

Hike Fest 2023

Where all trails lead to Earth Day!

Welcome to the 2023 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 April 15th and Saturday April 22nd. Pick the combination of trails that suits your ability. 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 an Earth Day event at Cumberland Mountain State Park on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 9:00am.

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

Suggested Trails for Hike Fest 2023:

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1. Overlook Trail – 2 miles
 2. Library Trail – 1 mile
 3. Seven Bridges 2 miles
 4. Green Loop – 4 miles
 5. Glastowbury – 1 miles
 6. Pioneer Short & ADA trail – 3 miles
 7. Habitat Trail – 2 miles
 8. Woodlawn Loop & Little Obed Trail – 3 miles

Note: We know the trail distances are only approximate so just enjoy the hikes without worrying too much about the distances traveled.

1. Overlook Trail, Fairfield Glade (Hike = 2 miles)

Rating: Moderate

Driving Directions

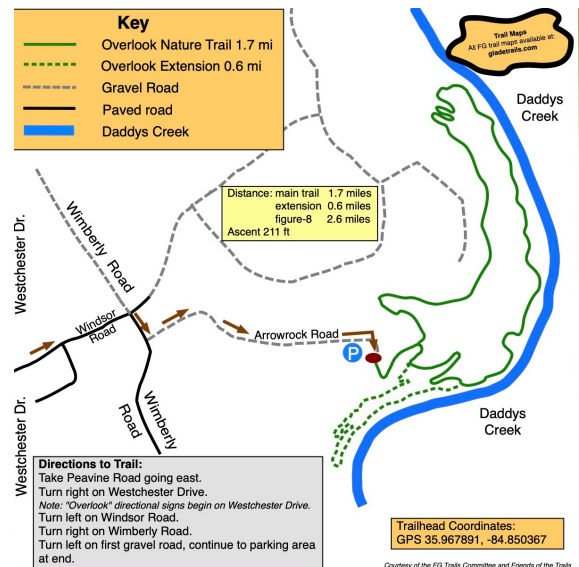
Trailhead GPS Coordinates:

35.967933, -84.850431

From the Peavine Road/Stonehenge Drive stoplight, take Peavine going east for half a mile. Turn right onto Westchester drive. After 3.0 miles, just after passing Dorchester Golf Club, turn left onto Windsor Road. Take the second right onto Wimberley Road then immediately turn left onto the gravel road. This road ends at the Overlook parking area and trailhead. After parking your vehicle and enjoying the views from the overlook enter the trail on the left.

Trail Description

This is a hiker favorite and annual standard for the Hiking Marathon. A significant extension to the trail has been completed this year adding some wonderful rock-work. Allow 1.5 hours walking time to complete this trail – not including stops to rest or enjoy the scenery. This trail is a lollipop layout...hike the short stem, then at the junction turn left or right to go around the main loop. Particularly enjoy the new section with all its rockwork and the section along Daddy's Creek. Walking alongside water is always interesting



2. Library Trail, Fairfield Glade (Hike = 1 mile)

Rating: Easy

Driving Directions

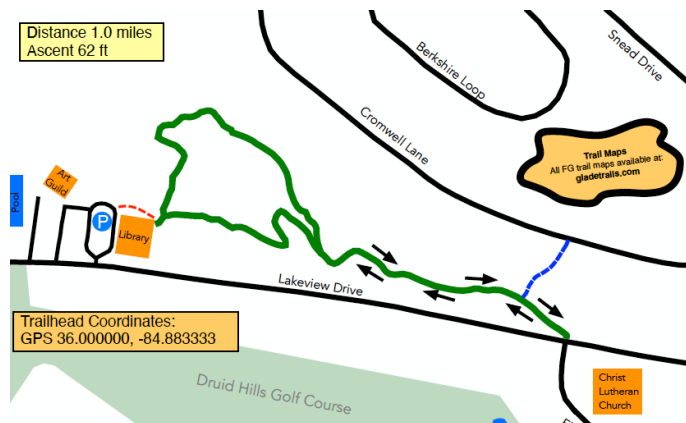
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From the junction of Peavine Road and Stonehenge Drive, take Peavine Road east for 0.5 miles (away from I-40) then turn right on Snead Drive. Travel about 0.5 miles then turn right on Lakeview Drive. Travel about 0.5 miles to the FG Library parking lot on the right.

Trailhead is behind and to the left of the Library building, near the restrooms.

Trail Description

This is a “lollipop” trail. Start out behind the library, going either direction along the loop. Travel down the “stick” to Lakeview Drive, then retrace your steps until you reach the loop once more. Complete the loop to return to your car. Extend your hike by either following the signs at Lakeview Drive to reach the Seven Bridges Trail, or by exiting the trail along the blue-blazed path to reach Cromwell Lane.



3. Seven Bridges Trail, Fairfield Glade (Hike = 2 miles)

Rating: Moderate

Driving Directions

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.998370, -84.870564

From the junction of Peavine Road and Stonehenge Drive head east along Peavine Road for 0.5 miles. Turn right on to Westchester. Head south for 0.7 miles and pull into the first parking lot of the Methodist Church where trail parking is permitted. Cross the road to the trail head.

Trail Description

This trail begins at the Methodist Church on Westchester Drive. It is a pleasant walk through the woods by a number of streams with, you have guessed it, seven bridges. As you can see on the map it is a lollipop configuration where you walk half a mile up the stem and then a one-mile loop before returning to the trailhead along the stem.



4. Green Loop, Fairfield Glade (4 miles)

Rating: Strenuous

Driving Directions

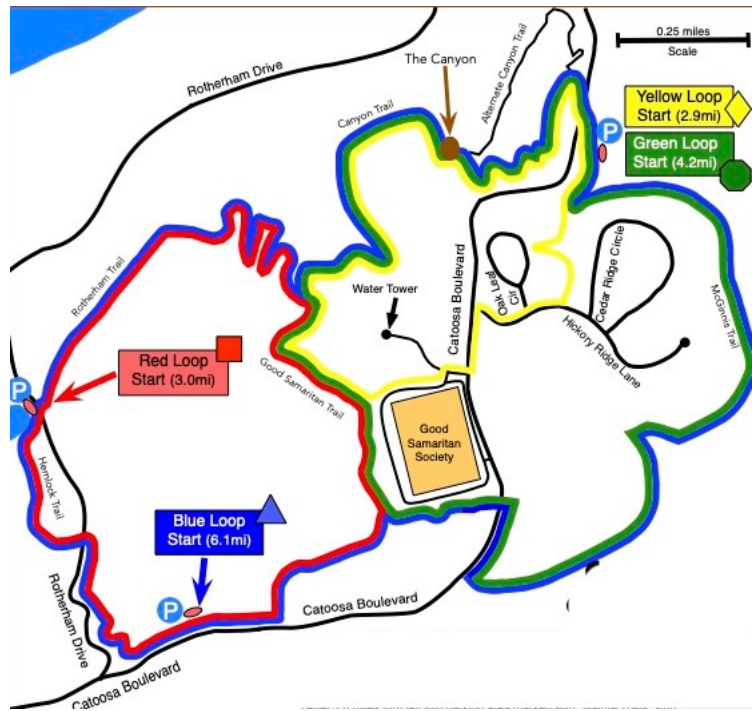
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The trail-head is the North parking lot on Catoosa Boulevard.

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.

Trail Description

This loop takes you on three trails: the McGinnis Trail, the Good Samaritan Trail and the Canyon Trail. Most of the hike is on dirt trails in the woods but there is a short section on a paved sidewalk. The trail can be hiked in either the clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.



5. Glastowbury Trail, Fairfield Glade (Hike = 1 mile)

Rating: Moderate

Driving Directions

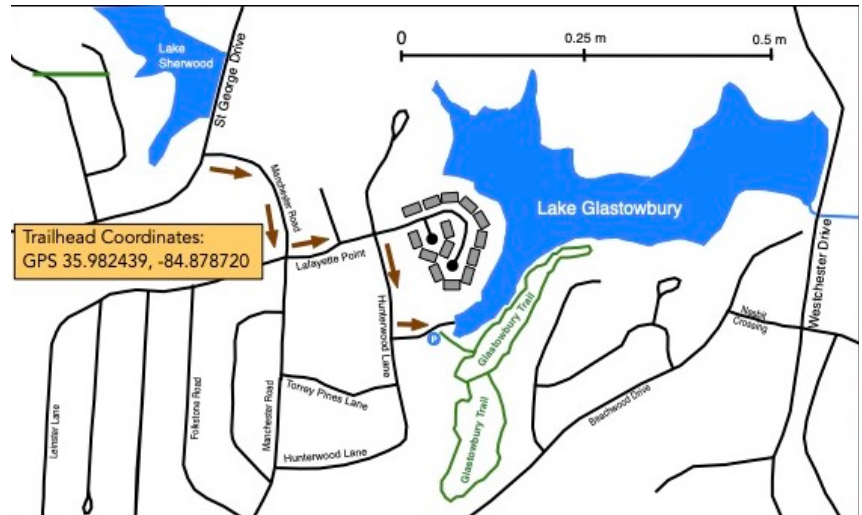
Trailhead GPS Coordinates:

35.982439, -84.878720

From St George Drive take Manchester Road then turn left onto Lafayette Lane. Just before entering the condo complex, turn right onto Hunterwood Lane (Signed to the boat-launch). Turn left to the boatlaunch and park at the trailhead.

Trail Description

This trail begins at the boat ramp at Lake Glastowbury. It is not the easiest trailhead to find but worth the effort! This 1.0 mile trail offers some nice views across the lake but most of the trail is a woodland walk.



6. Pioneer short & Ada Trail, Crossville (Hike = 3 miles)

Rating: Moderate

Driving Directions

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.898574 -85.000249

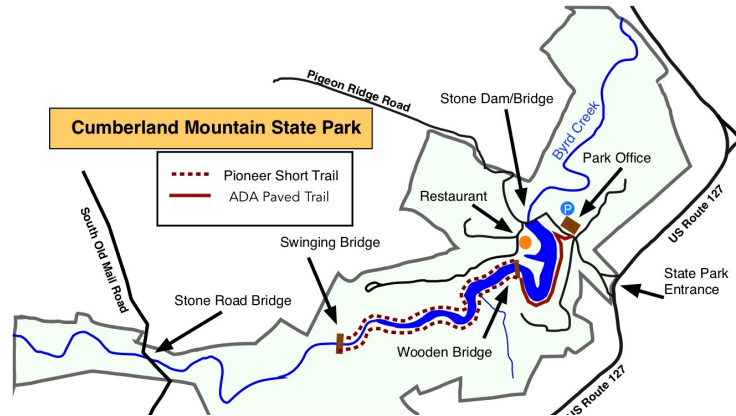
The Cumberland Mountain State Park is very well known and there are plenty of road signs directing you to the park, which is about four miles south east of Crossville on Highway 127. We recommend parking by the boat dock behind the restaurant.

Trail Description

From the parking lot head toward the boat dock and turn right on to the start of the Pioneer Short Trail.

Follow the trail until you reach the swinging bridge. Cross the bridge and turn left and follow the trail back to the lake. Continue on to the ADA paved trail to the Park Office where there are restrooms. Stop along the way and read the kid friendly signs.

Turn around and follow the ADA paved trail back towards the boat dock. Cross the wooden bridge to the boat dock and return to the parking lot.



7. Habitat Trail, Crossville (Hike = 2 miles)

Rating: Easy

Driving Directions to the Habitat Trailhead

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.949616, -85.048862

Take Miller Avenue to the stop light at the TCAT college. Take 10th street alongside the college. Follow the road to the stop sign on Deerfield Road. Turn right and the trailhead parking lot will be on your left.

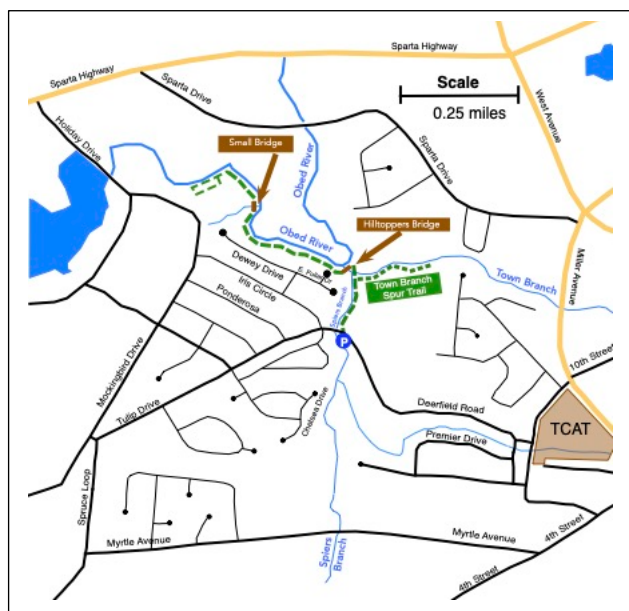
Trail Description

This trail, in Crossville, opened in July 2022. The trailhead parking is on Deerfield Road. The trail starts across the road from the parking lot. This is an easy lollypop trail along the Obed River.

Head into the woods from the parking lot. Pass the start of the Town Branch Spur on the right. Keep going crossing the creek itself using stepping stones. Look for the large Hilltoppers Bridge on the left. Cross the bridge over Spiers Branch Creek and follow the trail for about half a mile along the Obed River. At the end of the trail is a short loop which you navigate before returning the way you came.

On the way back after crossing the Hilltoppers Bridge and stepping over the Town Branch creek, take the trail on the left and check out the Town Branch Spur. It is just 0.2 mile, each way in and out. Turn around at the Stop sign.

After completing the Habitat Trail, we suggest that you drive over to Garrison Park and hike the new short, 0.5 mile, TCAT Trail.



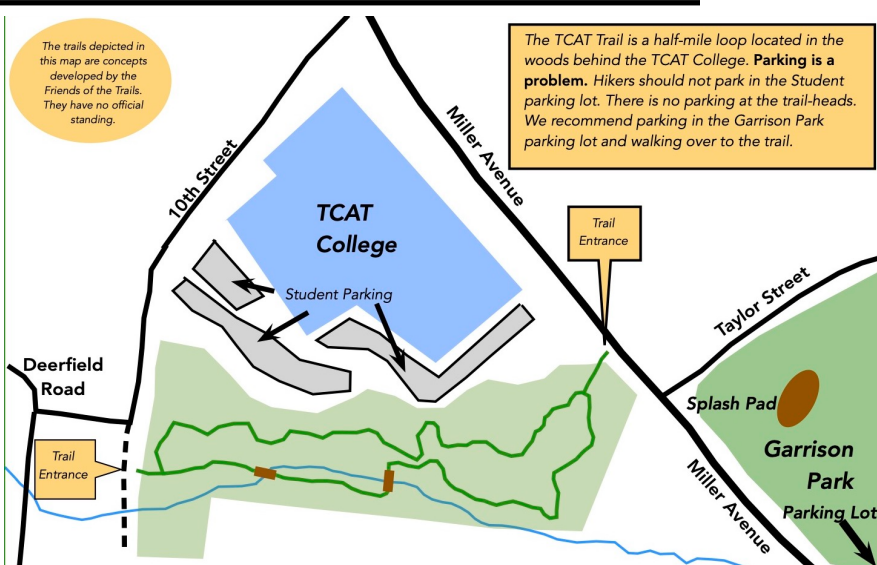
Hiking Marathon



Turn Around

End of Marathon Trail

TCAT Trail



8. Woodlawn Loop & Little Obed Trail, Crossville (Hike = 3 miles)

Rating: Easy

Driving Directions

Trailhead GPS Coordinates:

35.974659, -85.025064

Take Woodlawn Road off Genesis Road and turn left on to Wyatt Court. Proceed to the end of the paved road and continue, though the gateway until you see the (primitive) trailhead parking area.

Trail Description

This is a delightful figure-of-eight woodland trail that was constructed in 2017. Part of the trail is along the Little Obed River but you only get glimpses of the river as you pass close by.

To hike the Little Obed Trail, constructed in 2020, you will start off by taking the Woodlawn loop trail from the trail-head parking lot. Turn right at the first junction in the woods. A short distance later turn right again to get on to the Little Obed Trail. It is a nice easy trail that gets closer to the river in places. The trail ends at Old Jamestown Highway. Eventually we hope to continue the trail on the other side of the road but for now we recommend that you turn around when you see the road and return to the trail-head where you started.

