

Muddy Boots Hike: East Lakeshore Trail: Baker Hollow Branch

Monday - May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Hike Description:** Explore this 6.6 out and back trail along the east side of Tellico Lake. Ninety percent of the hike is along the lake shore offering spectacular views. AllTrails rates it as an easy hike, although some reviews say it's more of a moderate hike. It takes an average of 2 hour and 17 minutes to complete. No bathrooms at trailheads.

Length of Hike: 6.6 miles

**Elevation range** – 381 feet

Hike Leaders: Geri McLees, Kathy Monaghan, Cathy Bilodeau

Rating: Moderate (Although AllTrails rates it as easy, some reviewer say it's more of a moderate hike.)

**Meeting Location**: We will **meet at 7:45 AM** at 100 Chota Road across from the Marathon gas station. There we will give a quick rundown of the hike and provide driving directions. Car pools will be worked out at this meeting. Wheels rolling at **8 AM sharp.** 

Location/Distance/Drive Time/Return time: Lenior City/9.4 miles/13 minutes/11:30 am

**Directions:** Turn left on 444 and drive 7.8 miles; turn left onto US-321 North ramp to Maryville and drive .8 miles; turn right onto Jackson Bend Road and drive 450 feet; turn left to stay on Jackson Bend Road and drive .5 miles. 3950 Jackson Bend Road – Park at Mizell Trailhead.

**Be Prepared:** Hiking boots, water, snacks, and hiking poles optional, but all are recommended. Hiking involves some exertion and often walking on uneven surfaces with rocks and roots. While we do our best to describe any trail challenges and conditions, you are hiking at your own risk.

In event of a situation requiring medical intervention during a hike, we suggest that each participant wear their name tag and bring a Photo ID (generally driver's license) and Medical Information cards (Health Insurance Card or Medicare & supplemental Health Insurance Cards).

**Lunch:** On your own.

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