

Hiking around Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve

There are miles of remarkable hiking trails within the Nature Preserve. All are moderate distance and difficulty and suitable for a variety of abilities. Note the colored blazes associated with each trail and follow the cairns across bare rock.



Photo by David Foster



Photo by Eric Champlin

- A CASCADE TRAIL .08 Miles, Orange Blaze**
This trail is aptly named for the cascading rapids of Pole Bridge Creek. The creek attracts a variety of wildlife species and is a biodiversity hotspot where granite outcrops intersect the forest. Look for seasonal blooms at the water's edge. Accessed from the Evans Mill Trailhead or combined with the Wilburn Farm Trail.
- B WILBURN FARM TRAIL 1.6 Miles, Orange Blaze**
Along some of the most challenging terrain in the nature preserve are forests, a spring fed pond and an uncommon view of Arabia Mountain's bald dome. The old barn, historic homestead and farming terraces are clues to the area's agricultural heritage.
- C BOOMERANG TRAIL .05 Miles, Red Blaze**



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Photo by Kimberly Estes



Photo by William Bishop

- D LAUREL CREEK TRAIL 1.8 Miles, White Blaze**
A bubbling creek, mountain laurel and farming terraces define this loop trail along a quiet, forested ridge. Accessed from the paved AMP trail or from Murphey Candler School parking lot (weekends only).
- E FOREST TRAIL 1.1 Miles, Yellow Blaze** Perfect for families and first-time visitors. This well-traveled trail leads you under forest canopy to picturesque Arabia Lake. Pick up the Mile Rock Trail and follow the cairns for a loop back to the nature center.
- F MILE ROCK TRAIL 1 Mile, Cairn Markings** The best way to explore Arabia Mountain's quarry history. See rock ledges blasted from the mountain mass, look for drill holes and metal wedges still lodged in the rock and discover ruins of modest buildings from quarry operations. Notice how nature is reclaiming what was not long ago an industrial site.



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Klondike Boardwalk Photo by Eric Champlin



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- G MOUNTAIN TOP TRAIL .05 Miles, Cairn Markings**
The iconic trail to the peak of Arabia Mountain. Accessed from the nature center by following the paved AMP trail and boardwalk or limited parking at the south parking lot. Keep your eye on the rock cairns to find your way and tread lightly on the bare rock to avoid sensitive plants. Follow the gradual rise to the peak and marvel that you're so close to Atlanta!
- H KLONDIKE BOARDWALK .05 miles**
- I MOUNTAIN VIEW TRAIL 1.8 miles, Blue Blaze**
A rugged trail skirting the base of Arabia Mountain with some of the best landscape views in the Nature Preserve. The lake at the base of the mountain is a stopover for migrating water fowl.

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE VISIT

- Take plenty of water, your cellphone and be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay on marked trails. Red blazes mark the boundary of the Nature Preserve.
- The DeKalb County law enforcement firing range is located adjacent to the Nature Preserve. You may hear target practice.
- Do not remove any rocks, plants, wildlife or artifacts.
- Do not walk on vegetation or in solution pits, whether wet or dry.
- Adhere to posted DeKalb County park rules.

