



Hunt Knob Horse Trail

Hamblen County, TN

LOCATION: Panther Creek State Park

(Trail Head)

GPS REF: 36.203159, -83.417625

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[Google Maps:](#)

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/36%C2%B012'11.4%22N+83%C2%B025'03.5%22W/@36.203159,-83.4198137,17z>

DIRECTIONS: From Morristown, take 11-E to Panther Creek Road. Travel several miles (you will pass the main entrance to Panther Creek State Park and the boat ramp) to a right into the horse trail parking area. The trail head is at the parking area.

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PARKING: The parking area is a gravel and grass area large enough to accomodate 15+ trailers

TRAIL LENGTH: This trail is a "lollipop" where you traverse part of the trail both in and out but it has a loop at the end. There are two parts to the Hunt Knob Trail, the short loop and the long loop. The long loop is 7.7 miles and the short loop is approximately 7 miles. Approximate time to complete the trail is 2 to 2.5 hours.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Challenging (Proficient Riders)

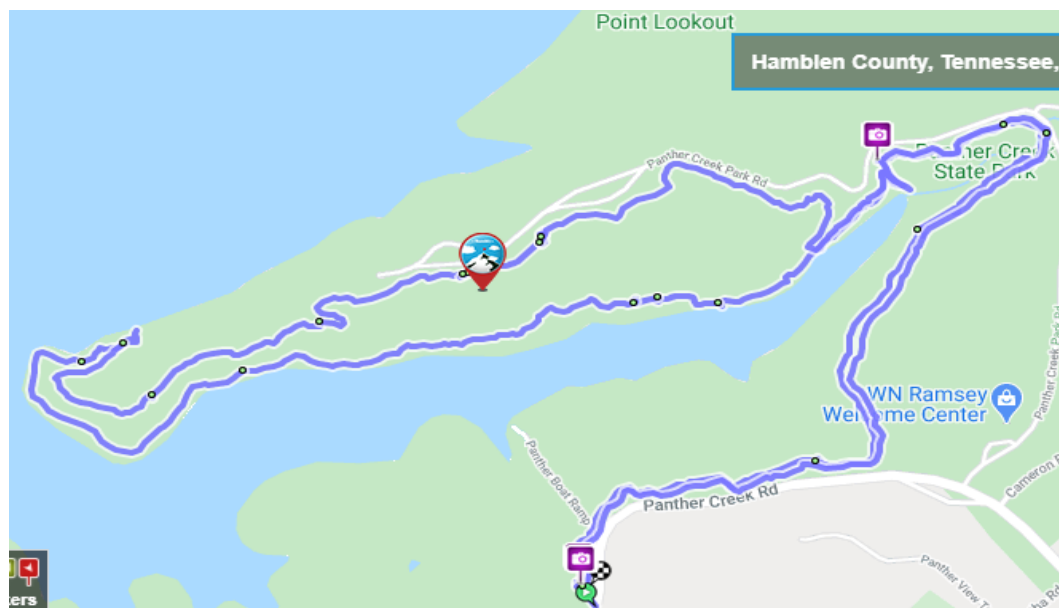
DESCRIPTION: The trail begins at the parking area where you will ride an easy and fairly wide trail through the woods then continue left to cross a low wooden bridge over the creek. Stay on this trail traveling over a rocky area to an opening where you will see a sign for Hunt Knob trail to the left (1.94 miles from the start). Take this left and follow the yellow markers onto Hunt Knob trail. The trail is a single track that has generally good footing at this point with some rocks interspersed along the way. You will come to a wooden sign on the right that says shortcut onto the "short" loop or continue onto the "long" loop. You will do some climbing through here, however it is not overly steep and there are more rocks as you climb.

At the top of the hill you will see white markers off to the right but don't take this trail as it is a hiker only trail. Continue following the yellow markers. The trail narrows somewhat with a slope down to the lake but the footing is good and the narrow portion is relatively short. Watch for a switchback to the right that will keep you on the trail. You will encounter more flat rocks on this part of the trail that can potentially be somewhat slippery. Follow the yellow markers until you return to the main trail where you will go left and back to the beginning of the Hunt Knob trail loop. Turn right at the Hunt Knob sign to retrace the trail back to the parking area.

SCENIC VIEW(S): Hunt Knob trail features some interesting rock formations and views of Cherokee Lake as it winds along the lake for part of the ride.

SPECIAL NOTE(S): Water access at Small Man Springs down an off-shoot trail to the left just before embarking on Hunt Knob Trail.

TRAIL MAP:



TRIP TICK(S): <http://rblr.co/OHN8H>

Note: This was the track while doing a work day so the trail time is not the same as if you are just riding the trail rather than working.

CONNECTIONS: You will have a choice when coming to the intersection where the Hunt Knob Trail sign will take you to the left. Taking a right at this point will take you across the park road to access the other horse trail in the park, Maple Arch Trail.