



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 Ijams bought for his family in 1910 has grown to more than 315 acres of protected land just three miles from downtown Knoxville. Today, Ijams 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**, Ijams has 12+ miles of nature trails open to hikers and runners. The Ijams Quarries trails also are open to mountain bikers, and the paved Will Skelton Greenway that runs through Ijams 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, Ijams 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)

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The Ijams 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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