

Trail 3: Lakeshore Park

Key Characteristics

Trail Name	Lakeshore Park
Region	Knoxville and Surroundings
Trail #	3
Time Estimate - Hiking Fast	1.5 hours
Time Estimate - Hiking Slowly	2.5 hours
Trail Distance (Miles)	2.2
Elevation Change	Gentle
Pets	Allowed on leash
Parking Pass/Entrance Fee	Not Required
Restroom(s)	Yes
Terrain	Paved



Overview

A gem in Knoxville's city park system. This hike, entirely on a paved path, circles the perimeter of the park, featuring high points (and views of the Smokies) and a boardwalk along the river. Traverses past four excellent play areas this hike winds past. Well known, but not overrated — a great spot for a hike that could fit into a busy weekend, or even a weeknight. Good for kids of all ages; consider looping back to your start point with younger children.



Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	Lakeshore Park, 6014 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	35.92389, -83.990

The address above is suitable for navigating to Lakeshore in general, but it's a large park! Our hike starts at a large parking area near the center of the park. To find it, entering Lakeshor

from Lyons View Pike, turn left onto Cliffside Dr., and park in the large parking area on the right, immediately past Circle Dr. Start on the greenway near the parking lot, on the same side of the road on which you are parked. Of course, you can park elsewhere nearby or in any parking area at Lakeshore.

Trail Description

Distance from Start	Description
0.0	Cross Orchard Drive, heading clockwise on the paved greenway. Note the greenway on the left, which immediately heads toward the Huie Woodland Playground.
0.05	Bench and overlook to the Smokies. Can you spy Clingman's Dome? Note that Hank Rappé playground is immediately below the greenway (to your right).
0.15	Steep descent!
0.4	Optional boardwalk section (recommended!). Check out the viewing platform overlooking the Tennessee River around 200 feet ahead on the left.
0.5	Boardwalk and the primary greenway reconnect.
0.9	Central Playground on the right.
1.2	Tower Playground on the right.
1.5	Ascent (followed by a little hill back down) begins.
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Nearby

- Playing at one of the many playgrounds. There are four awesome playgrounds at Lakeshore — Hank Rappé (universal playground with a bit of everything), Huie Woodland (nature-themed), Tower (lots of climbing opportunities!), and Central (smaller, and with workout equipment nearby).
- Having a picnic. Lakeshore seems made for picnics. Bring one along for a grassy area or numerous seating areas near the Hank Rappé, Tower, and Central playgrounds.