



# Cruise & Locks



Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Presented by: Roswell Ramblers , Alpharetta Adult Activity Center

Depart : 8:30am from each center using their bus \$49pp includes a lunch & transportation .

As we're cruising upriver, we will be cruising under historic bridges, the Tennessee Aquarium, McClellan Island (which is a bird sanctuary), Coolidge park, the Bluff Area, you will see Chattanooga Golf & Country Club that sits right on the river, Tennessee River park and of course the Locking system: 12:00 til 3:00 / Salad, Roast Beef & Chicken, Baby Reds, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Rolls, Snack Cake, Coffee, Sweet Tea & Water / free bingo with gift shop prizes, full narrative, going through the Locks are based on commercial traffic having the right of way (no refund for not being able to lock through)!

**Background:** Chickamauga Lock is seven miles Northeast of Chattanooga at Tennessee River Mile 471. The 60 feet x 360 feet lock has been in operation since 1940. From 1997 to 2003 annual tonnage passing through the lock ranged from 1.9 to 2.7 million tons. Currently some 1.3 million tons of traffic pass through each year.

**Importance:** Chickamauga Lock is the gateway to the upper Tennessee River serving 318 miles from Chattanooga to Oak Ridge and Knoxville, Tennessee. This reach of the river provides navigation to the U.S. Department of Energy's facilities at Oak Ridge and two nuclear power plants that serve the region. Commodities traversing Chickamauga Lock have origins or destinations in 17 states in the South, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic regions, traveling an average 1,400 miles. Traffic forecasts by the Corp's of Engineers' Navigation Center indicate that tonnage levels will grow to about 11.3 million tons by 2060. Chickamauga Lock has an average locking time per tow of almost 8 hours, the highest in the Ohio River System. Only four locks in the system have a higher average delay time and none have a higher processing time. Recreational boaters use the lock at a rate of 6 to 1 over commercial vessels. In 2008, 3,985 recreational craft locked through, making the Chickamauga Lock the second busiest lock for recreation on the entire Ohio River system.

For more information: RSVP by 4-22-2019

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