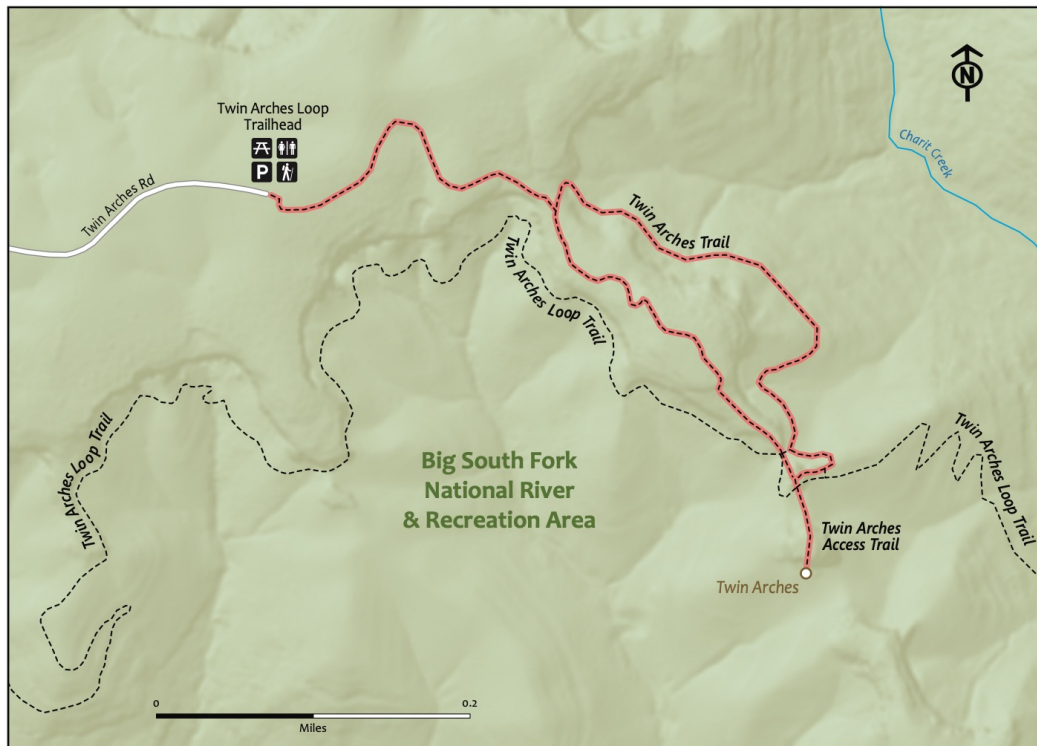


Trail 17: Twin Arches

Key Characteristics

Trail Name	Twin Arches Loop
Region	Cumberland Plateau
Trail #	16
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	1.5 hour
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	2.5 hours
Trail Distance (Miles)	1.2
Elevation Change	Moderate
Pets	Allowed on leash
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	Yes
Terrain	Dirt path; stairs



Overview

This short hike leads to one of the most surprising geologic features in Tennessee—the Twin Arches, a 130-foot span and 100-foot height feature you can walk over, around, and through. The surrounding forest is not shabby, either. This is a fantastic and memorable family hike, with some challenges sprinkled in. First, this hike is the farthest (by driving distance) of any in this book. Second, there are some rocky sections that require some carefulness. Still, this is a must-see, and it's near many features (and places to camp) to make a visit more accommodating. Good for families with children of any walking age.



Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	Twin Arches Trailhead, G7V5+Q7 Jamestown, Tennessee
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	36.48797, -84.69744

The above address should easily navigate you to the large parking area with a restroom. Note that the above address uses a Google Maps “Plus code”, as the trailhead does not have a street address. This will only work in Google Maps.

Park, and look for the sign for the Twin Arches trail near the back of the parking lot.

Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Start on the Twin Arches trail.
0.25	Intersection. Head right to complete the loop in a counterclockwise section (though, it is perfectly fine to head in the other direction!).
0.3	Stairs.
0.5	Arrive at the base of the Twin Arches. Head straight - you won't be able to miss them!
0.6	Twin Arches. Walk along the top of the arches, under them, and around them, and then head back toward the loop portion of the trail.
0.7	Turn right at the intersection to complete the counterclockwise loop.
0.95	Intersection. Turn right to return to the trailhead.
1.20	Trailhead.

Nearby

- Camping or renting a cabin at Pickett State Park. Pickett State Park, a nice campground that also has both historic and modern cabins to rent, is close to this trail. It also features a great lake for kayaking, canoeing, or paddle boarding.
- View the night sky. Pickett State Park has a Silver-tier designation as an International Dark Sky Park. Even if you're not strictly in the State Park, this is a great place to view stars and planets in the night sky.