

# at Darrell's Dream YOU'LL FIND:



- Every child can reach the highest play deck
- Universally accessible pathways and surfacing
- Cozy spots where everyone can gather
- Equipment like swings and bouncers with back support
- Elevated sand tables and activity panels where children of all abilities can play together
- Sensory-rich activities that let the imagination soar
  - Parking area for buses
  - Rest room facilities equipped for the disabled
  - A place to picnic among friends

**Children of all abilities having so much fun they don't realize they're learning, too!**

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## About Warriors' Path State Park

Warriors' Path State Park was named for the park's proximity to the ancient war and trading path used by the Cherokee. Since that time, the park land has known a long history of travelers, and is still a pathway for modern-day outdoor enthusiasts. The 950-acre area was acquired from the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1952 to serve the people who live in or visit this section of Northeast Tennessee. It is situated on the shores of TVA's Patrick Henry Reservoir on the Holston River.

Warriors' Path State Park is a popular destination for school groups; bookings usually fill up in the spring preceding the following school year. The park offers a wide range of discovery activities, with emphasis on nature nearby and a strong focus on nature conservation. Most activities involve hands-on experience, designed to be age appropriate and in keeping with State educational standards.

**In addition to Darrell's Dream, a wide range of activities awaits you at Warriors' Path State Park, including:**

- Boating and marina
- Camping
- Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Award-winning interpretive programs
- Nature discovery
- Swimming
- Horse Stables
- Bike Trails
- Golf Course
- Disc Golf
- Recreation Island with shelter rentals, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, basketball and paved walking trail
- Meeting Rooms

**For more information, contact:  
Warriors' Path State Park**

P.O. Box 5026  
Hemlock Road  
Kingsport, TN 37663  
Office (423) 239-8531

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/WarriorsPath/>

**Directions:** The Park is located two miles southeast of Kingsport, TN, and is accessible via State Route 36. From Interstate 81, exit onto State Route 36 and go north 1.4 miles to Hemlock Road. Turn right and continue 1.6 miles to the park entrance.

## DARRELL'S DREAM BOUNDLESS™ PLAYGROUND



**A ONE-OF-A-KIND FACILITY FEATURING BOUNDLESS™ PLAYGROUND,  
MAYNIE™ BRAILLE TRAIL, AND FULLY-ACCESSIBLE TREE HOUSE**



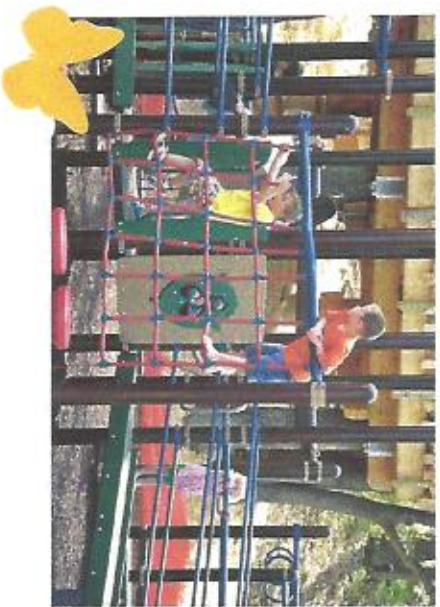
**Warriors' Path State Park  
Kingsport, TN**



**Darrell's Dream, a Boundless™ Playground, is a unique play area that provides fun and learning opportunities for children of all ages and all abilities.**

A partnership effort between community volunteers, corporate sponsors and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Darrell's Dream provides hours of fun for children with and without disabilities and their entire families.

Special features include universally accessible playground equipment and surfaces, a walking trail accessible by the blind, a tree house, a sand play area, an environmental maze with interactive play stations, an amphitheater, a picnic pavilion, specially designed restroom facilities, and pedestrian bridge. All of this and more in a beautiful natural lakeside setting inside the most visited state park in Tennessee. There is no admission charge.



## SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE THREE-ACRE PLAYGROUND COMPLEX

**Charter Communications Pavilion-** You'll find this a perfect gathering spot for children and families to have a snack, sit and chat, or take a brief rest. And the pavilion enhances the environmental education offered by the park naturalist.

**Eastman A-MAZE-ing Play Area-** This area is filled with many unique play opportunities designed to engage children in using both natural and manmade elements. From a xylophone to a puppet theater, from an herb garden to a wire-covered arbor, children of all ages and ability will learn while they play.



**Food City Ed and Eva Moore Tots Play Area-** This area is especially designed for children ages 2-5. Play equipment helps with the development of physical skills and intellectual concepts in this age appropriate space. Children can do the things they love to do over and over again: slide, teeter-totter, and swing, all in a soft-landing surface area.

**Mountain States Health Alliance Adventure Island-** Designed for children ages 5-12, who usually play in pairs or small groups. While exploring this area's special features, children learn by planning, establishing rules and decisions and gathering for social interaction. This area is packed with the fun and the physical. Children have their choices among three different slides, swings, zip line, climbing walls, swing-out overhead, and many other learning stations.



**Speedway Children's Charities Sand Island-** You don't have to sit down to play in this sand box that challenges the imagination of children. It's designed to allow wheelchairs to roll right up to the table. Manipulative play with natural elements like sand gives children of all abilities the opportunity they need to experiment and learn how things work and relate to each other.

**The Lions Narnia™ Braille Trail-** Thanks to the Lions Club organization, this trail removes barriers for the blind, visually impaired and handicapped. Based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe fantasy by C.S. Lewis, the trail features eight sensory stations along a quarter-mile, wheelchair-accessible Braille trail. Here, visitors follow the story of Aslan the lion. Each station has an exhibit, a large print sign with Braille and a speaker button that activates an audio theatrical recording.

**The Anderson Tree House-** Sponsored by Sam and Delois Anderson, this destination will thrill children of all ages as they play among the tree-tops in a state-of-the-art tree house. On the trail leading to the tree house, children will learn about The Great Warriors' Path and learn to be a great warrior. And they will learn more about the native wildlife that makes their home amongst the trees and grounds at Warriors' Path State Park.

**The Palmer Center Foundation Amphitheater-** This unique feature is a great meeting and teaching place. Seating 120 people in a semi-circular arrangement facing a 16 ft. x 24 ft. stage, the amphitheater is designed for that certain teaching moment, for entertainment purposes, for arts and crafts, or for taking a few moments and relaxing in the mountains.

# FRIENDS OF WARRIORS' PATH STATE PARK

## ***Our Mission:***

*To conserve the Park's natural resources and to maintain and improve the Park's facilities for recreation, education, and enjoying nature.*

The Warriors' Path State Park budget provides for some basics but is not adequate to meet current or future needs for maintenance and improvements. To better serve its visitors, and provide more services and opportunities, we need your help to:

- Advocate for the park
- Support park activities
- Beautify open spaces
- Improve park safety
- Foster conservation
- Upgrade park recreation areas
- Serve on the Friend's Board

Past Friends projects have included upgrading and expanding biking, hiking, and walking trails, the mountain bike trails, Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground, improvements in the soccer fields, park beautification, and others.

*Yes . . . I would like to become a member of*  
**Friends of Warriors' Path State Park**

- \$10 Student
- \$25 Individual
- \$50 Family
- \$25 Classroom
- \$100 Civic Groups / Small Business
- \$1,000 Corporation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Name if Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make checks payable to:*

**Friends of Warriors' Path State Park**  
*a non-profit, tax-deductible organization.*

Mail to: **Friends of WPSP**  
**P.O. Box 6164**  
**Kingsport, TN 37663**

## ***Benefits of Membership:***

- Invitations to special Park events
- Gifts to support Warriors' Path State Park are tax-deductible
- Involvement with Park staff in many areas
- A chance to make a difference in preserving the ambiance of the Park
- Maintain and add to the Park amenities