

## Trail 15: Bandy Creek

### Key Characteristics

Trail Name	Bandy Creek
Region	Cumberland Plateau
Trail #	15
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	45 minutes
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	1 hour, 15 minutes
Trail Distance (Miles)	1.3
Elevation Change	Flat
Pets	Allowed on leash
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	Yes
Terrain	Dirt path



## Overview

A welcoming, gentle introduction to the Big South Fork. Best if you're staying at the campground – or if you're hiking the nearby Angel Falls Trail or the Fall Branch Falls trails. Starts at the visitor center. This happens to be the flattest trail in the book, and it's a short trail, but it's almost entirely on a dirt path. This is a great hike for toddlers or little kids, and it is good for carried infants.



Figure 1: PLACEHOLDER - CHANGE

## Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	Bandy Creek Visitors Center, 151 Stable Rd, Oneida, TN 37841
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	36.49062, -84.69777

The trailhead address will navigate you to the nearby Visitors Center (worth a visit when open—9:00 am - 5:00 pm year-round!). From the Visitors Center, look for the signs for the

Bandy Creek Loop to begin the hike.

## Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Start on the Bandy Loop Trail. Wind gradually toward the horse stables.
0.15	Pass the horse stables on the right. There's an easy connector trail to them nearer the end of the loop.
1.15	Connector trail to the horse stables.
1.3	Return to the parking area and trailhead.

## Nearby

- Visiting the horse stables. Kids will likely love the nearby stables that often house many horses —most from guests at the campground who will ride the trails that allow horses. The nearby Bandy Creek Loop trail is also a good, short hike for young kiddos.
- Camping at Bandy Creek. This is a large, modern, scenic campground, very much worth a visit, though it is off-the-radar of many. You can almost always find a spot here — even on holiday weekends.
- Hiking the Fall Branch Falls or Angel Falls trails. See those chapters for more details.