

# WELCOME TO BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK

### Park Hours

March-October  
Mon-Sat 8:30am-8:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am-8:00pm

Nov-Dec-Jan-Feb  
Mon-Sat 8:30am-5:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm

Closed:  
New Years Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

## GATES LOCKED PROMPTLY AT CLOSING TIME

Bays Mountain Park sits in a 3,750 acre natural basin which includes the old City of Kingsport reservoir that today serves as a 44 acre lake habitat. Constructed in 1916, the reservoir provided Kingsport water until 1944. A group of citizens then put in motion a plan to preserve Bays Mountain for public use. Bays Mountain Park opened in 1971 and is owned and managed by the City of Kingsport.

Habitats include shady forests, ponds, streams, natural seeps, and rocky outcrops. Typical Appalachian plants and animals inhabit the park including deer, squirrels, raccoons, and a variety of bird species.

**BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK IS A NATURE PRESERVE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PARK IN ITS NATURAL CONDITION, COLLECTION OF PLANTS OR ANIMALS, LIVING OR DEAD, IS PROHIBITED.**

**ANIMAL HABITATS** - Enclosed animal habitats feature species that live or once lived in East Tennessee. All of our animals are fed a nutritious diet. **PLEASE DO NOT FEED THEM.**

**PICNIC AREAS** - Picnic areas are set up between the parking lots for your convenience. Additional picnic shelters can be found on Lake Road just above the Raptor Center. **NO FIRES OR USE OF GRILLS IS ALLOWED.**

**FISHING** - Fishing is available to visitors under the age of 16 and ages 55 and over, on Monday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. In June, July and August, fishing times are Monday thru Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - Noon. All fishing **MUST** take place at the dam and **NO** live bait permitted. Tennessee State Fishing Regulations apply.

**MOUNTAIN BIKING - RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Mountain Biking and Trail Use can be hazardous. Make wise choices. Injuries can happen. Mountain bikes must stay on the designated bike trails indicated in red on the trail/road guide key (see reverse side). Class I E-Bikes only are approved for use. Class II and III E-Bikes remain prohibited. **HELMETS REQUIRED, NO RIDING IN/THRU ANIMAL HABITATS OR UP/DOWN MAIN ENTRANCE ROAD, OR PAVED TRAILS NEAR NATURE CENTER.**

**NO** cars, trucks or other motor vehicles allowed on any park road, except for designated parking areas. Skateboarding, roller skating and riding hoverboards prohibited. Use of metal detectors prohibited.

Please help protect park wildlife by not feeding them or leaving your unwanted trash. Please dispose all trash and food in proper waste receptacles.

For information on park memberships, getting involved in the Bays Mountain Astronomy Club, becoming a park volunteer or detailed descriptions of park programs, visit us at the gift shop in the Nature Center or view online at [www.baysmountain.com](http://www.baysmountain.com)

## PARK WAYFINDING MAP



### WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

You are entering an area frequently inhabited by wildlife. Never feed or entice wild animals to approach you, and:

1. Picnic in designated areas **ONLY**!
2. **DO NOT** carry food on trails.
3. **DO NOT FEED** deer or other animals.

**BEAR ENCOUNTERS** - Black bears are rarely aggressive toward humans. Please heed the following advice:

1. Make noise when hiking so you do not surprise a bear.
2. If you encounter a bear, stay calm. **DO NOT** run away or make sudden movements. Slowly back away and then leave the area.

### PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

**NATURE PROGRAMS** - Barge rides, snakes, raptor, wolves and general nature programs are available.

**ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS** - Featuring a state-of-the-art planetarium, StarWatch and SunWatch programs.

Please visit the Nature Center gift shop for tickets and show times or visit online at [www.baysmountain.com](http://www.baysmountain.com)

### GUIDELINES FOR VISITING THE PARK WITH YOUR PET

- Pets are not allowed on trails within the live animal habitat areas. Signs are posted for your convenience.

- All pets must be kept under physical control and on a 6 ft. visible leash at all times. **SORRY, NO PETS PERMITTED IN PROGRAMS.**

- Please be considerate and clean up any pet feces.

- Bays Mountain Park is not responsible for any exchange of disease between your pet and wildlife.

- There is a possibility your pet could become prey for a bear, coyote, owl or other predator(s).

Trail/Road Guide Key

Trail/ Road Name and Abbreviation	Bike* Route	Miles 44.25 Total
▲ AZ Azalea Trail	yes	1.4
◆ BH Back Hollow Road	yes	2.0
○ BOT Barred Owl Trail	no	0.05
◆ BMR Bays Mountain Road	yes	2.1
▲ BRR Bays Ridge Road	yes	1.4
◆ BRT Bays Ridge Trail	yes	2.6
◆ BET Bear Run Trail	yes	0.5
▲ BO Big Oak Trail	yes	1.0
◆ CK Cherry Knobs (West)	yes	0.6
◆ CK Cherry Knobs (East)	no	0.7
■ Chs Chesnut Trail	yes	1.7
▲ Chn Chinquapin Trail	yes	1.85
◆ CF Cliffside Trail	no	0.5
◆ CR Cross Ridges Trail	yes	1.1
▲ DB Dolan Branch Trail	no	0.7
◆ FT Fire Tower Trail	no	0.87
○ FP Food Plot Road	no	0.2
▲ FH Front Hollow Road	yes	1.8
○ HM Hemlock Trail	no	0.1
○ HO Holly Loop	no	0.4
■ IP Indian Pipes Trail	yes	2.0
◆ JR Jones Road	yes	0.3
◆ KH Kiner Hollow Road	yes	1.6
■ LK Lake Road	yes	4.4
■ LS Lakeside Trail	no	2.45
◆ LR Laurel Run Trail	yes	2.0
▲ MD Moonshiners' Delight	yes	4.2
▲ OR Orchid Trail	yes	0.4
○ PN Pine Trail	yes	0.1
■ PR Pretty Ridge Trail	yes	1.9
▲ RM River Mountain Road	yes	3.2
○ SG Sweet Gum Trail	no	150 feet
○ TO Towhee Trail	no	0.1

Color Key

- Black = hiking only
- Red = bike & hike
- Dashed = retired trail
- Gray = not part of Park's trail system.
- FP Food plot
- Overlook
- Junction & distance between two icons, Examples, Dam is 0.1 mile & Cliffside Trail is 0.5 mile.
- elev. = elevation in feet at junction or icon & serve as relative guide.

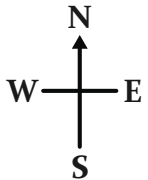


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Towers

36°31.610 N elev. 2250'  
82°35.240 W



Trail Time & Distance Key (Round Trip)

Trail	Time (Hours)	Miles
Floating Bridge	1	1.0
Fire Tower	2.5-3	4.0
Laurel Run	8-9	12.0
Feagins Gap	3	4.0
Lakeside Trail	1.5	2.45
Towers	2.5-3	4.0

Trail Difficulty Key

Rating	Color	Symbol
Easy	White	○
Moderate	Blue	■
Advanced	Purple	▲
Expert	Red	◆

WHEN HIKING AT BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK

1. Plan ahead: Know your terrain. If you have questions talk to a park naturalist.
2. **ALWAYS** be certain your hike will allow you to finish before the park closes and before dark. See hiking table for times and distances. (Note park closing times on reverse side)
3. **ALWAYS** take this map with you. Even the most experienced hikers can lose sense of direction and location.
4. Hike with a partner if possible. This can help ensure safety and could also enhance the experience. **IF YOU DO GET LOST, DO NOT SPLIT UP. STAY TOGETHER.**
5. **Take a cell phone in case of emergency. IF YOU DO GET LOST**, call the Nature Center immediately at (423) 229-9447.
6. Know the environment you are going into. You will be entering a natural area featuring a variety of wildlife and plant species. For example, know how to recognize poison ivy.
7. Take drinking water with you and stay properly hydrated.

DISCLAIMER - User of Trail/Road Guide and information contained thereon accepts full responsibility and risks for and from such use.

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