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Resources

AN ACT

To establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in
the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park
System.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Moccasin Bend Na-
3 tional Historic Site Establishment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For the purposes of this Act the following definitions
6 apply:

7 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 (2) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”
10 means the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site.

11 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
12 of Tennessee.

13 (4) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
14 titled “Boundary Map, Moccasin Bend National His-
15 toric Site”, numbered NAMB/80000A, and dated
16 September 2001.

17 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to preserve, protect, and
19 interpret for the benefit of the public the nationally signifi-
20 cant archeological and historic resources located on the pe-
21 ninsula known as Moccasin Bend, Tennessee, there is es-
22 tablished as a unit of the National Park System the Moc-
23 casin Bend National Historic Site.

24 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The historic site shall consist of
25 approximately 900 acres generally depicted on the Map.
26 The Map shall be on file and available for public inspection

1 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service,
2 Department of the Interior. The Secretary may make
3 minor revisions in the boundaries of the historic site in
4 accordance with section 7(c) of the Land and Water Con-
5 servation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9(c)).

6 (c) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN
7 LAND.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
9 by donation or purchase from willing sellers, using
10 donated or appropriated funds, lands and interests
11 in lands within the exterior boundary of the historic
12 site.

13 (2) MOCCASIN BEND MENTAL HEALTH INSTI-
14 TUTE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Sec-
15 retary may acquire the State-owned land and inter-
16 ests in land (including structures on that land)
17 known as the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Insti-
18 tute for inclusion in the historic site only by dona-
19 tion and only after the facility is no longer used to
20 provide health care services, except that the Sec-
21 retary may acquire by donation only, at any time,
22 any such State-owned land or interests in land that
23 the State determines is excess to the needs of the
24 Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute. The Sec-
25 retary may work with the State through a cost shar-

1 ing arrangement for the purpose of demolishing the
2 structures located on that land that the Secretary
3 determines should be demolished.

4 (3) EASEMENT OUTSIDE BOUNDARY.—To allow
5 access between areas of the historic site that on the
6 date of the enactment of this Act are noncontiguous,
7 the Secretary may acquire by donation or purchase
8 from willing owners, using donated or appropriated
9 funds, an easement connecting the areas generally
10 depicted on the Map as the “Moccasin Bend Archeo-
11 logical National Historic Landmark” and the “Rock-
12 Tenn” property.

13 (d) MOCCASIN BEND GOLF COURSE.—On the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the boundary of the historic
15 site shall not include the approximately 157 acres of land
16 generally depicted on the Map as the “Golf Course” as
17 such lands shall not be within the boundary of the historic
18 site. In the event that those lands are no longer used as
19 a public golf course, the Secretary may acquire the lands
20 for inclusion in the historic site by donation only. Upon
21 such acquisition, the Secretary shall adjust the boundary
22 of the historic site to include the newly acquired lands.

23 (e) RADIO TOWER PROPERTY.—On the date of the
24 enactment of this Act, the boundary of the historic site
25 shall not include the approximately 13 acres of land gen-

1 erally depicted on the Map as “WDEF”. In the event that
2 those lands are no longer used as a location from which
3 to transmit radio signals, the Secretary may acquire the
4 lands for inclusion in the historic site by donation or pur-
5 chase from willing sellers with appropriated or donated
6 funds. Upon such acquisition, the Secretary shall adjust
7 the boundary of the historic site to include the newly ac-
8 quired lands.

9 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The historic site shall be adminis-
11 tered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and
12 with the laws generally applicable to units of the National
13 Park System.

14 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary may
15 consult and enter into cooperative agreements with cul-
16 turally affiliated federally recognized Indian tribes, gov-
17 ernmental entities, and interested persons to provide for
18 the restoration, preservation, development, interpretation,
19 and use of the historic site.

20 (c) VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—For purposes
21 of interpreting the historical themes and cultural re-
22 sources of the historic site, the Secretary may establish
23 and administer a visitor center in the development of the
24 center’s operation and interpretive programs.

1 (d) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than
2 three years after funds are made available for this pur-
3 pose, the Secretary shall develop and submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
5 and the Committee on Resources of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives a general management plan for the historic
7 site. The general management plan shall describe the ap-
8 propriate protection and preservation of natural, cultural,
9 and scenic resources, visitor use, and facility development
10 within the historic area consistent with the purposes of
11 this Act, while ensuring continued access to private land-
12 owners to their property.

13 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.**

14 The Act of August 3, 1950 (Chapter 532; 16 U.S.C.
15 424a–4) is repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives October 23,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.