

# Lake Martin Hiking Challenge

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 one trail of the 8 featured locations listed here, log your hikes, and return your completed trail log to us to receive your Lake Martin Hiking Challenge badge, certificate of completion, and swag bag.

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| Trails                                       | Date |
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| Hiking Trail at Charles E. Bailey Sportsplex |      |
| Hiking Trails at Overlook Park               |      |
| Hiking Trails at Yates Lake                  |      |
| Horseshoe Bend National Military Park        |      |
| Nature's Way Preserve Trail                  |      |
| Russell Forest Trails                        |      |
| Trails at Smith Mountain Fire Tower          |      |
| Trails at Wind Creek State Park              |      |

Trail logs can be emailed to:  
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or mailed to

Lake Martin Innovation Center at 175 Aliant  
Parkway, Alexander City, AL 35010.



## Hiking Trail at Charles E. Bailey Sportsplex

Charles E. Bailey Sportsplex offers a three mile walking trail that is apart of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail. This stop is an interesting combination of attractively wooded grounds that serves as a highly productive stop for migrant songbirds in spring and fall migration.



## Hiking Trails at Overlook Park

The 3 trails at Overlook Park are CRATA's first trails that were constructed in 2004 and total 7.2 miles of trail. All three trails are tied together so you can hike from 1 mile to 7 miles with several combinations.



## Hiking Trails at Yates Lakes

Traverse the historic railroad bed built in the early 1920s for the construction of Martin Dam. Hike 5.4 miles to Channahatchee Creek, or choose between the Highline or Lowline routes to reach Saddle Rock Mountain, the highest point in Elmore County. Both apart of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail.



## Horseshoe Bend National Military Park

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. This is also a part of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail.



## Nature's Way Preserve Trail

The Nature's Way Preserve Trail is a 2.2 mile long loop trail that follows along the shoreline of Lake Martin. The Old Tree Trail is .5 miles long that is a straight shot through the center of the peninsula with connector trails to the Nature's Way Preserve Trail.



## Russell Forest Trails

Some have likened the Russell Forest to a 25,000-acre playground. Its more than 100 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails offering a variety of opportunities to reconnect with nature.



## Trails at Smith Mountain Fire Tower

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 Island Hop/Boat Dock 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.



## Trails at Wind Creek State Park

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. The Speckled Snake Trail is a 3 mile moderately difficult loop trail that consist of several wooded hills and great views of the water in some parts. These trails are a part of the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail



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