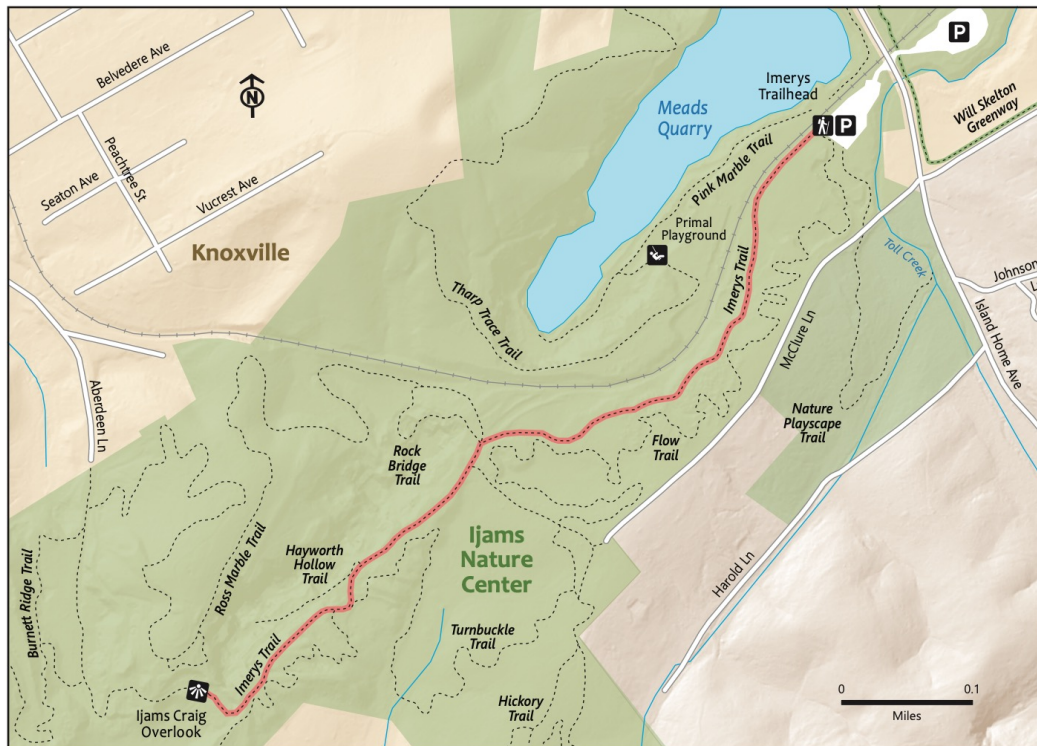


Trail 8: Ijams Crag

Key Characteristics

Trail Name	Ijams Crag
Region	Knoxville and Surroundings
Trail #	8
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	45 minutes
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	1.5 hours
Trail Distance (Miles)	1.5
Elevation Change	Moderate
Pets	Allowed on leash
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	Yes
Terrain	Dirt path; rocky path



Overview

This trail is a nice introduction to the half of Ijams that is centered around Mead's Quarry – what Ijams refers to as the Quarryside area. The hike begins at the quarry and winds up a smooth – then rocky – trail. The overlook is for Ijams Crag, a popular outdoor rock climbing area. We love having a snack at the shade of the pine trees at the overlook. After winding back to the start, be sure to explore one of the two excellent nature play areas nearby or take a side trail back to extend the trip. It is hikable by older kids due to the rockiness and steepness; younger kids may need a carry.



Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	Meads Quarry, 3526 Island Home Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	35.95174, -83.86587

Park in the parking lot for Meads Quarry using the above address. The trail begins alongside the disused railroad tracks; look for a sign for Imery's.

Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Start on Imery's trail, heading away from the parking lot.
0.15	Gradually, then more steeply. begin to ascend.
0.30	Trail levels out at an intersection between Imery's Trail, Rock Bridge Trail, and Gravel Road Trail.
0.5	Rocky and steep.
0.75	Reach the overlook to Ijams Quarry. Rest up, and then turn around to head back — or continue farther along on Imery's!
1.50	Traihead.

Nearby

- Stopping by the Ijams Visitor Center. Check out the Ijams River and Tower loop for an introduction to this other area of the Ijams Nature Center.
- Playing at the Ijams Nature Playscape. An amazing and surprising part of Ijams, worthy of a visit on its own. Tucked away a bit on the side of the parking area at Mead's Quarry. It's a favorite for kids, with a treehouse, tightrope, stumps for jumping, and—yes—a mud pit!
- Playing at the Ijams Primal playground. Also nearby, smaller than the Nature Playground, but packed with features for climbing and jumping.