

Claytor Lake State Park

First Day Hikes
Self-Guided
Activities



January 1, 2021 is a
FREE statewide parking day.

Happy New Year. Thanks for
visiting Claytor Lake State Park.

First Day Hike **stickers** will be mailed
using our participation contest.

The New Year Challenge this year will
be a **mileage challenge.**

Participate in our First Day Hikes
photo contest. We will have a special
category for best masks.

Please refer to our First Day Hike
flyers for more information about these
specific activities or visit
virginiastateparks.gov



Your Comments Count

Your comments are critical to our
management of parks. We need your feedback
so we know which areas need attention in
order to do a better job in meeting the needs
of our guests. Every survey is read in the
central office and passed on to staff in our
parks and district offices. Visitors who prefer
to complete the paper version of the survey
may obtain one from the park office. Guests
will also find posters and flyers throughout the
park that list the new on-line survey URL and
a QR code. Visitors with smartphones may
use these to take a shortcut to the survey site.

bit.ly/surveyvsp



We hope that you enjoy your visit to Claytor
Lake State Park and that you plan a return trip.
For additional information about activities
programs and events in our park, please visit
our website:

dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/claytor-lake

**Thank you for your support of
Claytor Lake State Park.**



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Virtual Tree/Plant Tour

Open your eyes to the diversity of plant life
at Claytor Lake by joining us on this virtual
plant tour. Open the link on your smartphone
or tablet, and head over to the Howe House
where the tour begins. Follow along for a two
mile hike to get a closer look and learn some
interesting things about some of the beautiful
plants and trees in our park.

Here's the link to start the plant tour:
tinyurl.com/yavr84ah

Howe House Audio History Tour

Download the free UniGuide app and begin
listening to the fascinating history of this
land's past inhabitants. There are eight
listening stops around the house, please enjoy
each one. You can download the Haven B.
Howe House Audio Tour on the app ahead of
time if you would like. To learn more about
UniGuide and to download the app visit
uniguide.me Once the app is downloaded,
you can search "Howe" to find our audio
tour. Afterwards, you can spot each audio
tour stop location and begin to learn the
history of the house and previous
families.

Virtual Then and Now History Tour

Take a hike back in time on your phone or
iPad. The link below will lead you to a unique
experience as you hike throughout the park or
enjoy the tour from the comfort of your
campsite or cabin. At each stop you will see
the park as it was in the past, through the use
of old photographs and film clips. Do you
remember when water skiing was an
important part of Claytor Lake State Park or
the beauty pageants that took place here?
Enter the link below to see these and much
more: tinyurl.com/yxfovme

Create A Hike

Create your own hiking experience by combining any of Claytor Lake State Park's seven scenic inter-connecting trails. Trail Guides are located at all trailheads and throughout the park. All trails are clearly marked and the Trail Guide includes a map.

Trail	Blaze Color	Mileage
Bent Tree	White	1.1
Claytor Lake	Blue	1.65
Hidden Valley	Dark Green	2.0
Hidden Valley Loop	Lime Green	0.21
Lakeview*	Yellow	0.95
Poplar Leaf	Orange	0.95
Shady Ridge	Red	0.68

*Handicap Accessible

Track Trails Adventures

Explore the park from a different point of view. Grab a TRACK trails brochure at the Shady Ridge Trailhead in the picnic area and go on your own adventure to find the amazing things hidden along the trail. Brochures cover different topics ranging from flowers, to bugs, to trees, and even exercise. **TRACK your hike at kidsinparks.com and get FREE prizes.**

5K Cross Country Trail

Within our trail system lies the Troop 244 5K Cross Country Trail. This trail is the perfect resource for both new and seasoned runners to enjoy. The 5K Trail starts on the Lakeview Trail in front of the Water's Edge Meeting Facility and finishes on Lakeview in front of the lodges. You can pick up your map of the trail in front of the meeting facility.

Geocaching

Try your hand at finding the hidden geocaches around the park. You can rent a GPS from the meeting facility, use your own or use a geocaching app on your smartphone. *To log your finds, learn more about geocaching, or to find other geocaches in the park go to geocaching.com*

Overlook Geocache

Parking Lot Coordinates

N	37	°	02	.	964
W	080	°	37	.	657

Cache Location Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	269
W	080	°	38	.	037

S'mores Geocache

Parking Lot Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	628
W	080	°	37	.	485

Cache Location Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	521
W	080	°	37	.	626

People of the Parks Geocache

Parking Lot Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	682
W	080	°	37	.	426

Cache Location Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	574
W	080	°	37	.	089

Wild About Water Geocache

Parking Lot Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	627
W	080	°	37	.	484

Cache Location Coordinates

N	37	°	03	.	947
W	080	°	37	.	578

Little Free Library

Take a walk with words, recreate your mind and enjoy a divergent adventure in the park. Feel free to grab a book or leave one behind for someone else, located in Campground D.

December-February the campground is closed so access is limited to hike-in use. Find our park's library online or a library near you at littlefreelibrary.org



Gazebo Holiday Lights



Enjoy a peaceful winter stroll down to our lighted holiday gazebo along the lake's edge. Take a family photo or simply enjoy the scenery. The lights will be on through Jan. 3 from 5 - 9 p.m.

The holiday lights are donated by the Claytor Lake State Park Ambassadors, the park's volunteer support group. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please visit claytorlakespa.org to donate, become a member or for information.

Please tag #ClaytorLakeSPA when you post photos.

