

# Trail Guide



# **Ijams Nature Center**

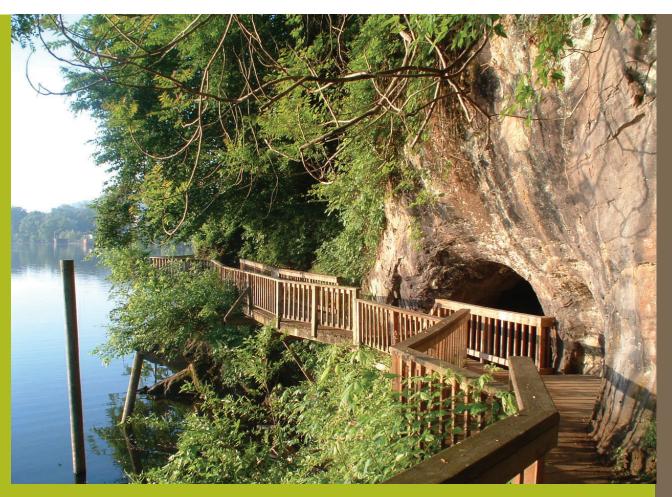
is a nonprofit organization that encourages stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through engaging experiences.

The 20-acre homesite HP ljams bought for his family in 1910 has grown to more than 315 acres of protected land just three miles from downtown Knoxville. Today, ljams continues the family's tradition of preservation and conservation, annually providing hundreds of education programs and recreational activities to inspire people of ages, abilities and walks of life to appreciate, enjoy and protect nature.

Part of **Knoxville's Urban Wilderness**, ljams has 12+ miles of nature trails open to hikers and runners. The ljams Quarries trails also are open to mountain bikers, and the paved Will Skelton Greenway that runs through ljams is open to road bikers.

You can rent a road bike at the Ijams
Visitor Center from River Sports
Outfitters, which also has boat and
mountain bike rentals at Mead's Quarry,
and boat rentals at the Ijams River
Landing's open-access dock during
warmer months. Navitat provides a
completely different view of the forest with
the Ijams Canopy Adventure.

Whether you love to learn, craft, bird, fish, hike, climb, boulder, paddle, swim or bike, ljams has something for everyone.







## **Key Attractions**

- Ijams Homesite The original homestead featuring interpretive birding trails, terraced gardens, ponds and rock pools
- River Boardwalk A popular place with shoreline birds and lovely views barely a mile from the Tennessee River's headwaters
- Historic Mead's Quarry A beautiful, naturalized former industrial site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and featuring a spring-fed lake
- The Keyhole A passage under the Rock Bridge, which has gorgeous views of what locals call "God's Chair"
- **Jo's Grove** A fun nature playscape just for children
- Hayworth Hollow A hidden treasure where temperatures drop while traveling along the quarry gorge to a stunning view of sheer rock walls
- **Ijams Crag** An impressive cliff featuring rock climbing for all levels of experience
- Ijams Beer Garden A relaxing spot at Mead's Quarry offering beverages and snacks (open April-October; hours vary)



The ljams grounds are open daily from 8 a.m. to dark.

#### **Visitor Center Hours**

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Check website for extended summer hours and holiday closings.

Information and Directions 865-577- 4717 Ijams.org

Ijams Nature Center 2915 Island Home Ave. Knoxville, TN 37920

Ijams Nature Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Admission is free. More than half of Ijams' annual revenue comes from memberships and donations.

To join Ijams or make a donation, visit Ijams.org.

Thank you for your support.



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### Easy

- **Gravel Rd** 0.15
- Hayworth Hollow 0.1
- Imerys 1.1 \*
- **River** 0.7
- Secret Pond 0.1
- Serendipity 0.3
- Universal 0.24
- Will Skelton Greenway 0.5 ljams portion (3.6 miles total) \*

#### Moderate

- Burnett Ridge 1.4 \*
- Discovery Trails 0.6
- **Flow** 1.0
- Hickory 2.1
- North Cove 0.2
- Ross Marble Quarry Loop 0.15
- Ross Marble 1.2 \*
- Toll Creek 0.14
- **Tower** 0.3

#### Difficult

- Tharp Trace 1.0
- Turnbuckle 1.1
- \* Part of Urban Wilderness South Loop Trail

