

Fort Henry Trail System is Open to Foot Traffic & Biking Only

Total length of Fort Henry Trails: ~30 miles

Artillery Trail | Yellow 17, 18, 20, 4 | 4.6 mi

Follows historic wagon road used by Ulysses Grant and his troops heading to Fort Donelson. Begins at Telegraph Trail and gradually rises in elevation. Flattens out along ridgeline then drops to meet Peytona Trail.

Devils Backbone Trail | Blue 5, 19, 18 | 1.6 mi

Follows along a ridge overlooking opposing hollows. In places, the knife-edge ridge is barely wider than the trail itself. Look for mountain laurel on the bluffs.

Peytona Trail | Yellow 11, 15-17 | 3.9 mi

Pass along old home sites and beaver dams. You may notice remnants of the 1800's iron industry.

Pickett Loop | Blue 23, 24, 26 | 2.2 mi

Pass along old home sites and offers views of Kentucky Lake. It can be easily accessed at the Fort Henry Trailhead or Boswell Landing Campground.

Piney Trail | Red 20-22 | 2.3 mi

Access from Piney Campground. Starts in bottomland and ascends to a ridge top to meet the Volunteer Trail, as well as General Grant's historic route, the Artillery Trail.

Telegraph Trail | Red 1-14 | 7.5 mi

Longest trail in Fort Henry Trail System and connects with other system trails. Follows along stream sides and creeks, climbs ridges, then heads back down along the streams. Old home sites, cemeteries, springs (seasonal), and beaver dams.

Tennessee Ridge Trail | Blue 9, 16 | 1.8 mi

Easy trail traces the physical divide between the Cumberland and Tennessee River watersheds. Lays farthest interior, providing the best opportunities for solitude.

Volunteer Trail | Yellow 2, 21 | 2.2 mi

Travel through bottomland hardwoods. Connects Telegraph and Piney Trails.

Water is not available on trails.

Springs are not reliable. Bring water or filter lake water. Potable water is available at South Welcome Station and Piney Campground.

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Trail Rules

- SAFETY ADVISORY:** Numerous downed and tornado-damaged trees have resulted in impassible sections of trail and dangerous conditions. Check the Alerts page on our website for safety information, closures, and notices before your visit.
- Campfires permitted in previously used sites except during high fire danger. Dead or down wood may be used for fuel. Attend fire at all times and completely extinguish before leaving.
- Respect the Resource
 - Camp at least 50 feet from marked trail. Bury all human waste 200 feet from marked trail.
 - Leave plants, flowers, and historic items behind for others to enjoy.
 - Do not harass, feed, or approach wildlife.
 - Use low-impact techniques. Please stay on trails to prevent soil erosion, even through wet areas.
 - Pack out all garbage. Recycle bins located at Golden Pond Visitor Center, Homeplace, Nature Station, and North & South Welcome Stations.
 - Motor vehicles prohibited except approved organized events.
- Pets must be on a leash of six feet or less and under physical control at all times. Pet waste must be disposed of properly by owners.
- Call Before You Haul: Check trail conditions at 270.924.2000 or the Alerts page of our website: www.landbetweenthelakes.us.
- Overnight camping requires purchase of a permit or nightly camping fee. Learn more: www.landbetweenthelakes.us/rules
- You are responsible for your own safety. Inherent risks exist. Be prepared for a variety of unexpected and dangerous conditions.
 - Protect yourself from Lone Star and American Dog ticks, primarily from March through October. Insect repellent available in gift shops.
 - Be familiar with poison ivy and avoid it. Leaves of three, let it be.
 - Cell service is unreliable. Let a family member or friend know where you will be, your contact information, when you plan to arrive and return, and who is coming with you.
 - For 24-hour dispatch, call 1.877.861.2457.
 - Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.**

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LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

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The Fort Henry Trails System, located in the Tennessee portion of Land Between the Lakes, offers some of the most scenic forest settings in the area.

The system consists of nearly 30 miles of trail through forest uplands and bottomlands. View maple, ash, and sweetgum bottoms, mature oak-hickory uplands, and native shortleaf pine stands.

Hike along historic routes used by General Grant's Civil War troops as they moved from Fort Henry to Fort Donelson.

This trail system offers several opportunities for hiking and biking. You can make your own loop, short or long, connect to the North/South Trail, or even hike the entire length and enjoy the solitude.



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Trail Access

- FS Road 232
- South Welcome
- Boswell Landing
- Piney Campground

Trail Markings

- Blue
- Yellow | Includes connectors
- Red

Difficulty

- Easy-Moderate
- 250+ foot change in elevation
- ~ 30 miles of footpaths, logging roads, and gravel roads

Best Seasons

- Spring
- Fall

Facilities

- Parking
- Accessible restrooms
- Picnic area with grills

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