

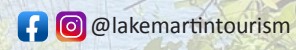


Lake Martin Hiking Challenge



To learn more about fun ways to experience the great outdoors in the Lake Martin area, check out ExploreLakeMartin.com

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The Lake Martin area is home to many beautiful and scenic trails and we invite you to experience them all by participating in our Lake Martin Hiking Challenge. Complete at least a portion of each of the 10 areas listed here, log your hikes, and return your completed trail log to us to receive your Official Lake Martin Hiking Challenge patch and certificate.

Name: _____

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Trail	Date
Charles E. Bailey Sportplex Trail	
Cherokee Bluffs Dam Railroad Trail at Yates Lake	
Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail at Overlook Park	
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park Trail	
James M. Scott Deadening Alpine Trail	
John B. Scott Forever Wild Trail	
Smith Mountain Fire Tower Trails	
Wind Creek State Park Trails	
Nature's Way Preserve Trail	
Russell Forest Trails	

Trail logs can be emailed to: sthomas1654@gmail.com

or mailed to:

Lake Martin Tourism Association c/o Steve Thomas
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Charles E. Bailey Sportplex Trail

This is a part of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail and is an interesting combination of attractively wooded grounds that serves as a highly productive stop for migrant songbirds in spring and fall migration. Trail map available at: alexandercityal.gov/sportplex/page/3-mile-walking-trail

Cherokee Bluffs Dam Railroad Trail at Yates Lake

Follow the old, historic railroad bed that was built in the early 1920's and used in the construction of Martin Dam. You can hike 5.4 miles to the Channahatchee Creek or you can follow either the Highline or Lowline railroads and proceed to the highest point in Elmore County: Saddle Rock Mountain. Trail map available at: crata.org/yates-lake/

Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail at Overlook Park

3 conjoined trails totaling 7.2 miles provides several combinations of hiking experiences with a picnic area and scenic overlook of Lake Martin, mountain longleaf pine, native azaleas, and mountain laurel. Trail map available at: crata.org/our-trails/overlook/

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park Trail

Located inside Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, the moderate 2.8 mile shady nature trail connects battle, barricade, and village sites to views of the Tallapoosa River. This hike includes historical waysides and opportunities for solitude and reflection. For more information, go to: nps.gov/hobe/index.htm

James M. Scott Deadening Alpine Trail

This is a part of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail and is the most challenging CRATA trail with a 4.2 mile loop that has unique rock formations and spectacular vistas of Lake Martin, thickets of mountain laurel, and rhododendron. You can also take the crossover route and hike only 3.1 miles. In addition, there is an emergency trail to the parking lot at this location. Trail map available at: crata.org/the-deadening/

John B. Scott Forever Wild Trail

This trail is 4.7 miles and weaves along the Tallapoosa River through old growth hardwoods and along several beautiful flowing creeks. Trail map available at: crata.org/yates-lake/

Smith Mountain Fire Tower Trails

This is the tallest elevation and most spectacular panoramic view on Lake Martin, complete with a 90-foot lookout tower, picnic area, and educational displays. The Walker Bynum Smith Mountain Tower Trail is a steep 0.4 mile climb to the base of the tower. The Lakeshore Trail is 2.4 miles. From near the top of the mountain, the Lakeshore Trail makes a steep descent before winding along Lake Martin's undeveloped shores. The David M. Forker Island Hop Trail stretches 1.4 miles to the boat dock. When Lake Martin is lowered to winter pool levels, it is possible to walk another quarter mile, crossing a series of islands inaccessible at full pool. Little Smith Mountain Loop Trail is a 2.6 mile difficult and potentially dangerous trail, but has spectacular views and rock formations. For trail map, go to: crata.org/smith-mountain/

Wind Creek State Park Trails

Located inside Wind Creek State Park, The Reunion Trail stretches 3.8 miles in length and traverses both hardwood bottoms and pine forest. The Campfire Trail is a 1.8 mile long moderate trail with several steep inclines. These trails are a part of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail. For trail map, go to: alapark.com/parks/wind-creek-state-park/hiking-and-biking-trails

Nature's Way Preserve Trail

This trail is 3 miles long, and has lake overlooks and interpretive signs to assist in learning more about the lake's natural environment. For trail map, go to: apcpreserves.com/lake-martin/#_natures

Russell Forest Trails

Weaving through the lush pines and hardwoods surrounding Lake Martin, you can enjoy more than 100 miles of trails inside the 25,000-acre living Russell Forest. Download the Russell Lands App for interactive trail maps, or go to: russellands.com/outdoors/russell-forest

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