

# *Furs* to FACTORIES

## 7. Ocoee Whitewater Center



The 1996 Olympic Whitewater Slalom Competition held on the Ocoee River ushered in a new level of tourism for the Tennessee Overhill. The USDA Forest Service built the Ocoee Whitewater Center as a host site for the competition with a man made race channel set in the natural environment of the Ocoee Gorge. The center includes the Olympic race channel, native plant gardens, biking and hiking trails and picnic areas. A restored fire tower is located there and an original section of the Old Copper Road is open for hiking. Exhibits in the visitor center detail the history of the Olympic efforts that resulted in this splendid site. To see how the race channel was constructed, visit Sugarloaf Mountain Park (about 12 miles west on the Ocoee Scenic Byway/Hwy 64). The 1/10 scale model was developed by T.V.A engineers as a test before constructing the Olympic race channel.

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*Visitor Center Hours: 9:00-5:00  
daily, except for winter  
Winter Hours: 9:00 – 5:00 Fri-Sun  
Park Hours: Daylight till Dark*