

RACCOON MOUNTAIN





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Immediately west of Chattanooga, the [Tennessee River Gorge](#) winds for 26 miles through the Cumberland Plateau. In (and above) the canyon is the [Raccoon Mountain Pumped Storage Plant](#) - TVA's largest hydroelectric facility by generation capacity.

The upper reservoir is impounded by the largest rockfill dam in TVA's inventory (230 feet tall, 8,500 feet long) and the powerhouse is located inside a subterranean chamber.

Field Course 1 will visit Raccoon Mountain and provide a rare opportunity to see the colorful underground powerhouse.