



## Great Smoky Mountain Council BSA Cataloochee District Hikes

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### 7 Sinkholes Trail - 0.6 Mile Loop

#### EASY

Sinkholes develop when rainfall dissolves the under-layer of porous limestone rock forming cavities. These cavities and depressions within the limestone gradually enlarge creating sinkholes. This easy 0.6 mile trail meanders around seven distinct sinkholes before dipping into a lush valley of cedar and pine. This is a hike perfect for all ages and great for going over the Cub Scout 6 essentials with Cub Scouts.

### Road to Recycling Trail - 1.2 Mile

#### EASY

This self-guided Road to Recycling Trail educates park visitors on the benefits of conserving natural resources. Signs located along the trail were made possible through a partnership between Panther Creek State Park and the Morristown-Hamblen chapter of Keep America Beautiful. This trail was also awarded the Governor's Greenways and Trails Stewardship Award in 2004.

### Old Wagon Trail - 1 Mile

#### EASY

The Old Wagon Trail is the most popular trail at the park and is excellent for all ages and abilities. This trail follows the contour of Panther Creek and features a flat, wide surface ideal for mountain biking, hiking or jogging. This is an excellent trail for the wildlife enthusiast, as many different birds and animals are frequently observed along the Old Wagon Trail in the early morning. This trail is ideal for Scouts with disabilities. Halfway through the trail, you will find a very short detour on your right that leads to the creek. *\*You will also find a Geocache on this trail. (If you know where and how to look, bring a trinket to trade)\**

**Remember: A Scout is conservation minded**

#### The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to  
Be clean in my outdoor manners.  
Be careful with fire.  
Be considerate in the outdoors.  
Be Conservation minded.

### Lake Trail

#### MEDIUM

This trail is used to access the Point Lookout Trail and will lead straight down to a nice view of Cherokee Lake. Please do not veer from the trail other than at the lake, as not all trails are Scout friendly.

### Horse Connector Trail

#### MEDIUM

Horse Connector Trail is a short moderate trail with a small rocky climb. Once you're at the end, you may take a short detour to the left for a nice view of the creek. Remember as a Scout, we are "**conservation minded**" at all times. This is the trail all Scouts need to take to access Point Lookout and Lake Trails. Do not take the road.

### Norris Blackburn Trail - 0.45 Mile

#### MEDIUM

The Norris Blackburn Trail features a short, moderately steep ascent to the park's wildlife observation deck. This is an excellent location to hear owls in the early evening or observe migratory birds in the fields below. Hikers may also access the Old Wagon Trail from this trail. Even Though, this is a shorter trail, the incline can be steep.

### Point Lookout Trail - 1.9 Mile Loop

#### HARD

#### Experienced WEBELOS & AOL ONLY

The Point Lookout Trail is a moderately difficult 1.9-mile trail loop steeply ascending to an elevation of 400 feet above Lake Cherokee. Point Lookout is the highest elevation in the park at 1,460 feet above sea level. Along this trail, hikers are rewarded with a breath-taking view overlooking Lake Cherokee. Hikers may access this trail by taking Horse Connector Trail to Lake Trail. This trail is ideal for the older Scouts needing to complete a 3-mile hike. *\*You may find a Geocache on this trail. (If you know where and how to look, bring a trinket to trade)\**

**Remember: "Leave No Trace"**