

Cumberland County Hiking Marathon 10K Challenge Trail Descriptions



Welcome to the 2024 Cumberland County Hiking Marathon 10K 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.

You can use a printed logsheet to record progress but 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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1. Fairfield Glade Paved Trails

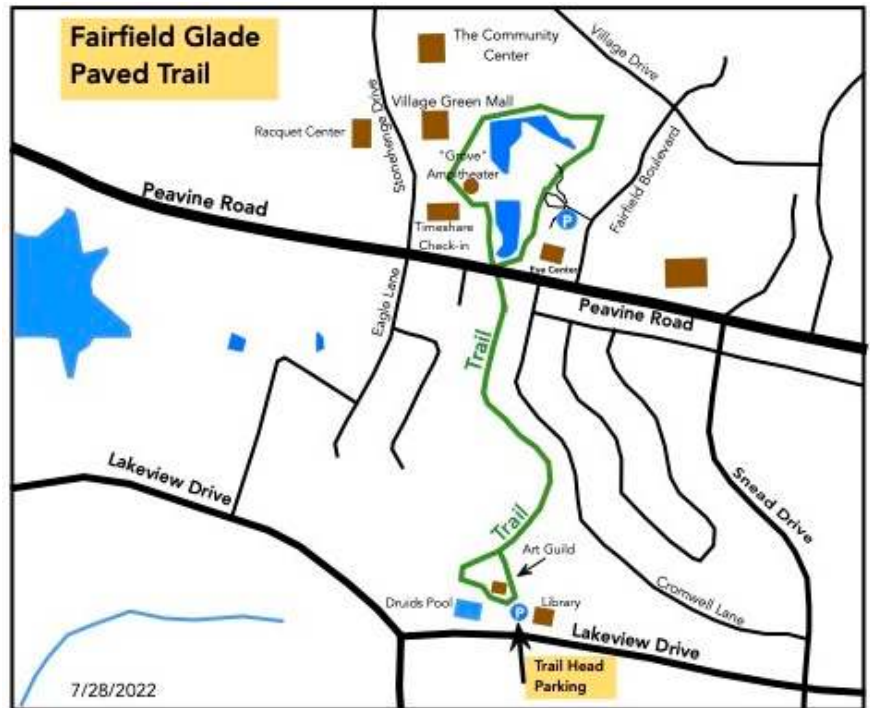
Distance: 1.3 miles/2.1 km

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.999882, -84.884157

Trail Description

This is a mostly shaded 1.9 mile trail that goes through the woods to the Central Area of Fairfield Glade. Along the way you will see all kinds of birds and other wildlife.

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. Don't miss the Whale Watch opportunity along the way. After passing under Peavine Road stay left of Mirror Lake. Continue past The Grove Stage going behind the Village Green Mall. Turn right and cross the spillway and the dam. At the far end you will come to the Wyndham Timeshares, turn right and begin your return toward the tunnel under Peavine Road. At the Sculpture Garden enjoy the many sculptures before you return to the trailhead.



Driving Directions

Approaching Fairfield Glade from Crossville turn right onto Sned 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

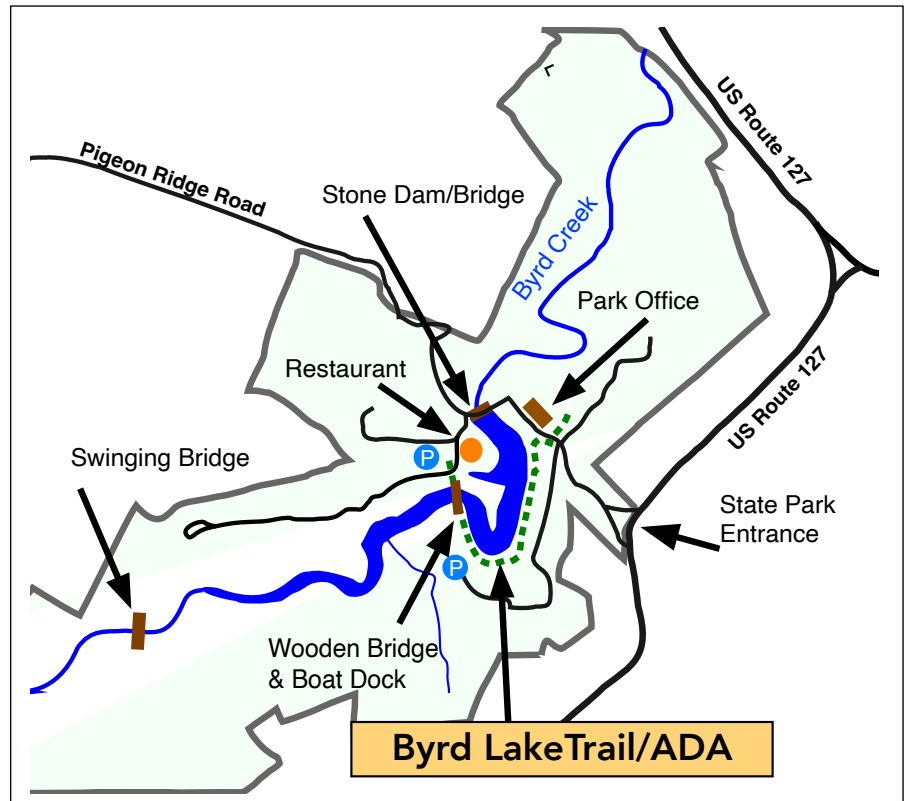
Trail Description

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.

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.



3. Obed River Park Paved Trail

Distance: 1.7 miles/2.7 km

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.9744077, -85.046567

Trail Description

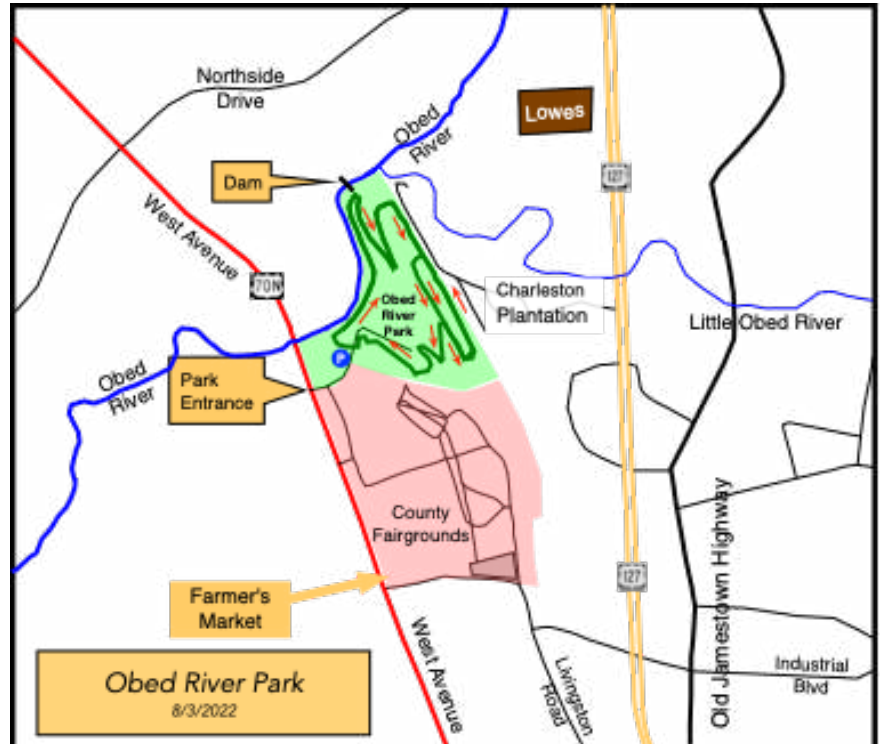
This is an easy 1.7 mile trail that is shaded for about ½ the hike. Along the hike you will see the Obed River, the failed G.E. Harrison and J. Ridley Mitchell Dam, the location of the closed Tennessee Central Railroad Trestle and Corridor, and many Bluebird houses.

Park in the second parking lot on the left (third entrance) after turning into the Obed River Park. Look for the sign marking the trailhead toward the left. Follow the paved trail along the river. After about a half mile the trail turns up the hill at the failed G.E. Harrison and J. Ridley Mitchell Dam Continue up to the field and continue on the paved trail alongside the fence for about another quarter mile

Take the first paved trail to the right

From here you will keep left to hike the entire loop around the field to return to this intersection

The second time around the loop you will turn right down the hill to a parking lot. Turn right and walk along the edge of the road following the white posts. Turn into the trail-head parking lot to complete the hike and return to your vehicle.



Driving Directions

Obed River Park is located on West Avenue past Rural King and the farmer's market.

4. Centennial Park Paved Trail

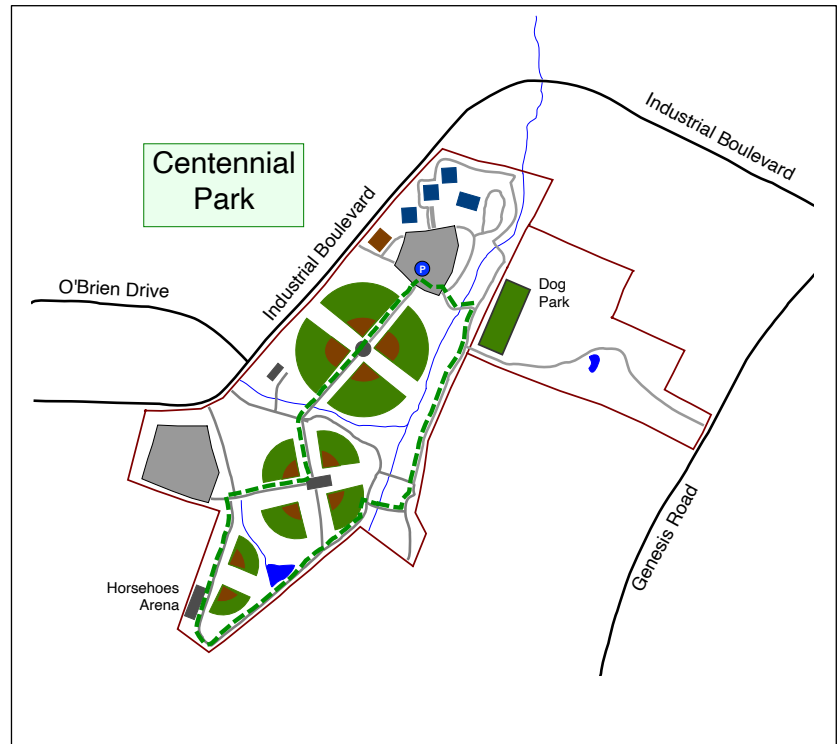
Distance: 1.2 miles/1.9 km

Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.967940, -85.026750

Trail Description

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.

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. Walk up the paved trail between the four large ballfields., At the crosswalk, continue straight between the small ball fields. Turn right at the concession building toward the restrooms and horseshoe building. Follow the fence for an eighth mile or so, then take a right across the bridge. At the T-junction take a left toward the dog parks. Follow the trail to the second dog park. Take the sharp left at the trash can to begin your return to the parking lot. Cross the bridge and follow the path up to the starting point parking lot.



Driving Directions

Centennial Park is located on Industrial Boulevard.