

A small community known by many names, New Manchester is a rural locale attracting those who want a bit of the country life when settling down to make a home and raise a family. New Manchester borders Tomlinson Run State Park amidst the rolling hills of Hancock County exuding its natural splendor of a hunter and fisherman's paradise.



Center: Cabins at Tomlinson Run State Park
Bottom: New Oak Glenn Middle School

history

The quaint community of New Manchester was laid out in 1810 by Dr. David Pugh with 113 town lots. The Post Office was originally called Fairview. New Manchester served as the county seat from the creation of Hancock County in 1848 until the late 1800's when it was moved to New Cumberland.

The name of the town has been changed several times, from New Manchester to Fairview, to Pughtown (after the founder), and in 1976 reverted back to the original name, New Manchester. During its early history, New Manchester was a thriving town hosting many businesses, the courthouse, attorneys, hotels, doctors, drug stores, livery stables, blacksmiths, saddle shops, casket manufacturers, tannery, two churches, and many civic and community activities. New Manchester has transitioned into a growing village promoting safe and comfortable living in a country-like atmosphere.

area attractions

New Manchester is home to an annual Fourth of July Parade and Fireman's Fair. Tomlinson Run State Park hosts an annual Fishing Derby, Bicycle Race, Hancock County Fair, Haunted Hayride and Halloween Party. Pleasant Hills Golf Course is close by.

civic groups

PTA, New Manchester Historical Society, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Campfire Boys and Girls, 4-H Clubs, Hancock County Senior Center, New Manchester Neighborhood Youth Center and Fairview Grange

churches

New Manchester Christian
Fairview Presbyterian

education

Tiny Tykes Pre-School
New Manchester Elementary: 304-564-3242
Oak Glen High School: 304-564-3500
Oak Glen Middle School - completed August 2004

important numbers

Police / Emergency: 911
Fire Department: 304-564-4497
Water Department : 304-564-9587
Post Office: 304-564-5560