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11. Englewood Textile Museum



Textile mills first appeared in the Tennessee Overhill in the 1830's. It was the one Appalachian industry that employed mostly women. One can only imagine the social and economic changes that came about because women were being paid for work. The first cotton mill near Englewood was established on Chestuee Creek in the 1850's at what is now called Old Englewood. In the early 1900's, the owners moved the entire operation a few miles north to what was then called Tellico Junction in order to benefit from rail transportation. The town of Englewood grew out of three mill villages clustered around Tellico Junction. At one time there were 20 mills operating here, but like other mill towns in the American South, the Englewood mills eventually closed or moved to other countries. The museum recounts the history of the mills and the women who worked the mills and built a community. In addition to the main museum, the grounds include the Little White House, a restored mill owner's home that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as well as impressive murals and the Garden of Memories.

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Hours: Mon-Sat, 10:00-5:00