



## Sustainable Snapshot

Dogwood Trees are native to Tennessee and an integral part of the state's natural landscape. The delicate flowers play a role in **pollinator support**, providing food for bees and  butterflies. Their root systems also contribute to **soil health** and **erosion protection**.

So, when you see these elegant blooms, know that these trees are **deeply rooted in Tennessee!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter Day						



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This month, we highlight Global Earth Day, April 22nd. Earth day was founded in 1970, and the theme this year is "Planet vs. Plastics".

In celebration of Earth Day, remember to take your reusable water container with you while you enjoy the great outdoors to avoid using single-use plastic water bottles.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



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We ♥ Wildflowers! Our wonderful wildflowers provide food and shelter for pollinators, prevent soil erosion, and improve soil structure which stabilizes our stream banks and reduces sediment runoff into our waterways.

You can Keep Carter County Beautiful by planting more wildflowers. Make sure you choose native species such as Purple Coneflower, Bee Balm, and Goldenrod and avoid chemicals when planting wildflowers.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



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Roan Mountain encompasses 2000 acres of preserved forest harbor and an array of wildflowers, trees, and shrubs. This unique blend of ecosystems contributes to the overall biodiversity of the southern Appalachians.

Throw on your  hiking boots and visit Roan Mountain. While you're there, keep an eye out for a variety of salamander species supported in this cool, moist environment - these are fascinating amphibians to discover. Always remember, when hiking, leave no trace.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	Flag Day 14	15
Father's Day 16	17	18	Juneteenth 19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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As we celebrate Independence Day, please reflect on our responsibility to protect the environment. Attend your local community public firework displays 🎆 these are run by professionals, making them safer for our community and less impactful on the environment.

If planning your own firework display, review local ordinances and firework safety tips to prevent injury or wildfires. Please dispose of firework debris responsibly to avoid littering.

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Fiona Kerr, Harold McCormick Elementary  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## Sustainable Snapshot

Watauga Lake ranks as the third cleanest lake in the country. It serves as our areas water reservoir, providing a reliable supply for drinking, irrigation, and industrial use. By safeguarding its water quality, we secure a vital resource for our community.

Watauga Lake isn't just water, it's a lifeline. A gift from nature 🌲 that we must protect for generations to come.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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The Elizabethton Covered Bridge was constructed in 1882. This bridge is open today for bicycles and pedestrians, encouraging community engagement and walkability. Having green spaces in communities is vital to the health of our environment and the health of our community members.

Covered Bridge Days in Elizabethton is September 20th-22nd. Stop by and visit us at the Keep Carter County Beautiful booth, we would love to see you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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## Sustainable Snapshot

The fall season in Eastern Tennessee is stunning. The changing leaves create a gorgeous scene, and you can see it all from Carvers Gap.

Fall is also the perfect time to harness those fallen leaves for composting. 🍂 When composting, remember to **shred** leaves for faster decomposition, **layer** freshly fallen leaves with older ones, and **alternate** between brown and green materials to maintain the right balance.

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Paisley Ledford, Harold McCormick Elementary  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		





## Sustainable Snapshot

The Doe River Gorge is characterized by rugged terrain, steep slopes and pristine wilderness. It lies within the Cherokee National Forest, which contributes to its ecological significance. The gorge provides habitat for various species, including birds, insects, and small mammals.

Proper land management is crucial here to prevent erosion and maintain the gorge's fragile ecosystem. Organizations like the Doe River Gorge Ministry play a vital role in preserving this national treasure.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	Thanksgiving	29	30



## Sustainable Snapshot

Merry Christmas Carter County  and thank you for being great stewards of our environment.

Support your local community this holiday season by strolling the downtown and take in the music and displays. Shop Local, it's good for the community and for the environment.

Get creative, handmade or repurposed gifts are always unique and cherished - and recycled, which we love!

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			





## Sustainable Snapshot

Our beautiful East Tennessee mountain snow acts as a **natural reservoir**. When the snow melts in the spring, it gradually **releases water** downstream and replenishes our rivers and streams.

Changes in snow patterns can disrupt plant growth  and survival which affects food chains and ecosystems.

Some animals rely on snow for insulation against freezing temperatures and snow cover protects plants from extreme cold.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Ground Hogs Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	