934-1942, <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/pickett>. The Pickett State Park Archaeology Research Museum in 2017 featuring the Native American prehistory of the Upper Cumberland Plateau region. A ten-minute walk from the museum is the Rock Creek Mortar Shelter dating back 11,500 years. Can rent kayak or canoe.

**Historic Rugby**—Enjoy Rugby Colony National Register Historic District, <http://www.historicrugby.org>. There are 10 walking trails to peruse including a Rugby State Natural Area, homesteads, shopping, & crafts. Highly recommended is the Gentlemen's Watering Hole Trail, a 45-minute loop.

**Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park Hike**—a 0.5-mile, one-way trail leads across the Wolf River by way of a suspension bridge. The trail is easy and leads from Sgt. York's home to his burial site. Can drive to gravesite. Nearby restored grist mill,  
<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/sgt-alvin-c-york>.

**Driving Tour of Wolf River Valley, Pall Mall, TN**—Cost \$10 Leaving from York State Park Visitor's Center at noon CST every Saturday & Sunday. Participants will follow a park guide to various locations including York's original home site, York Bible School, & more. Involves minimal walking,

**Forbus Store, Pall Mall, TN**—3902 North York Highway, Pall Mall, TN. Old fashioned Country Store. If you go to Sgt. York State Park, it's worth the 5-minute drive from park to stop, <http://www.bigsouthfork.org/forbus-general-store/>.

**Muddy Pond, TN**—Mennonite Community with General Store, Bake Shop, and Fine Leather Shop (saddles, purses), Sorghum Mill, etc. Beautiful country drive.

<https://www.urbansouthern.com/day-trip-guide-community-muddy-pond-tennessee/>

**Blue Heron Mining Camp**—All day Adventure starting in Stearns, KY,

<https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/historyculture/blueheron.htm>.

Take the Big South Fork Scenic Railway to Blue Heron or Mine 18, an abandoned ghost town. \$15 Senior Railroad admission, \$11 bag lunch, walk through Blue Heron & experience the open air museum with audio stations describing mining life.

**Museum & Chamber of Commerce, Jamestown, TN** -- 114 W Central Ave. see the Old Jail and Museum, free admission. Over 100 years old, the Jail was constructed of native sandstone.

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## FOOD/WINE

### **The West End Café Jamestown,**

**TN**—Address is 306 West Central Ave Jamestown, TN. Ask for the Pulled Pork Pie -- a crispy corncake/pulled pork/slaw specialty. It's hometown, home style cooking. Open for breakfast and lunch.

### **Highland Manor Winery, Jamestown, TN**—

It's the oldest winery in Tennessee. Address is 2965 South York Hwy Jamestown, TN, RVs welcome,

<http://www.uppercumberlandwinetrail.com/highland.html>. Free tours, tasting, & local wine.

### **Harrow Road Café, Rugby TN** --

<http://www.historicrugby.org/harrow-road-cafe/>)

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**BANDY CREEK GROUP CAMPGROUND:** 19 Rigs max for FREE Group drycamping (register early with rally hosts to lock in your site) OR overflow camping with Electric / Water is available at an additional expense on your own. BOTH at Bandy Creek Campground. Dump site available.

**Quiet Time:** 10 pm – 6 am      **Check-in:** 4 PM; **Check-out:** 11 AM

**Rally fee: \$25 / couple. Includes** morning coffee; Friday dinner, Sunday morning pastry, charcoal, firewood. Optional activities are extra. No outside wood allowed.

**Bring:** Thursday Pot Luck main/side/dessert. Friday Foil Dinner. Musical instruments for campfire.

**Cancellations up to 4/23/2021**

Since this is a joint rally, we have two people accepting registrations:

**SEND NO ADVANCE PAYMENT. Checks or exact cash accepted at the rally.**

**East TN & Other Clubs RETURN FORM TO:**

Mary Johnson  
179 Tanglewood Rd.  
Sharps Chapel, TN 37866  
Cell: 937-974-5539

**Music City RETURN FORM TO:**

Fran Holberg  
1861 Terrapin Creek Road  
Puryear, TN 38251  
H-731-782-3530  
C-610-513-9514

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**2021 Big South Fork Rally, Double the Fun**

WBCCI #:	Local Club Name:	
Main Contact Name:	Cell phone	
Partner Name:	Cell Phone	
Main Contact eMail:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Tow Vehicle License Plate #:	Nbr of Pets:	

**FEES - Paid at the Rally**

CAMPSITE	Yes, I want to reserve a FREE dry camping site in the group area. [    ] YES
	NO, I will make my own reservations for E/W at Bandy Creek Campground (Loop C). [    ] NO; SITE # =
Make & Take Bluebird House Project (everyone welcome) [# kits:    ] @ 5 ea	= \$
Rally FEE: Airstream with 2 adults @ \$25	= \$
Rally FEE: Airstream with 1 adult @ \$15	= \$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE at the Rally	\$