

If you are up for an adventure, Anderson County offers you the opportunity to trek through the mountains of East Tennessee, boat and fish some of the cleanest waters in the country and experience fascinating American History.

One of the county's premier attractions is Norris Lake. It has recently become very popular among wakeboarders and wake surfers because the lake's 800 miles of shore line, wide channels and numerous coves provide places to test your skills or try it out for the first time. Don't worry, if skiing, paddle boarding or canoeing is more your idea of adventure, there is plenty of water for that too.

Remember to bring a fishing pole because Norris Lake is home to 14 different species of fish from striped, large mouth and small mouth bass to crappie and walleye. And be sure to check out the Clinch River, the tailwaters of Norris Lake, for trout fishing seeing as it holds the state record for the Brown Trout.

Just a short drive from Norris Lake is 72,000 acres of off-roading adventures. Windrock Park has over 300 miles of trails to explore and it doesn't matter what vehicle you want to bring. ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, Jeeps, Hummers, Land Rovers, mountain bikes; they are all welcome. If you don't own any of these pieces of equipment, you can rent a side-by-side and you can now ride on the highways in Rocky Top which give you access from hotels and restaurants right to the trails.

Adding a unique aspect to the landscape of Windrock Park are the 18 windmills of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Windmill Farm, rising from Buffalo Mountain like sentinels, their graceful blades making a gentle *whoosh-whoosh-whoosh*.

If hiking is your favorite adventure, there are miles and miles of trails on acres and acres of wilderness spread all throughout Anderson County. You can stroll along greenways adjacent to the Clinch River, hike more challenging trails at Norris Dam State Park or mountain bike at the new Windrock Bike Park.

While time-travel has never been proven, Anderson County has the next best thing. It has over 300 years of history on display throughout the county. You can virtually be transported from 18th Century pioneer life in Appalachia to the atomic age to the Civil Rights Era and into the future.

The term "Appalachian" is not only the name of the mountain range in Eastern North America. It also refers to a unique American culture of crafts, music, cuisine, heritage, and beliefs. You can be immersed in this culture at the Museum of Appalachia, a Smithsonian Museum; Lenoir Museum Historical Complex and Appalachian Arts Craft Center

Coal mining is one of the industries that rebuilt the South after the Civil War by providing much needed jobs and an energy source, which is evident in a once booming town in North Anderson County. Discover how this community abolished the convict lease system and survived two devastating mine disasters at the Coal Creek Miners Museum and along the Coal Creek Mining Motor Discovery Trail.

On August 27, 1956, twelve young people in Clinton, Tennessee walked into history and changed the world. They were the first students to desegregate a state-supported high school in the south. Learn the fascinating history of the twelve and how they not only changed a community but a nation at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center.

From beautiful rural countrysides to picturesque mountain settings, from eclectic cosmopolitan cities to small "Mayberry" like living, Anderson County's diversity is appealing to anyone who visits and is enticed to stay.