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DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 52,753

Median Income: \$41,726

Land area: 361 sq. mi.

Water area: 34.0 sq. mi.

CLIMATE

Annual Rainfall : 55 in.

Annual Snowfall: 7 in.

Avg. July High: 89

Avg. January Low: 27

Elevation: 907 ft.





Roane County Has History

Roane County, named after the second governor of Tennessee - Archibald Roane, was formed in 1801. The Tennessee legislature was asked to establish a new county in the area just west of Knoxville.

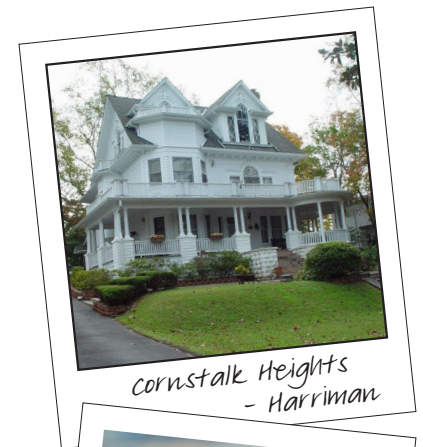
In 1939 the Watts Bar Dam was built to harness the great river, creating Watts Bar Lake. The lake consists of 39,000 acres with 770 miles of shoreline right in the center of Roane County.

Today Roane County is made up of five distinct communities - Harriman, Kingston, Rockwood and portions of Oliver Springs and Oak Ridge, all unique, independent, charming and historic.

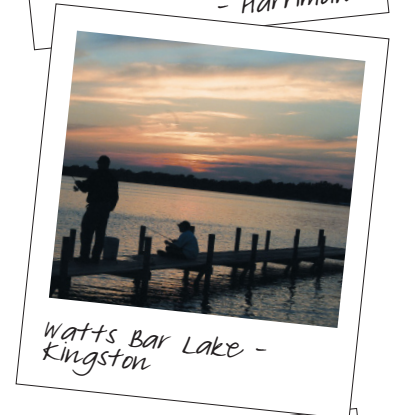
Harriman

The City of Harriman has a unique history. Known as "The Town that Temperance Built," Harriman was established by Frederick Gates, a former Methodist minister and Chattanooga Land Company representative, who envisioned a town of social temperance and industry that could be commercialized for business, profit and the betterment of mankind. In 1890, Gates held the Great Land Sale in which he sold 575 lots in 10 hours for a total of \$604,000. The American Temperance University, founded in 1895, moved into the building

previously owned by the Land Company. Today, the magnificent Temperance Building still graces Main Street Harriman as a reminder of the past, and visitors can enjoy artifacts and photos in the Harriman Heritage Museum. Some of the original homes built after the Grand Land Sale can still be seen in the Cornstalk Heights Historical District in Harriman. Over 100 structures are listed on the National Historic Register.



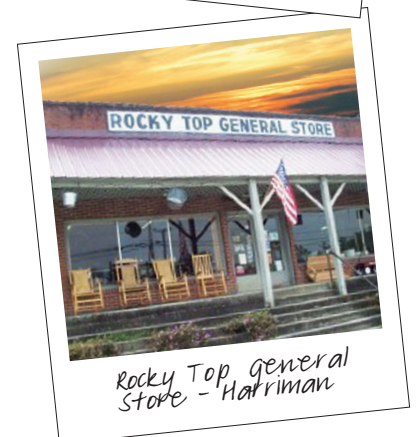
*Cornstalk Heights
- Harriman*



*Watts Bar Lake -
Kingston*

Kingston

The rich and fascinating history of Roane County begins in 1797 with the establishment of Fort Southwest Point on a high bluff overlooking the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers. The Fort was the genesis of Kingston and Roane County. Settlements, complete with trading posts and inns, grew up around the Fort. By 1799, the Fort's garrison numbered over 400 men; it had become one of the most important military posts on the American frontier. That same year, just three years after Tennessee was admitted to the Union, the Tennessee legislature chartered the town of Kingston. Two years later, the legislature created Roane County with Kingston as its seat.



*Rocky Top General
Store - Harriman*



Roane County Has History

Rockwood

The City of Rockwood was established after the Civil War when Union officer and geologist John T. Wilder discovered iron on Walden Ridge. He returned with northern industrialists to begin mining and milling operations in 1868. Rockwood began as a company town serving the employees of the Roane Iron Company. The town gets its name from the company's first president, William O. Rockwood. As the company and the town

prospered, other businesses moved into the area, thus expanding and diversifying Roane County's economic framework. Today, visitors enjoy the antique shops, specialty stores and restaurants that have moved into the renovated buildings of downtown Rockwood. One of these renovated buildings also is home to Yonder Hollow, an "old timey and bluegrass" music venue presented every Friday evening. Rockwood hosts a "Thunder Road Festival" in April and a "Fall Family Festival" in October.



Downtown Rockwood

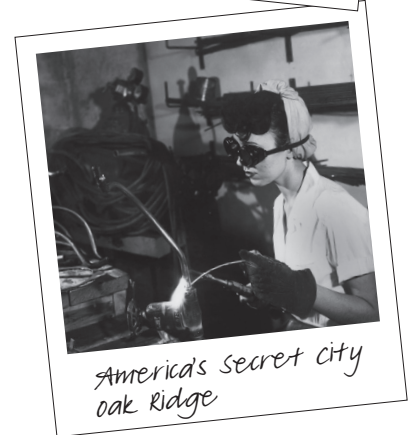
Oak Ridge

Roane County experienced dramatic changes during the 1930s and 1940s. The Tennessee Valley Authority started programs to develop a new economy, additional electricity and a year-round navigable waterway to Knoxville. One of the most important changes in the county occurred when Oak Ridge was the site chosen by the United States Government to develop materials for the Manhattan Project during World War II, and the military-constructed community was born.

Today, visitors can take historic train rides on the Secret City Excursion Train through the rolling hills of Roane County and learn about the history of the Manhattan Project. The Wheat Community African Burial Ground reminds visitors of the once thriving farming community that was displaced by the Project. A monument marks the entrance to a slave cemetery that was located in the Wheat Community.



Historic Oliver Springs



*America's secret city
Oak Ridge*

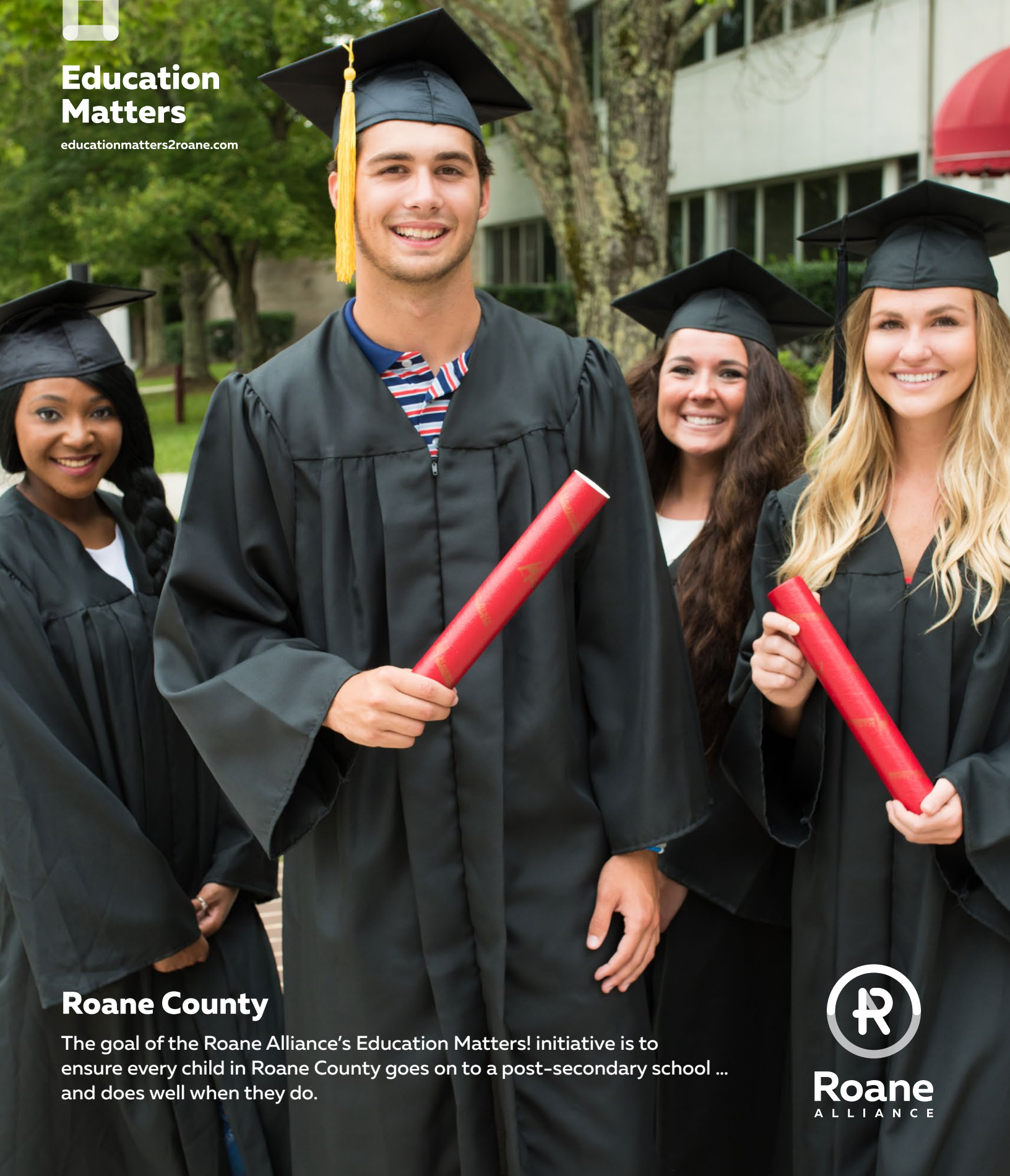
Oliver Springs

Oliver Springs originally known as Winter's Gap, was founded in 1830. Richard Oliver, for whom the town was renamed, was the first to commercialize the natural mineral springs in the area which attracted travelers from all over the United States. Mineral springs were widely regarded as alleviating a variety of physical ailments. To accommodate these travelers, Oliver opened a beautiful, 150 room luxury hotel known as The Richards House, which catered to wealthy visitors who came to drink and bathe in the springs. Sadly, the hotel burned down in 1895, though the original hotel ticket booth remains in the Oliver Springs Railroad Depot Museum. Around the turn of the century new commercial buildings were constructed to serve the growing economy based on coal and tourism.



Education Matters

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The goal of the Roane Alliance's Education Matters! initiative is to ensure every child in Roane County goes on to a post-secondary school ... and does well when they do.



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Establishing a path to future success in Roane.

We empower leaders, parents and students to invest in education so they are better prepared to fulfill the workforce opportunities of Roane County's future.

The Roane Alliance launched Education Matters! in 2009, and it has become a highly effective coalition of programs and partnerships. Education Matters! activities, partnership and volunteers are active year-round, countywide, across all age groups.



Ready to serve.

Roane County is located in the high-tech and economical development corridor of Knoxville/Oak Ridge Innovation Valley, ideally positioned at America's Technology Crossroads. We mean business when it comes to workforce readiness in Roane County.



30% Professional, scientific, management and waste management

24% Educational, health and social services

16% Transportation, warehousing and utilities

With a full selection of training opportunities for a growing workforce, Roane State Community College has graduated the most technical workers, compared with other community colleges across the country. You can earn an associate's degree or take courses toward a career in healthcare, business, technology or other disciplines. Employing more than 5,000 engineers, 2,400 scientists and 2,000 PhDs, the areas of Roane County, Oak Ridge and Knoxville focus on cutting-edge classroom technology to develop workforce-ready graduates.

Education Matters! We're serving the citizens, industry and businesses and future workforce of Roane County.



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Education in Roane Co.

Education

Public Schools, An A+ System

The County is served by an excellent school system- the Roane County School System. The school system has achieved the Governor's A+ Award for Community Commitment to Excellence in Education. The A+ award, which was established by the State of Tennessee, recognizes our entire community, as well as our schools, for placing high emphasis on quality education.



Advanced Education

Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Harriman (formerly Tennessee Technology Center)

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Harriman is one of 26 such colleges in the State. The College is governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents and is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education. Full-time programs are approved for veterans' training by the State Office for Veterans' Education.

Roane State Community College

Whether you choose to follow a transfer curriculum toward your bachelor's degree at a four-year college, or go into the workforce immediately upon completing your associate's degree at Roane State, you'll be well prepared and equipped to compete with the best.

University Parallel Program...Save approximately \$2,400 by completing your first two years at Roane State as compared to four-year state schools.

Michael Dunn Center

The Michael Dunn Center exists to provide high quality services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. The Center provides services to the public school systems. Our goal is to be the premier provider of services in the state of Tennessee for agencies that serve individuals with developmental disabilities



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We're on a mission to create an environment and provide a unified voice that promotes job creation and economic development.



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Success is here.

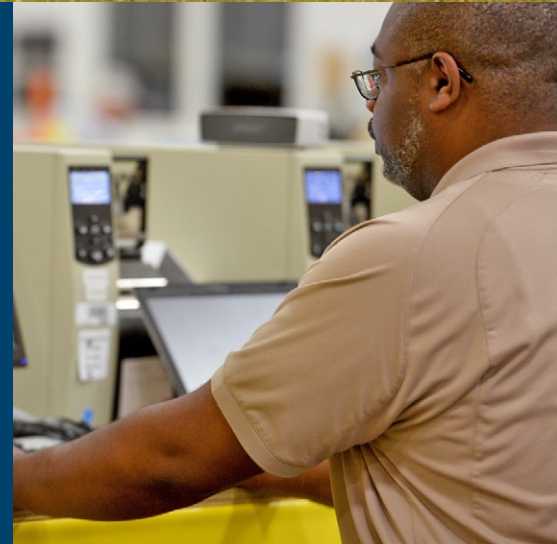
Roane County's outstanding location, ready infrastructure, educated workforce, available industrial sites and established resume of success in industry have been key factors in its economic growth.

As Roane County's economic and community development organization, we drive regional job growth and sustain successful results. We encourage and support development of a well-trained workforce to meet current and emerging job requirements of established and new businesses.



A natural choice for economic development.

Roane County is home to the nation's top research lab, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and to Proton Power, the pioneer in renewable energy technology. A TVA Silver-level sustainable community, we partner with and are located in the Innovation Valley Technology Corridor.



5 Industrial and business parks with many types of sites available

9 Workforce and education development programs

3 Certified-site locations have met stringent development requirements, poised and prepared for corporate investment

Positioned at America's Technology Crossroads, Roane County's local infrastructure, strong economic climate and high quality of life make it an attractive choice for expansive opportunities. Situated within 500 miles of 75 percent of key U.S. markets, the county lies within a day's drive of two-thirds of the U.S. population.

Roane County is a place tasked to tackle national challenges, such as climate change and solutions for sustainable energy and transportation.



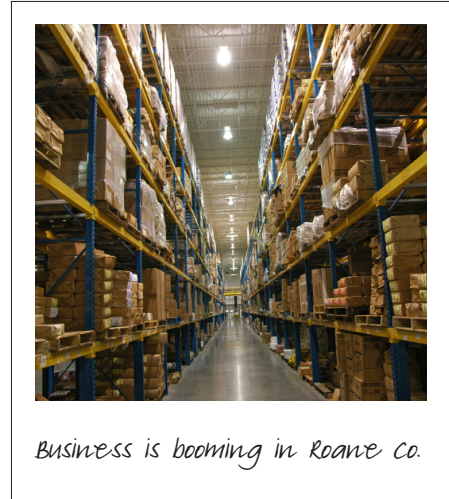
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Economic Opportunity

Economy

Unemployment Rate	5.90%
Future Job Growth	28.90%
Sales Taxes	9.50%
Income Taxes	0.00%
Income per Cap.	\$24,155
Household Income	\$43,017
Family Median Income	\$53,141



Economic Development

Roane County is the only place in the country where you can walk out of a national lab and be in the most visited national park within an hour. Though located in an idyllic setting around one of the largest lakes in East Tennessee, Roane County also is a place where business and technology flourishes. Home to the nation's largest federal research and development center, the world's largest science project and soon-to-be home of the world's fastest computer, Roane County offers the most highly sophisticated and experimental facilities in the world. With more than 45,000 IT professionals; 9,000 students majoring in science; and 2,000 PhDs -- as well as nearly 400,000 prospective employees -- and abundant industrial and commercial real estate prime for development - Roane County offers a unique range of industrial and commercial opportunities.

Long the home of cutting-edge technology research and development in Oak Ridge, Roane County is also on the verge of explosive new growth county-wide. Ideally located in the center of the south, Roane County is within minutes of both I-40 and I-75 and within a day's drive of more than 75 percent of the U.S. population and the major U.S. markets. Through a combination of excellent location, sound development, ambitious planning and forward thinking, Roane County is set to experience a massive surge in its retail, commercial and industrial sectors -- bolstering an already robust residential real estate market.

Roane County has a healthy, vibrant economy, and businesses grow quickly here. With an outstanding location; low tax rate; ready infrastructure; skilled workforce; available industrial sites and an established resume of success in retail, tourism, scientific research and industry, Roane County may be just the place for you to do business.



Roane Tourism

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Let us pamper you at Whitestone Country Inn. Spend the day playing on Watts Bar Lake. Immerse yourself in the story of the Manhattan Project— one that changed the world forever.



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It's how you have fun that counts.

Natural beauty and recreation are part of the good life here in Roane County. Located in the Tennessee Valley with a Great Smoky Mountains backdrop, we enjoy four true seasons, generally mild temperatures and miles of picturesque waterfront.

Roane County is home to inviting waterways, opportunities for adventure and relaxing getaways. Whether you live or vacation here, you'll enjoy fun family festivals, toe-tapping music, the beautiful Watts Bar Lake with its world-class fishing, historic towns and delightful museums.



Embrace new experiences.

Enjoy events year-round, from fireworks to fire breathing, classic cars to classic films, and races of all kinds! Music can be heard almost any night, from bluegrass to show tunes and from singer/songwriters to local bands.



700

Lakeshore miles on Watts Bar Lake, one of the largest lakes in the Southeast

56,000

Acres of recreation that include water, parks, trails, golf courses and wildlife areas

450+

Events to enjoy each year

Spend summer days paddleboarding or cruising on a pontoon, or hiking and biking more than 60 miles of trails.

Whitestone Country Inn offers breathtaking lakefront and hillside scenery, kayaking and canoeing, and wildlife. Satisfy your curiosity about what lies within Manhattan Project National Historical Park in the Secret City of Oak Ridge.

Roane County. It's your go-to place. A world of glass-smooth waterways, fun, music, discoveries, romance and stunning scenery.



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What To Do

Roane County Traditions

Old Time Fall Festival
Rockwood
Last Saturday in September

Thunder Road Festival
Downtown Rockwood
1st Saturday in April -
1st Saturday in October

Kingston's Country Fair
Southwest Point

Cruisin' in Harriman
Downtown Harriman
2nd Saturday, April - August

Rockwood Fall Festival
Downtown Rockwood

Harriman's Fall Harvest Concert
Princess Theatre, Harriman

Antique Tractor Show
Roane State Expo Center

Tennessee Medieval Faire
Harriman
Several weekends in May

Haunting of Harriman
Downtown Harriman
October

Tennessee "Polk Salad" Festival
Harriman Riverfront Park
June

October Sky Fall Festival
Arrowhead Park, Oliver Springs
3rd Saturday in October

Spooktacular Saturday
Fort Southwest Point, Kingston
Saturday before Halloween

Babahatchie Community Band Concerts
Harriman's Riverfront Park
Sundays in the Summer - TBA

Harriman's Haunted House
Harriman City Office Complex
Begins a few nights before Halloween

Living History Days
Fort Southwest Point, Kingston
Summer

**Lighting of Historic Harriman
and Parade of Trees**
Harriman's Temperance Building
Day after Thanksgiving

Smokin' The Water July 4th Celebration
Kingston City Park
July 4th

Rockwood Christmas Home Tour
Downtown Rockwood
1st weekend in December

Merry Tuba Christmas
Harriman High Gymnasium
1st Saturday in December

Dennis Ferguson's Fishing Rodeo
Roane County Park
August

Historic Harriman Christmas Tour
Downtown Harriman
2nd weekend in December

**Hooray For Harriman
Labor Day Festival**
Historic Downtown Harriman
Labor Day

Colonial Christmas Candlelight Tour
Fort Southwest Point
2nd Saturday night in December

Christmas Parades
Kingston - Monday after Thanksgiving
Harriman - 1st Thursday in December
Rockwood - 1st Monday in December





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What To Do

Roane County Attractions

Bradbury Community Club is your place for authentic Bluegrass music - every week (on Tuesday nights) and every 3rd Saturday. Roane County has many outdoor live music venues



The Cornstalk Heights Historic District in Harriman, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes homes built in the 1890s that were of “superior refinement and of abiding quality.” Take the self-guided walking tour to view these magnificent homes. Tour select homes during the Historic Harriman Christmas Tour the 2nd weekend in December and hear “ghostly tales” from homeowners during the Haunting of Harriman (held in October) - if you dare!

Historic Downtown Rockwood is a great place to spend an afternoon - or the whole day. Antique and specialty shops, diner, a park in the downtown square, and an old-fashioned ice-cream soda fountain - all within a city block.



Fort Southwest Point, is the only pioneer-era fort in Tennessee reconstructed on its original foundation - complete with a working cannon. Tours are free, including the annual Colonial Christmas Candlelight Tour held the 2nd Saturday in December and special reenactment events during the summer. 1225 S. Kentucky Street (Hwy 58 South), Kingston, 865.376.3641



The Princess Theater returned to crown-jewel status on March 22, 2012 during a grand re-opening celebration. The regional arts, education and conference facility provides a venue for concerts, movies, dance performances, community events, education and more! The theater can also be rented. 421 N. Roane Street, Harriman, 865.882.4463



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Roane County Attractions

The Tennessee Highway Patrol Building in Rockwood is on the National Register of Historic Places and houses a museum. On the corner of Kingston Avenue and Nelson St, Rockwood (off Hwy 27)



The Historic Roane County Courthouse (c.1853-1854) in Kingston is one of only seven remaining antebellum courthouses in the state and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Known as the state's "capital for a day," the courthouse is home to The Roane County Museum of History, a transportation museum and Roane County Archives Library. 119 Court Street, Kingston, 865.376.9211

The Roane State Expo Center hosts a variety of events from barrel racing to horse and dog shows to tractor pulls - all under one roof. Many of these events are free and perfect for the entire family. The Expo Center is located on the Roane State Community College campus in Harriman. 276 Patton Lane, Harriman, 865.882.4590

Rocky Top General Store is a wonderful, authentic general store. Part retail store - part museum, with a little bit of everything in between. Browse nostalgic merchandise, enjoy free popcorn, sit a spell and enjoy the wonderful tales of days past as only David Webb, the owner, can tell them! Want a peek inside? View the video from Tennessee Crossroads on PBS. 316 Ruritan Rd, Harriman, 865.882.8867

Whitestone Country Inn, voted 'Top 10 Most Romantic Inns in America,' is a AAA 4-Diamond bed & breakfast, restaurant and spa on 600 secluded acres. Truly a place to get away and relax - complete with views of the Smoky Mountains. 1200 Paint Rock Ferry Road, Kingston, 865.376.0113





What To Do

Outdoor and Adventure Tourism

Camp Buck Toms provides one of the finest summer camp programs around for scouting and venturing, as well as short-term camping during off-season. 373 Camp Buck Toms Rd, Rockwood

Caney Creek RV Resort, voted Tennessee's Campground of the Year in 2007 & 2008, is a year-round full-service resort featuring lakeside swimming pools, a large outdoor pavilion, recreational rentals, and on-site boat slips. Right next door is Caney Creek Marina, a full-service marina providing boat rentals, store, and restaurant - Caney Creek Grille - that offers all-you-can-eat catfish on Thursday nights and live music most summer weekends.

John Knox Center provides summer camp opportunities for kids and year-round events for adults such as A Day in the Trees, Sewing and Scrapbook Retreats, and a Women's Retreat - the four miles of shoreline and spectacular views come at no extra cost. 591 W. Rockwood Ferry Rd, Ten Mile, 865.376.2236

Kingston City Park offers recreational fun for the entire family. The Kingston City Park is a perfect place for a picnic and includes two playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, sand volleyball, picnic tables, grills, restrooms and a new large covered pavilion. The park has a boat launch, parking and dock available. 339 W. Race Street, Kingston, 865.376.1356

Kingston's Waterfront includes a paved 3-mile walking trail along the water from Kingston City Park to several other parks including the Gravel Pit, 58 Landing, and Southwest Point Park. There are picnic tables, covered pavilions, water fountains, fishing piers, and even a pioneer-era fort, Fort Southwest Point along the way.

The view from the Mount Roosevelt State Forest Overlook is well worth the short trip up Hwy 70 from Rockwood. From here you can view the Tennessee Valley, Watts Bar Lake, the Smoky Mountains, and the TVA windmills on Buffalo Mountain to the north. <location map>

Paddleboarding, or SUPs as they are called, is the new craze seen all over the lake. Try it out before you buy - rent a paddleboard at Emory River Outdoors, 102 Court Street in Kingston or look for Knoxville Paddleboard set up in the park most sunny days during the summer.

What To Do

Outdoor and Adventure Tourism

Riley Creek Campground has 45 RV sites with full hookups on the Tennessee River part of Watts Bar Lake. Two swimming areas, tent camping allowed. 615 Anglers Cove Rd, Kingston, 865.717.4198

Harriman's Riverfront Park, located on a shady bank along the Emory River, is home to a walking trail, playground, covered pavilion and gazebo, memorials, a Farmers Market during the summer on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and the Tennessee Polk Salad Festival. 100 Emory Drive, Harriman, 865.882.8867 (Rocky Top General Store is contact to reserve the pavilion or gazebo.

Roane County Park is one of the premier parks in the county, with many fun things to do inside the park. Located on Watts Bar Lake, the park is now home to the Roane County Splash Pad and 18-hole Disc Golf Course. A swimming area (no lifeguard on duty), canoes, playgrounds, fishing pier, and walking trail also make this park a favorite among locals. Covered picnic pavilions and indoor meeting facilities are available for rent. It was recently voted #1 on an East Tennessee news website. 3515 Roane State Hwy, Harriman, 865.882.8640

Tennessee Lakefront Cottages also provides lakeside relaxing at its best - with spectacular sunsets from your dock included! Home locations vary - call Linda at 423.334.3377.

Watts Bar Lake is one of the south's largest lakes. With 39,000 acres of water there is plenty of room to enjoy any water sport or find a secluded cove just to relax. Camping, dining, live music - these are all favorite activities on Watts Bar Lake, with an upscale RV resort and a number of full-service restaurants right on the water. <more>

For the equestrian enthusiast there is Winding Creek Stables, offering guided horse trail rides, boarding and more. 427 Poplar Springs Rd, Kingston, 865.376.9787





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We offer natural beauty, historic charm and low-cost living, distinguishing Roane County as one of the best retirement destinations in the nation.



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Roane County. A place to relax.

Natural beauty and recreation bear tangible testimony to the good life here in Roane County. With four true seasons, mild temperatures and surrounded by water, Roane County is magnificently set in the Tennessee Valley, against the backdrop of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Once you see sparkling Watts Bar Lake, 39,000 acres of recreational paradise, you'll sense the discovery of a very special place to call home.



Roane County. A place to call home.

Here, you have easy access to healthcare and post-secondary education, low taxes and a wide variety of residential options. You'll find communities with town centers, walking trails and bike paths, restaurants, shops and conveniences that smooth out your day.



800

Acres of shops, restaurants and more in Kingston's Ladd Landing

1,200

Acres of waterfront living in Rockford's Grande Vista Bay

16,000

Acres of public parks and wildlife areas that include 33 miles of paved or marked trails

Among Roane recreational favorites are water sports, hiking, fishing, camping, live music and sports challenges. Golfers can play a round at any of our five courses, where cart paths and Bermuda grass await. Explorers can soak up history at the Manhattan Project National Historical Park and Fort Southwest Point.

Roane County's high quality of life and vibrant community spirit can nurture new discoveries. Imagine yourself here for the next chapter of your lifetime.



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Ready to Relocate?

If you are new to Tennessee, it is state law that you get a new driver's license and register your vehicle within 30 days of arrival. You also have the option of registering to vote in most driver's license stations.

As a resident of Tennessee and owner of a motor vehicle, you must title and register the vehicle if you wish to operate it upon Tennessee's streets and highways. You must visit your county clerk's office to title and register your vehicles.



Retire Roane

Roane County's towns and communities are full of available, affordable housing and hospitable people that enjoy life at a relaxed pace. There are many opportunities for cultural events through Roane State Community College, local churches, and other organizations as well as refined dining with views of Watts Bar Lake and the Smoky Mountains at Whitestone Country Inn. There's always something to do in Roane County.

Recently, Tennessee earned a number-one spot among states considered prime retirement locations in a Bankrate.com study. Ranked by data such as climate, tax rates, cost of living and access to healthcare, Tennessee has a cost of living 9.6% below the national average.

Our state and local tax burden is the third lowest in the nation, with residents enjoying no income tax except on interest and dividends.

State sales tax is 7%; 5% for food.

Tennessee has no state property tax. Property taxes are locally determined and collected.

The median home value for Roane County is \$121,700.

Who to Contact

Most services are available through the Roane County Courthouse, which is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 am to 6 pm Mondays

Service		Phone
All Emergencies		911
Animal Control	Animal Shelter	354-8664
Auto/Boat Licenses and Registration	County Clerk	376-5556
Business Licenses	County Clerk	376-5556
Hunting and Fishing Permits	County Clerk	376-5556
Assistance with Beer Permits	County Clerk	376-5556
Marriage Licenses	County Clerk	376-5556
Property Tax Payments	Trustee	376-4938
Value Assessment of Real Property	Property Assessor	376-4362 376-4393
Buying and Selling Real Property, Subdivision Plats	-Register of Deeds	376-4673
Building Permits and Flood Plain Information	Zoning Office	376-5505
Information about:		
- County budget		
- Emergency ambulance service		
- Waste water service	County Executive	376-5578
Use of Park Facilities	Roane County Park	882-2640
Birth and Death Certificates	Roane County Health Department	376-5516
Health Services	Roane County Health Department	376-5516
School Information (County)	Roane County Schools	376-5592
Voter Registration	Election Commission	376-3184
Home Ec Services and Info	Roane Co. Agricultural Extension Service	376-5558
Farming Information	Roane Co. Agricultural Extension Service	376-5558
Lawn Care	Roane Co. Agricultural Extension Service	376-5558