



A charming, outdoor oasis located conveniently on Interstate 40 between Nashville and Knoxville and north of Chattanooga on Highway 111, Cookeville, Tennessee is "A Natural Fit" to serve as your host city.

Nestled among the hills and mountainous terrain of the Cumberland Plateau, Cookeville is home to some of Tennessee's most renowned state parks & natural areas, more than 1,200 miles of nearby lake shoreline, countless rivers, streams, and waterfalls.

Also home to some of the fittest athletes on the planet, Cookeville offers more than just outdoor recreation opportunities and premier facilities, it also offers a sports and fitness culture to welcome participants and fans with open arms. With more than 1,500 hotel rooms, Cookeville is accustomed to welcoming competitors from around the globe on a daily basis and is equipped to offer experienced sport event facilitators and superior venues. Topline sports include auto/motorcycling; baseball; CrossFit; disc golf; football; running/cycling races; soccer; softball; and wrestling.

EASE OF ACCESS (HOURS : MINS)

Asheville • 215 miles (3:30)
 Atlanta • 215 miles (3:30)
 Birmingham • 245 miles (3:45)
 Cincinnati • 250 miles (4:20)
 Charlotte • 330 miles (5:15)

Chattanooga • 98 miles (1:40)
 Chicago • 475 miles (7:45)
 Indianapolis • 290 miles (5:00)
 Knoxville • 100 miles (1:40)

Lexington • 170 miles (3:15)
 Louisville • 180 miles (3:15)
 Memphis • 290 miles (4:45)
 Nashville • 80 miles (1:15)
 St. Louis • 380 miles (6:00)



Did You Know?

- Tennessee Tech University (TTU) is home to 14 NCAA sports.
- In 1955, the world record Smallmouth Bass was caught at nearby Dale Hollow Lake.
- Standing Stone State Park, just outside of downtown Cookeville, is the host of the National Rolley Hole Marbles Championship, featured by ESPN, ABC Evening News, Sports Illustrated, CBS, CNN, National Geographic, Southern Living Magazine, and even on Charles Schultz's "Peanuts."
- Cookeville is the home of 4x Fittest Man on Earth Rich Froning; 2017 Fittest Man on Earth Mat Fraser; and Watson & Mack Brown, winningest brothers in NCAA Division I history.

- Nearby Rock Island State Park is home to Olympic kayaker Eric Jackson and his elite whitewater kayaking family. Jackson is the Owner/CEO of Jackson Kayak, one of the top kayak manufacturers in the world. Rock Island is home to the Rock & Row Triathlon and has served as host to the ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup Series.
- WCTE-TV, a full PBS member station with over 30 years of sports broadcasting experience, is headquartered in Cookeville and offers sports and event organizers the opportunity to broadcast and air events live or record for later use.

PREMIER VENUES + FACILITIES

AUTO/MOTO RACING

Middle Tennessee Dragway | 680 Rock Springs Road, Buffalo Valley
American Motorcycle Association (AMA)-sanctioned hill for hillclimb competitions; International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) and National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)-sanctioned dragstrip; Located conveniently to the west of downtown Cookeville and Baxter in scenic Buffalo Valley.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Cane Creek Park & Sportsplex | 2200 W. Jackson Street, Cookeville
Fields 1-4: Lit baseball/softball fields; 60 bleacher-seats per field; Press box; Parking
Fields 5-8: Lit youth baseball/softball fields; 50 bleacher-seats per field; Press box; Parking
Additional features: 18-hole state-level quality disc golf course; 56-acre lake; paved running/biking trails; mountain biking trail. Note: There is a combination of 26 locations in Putnam County, totaling 37 fields overall.

BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL

Hooper Eblen Center | 1 William L Jones Drive, Cookeville
Home of the TTU Golden Eagle Men's and Women's Basketball and Volleyball Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) teams. This facility can also host entertainment activities, conferences, meetings, and conventions; features 7,400 seating capacity, video board and court projection; court dimensions: 84x5. Note: There are 6 additional basketball courts throughout Putnam County.

CROSSFIT

CrossFit Mayhem | 601 Rich Froning Way, Cookeville
Owned by 4x "Fittest Man on Earth" Rich Froning, CrossFit Mayhem welcomes athletes from across the globe on a daily basis. Home of "Train with Rich" weekends and "Mayhem Showdowns." State-of-the-art fitness/sports destination. 18,000+ square feet of workout space; spectator area; wellness center/nutrition resources; an education and mobility/yoga space; locker rooms; wifi/work lounge; a retail storefront; and an online retail fulfillment center.

FOOTBALL

Tucker Stadium | 1 William L Jones Drive, Cookeville
Home of the Tennessee Tech University Golden Eagle football team; Features 24/7 turf by The Motz Group; 16,500 seating capacity; ample parking; 4 concession stands; TTU also boasts an athletic performance center, a state of the art indoor practice facility and strength and conditioning center which has been noted to be the finest such facility in the Ohio Valley Conference. Note: 7 additional fields located in Putnam County.

GOLF, traditional and disc

Multiple Courses - There are six 18-hole public golf courses located in Putnam County. Two 18-hole disc golf courses are located in Cookeville at Cane Creek Park and Tennessee Tech University.

MULTIPURPOSE

Hyder-Burks Pavilion | 2390 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville
This multipurpose facility consists of 3.5 acres under one roof. 125x250 indoor, heated show arena; approximately 2,096 permanent stadium seats; showers; concessions. Red clay/sand dirt flooring can be open or covered to accommodate a variety of events from rodeos and agricultural livestock shows to international level CrossFit competitions to AAU youth wrestling tournaments to international level Baja competitions.

ROADS/RUNNING/RACING

With more than 10 certified courses among downtown streets and scenic backroads, numerous cycling competitions, marathons, half marathons, 10K, and 5K events are held in Putnam County each year. Tennessee Tech University, Dogwood Park and Cane Creek Park are often used for staging such events.

SOCCER / FIELD SPORTS

Putnam County Sports Complex | 497 Whiteaker Springs Road, Cookeville
6 lit fields; grass seating; 1,200+ parking spaces. Note: There are 12 additional soccer fields in Putnam County

TENNIS

TTU Tennis Court | 1 William L Jones Drive, Cookeville
Home of the TTU Golden Eagle Men's Tennis Team; 12 courts; multiple entrances; There are 7 additional Tennis courts in Putnam County.

TRACK

TTU Track | 1 William L Jones Drive, Cookeville
Home of the TTU Golden Eagle Women's Track Team; Located inside Tucker Stadium; rubber surface; college markings; shot put; long jump; high jump; pole vault.



EVENTS HOSTED

Boys/Girls Slow Pitch World-Series
National Softball Association (NSA) Fastpitch
United States Fastpitch Association (USFA)
Girls Fastpitch
Baseball Players Association (BPA) Baseball
Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's (TSSAA) Girls Softball
Lone Star Rodeo Championship
Cookeville Rotary Club Classic (soccer)
Harlem Globetrotters
Men's & Women's Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Outdoor Track & Field Championship
Junior PGA Golf Classic
TTU Golden Eagle Scramble
Upper Cumberland Junior Championship (golf)
US Kids Golf Tournament
Professional Disc Golf Association's (PDGA) Cookeville Clash
Rich Froning's Mayhem For Mustard Seed Ranch (CrossFit)
Mayhem Showdown (CrossFit)
American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Youth/Amateur Signature Hillclimb Series
American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Tennessee State Amateur Championship Hillclimb
Host of Major League Fishing (Outdoor Channel)
Host of Fishing University (Outdoor and Sportsman Channels, World Fishing Network)
TTU Baja SAE
After Dark Race for the Park & Kids Race for the Park 8K
Blister in the Sun Marathon
Cummins Falls Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K and 5K
Fall FunFest 5K & 10K
Habitat for Humanity Mud Run/Obstacle Race
Upper Cumberland Haunted Half-Marathon
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
Cookeville Criterium (cycling)
Cub Mountain Ride to the Sky - 75, 40 and 20-mile courses (cycling)
Tennessee AAU Youth Wrestling State Championships
Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's (TSSAA) BlueCross Bowl (high school football)
Southern Classic Youth Super Bowl Football Championship
Toyota East vs West Tennessee All-Star Classic (high school football)