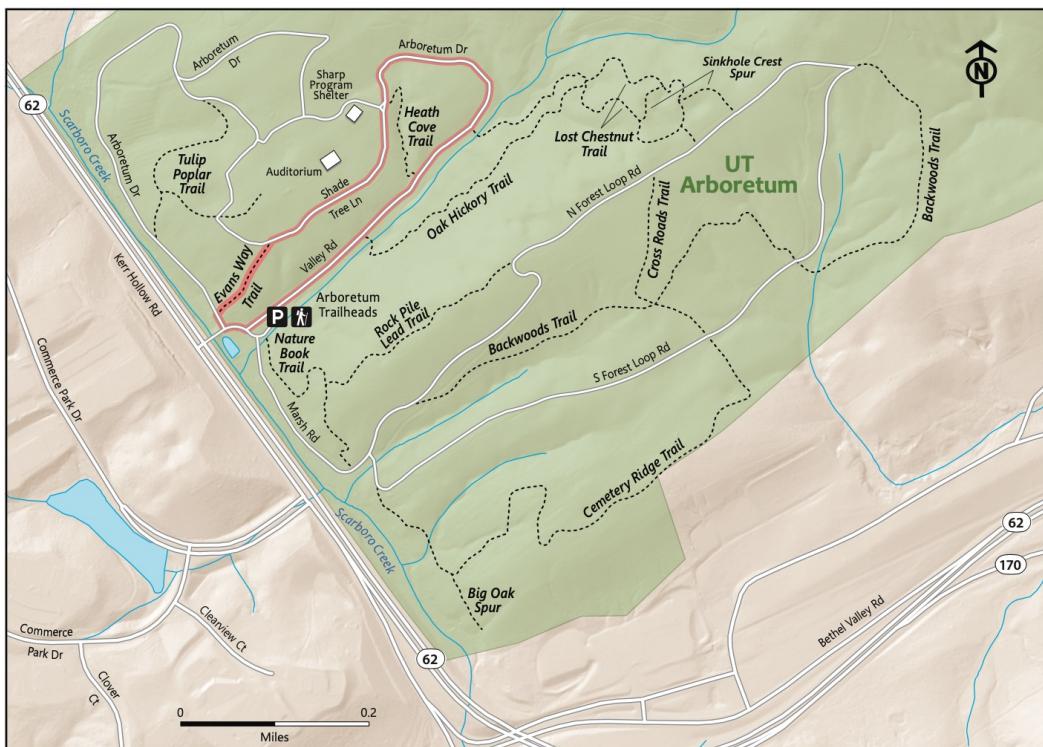


## Trail 5: UT Arboretum

### Key Characteristics

Trail Name	University of Tennessee Arboretum
Region	Knoxville and Surroundings
Trail #	5
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	0.5 hours
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	1 hour
Trail Distance (Miles)	0.9
Elevation Change	Gentle
Pets	Not Allowed
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	No
Terrain	Paved



## Overview

A gem that is off the radar of many in Knoxville. Starts at a trailhead with trails heading in many directions. Walk up the paved path past botanical specimens—including unusual conifers! Circles around park facilities past a pretty field and forests. Upon returning to the start, there are other trails to the different ecological zones represented in an area that is worth a visit; we like the trails near the marshy area with the surprising, clear creek, perfect for splashing in warm weather. Suitable for kids of all ages.



## Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	University of Tennessee Arboretum, 901 S Illinois Ave, Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	35.99392, -84.21988

The trailhead is easy to find with the above address. Park in the large parking lot for the University of Tennessee Arboretum look for the road connected to it, and headed straight away from the parking area. The small stop sign that says “Authorized Vehicles Only” is at the start of this hike.

## Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Walk along the paved road.
0.1	Start of the Oak-Hickory Trail on the right.
0.2	Start of the Heath Cove Trail on the left. This is a shortcut if you're looking for one!
0.3	Wind around, still on the road.
0.5	Shelter on the right.
0.6	Auditorium on the right.
0.7	Leave the paved road for a short dirt path called Evans Way Trail. Alternatively, turn around and head back on the paved path (or continue along many nearby trails!)
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## Nearby

- Exploring the many other trails nearby. The trail we featured meanders through a very small section of a large, diverse park. The Nature Book Trail is a great trail to add on to your hike. There are many others; check out the map at the UT Arboretum website (<https://utarboretum.tennessee.edu/>) to learn more.
- Stopping by Haw Ridge and its kids' pump track. Nearby Haw Ridge Park features the Dirtlab Mountain Bike Skill Park, a great spot for kids riding strider and pedal bikes to hone their skills and build confidence.