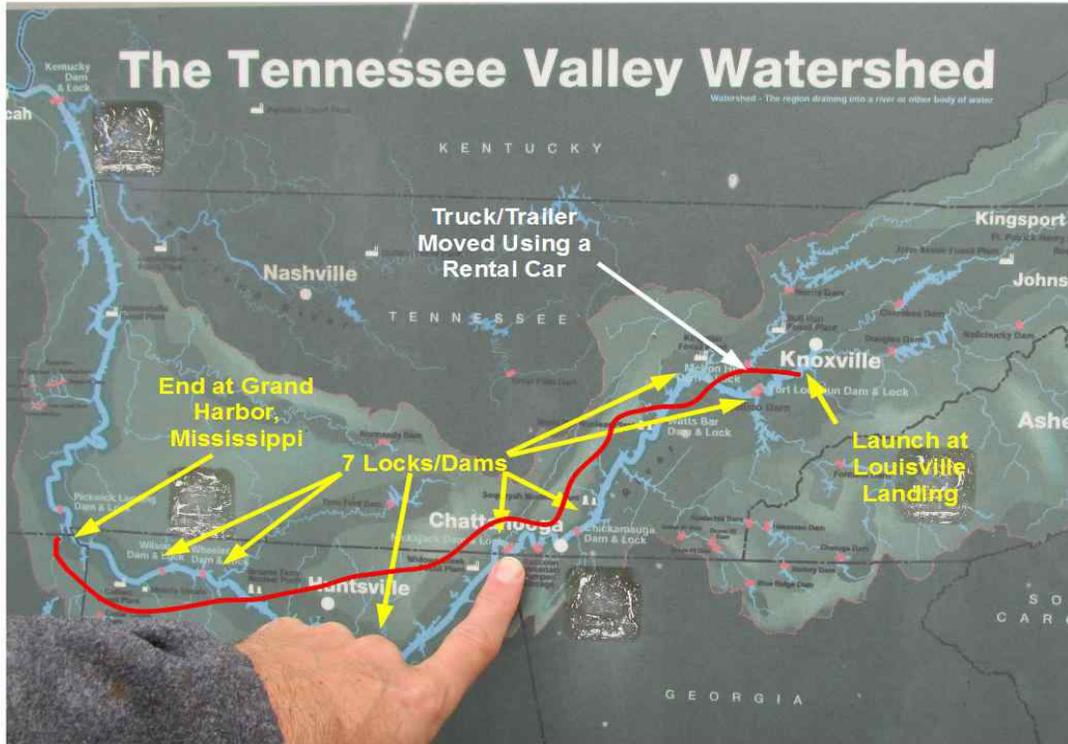


## Rich and Cheryl Odendahl Take "Roam" on a Fall Cruise Down the Tennessee River October/November 2015

We trailered our Ranger Tug "Roam" from our condo in Michigan to a marina 20 miles down river from Knoxville. From there we started a 17-day, 460-mile cruise down the Tennessee River.



We started at Louisville Landing Marina





Along the River



Knoxville at Night



Knoxville Sunrise



The One-Percenters have built a lot of mansions along the river.



We had to wait for this tug to push his barges through a lock in three groups.



We found that if Cheryl does the talking on the radio, the Southern Gentlemen Lockmasters and Tug Captains are much less likely to make us wait.



Eagle on Guard



Downtown Chattanooga



From Boaters to Tourists for a Day



Overlooking Chattanooga from a Civil War Battlefield



Hiking above Chattanooga



Chattanooga is Home to Moon Pies – A Favorite Childhood Treat



We spent a night tied to the dock here in Shellmound Recreation Area. It was very peaceful until three lines of thunderstorms rolled through overnight with wind gusts over 60 mph. We slept very little, but the dock lines held and Roam was undamaged.



Just in Time for the Train



Visiting the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama



The Unclaimed Baggage Center in Scottsboro, Alabama is using their exposure on the Oprah Show to charge prices several times higher than those for similar items in a Salvation Army or Goodwill store. Rich was done in five minutes, but Cheryl still had to shop for a bargain. In spite of the high prices, she couldn't resist the temptation to buy something and lower Roam's waterline even further.



“I want chicken. I want liver. Meow Mix, Meow Mix. Please deliver.  
Meow meow meow meow...”



The 14<sup>th</sup> Hole at Joe Wheeler State Park



The Lodge at Joe Wheeler State Park



Taken from astern, as we exit the Wheeler Lock



We were the only transient boaters at the Florence, Alabama marina. We were able to use the courtesy car to visit the local tourist attractions.



Cheryll at the Helen Keller House in Tuscumbia, Alabama

We pulled the boat at Grand Harbor Marina on the Mississippi border. Roam is back in storage at Rich's dad's house in Leesburg, Florida. We'll return to Florida again this winter for a cruise down to the Keys.

**Our world-wide trip reports are at: <http://www.odendahls.com/>  
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