

Hike Fest 2022

Where all trails lead to lunch!

Welcome to the 2022 Hike Fest. As you hike these trails you will enjoy a wide variety of terrain and geographical features. We hope this Hike Fest takes you places that you would not normally go and that you have positive experiences along the way.

We hope you enjoy hiking these trails but please stay on the trail when hiking and respect private property in residential communities. Carry plenty of water at all times and watch your step – it is easy to twist an ankle on rocks and tree roots. Pets on leashes are permitted on all trails but please pick up after your dog if it fouls the trail-bed.

You have the option of hiking any or all of these trails between Saturday May 28th and Saturday June 4th. Pick the combination of trails that suits your ability and bear in mind that you will be hiking in the summer heat. We want you to have some fun while out on the trails. Record your progress on the Log Sheet either on-line or paper. We encourage everyone to use the online log-sheet so that we can learn how many trails were hiked and which ones were popular.

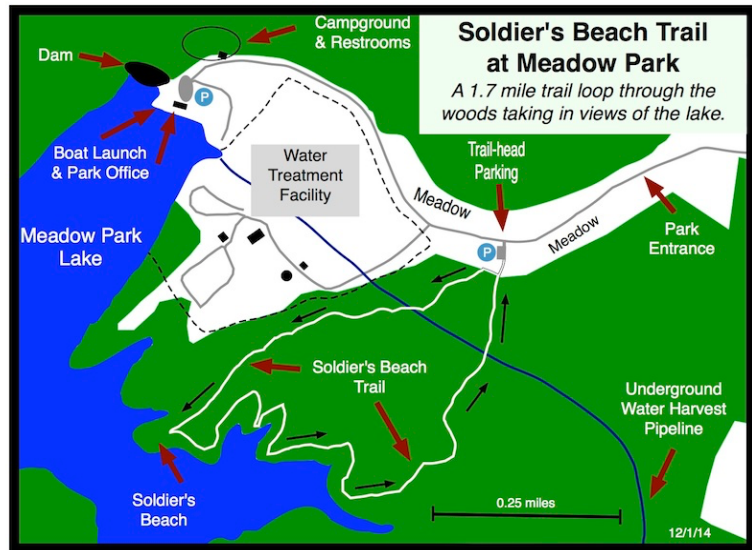
However many trails you decide to do you are welcome to join us for a picnic lunch at Meadow park on Saturday, June 4th starting at 11am.

Be sure to check the website for trail maps and other details: <https://crossvilletrails.com/hikefest>

1. Soldier's Beach Trail, Meadow Park (Hike twice = 3 miles)

Rating: Easy

It is a very pretty trail with not many uphill sections to be negotiated and many views across the lake. The trail does pass close to the lakeshore so children do need to be supervised. The trail passes by Soldier's Beach a popular picnic and swimming area for families.



Driving Directions

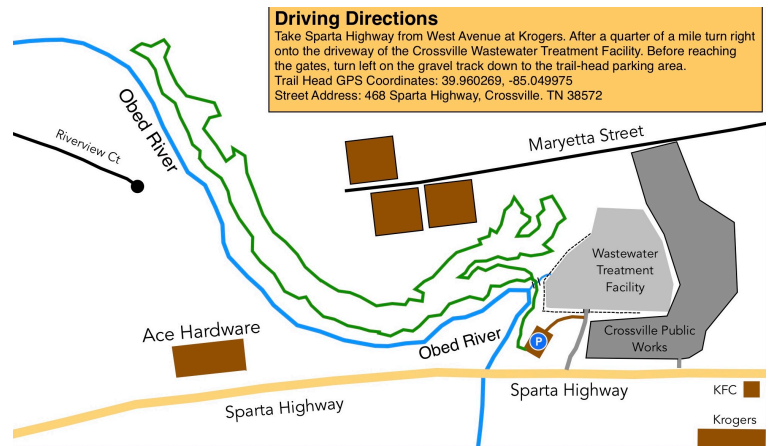
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To get to Meadow Park take Lantana Road, Highway 101, south out of Crossville. After about 3.5 miles, go straight through the lights where Highway 282 turns off for Lake Tansi. The road narrows from four lanes down to two lanes. After another mile turn right on to City Lake Road. There is a large Meadow Park sign on the corner. Follow City Lake Road for 1.4 miles and it dead-ends at the park marina and office. Enjoy the views across the lake, and maybe use the restrooms at the campsite. Feel free to stop in the office and say “Hi” to the park manager, John Presson, then drive back up the entrance road 0.6 miles to the trail-head parking lot which will now be on the right-hand side of the road.

2. Maryetta Trail (Hike Twice = 3 miles)

Rating: Easy

This urban trail is very popular due to its convenient location. It is a 1.5 mile “lollipop” trail in the woods pretty close to downtown Crossville. One leg of the loop is along the Obed River. The return is higher up the hillside. Traffic noise can be heard on part of the trail and, depending on the weather conditions, there can be some “interesting” odors on a section near the Flowers Bakery pre-treatment facility.



Driving Directions

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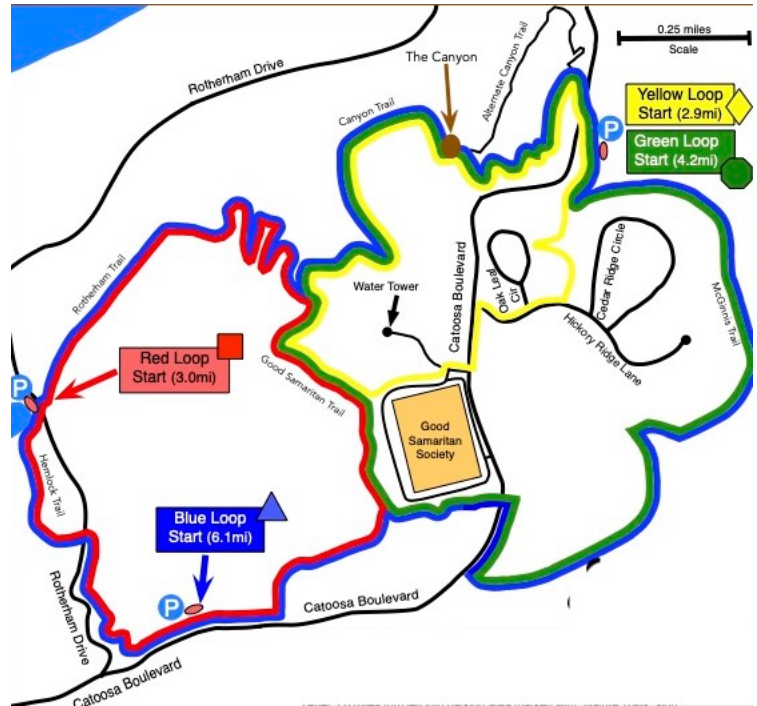
Take Sparta Highway from West Avenue at Krogers. After half a mile turn right onto the driveway of the Crossville Wastewater Treatment Facility. Before reaching the gates, turn left on the gravel track down to the trail-head parking area.

3. Red Loop (3 miles)

Rating: Strenuous

This is the trailhead for both the Hemlock Trail and the Rotherham Trail. We strongly recommend that you hike this loop in the counter-clockwise direction as this avoids climbing up the very steep Rotherham Trail. Follow the red loop markers.

Proceed along the end of the lake to the trailhead sign for the Hemlock Trail. Follow the Red Loop trail markers, past the majestic Hemlock tree for which the trail was named, and after half a mile it crosses Rotherham Drive. After another third of a mile it comes to Catoosa Boulevard and parallels the road for a quarter of a mile before turning back into the woods where it goes behind Bluff View Terrace and climbs upwards for nearly half a mile to the Good Samaritan Trail. Turn left and follow the trail behind the Good Samaritan assisted living facility for a half a mile until you reach the intersection with the Rotherham Trail.



Turn left onto the Rotherham Trail and follow the trail as it descends steeply into the valley. After half a mile the trail turns left along the creek and levels out for an easy walk for the last half-mile to the Rotherham Drive parking lot where the hike started.

Driving Directions

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 36.024416, -84.868766

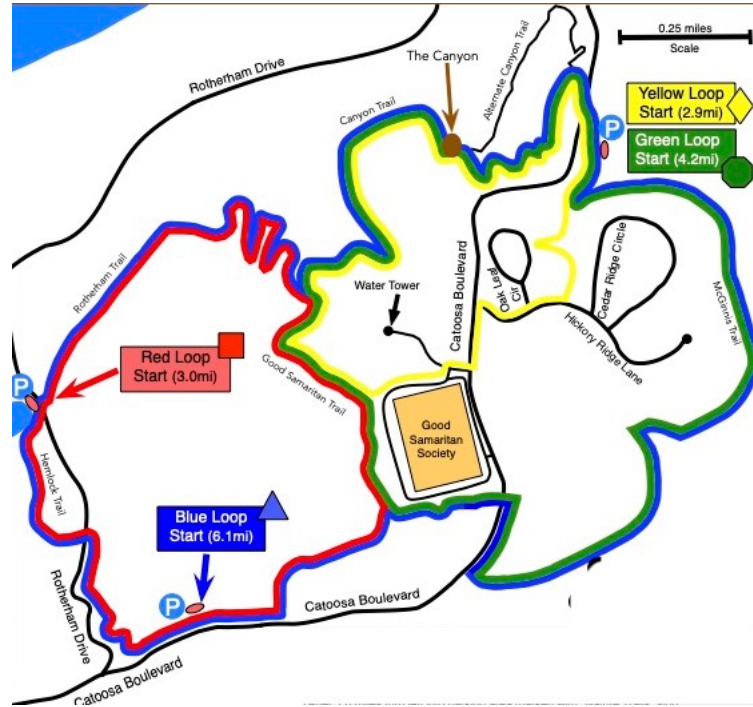
From the junction of Peavine Road and Stonehenge Drive, take Peavine Road east for half a mile and turn left on to Catoosa Boulevard. After about 1.2 miles turn left on to Rotherham Drive. Drive down the steep hill and after 0.6 miles you will come to the parking lot on the left at the end of Lake Dartmoor.

Note: If needed there is additional parking available across the road along Homberg Lane.

4. Yellow Loop (3 miles)

Rating: Moderate

This trail takes you through the Fairfield Glade canyon, along the edge of the Good Samaritan Campus, along a Catoosa Boulevard sidewalk, into the Hickory Ridge subdivision, and down the “Connector” trail and back to your car. The trail has been extensively rerouted recently due to the planned construction of new homes in the area. The new route is much more hiker-friendly than the old route and we are sure you will enjoy it. Navigate carefully and follow the Yellow Loop trail markers, and arrows.



Driving Directions

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 36.031447, -84.850316

From the junction of Peavine Road and Stonehenge Drive, take Peavine Road east for half a mile and turn left on to Catoosa Boulevard. After 2.8 miles turn into parking area on your right marked with a “Nature Trails” sign.

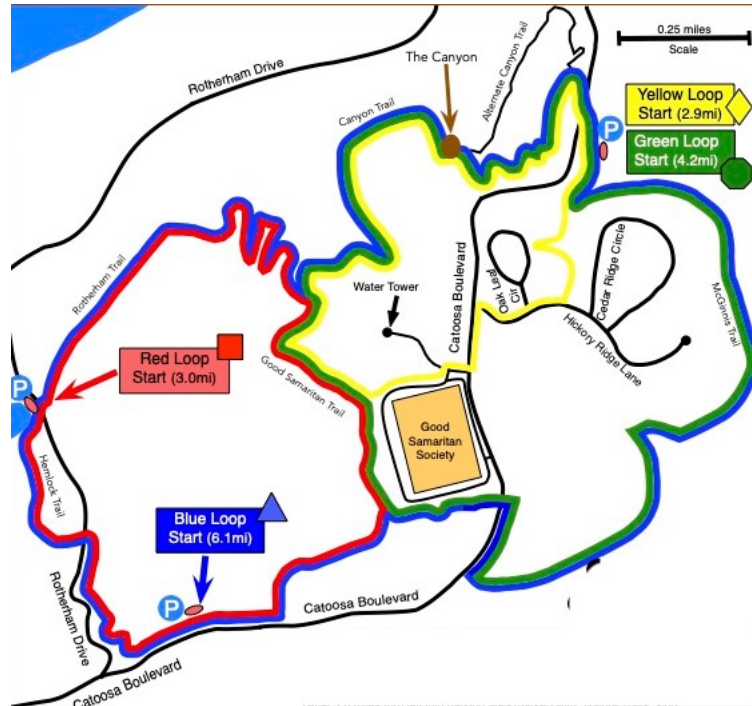
5. Blue Loop (6 miles)

Rating: Strenuous

The trail-head is the Catoosa/Kingsbridge Parking lot on Catoosa Boulevard.

At 6 miles the Blue Loop is the longest hike in Fairfield Glade. It is comprised of four interconnected trails: the Hemlock Trail, the Rotherham Trail, the Canyon Trail and the McGinnis Trail, along with a short segment of the Good Samaritan Trail.

This is a strenuous hike due to its length and due to the significant elevation changes along the way. The lowest point is at the end of Lake Dartmoor on Rotherham Drive. The highest point is at the top of the Rotherham Trail near the water tower. In addition, there are two significant climbs on the McGinnis Trail.



Driving Directions

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 36.031447, -84.850316

Take Peavine Road east and then turn north on to Catoosa Boulevard. After 1.0 mile turn left into the Catoosa/Kingsbridge parking lot marked with Nature Trail sign.