



Day hikes around this area:

Andy Cove Nature Trail A very easy hike that begins behind the Pisgah Ranger Station on 276. The trail begins and ends in the parking lot and passes through beautiful hardwoods and Hemlock trees, over a swinging bridge and along a small creek. Perfect for the whole family!

Davidson Exercise Trail You can begin at the bridge at the front of the campground, left on the gravel road. Look for the sign leading off to the right and across 276. The trail connects with the Andy Cove Nature Trail and continues back across 276 and along the Davidson. Perfect for running, hiking and families with smaller children.

North Slope Trail This 3.7 mile loop covers scenic hardwood forests, open coves and lots of good birding opportunities. The trail begins and ends at the amphitheatre parking lot within the campground. The trail is rated moderately strenuous and takes around 2-3 hours to complete.

Black Mountain/Thrift Cove Trails This great hike begins at the Ranger Work Center, located just past the campground entrance on 276 on the right. Look for a parking lot that veers off to the right. The trail begins on an old logging road and connects with the main branch of the Black Mountain Trail on the left after a quarter mile or so. Thrift Cove Trail will begin up the mountain and open into a beautiful cove with massive hardwoods and a large, open field. Continue to loop through the cove and the trail will re-connect with the logging road at the bottom of the hill. Allow 2 hours.

Grassy Road/Sycamore Cove Trails This scenic hike begins in the front parking lot in the campground along the Davidson River. Follow the Art Loeb Trail past the new bridge, over the small creek, and immediately across 276. Follow the Sycamore Cove Trail through pristine forests and along the creek. At the first intersection, continue to the right until you get to the Grassy Road Trailhead and make a left. Follow this easy road until it connects with the back side of the Thrift Cove Trail and look for the sign on the left to re-connect with Sycamore Cove Trail. It will take you back to 276 and the Davidson River. Allow 1.5 hours for this great hike.

Coontree Loop Take 276 north a short distance to the Coontree Picnic Area. This 3.7 mile trek begins on the opposite side of 276. Look for the trailhead across the road, which leads to a steep climb up to Coontree Gap. Make a left at the intersection, and another left at the second intersection and follow back to the picnic area. Great for experienced hikers. Allow 2-3 hours!

PLEASE NOTE: There is no substitute for being prepared. Always hike with plenty of water and a trail map. Pisgah Ranger District trail maps can be purchased at the Ranger Station, just past the Campground entrance on 276.