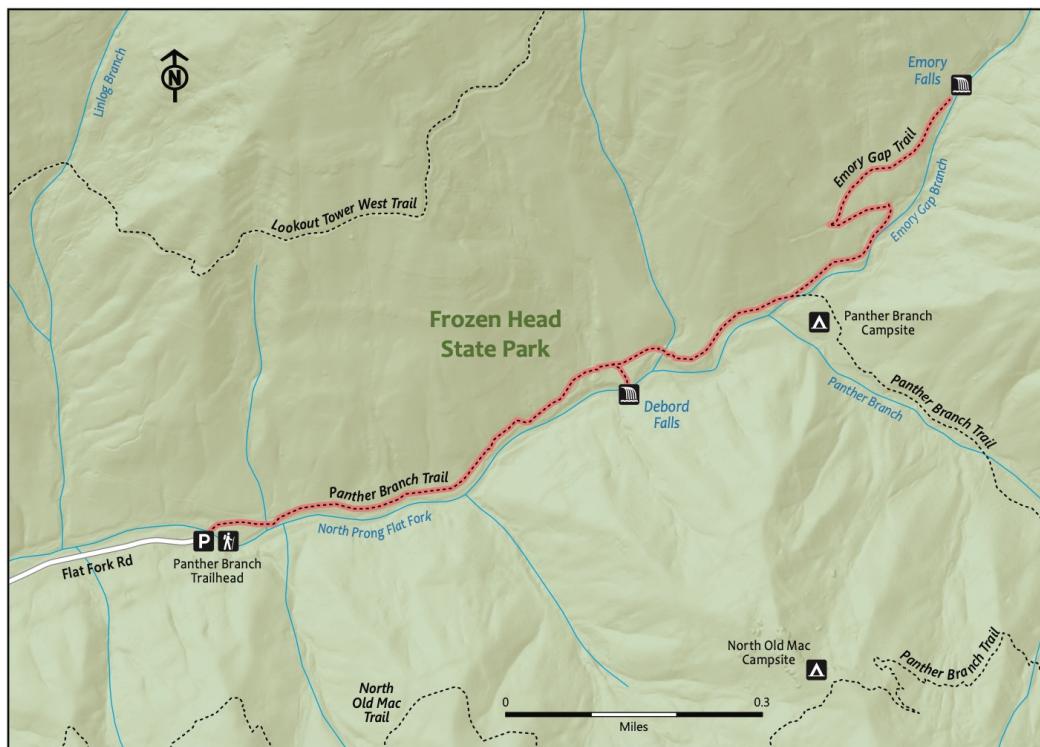


Trail 13: Emory Falls

Key Characteristics

Trail Name	Emory Falls
Region	Cumberland Plateau
Trail #	13
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	2 hours
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	3.5 hours
Trail Distance (Miles)	2.4
Elevation Change	Moderate
Pets	Allowed on leash
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	No
Terrain	Dirt path; rocky path



Overview

Writing about this trail makes us smile. In many ways, it's the perfect kid hike! It starts at a beautiful trailhead along a pretty creek in the deep woods. It gradually climbs before stopping at a scenic waterfall, DeBord Falls—one of two, and a perfectly acceptable place to turn around with younger kids (we have many times). It continues further to Emory Falls before returning on a gradual slope back to the trailhead. Stop at the playground you passed on the way to the trailhead beside the same creek; the water is usually shallow enough to be perfect for splashing and rock hopping. Best for kids comfortable with rocky trails.



Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	Emory Gap Trailhead, 4GP6+MV, Wartburg, TN 37887
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	36.13658, -84.48785

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Park in a spot at the Emory Gap Trailhead. Note that the above address uses a “Plus code” that will only work in Google Maps—because Emory Gap Trailhead does not have a street address. |

Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Start by walking across the bridge at the trailhead.
0.55	DeBord Falls. Walk down the stairs on the right to view the waterfall from below. The trail continues along, but turn back if you like (we often do!).
0.9	Trail switchbacks.
1.1	Steep and rocky section at the end to the viewing spot for Emory Falls.
1.2	After viewing the waterfall, head back to the start!
2.4	Trailhead.



Nearby

- Playing at the playground. There is a fun, shaded creekside playground 0.7 miles down the road from the trailhead; most of the year, the creek is a perfect depth for safe splashing.
- Checking out the Flat Fork Story Book Trail. Starting near the playground, this short trail is great for the littlest hikers.
- Hiking to the Frozen Head Mountain Summit. A challenge for the biggest hikers—including adults! This hike is around strenuous seven miles to and back from the Lookout Tower at the summit of Frozen Head Mountain, from which views of the Smokies far in the distance can be faintly visible on clear days.