

# North End of North/South Trail



Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area

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The North/South (N/S) Trail spans the entire length of Land Between The Lakes (LBL). The northern portion of the North/South Trail consists mainly of single track trails meandering

from shoreline to heavily wooded ridges. The northern portion has five trails leading to springs, three backcountry shelters for overnight camping, and a connector trail to the Nature Station. The trail leads users to scenic remote areas and developed facilities. The trail provides stretches where users walk parallel to Kentucky Lake and sweep into large bottoms offering a sense of solitude. The N/S Trail intersects many of LBL's designated roads allowing for many loop opportunities and access points to hike the trail piece by piece.

The N/S Trail is a multiple-use trail. Bikers and hikers share the northern portion of the trail.

**Length:** North End, 31 miles (58 miles for entire N/S Trail)

**Trailheads:** Golden Pond Visitor Center, North Welcome Station, Jenny Ridge Picnic Area (*Seasonal Hunting Information available here.*)

**Surface Type:** Single Track, Dirt, Gravel, Old Logging Roads

**Difficulty Level:** Easy to Moderate

**Recommended Seasons:** Spring, Fall (*During spring months, some portions of trail may be under water.*)

**Facilities:** Parking, accessible restrooms, picnic area with grills at Golden Pond Visitor Center and North Welcome Station, Backcountry & Lake Access Areas along N/S Trail

**Trail Markings:** Hiker Trails—White Diamonds ◇

Connector/Springs Trails—Yellow Blazing

**Trail Ethics:** Pack it in. Pack it out! Share the trail with mountain bikers and hikers.

**Backcountry Camping:** Overnight camping is permitted along the North/South Trail. All campsites must be at least 50 feet from the marked trail. Bury all human waste 200 feet from the marked trail. An overnight Backcountry Camping Permit is required; permits may be purchased at North Welcome Station, Hillman Ferry Campground, and Golden Pond Visitor Center.

**Safety:** Trail markers are placed to better orient the hiker. Please refer to map for specific location. The Lone Star Tick and the American Dog Tick are very abundant; precautions should be taken primarily from mid-March through mid-October. Poison ivy flourishes in many areas in LBL, please use caution when not on the trail. Properly treat all trailside water before consuming. Springs may not be flowing during July, Aug., & Sept. Plan to bring water with you. Treated water can be found at North Welcome Station, Hillman Ferry Campground, Birmingham Ferry, and Golden Pond Visitor Center.

## LBL Trail Rules

1. For your safety, all hikers are requested to register at either the North or South Welcome Station or the Golden Pond Visitor Center.
2. Low impact camping/hiking/biking techniques should be followed at all times. Stay on the trail, even through wet areas, to help prevent soil erosion. All garbage must be packed out.
3. Mountain biking is discouraged during periods of wet trail conditions.
4. Campfires are permitted in previously used spots except during periods of high fire danger. Only dead or down materials may be used for fuel. The fire should be attended at all times and completely extinguished before departure.
5. Horses and mountain bikes are allowed on designated trails only. Motor vehicles are strictly prohibited except for approved organized events.
6. *Respect the Resource*—leave plants and flowers for others to enjoy, and do not harass the wildlife!
7. Firearms are strictly prohibited except during established LBL gun hunting seasons by legally licensed hunters with permits.
8. Pets must be on a leash of 6' or less and under physical control at all times. Respect other users.
9. LBL strongly encourages users to "Call Before You Haul" to check current trail conditions at 270-924-2000, or visit us on the web at [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org) and click on Trip Planning, then Trails Update.
10. ♻️ Help us eliminate the cost of cleaning up garbage—take your trash to one of our Recycling Stations located at Golden Pond Visitor Center, The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, and Wranglers Campground.

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area has been set aside for your recreation and education. As you hike these trails, take time to enjoy the natural beauty and learn something about the natural or cultural history of this special place.

*Discovery Packs containing field guides and other materials are available to borrow at Woodlands Nature Station.*



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Call 911 or the  
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Law Enforcement Office  
270-924-2196

**For More Information**

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Volunteer Coordinator  
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