

HONEY RUN TRAIL

App. 12.75 Miles (Roundtrip)

Yellow Blazes & Arrows

Honey Run trail is actually three very diverse trails in one. Starting at the trailhead along McCubbins Drive, this linear portion of the trail immediately goes through a terrestrial natural community known as an uplands flatwoods. Due to a soil feature known as a fragipan which restricts water movement below the surface, this rare community type has pools of water on the surface half the year and soil that cracks due to lack of water the remainder of the year. As you leave the upland flatwoods and drop off the ridge, dry-mesic and dry chert woodlands become the norm before reaching a dry mesic bottomland community and ending at the stream that runs through Honey Run Hollow. From this point the trail branches off into two separate loops.

The south loop runs through a dry-mesic bottomland woodland. This natural community forms a transition between the upland woodlands and the wetter mesic bottomland woodlands found in the park. The north loop offers a variety of different community structures. Dry chert and dry-mesic chert woodlands, with their predominately post oak and white oak communities, dominate the uplands while dry-mesic bottomland woodlands dominate the bottomlands.

If you start at the trailhead along McCubbins Drive and hike or bike the linear upland flatwoods section and both loops and back again, the total length traveled is approximately 12.75 miles. If you want to only do portions of this trail, the linear part of this trail starting at the trailhead on McCubbins Drive is approximately 3.1 miles long one way. It ends at Anderson Hollow Road (a gravel road) where the beginnings of both the north and the south loops of this trail can be found. The south loop is 2.5 miles long and the north loop is 4.25 miles long. If you want to utilize only the north or south loops, parking is available along Anderson Hollow Road near the beginning of the south loop. Marked in yellow blazes and arrows, this trail is open to both hikers and mountain bikers.

