



# Observation Knob Park

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## PARK ANNOUNCEMENTS



**This coming weekend, September 22nd - 24th, Observation Knob proudly welcomes the Portuguese Water Dog Trails to the park. The Water Dog club will be set up in the swim area of the park. During this time campers and outside guests are welcome and encouraged to visit the area and check out the dogs. However, for the upcoming weekend, the club has politely asked that we allow foot traffic only past the yellow swim area gates. Golf carts and vehicles will not be permitted in the area during the time of this private event. Anyone is welcome to park golf carts and/or vehicles outside of the swim area gates and walk in. We appreciate everyone giving the Dogs and their Masters a warm Tennessee welcome! Please enjoy!**

### SEASON ENDING INFORMATION

First and foremost, on behalf of all Park Staff and Sullivan County Officials we want to thank each of you for a FANTASTIC camping season! We greatly appreciate

each of you as you worked with us through some very important changes this season. We are very proud of the fact that our park has come a very long way in a such a short time. Because of your loyalty and love for the park, we plan to end the year very strong with what will be the best season on record for Observation Knob Park. We have some exciting things planned for the park over the next couple of years, as we begin to utilize our federal grant to uplift the park and make it more accessible for all. We ask that you please review the following important details and instruction for end of season requirements:

**Park Closure:** The campground will close promptly at Noon on November 1st. Please winterize anything that you need and remove anything that you do not wish to leave in the park over the winter. Nothing should be left on the ground, underneath, or around your camper during the winter months. All canopies and other items should be removed by noon on November 1.

**Campground Inspection Period:** As you know, In accordance with the adopted TVA guidelines the campground must be entirely cleared for a period of two weeks each year. This is for park staff to inspect the park as well as to give TVA the opportunity to inspect the park, if they wish. Tentatively, we have chosen to have the campground cleared by March 15, 2024. We will open the park with regular operating hours beginning March 1 in order for campers to prepare for the transition. We will ask that ALL ITEMS, including your camper be removed from the campsite during this period. We WILL plan to offer storage on park property, outside of the campground area at no additional charge. More details on this plan will be released as plans come together. A seasonal lottery for next season will occur during this period prior to the park opening.

**Next Seasonal Lottery:** A lottery will be held for site selection for next season during the 3rd week of March in 2024. An exact date will be announced as the time approaches. Please remember that we will follow the TVA Guidelines for site

selection and lottery requirements. Seasonal campers who have completely satisfied their current 2023 contract, including winter storage and ALL fees, as well as follow all requested closing procedures, will have priority in the first lottery and will be drawn prior to new guests. After all current campers are drawn and have selected sites, a lottery will be opened up to new campers for the remaining seasonal site available.

**Winter Season Park Staff:** In order to conserve payroll budget dollars for opening season, park staff will be very limited during the winter months. The office will operate by appointment only during the winter. If you should need access to the park, please call our office and leave a message at least 10 days prior to needing access. There will be limited winter time watch people in the park during the winter months but they do not have information concerning guests or guest accounts and are not allowed to open gates or provide park access. Please be advised that you are storing your belongings on park property at your own risk. Watch people will be on site during most days and overnights, they will make rounds and monitor as much as possible and would notify guests of anything that may appear out of the ordinary but they cannot possibly be everywhere, all of the time.

**Cashless and Winter Payments:** Starting November 1, our office will not accept any kind of cash or check payments through the winter months. All guests must be signed up for autopay during the winter months, or pay the winter storage rent in advance prior to the park closing. Please remember the winter rent payments are \$90 per month or \$450 for the entire winter. *Cash and check payments will resume in March.*

**Boat and Watercraft Storage: \*NEW THIS YEAR\*** Seasonal Campers **ARE** allowed to leave their boat on site for the winter, if you wish. A one time, non-refundable fee of \$125 will be charged for storing your boat on site. The boat must be registered at our office, the owner must sign a winter storage agreement for the

boat, and payment must be made when registering. If you do not plan to store your boat on site for the winter, it must be removed by noon on November 1st. Boats left in the park after November 1, that is not registered as winter storage, will be removed from the premises at the owners expense. Please be advised that you are storing your boat at your own risk and Observation Knob cannot be held liable for the watercraft.

Again, thanks to everyone for your continued cooperation throughout the season. Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. For questions regarding further information please add our Facebook page, contact the office, or visit our website at [ObservationKnob.com](http://ObservationKnob.com).