



## Do You Know the Oak Ridge Reservation:

- was originally 58,525 acres? (34,513 acres remain)
- was half cleared due to land practices at the time of purchase in 1942 ?
- has become mostly native forest? (about 75% is now forested)
- has over 1,100 vascular plant species? (Compare to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the most biologically diverse of all National Parks in contiguous U.S. with respect to vascular plants, which lists about 1,650)
- has 27 state-listed rare plant? (the population of tall larkspur is one of the largest in the world, possibly the largest)
- has seven registered State Natural Areas?
- is a Tennessee Wildlife Management Area? (called Oak Ridge Wildlife Management Area, and one of the top 5 requested for hunting)
- provides homes for over 315 wildlife species?
- has at least 20 state-listed or federally-listed rare wildlife species?
- is one of seven Department of Energy National Environmental Research Parks? (others are Fermilab, Hanford, Idaho, Los Alamos, Nevada Test Site, and Savannah River)
- is an International Biosphere Reserve and part of the Southern Appalachian Biosphere Cooperative (which provides a network of data and research opportunities)
- is an Oak Ridge National Laboratory User Facility? (with over 700 users from colleges, universities, industries, ORNL, and other state and federal agencies over the past five years)
- has over 270 occurrences of significant species and communities spread across the site (identified by The Nature Conservancy, 1995)
- plays a significant role in nesting and migration of birds (18 of 20 breeding birds identified as priorities for conservation in the Ridge and Valley occur on the reservation)
- has more species of breeding birds documented than any other single tract of land in Tennessee? (around 200 species have been documented through Partners in Flight surveys)

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