



Davis Creek Horse Trail

Greene County, TN

LOCATION: Margarette Falls Trailhead Parking Area
(Trail Head) 1362 Shelton Mission Rd, Greeneville, TN 37743

GPS REF: 36.0711093, -82.7206926
(Trail Head) <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Margarette+Falls+Trailhead+Parking+Area/@36.>

DIRECTIONS: Parking for this trail is located at the Margarette Falls/ Bullen Hollow parking area. From Crossroads (intersection of highways 350 and 351) proceed down Greystone Road for 3.6 miles to a right on Shelton Mission Road (note the brown FS sign for Margarette Falls and Bullen Hollow). Go another 1.3 miles to a right into the parking area. To access the trail head, turn right out of the parking lot onto Shelton Mission Road and ride approximately 1 mile to the trail head on the right. The trail can also be accessed from Round Knob recreation area but requires a 5 mile drive up Round Knob Road, a narrow, rough forest service road, to the Round Knob Pavilion.

PARKING: The parking area at Margarette Falls/ Bullen Hollow is very large and will accomodate quite a few trailers.

TRAIL LENGTH: The trail is an in and out trail measuring 2.8 miles one way. This is an approximately 4 hour ride.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Challenging (Proficient Riders)

DESCRIPTION: Davis Creek trail is a beautiful trail winding through the forest with rhododendron and mountain laurel in abundance. After entering the trail, at around .1 mile take a right to stay on Davis Creek trail, which is marked with yellow reflective markers. There is a split at this point with the straight trail being an unmarked trail that goes to the power lines. The trail at this point has a fairly gentle but consistent climb with a view of the valley. When descending, you will come to Davis Creek, where you will encounter several very rocky creek crossings. There is one particular crossing with a relatively steep entry into the creek. The trail has generally good footing with very rocky areas and only one mucky area. There are minimal ledgy areas on the trail, with none being more than a few feet long. Be aware that the hiking only trails, Artie Hollow (blue blazed) and Marys Falls (unmarked), will intersect with Davis Creek Trail. Just continue following the yellow markers to stay on Davis Creek trail. The final mile or so of the trail climbs steeply to the Round Knob Recreation Area, where you can enjoy lunch at the pavilion. There is also a vault toilet located there.

SCENIC VIEW(S): Davis Creek is a beautiful cascading creek. There is one section of the trail with sweeping views of the valley visible particularly when the trees are leafless.

SPECIAL NOTE(S): There are several creek crossings allowing plenty of watering opportunities for horses. The trail is generally shady with only a short section that is more exposed.

TRAIL MAP: N/A

TRIP TICK(S): N/A

CONNECTIONS: Davis Creek Trail can be connected to Little Jennings Creek and Cowbell Hollow Trails from the Round Knob Recreation Area.