

About the Area

UT

Founded in 1794 as Blount College, the University of Tennessee (<http://utk.edu/>) was established two years before Tennessee became a state. UT is the states comprehensive land-grant institution consisting of the Knoxville campus, Chattanooga campus, Martin campus, the medical campus in Memphis, the Space Institute in Tullahoma, the Institute for Public Service and the Institute of Agriculture. With over 26,000 students and 8,300 faculty and staff the university covers some 550 acres and offers over 300 different degree programs. In addition, UT has partnerships with many local agencies for research purposes, including Y-12, Oak Ridge National Laboratories and TVA, among many others. UT sports has a following all its own, producing professional players such as Peyton Manning, Todd Helton and Chamique Holdsclaw, in addition to at least nine 2004 Olympic athletes. UT is also home to Lady Vols Coach Pat Summitt, the first woman in NCAA Basketball history to win over 800 games.

UTIA

The University of Tennessee (UT) Institute of Agriculture (UTIA; <http://agriculture.tennessee.edu/>) was established in 1869. Led by a Vice President, who reports to the UT System President, UTIA is composed of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (<http://www.casnr.utk.edu/>), Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station (AgResearch; <http://taes.tennessee.edu/>), Tennessee Cooperative Extension Service (<http://utextension.tennessee.edu/>) and the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vet.utk.edu/>).

Research faculty (most with joint appointments between teaching, research and extension) are located in seven academic departments, Agricultural Economics, Animal Science, Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, Entomology and Plant Pathology, Food Science and Technology, Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries and Plant Sciences. Ten Research and Education Centers (administered by AgResearch) located across Tennessee provide field facilities and infrastructure to support research, extension and teaching programs. Research and Education Centers are led by Center Directors, who manage a staff which assists the faculty in the execution of their research projects. Most faculty are located in Knoxville with approximately 15 research, extension or research/extension faculty located at the Research and Education Center in Jackson, TN.

Knoxville Tennessee and surrounding areas

Founded in 1791, the city of Knoxville is an important social, commercial and cultural center in the southeast. With a very pleasant climate (Avg 83 in July and 51 in December) it is no wonder that Knox County and the surrounding 5 counties have a population of 712,366 (2003) with Knoxville having 173,661. Home to the 1982 World's Fair, Knoxville is known as one of the most beautiful and scenic cities in the United

States. With the Great Smoky Mountains National Park within a 45-minute drive, along with an abundance of lakes and rivers, Knoxville residents have access to many outdoor recreational activities including hiking, boating, camping and cycling. Over 60 miles of greenways and walking trails compliment the approximately 6,000 acres of parks within the City of Knoxville. Knoxville is home to many national/international companies including cable TV's HGTV, Bush Brothers and Company, Petro's Chili & Chips, and Regal Cinemas.

The 2008 Guide to Best Cities for Relocating Families ranked Knoxville as the fourth best mid-sized metropolitan area in the nation. With its central location, more than 60 million Americans are within a day's drive of Knoxville. Knoxville is home to a rich arts community including the Knoxville Symphony, the Knoxville Opera Company, the Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble, more than 20 museums and many festivals throughout the year including the 17-day Dogwood Arts Festival. Pulitzer Prize winning author James Agee, author Cormac McCarthy, Poet Nikki Giovanni, author Alex Haley, zoo director Jack Hanna, director Quentin Tarantino, Dave Thomas (creator of Wendy's), and musician Kenny Chesney have all called Knoxville home at some point.

For more information about Knoxville/Knox County and the surrounding areas please visit these websites:

<http://knoxcounty.org>

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org>

<http://knoxville.org/>

<http://www.knoxnews.com/>

<http://www.metropulse.com/>

Great places to see and things to do

<http://www.tennesseetheatre.com/>

<http://www.knoxbijou.com/>

<http://www.knoxvillesymphony.com/>

<http://www.museumofappalachia.org/>

<http://www.thelostsea.com/>

<http://www.knoxville-zoo.org/>

<http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t553>

<http://www.knoxvilleicebears.com/>

<http://www.ijams.org/>

<http://www.knoxart.org/>

<http://appalachianballet.com/>

<http://www.gatlinburg.com/default.asp>

Local/State/National parks

<http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/parks/>

<http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/>

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/cherokee/>

<http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/>