

Environmental Education

The helpful staff and the intimate, natural setting of the Cove Ridge Center are perfect for outdoor education and adventure activities for students of all ages. The center offers students and teachers programs covering subjects as diverse as geology, social studies, soil testing, water analysis, and regional history and culture. The resource room features field guides for the study of insects, wildlife, trees, stars and more. There is additional state-of-the-art educational equipment available throughout the center.

Teacher staff-development opportunities and state standards of learning workshops also are available.



Business meetings, retreats, club events

With its blend of modern facilities, breathtaking scenery and outstanding programs, Cove Ridge Center is the natural setting for business and club meetings, training seminars, socials, parties, banquets and receptions. Work with our staff to determine the mix of facilities and activities just right for you. Include a pool party in your plans or enjoy activities on the deck. Canoe and kayak trips and wild cave tours are great team building experiences. See what we can do for you.

Scan to learn more.

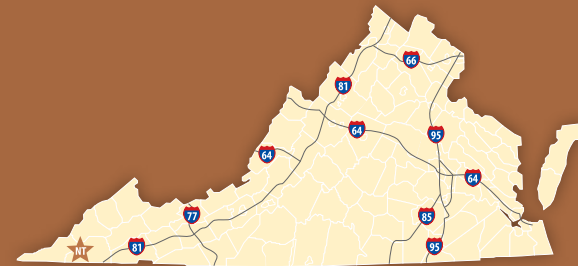


Drive time

- Northern Virginia, eight hours
- Richmond, six hours
- Tidewater/Norfolk/Virginia Beach, eight to nine hours
- Roanoke, three and a half hours

Directions

The Cove Ridge Center is in Natural Tunnel State Park in Scott County, Va., 15 miles north of Gate City, Va., and 20 miles from Kingsport, Tenn., via routes 23 and 58. From I-81, take Exit 57-B North on I-181/U.S. 23 towards Gate City (about 20 miles). Continue past Gate City on U.S. 23 approximately 14 miles. Turn right on Natural Tunnel Parkway, travel 1 mile to the park entrance and follow the signs to Cove Ridge Center.



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Natural Tunnel State Park



Where knowledge comes naturally

Virginia State Parks

The Cove Ridge Center

Where you define the boundaries

Discover Cove Ridge Center at Natural Tunnel State Park. In an area of scenic beauty and unique geology, this modern overnight center has all the extras to make your educational, business or club outing a success.

Explore the center to see how it can be tailored to your group's needs. Park staff is here to help you make the most of your time spent with us.

Our resource materials, meeting rooms, catering kitchen and lodging facilities are at your disposal. All of this, as well as access to programs and facilities in one of Virginia's premier state parks can be yours.

Built in 1999, the center features open, exposed beam and stone construction and is the perfect setting for any gathering. An expansive, wrap-

around deck overlooks Stock Creek, the majestic Natural Tunnel and prime songbird habitat. It's perfect for business receptions, family gatherings, weddings and education programs.

Cove Ridge guests have access to the park's many programs and facilities. Enjoy the seasonal junior Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool, performances at the amphitheater or the mountaintop view from our gazebo. Park staff can also help you schedule canoe trips, caving expeditions and astronomy programs.

With so many activities, you'll want to spend more than just a day. The center provides overnight facilities for up to 60 guests. There's also a catering kitchen that can be rented with the exclusive use package, or have the park find a caterer for you.

Be sure to visit these other attractions while in the area.

Southwest Virginia Museum
276-523-1322

Wilderness Road State Park
276-445-3065

Breaks Interstate Park
276-865-4413

Cumberland Gap National Park (Ky.)
606-248-2817

The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama
276-523-1235

Bays Mountain Park and Planetarium (Tenn.)
423-229-9447

Warrior's Path State Park (Tenn.)
423-239-8531

Carter Fold Music Center
276-386-6054



The Cove Ridge Center and Natural Tunnel State Park have plenty of features inside and out, including:

- Picnic shelters.
- A chairlift to the tunnel gorge.
- A junior Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool.
- Overnight facilities that accommodate up to 60 guests.
- More than 3,500 square feet of deck overlooking the Stock Creek Gorge and the historic Natural Tunnel.
- A catering kitchen.
- A gazebo with a spectacular mountaintop view.
- A multi-purpose auditorium with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment.
- An outdoor activity shelter that accommodates up to 200 for events and cookouts.

The center is a Wi-Fi hot spot for Internet access. Other areas in the park with Wi-Fi include the visitor center, camp store, pool, park office and Blockhouse Visitor Center.

