

## 2023 Kickoff Hike 'n Lunch

## Ijams Nature Center Lunch at SoKno Taco Cantina near Ijams Thursday, March 2, 2023

## Depart From Poplar Springs Boat Ramp promptly at 8:45 AM

Join your fellow HOA members for a fun morning exploring and hiking at the Ijams Nature Center near Knoxville.

Upon arrival to Ijams, we will meet at the Ijams Nature Center Visitors Center parking lot, restroom facilities are available. We will begin our hike on the Universal Trail, proceeding on the Will Skelton Greenway to the River Trail. We will walk the majority of the River Trail, including the boardwalk along the Holstun River, ending on the Serendipity Trail before rejoining the Will Skelton Greenway back to the Visitors Center. This loop combination will result in a total hike length of approximately 2.1 miles. The trails are generally easy with approximately 50% paved. There are hills that include moderate elevation gain (total of 180 ft. gain), unpaved trail areas may be muddy in spots, if wet. Please wear appropriate hiking shoes/boots. Walking sticks are also recommended.

After hiking, we will proceed to the nearby SoKno Taco Cantina on Sevierville Pike for an early lunch. This casual eating establishment features varied Mexican entrees and beers with both indoor and outside seating available. Following lunch, we will all return home on our own.

NOTE: As a group we have hiked at Ijams before; however, the boardwalk trail has just reopened so we will be using a completely different set of trails than previous hikes.

Attendees are responsible for their own meal and drinks Maximum number of attendees is: 28 Last Day to Register or Cancel is Feb 24, 2023

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