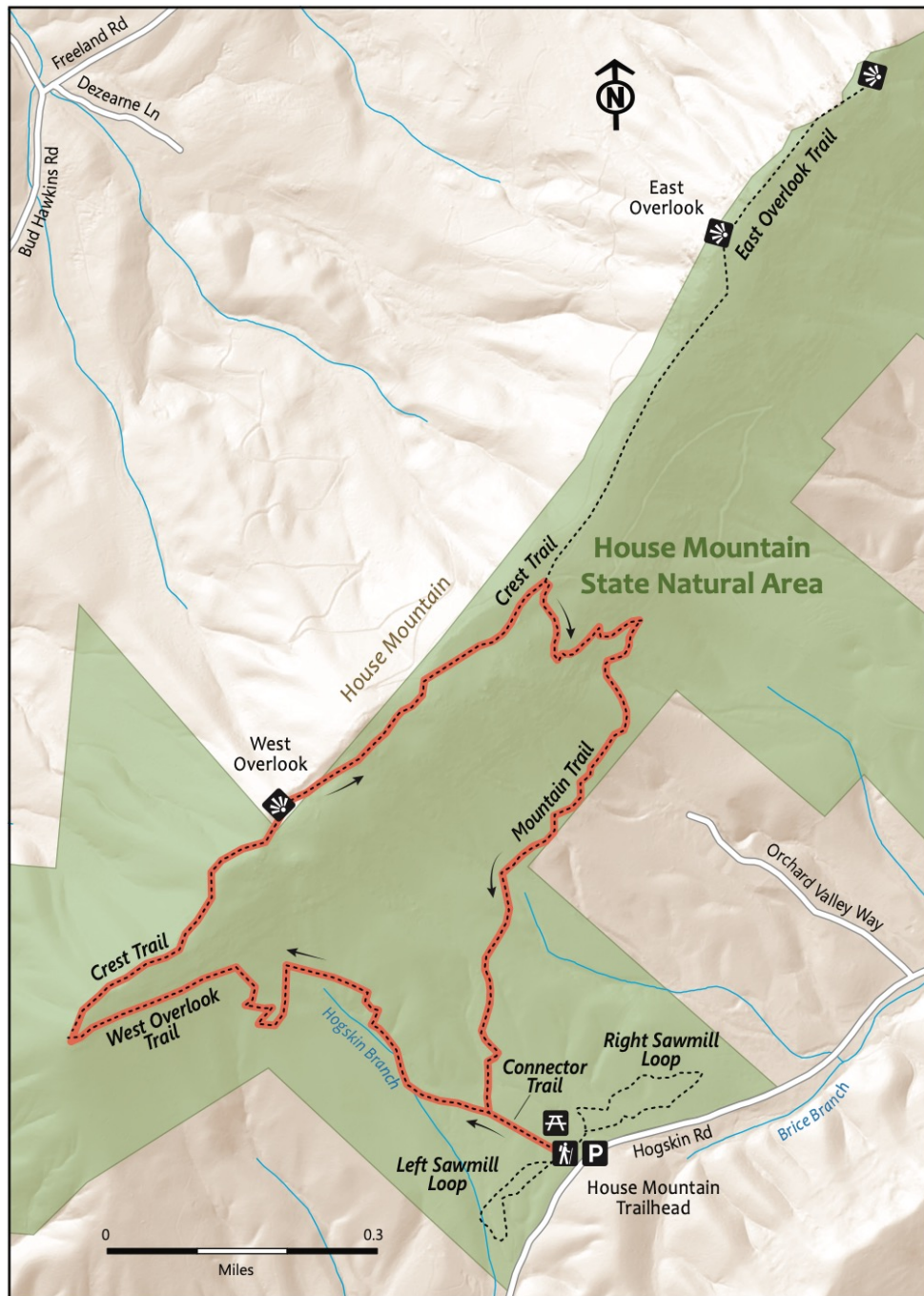


## Trail 12: House Mountain

### Key Characteristics

Trail Name	House Mountain Overlook
Region	Knoxville and Surroundings
Trail #	12
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	2.5 hours
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	4.5 hours
Trail Distance (Miles)	2.5
Elevation Change	Steep
Pets	Allowed on leash
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	No
Terrain	Dirt path; rocky path



## Overview

The highest point in Knox County (but far from the highest in the book), this trail feels like it belongs in another section of the book. The elevation gain is substantial, and the trail is rockier and rougher than the others close to Knoxville. This one always challenges us! But, the flip side is that House Mountain offers a challenging hike to a rewarding overlook far nearer to Knoxville than those in the Cumberland Plateau or the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The trail climbs up House Mountain from the west, reaching the West Overlook before heading down to complete the clockwise loop (you're free to hike it in the opposite direction). Good for older kids or families able to carry a little one a farther distance.

[Credit to Hanhui Bao][img/trail-12-figure-01.jpg]

## Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	House Mountain Parking and Trailhead, 463P+WV Corryton, Tennessee
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	36.10483, -83.76276

The trailhead is straightforward to locate and access. Park at the large parking area and look for the large covered picnic area. Look for the Connector Trail near the picnic area to begin the hike.

## Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Start on the Connector Trail.
0.1	Turn left onto the West Overlook Trail. Begin to climb up the mountain.
0.85	Rocky prominence. The trail changes here to the Crest Trail. Trail flattens from here.
1.25	Reach the West Overlook. Continue on the Crest Trail — or, optionally, this is a suitable turn-around spot.
1.6	Intersection with the East Overlook Trail. Turn right.
1.7	Steep descent.
2.0	Trail levels out, and the descent becomes more gradual and winding.

Distance from Start	Description
2.3	Trailhead.

### Nearby

- Visiting Zoo Knoxville on the way home. Zoo Knoxville (3500 Knoxville Zoo Dr, Knoxville, TN 37914) is accessible from I-40, on the way to House Mountain for those traveling from Knoxville or west of the city center. It's a fantastic place to spend half of a day (or longer).