

**May 13, 2019**

**Muddy Boots Hike – Norris Dam State Park: Marine Railway Loop**

**Hike Description:** Marine Railway Loop Trail is a 3.8 mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Lake City, Tennessee that features a lake and is rated as moderate. Like many of the trails at Norris Dam State Park, the Marine Railway Loop follows old roads that served local residents until the mid-1930s when the Tennessee Valley Authority built Norris Dam. The Marine Railway Loop trail is located on the "modern" side of Norris Dam State Park that lies west of Norris Dam. The Marine Railway Loop gets its name from a railway that ran from Cove Creek up to the ridge top before the construction of Norris Dam when the bottom land was occupied by houses and farms. A rail car pulled by oxen or mules helped transport crops and supplies up the steep, rugged slopes, and perhaps was even used to help load and offload a ferry that crossed Cove Creek.

**Length of Hike:** 3.8 miles

**Rating:** Moderate

**Departure:** 8:00 a.m. Chota Center parking lot, across from the gas station

**Location/Distance/Drive Time:** Near Lake City, approximately 60 miles, 1:05 hours

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