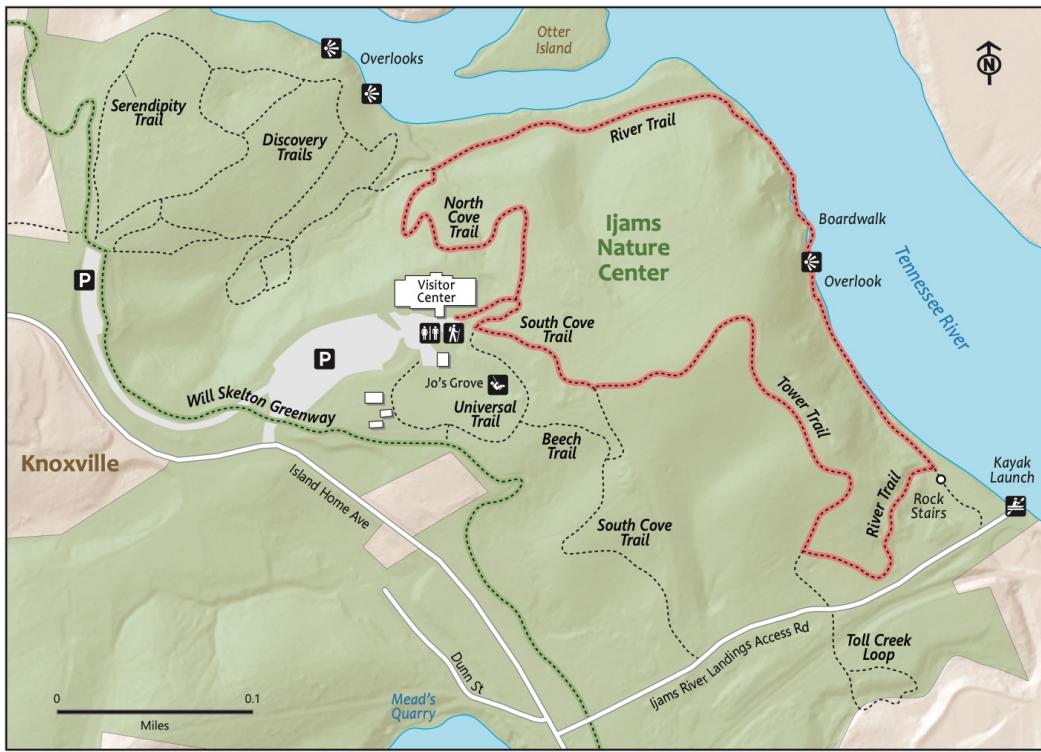


Trail 2: Ijams Riverside

Key Characteristics

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0.2	Turn right onto the River Trail.
0.4	Short wooden stairs down to the boardwalk section.
0.5	End of the boardwalk section.
0.6	Climb rock steps.
0.7	Turn right on the Tower Trail (or, optionally, remain on the River Trail to head toward Mead's Quarry).
0.85	Pass an old communication tower at the high point of the trail; begin to descend back to the Visitor's Center.
1.03	Return to the Visitor's Center.



Overview

If you live in Knoxville, then you've probably heard of Ijams Nature Center. It's easy to take for granted, but we seem to find something new every time we visit — and we always have a great time. This hike is meant to be a gentle introduction to what Ijams refers to as the Riverside area (see the Ijams Crag hike for an introduction to the second part of Ijams). The trail starts by the Ijams Nature Center's visitor center and hikes down through a deep forest to the river. It continues along the boardwalk trail that happens to follow the side of the very first mile of the Tennessee River. The trail returns back up and over a rocky ridge to return to the visitor center—and the play area and links to other trails nearby.



Directions to the Trailhead

Trailhead Address	Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920
Trailhead GPS Coordinates	35.95612, -83.86725

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| Use the above address easily navigate you to the parking area. Park in the large parking lot near the Visitor's Center. Look for signs for the North Cove Trail; looking toward the front doors to the Visitor's Center, the trail heads off to the right. |

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Nearby

- Hiking at Mead's Quarry. Check out the Ijams Crag hike for a great starting point at the over area that comprises Ijams.
- Visit Jo's Grove. Near the Visitor's Center, which features a fun cabin and a wooded area for kids to play and goof (this is a premiere hide-and-seek spot!).
- Grabbing a bite to eat on the south side of Knoxville. The south side of town near Ijams is a great place to grab a bite to eat. Our favorites include South Coast Pizza (1103 Sevier Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920) and Angry Dumplings Tea (1119 Sevier Ave, Knoxville, TN 37920). Breweries nearby also abound.