

# Trail Map

## Riverside Trails

● Easy ■ Moderate ◆ Difficult

Whether you're visiting the trails around the original Ijams Homesite or walking the famous River Boardwalk, the riverside trails hold Ijams history in every step.

### ● River Landing Rd (0.25 mi)

This flat gravel drive leads to limited parking for paddlers and a public access dock on the Tennessee River.

### ● Serendipity (0.3 mi)

An easy paved loop winding around the old Ijams Homesite gardens and pocket meadows.

### ■ Tower (0.3 mi)

This trail connects the Visitor Center to River Landing and features one of the highest points at Ijams.

### ● Secret Pond (0.1 mi)

A short walk to a historic home site.

### ● Will Skelton Greenway (0.5 mi at Ijams, 3.6 total)

This 3.6-mile paved greenway with great views connects Ijams to Island Home Park and Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area, has quite a few hills, and parallels the Tennessee River.

### ● Universal (0.2 mi)

A short, paved loop that winds through forests and meadows.

### ◆ North Cove (0.2 mi)

A trail descending the bluffs through a beautiful example of cove hardwood forest behind the Visitor Center.

### ● Aralia (0.1 mi)

A short trail connecting the main Overflow lot across from the Visitor Center to the Ijams Quarries through a grove of rhododendron, hemlock, and devil's walking stick.

### ■ Discovery (0.6 mi)

These trails ramble through a historic woodland rock garden and lead to quiet river overlooks and the Lotus Pond.

### ● River (0.5 mi)

A lovely walk that includes the iconic Ijams River Boardwalk and spectacular views of the Tennessee River.

### ■ Toll Creek (0.1 mi)

A short trail featuring a quiet creek and small boardwalk in bottomland hardwood forest.

## Quarryside Trails

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From wondrous quarry rock formations being reclaimed by nature to old-growth forests and ephemeral wetlands that pop up during specific times of the year, the quarryside trails are great for hikers and mountain bikers alike.

### ■ Burnett Ridge (1.5 mi)

This twisting trail features views from above the Ijams Crag and rambles through former quarry operations.

### ■ Hayworth Hollow (0.1 mi)

A hidden treasure where temperatures drop while traveling along the quarry gorge to a stunning view of sheer rock wall.

### ■ Pink Marble (0.3 mi)

A rambling, easy trail to the Primal Playground and beautiful lake overlooks.

### ● Nature Playscape (0.4 mi)

This gentle trail takes children to adventure play "rooms" in the Ijams Nature Playscape at Grayson Subaru Preserve, and includes access to plots dedicated to citizen science.

### ■ Flow (1.0 mi)

A fun trail full of quick turns and forest views.

### ◆ Turnbuckle (1.1 mi)

A trail full of twists and turns, rock outcroppings, and bridges.

### ● Imerys (1.1 mi)

The backbone of the Ijams Quarries trail system, Imerys is a wide connector to many trails.

### ■ Hickory (1.7 mi)

This trail weaves through old upland hardwood forests and seasonal, ephemeral wetlands.

### ● Gravel Road (0.2 mi)

This short, easy trail is a quick connector to Hickory, Flow, and Turnbuckle.

### ■ Ross Marble (1.2 mi)

This winding trail along limestone walls echoes back to its industrial past.

### ◆ Tharp Trace (1.0 mi)

This challenging trail, which leads to the highest point at Ijams, passes by the historic Stanton Cemetery and features amazing views of the landscape, including the distant Mt. LeConte.

### ◆ Rock Bridge (0.1 mi)

This man-made bridge takes you over The Keyhole and provides great views of "God's Chair."



## Ijams Map Key

**P** PARKING

**🏠** OVERLOOK

**🚻** RESTROOM

**💧** WATER FOUNTAIN

**🌊** WATER ACCESS

**🏊** SWIMMING AREA

●●● PAVED TRAIL

— PEDESTRIAN ONLY

— HIKING & BIKING

++++ RAILROAD

■ IJAMS NATURE CENTER

🌊 TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOUR (10 Ft Interval)

0 0.25 miles

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8 Keyhole



5 Mead's Quarry



7 Nature Playscape at the Grayson Subaru Preserve



**Ijams Nature Center is a nonprofit nature center that encourages stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for more than half a million visitors annually 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 318+ acres of protected land just three miles from downtown Knoxville. Today, Ijams Nature Center continues the family's tradition of preservation and conservation, providing hundreds of educational, recreational, and specialty programs each year to inspire people of all ages, abilities, and walks of life to appreciate, enjoy, and protect nature.

As part of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness, Ijams features 14+ miles of trails open to hikers, walkers, and runners. Many quarrryside trails also provide fun and challenging routes for mountain bikers, and the paved Will Skelton Greenway is open to cruiser, electric, and road bikes.

## Featured Attractions

You can rent road bikes at the Ijams Visitor Center from River Sports Outfitters, which also has kayak and paddleboard rentals at Mead's Quarry during the warmer months. The Ijams River Landing has an open-access dock for all guests to put in personal boats onto the Tennessee River. Navitat Knoxville provides a completely different view of the forest with its treetop challenge course.

### 1. Ijams Homesite

Historic and picturesque rock gardens and native wildflower meadows surround the Miller Building, which replaced the home where the Ijams family once lived.

### 2. River Boardwalk

This amazing boardwalk along the scenic Tennessee River is part of a one-mile loop through hardwood forests and offers the chance to see herons, eagles, ospreys, and more.

### 3. Jo's Grove

A short walk from the Visitor Center, this kids' play area offers twigloos, a playhouse, and space to run, dig, balance, and play.

### 4. Navitat

This family-friendly, treetop adventure park offers six courses where you can balance, climb, and swing your way across 20 ziplines and 40 challenge elements.

### 5. Mead's Quarry

Featuring a 14.3-acre, spring-fed lake, this is a great place for swimming, renting kayaks and paddle boards, fishing, or hanging out with friends and family.

### 6. Ijams Primal Playground

This green workout space along Pink Marble Trail allows people of all fitness levels to exercise outdoors and challenge themselves with natural equipment, such as stones and logs.

### 7. Nature Playscape at Grayson Subaru Preserve

A short walk from the Mead's Quarry parking lot, this 5-acre, natural area devoted to childhood nature play offers forest and creek exploration, digging, climbing, and learning.

### 8. The Keyhole

This massive, man-made rock formation harkens back to quarry operations; the site features the Rock Bridge and a doorway to "God's Chair."

### 9. Ijams Crag

The Ijams Crag offers outdoor climbing for beginner and experienced climbers, and features 30+ bolted routes for top rope climbing with your personal gear.

### 10. Lime Bowl

Once a dumpsite for quarry operations, this area near the Ijams Crag has been restored to a cedar barren featuring native wildflowers and gorgeous views.



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**Thank you for your support.**

Ijams Nature Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization supported by memberships and donations. There is no entrance fee. Parking is \$5/day; annual passes are available for \$50.

**Members Park Free!**

The grounds are open 365 days a year from 8 a.m. until dark. Visitor Center hours vary.

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