

Cumberland County Hiking Marathon 10K Challenge Trail Descriptions



Welcome to the 2022 Cumberland County Hiking Marathon 10 K Challenge. These paved trails are for those who prefer the less strenuous walking on paved trails and sidewalks, As you hike these 10K Challenge trails we hope they take you places that you would not normally go and that you have positive experiences along the way.

We hope you enjoy hiking these trails, carry plenty of water at all times and watch your step – it is easy to twist an ankle on rocks and steps. Pets are permitted on all trails but please pick up after your dog if it fouls the trail-bed.

We are doing things a little differently this year. Please log your completed trails online so that we have an accurate picture of everyone’s accomplishments with reduced work for our volunteers.

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

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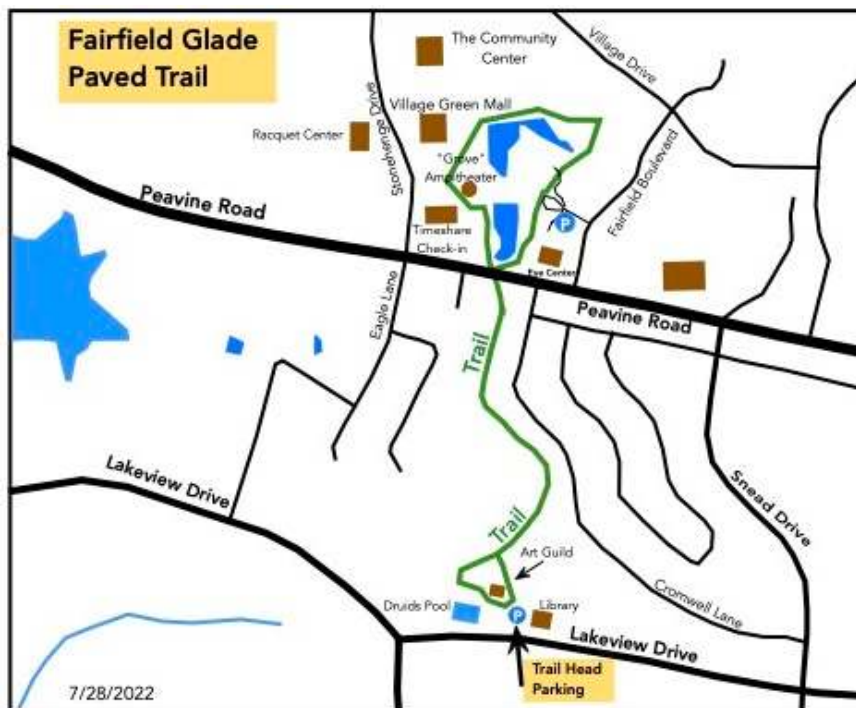
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1. Fairfield Glade Paved Trails

Distance: 1.3 miles/2.1 km

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.999882, -84.884157

This is a mostly shaded 1.9 mile lollypop trail that goes thru the woods to the Central Area. Along the way you will see all kinds of birds and other wildlife. Deer are frequently seen here. Don't miss the Whale Watch opportunity along the way. After passing under Peavine Road you will go around two lakes: Mirror Lake and the lower lake. At the far end you will come to the Wyndham Timeshares where you will begin to return toward the tunnel. You will pass The Grove stage and will soon come to where you will begin the backtrack thru the tunnel. At the Sculpture Garden you will turn right to enjoy the many sculptures before you return to the trailhead.



Trail Description

1. Begin at the Fairfield Glade Library. The trailhead is at the parking lot near the mini golf course. Continue on the trail until you come to a T-junction. Turn right
2. Continue until you pass thru the tunnel that goes under Peavine Rd then turn right at the T at Mirror Lake. Follow the trail around the lake. At the parking lot behind the church continue straight
3. The trail picks up again on the opposite side of the parking lot. Continue thru the next parking lot – Do NOT turn left to cross the bridge by the lake
4. The trail picks up again on the far right side of the parking lot. Continue on this trail staying to the left at the Wyndham Timeshares and follow close to the lake. At the T-junction, turn left. Continue until you backtrack through the tunnel.
5. When you come to the Sculpture Garden, turn right and enjoy .1 miles of sculptures before you return to the trailhead

Driving Directions

Approaching Fairfield Glade from Crossville turn left onto Snead Drive just after Weigel's gas station. Take third turn on the left onto Lake View Drive. Just Past the Druid Hills golf Club turn left at the stop sign. Turn left into the Fairfield Glade Library parking lot. The street address of the library is 455 Lakeview Drive, Crossville, TN 38558

2. Cumberland Mountain State Park: Storybook Paved Trail

Distance: 1.2 miles/1.9 km

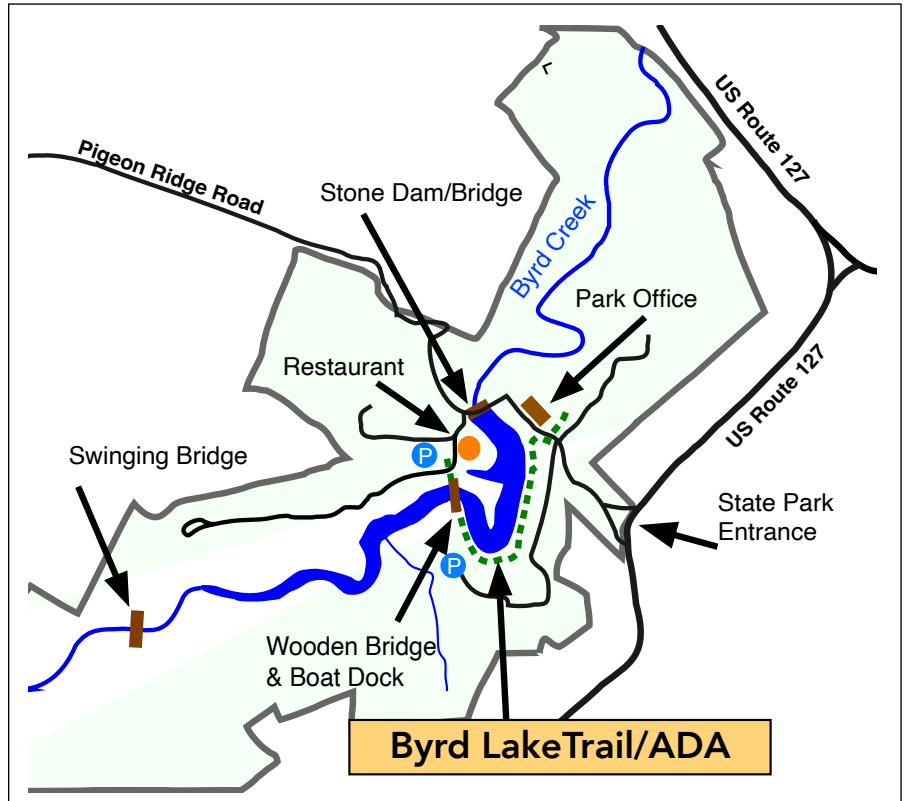
Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.898506, -85.000298

Start at the kayak marina behind the restaurant. Cross the wooden bridge onto the Storybook Trail. Stop along the way and read the kid friendly signs. When you reach the road by the Park Office turn around and return. (There are public restrooms in the park office buildings and in the restaurant.)

Driving Directions

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.

There is plenty of parking in the park but please do not park in the restaurant parking lot as that gets very busy at times. We suggest you park near the kayak marina behind the restaurant. There is very limited parking at the park office.



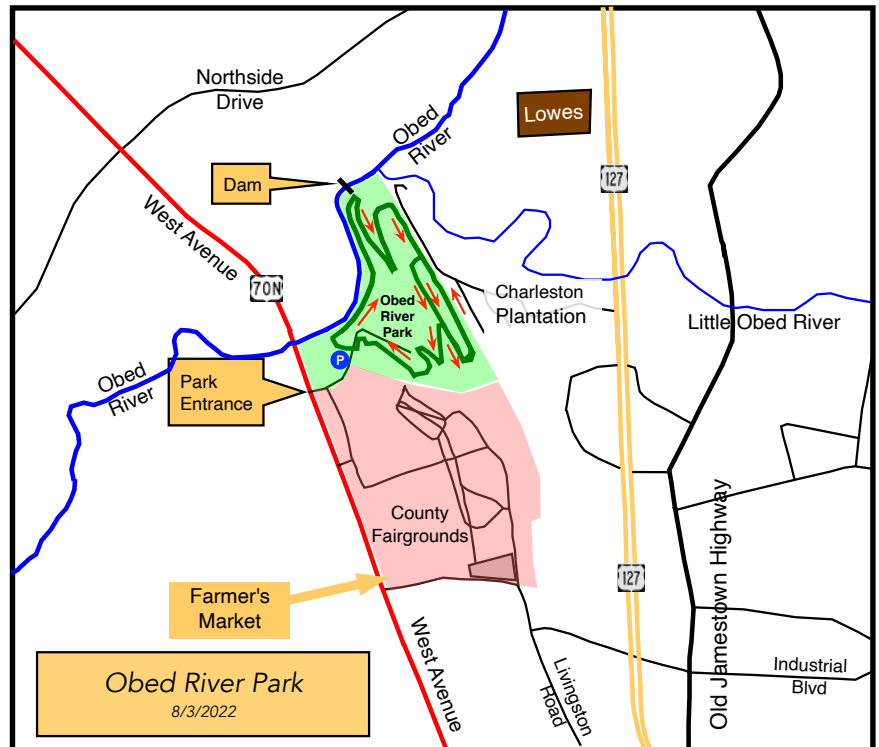
3. Obed River Park Paved Trail

Distance: 1.7 miles/2.7 km

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.9744077, -85.046567

This is an easy 1.7 mile trail that is shaded for about ½ the hike. Along the hike you will see the Obed River, the failed G.E. Harrison and J. Ridley Mitchell Dam, the location of the closed Tennessee Central Railroad Trestle and Corridor, and many Bluebird houses.

1. Park in the second parking lot on the left (third entrance) after turning into the Obed River Park
2. Look for the sign marking the trailhead toward the left
3. Follow the paved trail along the river
4. In about a half mile the trail turns up the hill at the failed G.E. Harrison and J. Ridley Mitchell Dam
5. Continue up to the field and continue on the paved trail for about another quarter mile
6. Take the first paved trail to the right
7. From here you will hike the entire loop around the field to return to this intersection
8. The second time around the loop you will take the next right down the hill
9. Continue on the paved trail until you come to a parking lot



Driving Directions

Obed River Park is located on West Avenue.

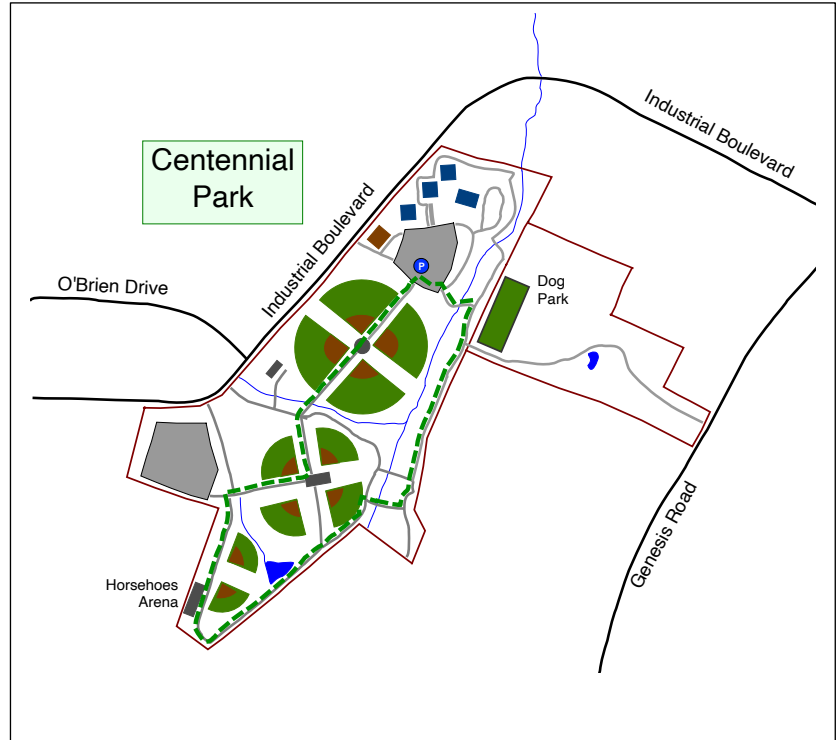
4. Centennial Park Paved Trail

Distance: 1.2 miles/1.9 km

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.967940, -85.026750

This is an easy 1.2 mile hike. It is mostly in the sun, so a morning hike is recommended. This hike will take you through and around the softball fields and past the horseshoe building. It then circles up past the dog parks and back to the parking lot.

1. Park in the parking lot close to the dog parks. The starting point is at the small plaza where 3 flags are displayed. This is also the same lot used for the pickleball courts.
2. The hike begins at the flags. Walk up the paved trail through the building and between the softball fields. Continue straight
3. At the crosswalk, continue straight toward the restrooms and horseshoe building
4. Just past there the trail begins to circle back
5. In an eighth mile or so, take a right across the bridge. At the T-junction take a left toward the dog parks
6. Follow the trail to the second dog park. Take the sharp left at the trash can to begin your return to the parking lot
7. Cross the bridge and follow the path up to the starting point parking lot



Driving Directions

Centennial Park is located on Industrial Boulevard.