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CATAWBA COUNTY PARKS MOUNTAIN CREEK PARK

6554 LITTLE MOUNTAIN RD. | SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673 | 828-465-9645

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- **Ride on open trails only**
- **Leave no trace:** Stay on existing trails. Be sure to pack out your trash. Don't hike or ride on soft or muddy trails.
- **Control your bicycle:** Inattention could put yourself and others at unnecessary risk.
- **Always yield trail:** Bicyclists yield to other trail users. Hikers and runners moving uphill have the right of way.
- **Make yourself known:** Let fellow trail users know you're coming. Offer a hello or give a head nod. This helps create a friendly atmosphere on the trail.
- **Be aware of your surroundings**
- **Treat other trail users as you want to be treated**
- **Respect the wildlife and lands**

TRAIL RATING

- **EASY**
- **INTERMEDIATE**
- ◆ **MOST CHALLENGING**

TRAIL #	TRAIL NAME	TRAIL MILES	TRAIL RATING	TRAIL DESCRIPTION
1	Stormie Normie	.9	●	MULTI-USE. Paved ADA trail to the lakefront and upper south side amenities.
2	Sunday Stroll	.58	●	HIKERS ONLY. Close to parking, access to greater trail system.
3	Sherrills Pass	1.43	●	MULTI-USE. Primary trail system access.
4	Aww Shucks	.43	●	MULTI-USE. Singletrack connector to bike trails.
5	Terrells Folly	.29	●	BIKES ONLY. One-way primary route for mountain bikers to enter the trail system.
6	Oh Deer!	.62	●	BIKES ONLY. One-way singletrack with dirt rollers, berms, and rolling ups and downs.
7	Milk and Honey	.58	●	MULTI-USE. One-way singletrack leading back to park entrance.
8	Loblolly Loop	2.52	●	MULTI-USE. Rolling forested loop with creek and stream views. Spur connector to northern trails.
9	Dutch Oven	.33	■	BIKES ONLY. Tight and twisty flowing singletrack with berms.
10	Tomtastic	.17	■	MULTI-USE. Rolling trail around historic old hunting pond.
11	Jug Town Jump	.12	●	MULTI-USE. Short connector trail to extend or shorten the south loop.
12	Mt. Creek Loop	5.26	● ■	MULTI-USE. Circles the northern section and features creeks, bridges and lakeshore.
13	Wampus Way	.84	●	MULTI-USE. Access route from connector bridge to primary central trail hub.
14	Haymaker	.30	■ ◆	BIKES ONLY. Multiple table tops, rock jumps, rollers, berms, and rock garden.
15	Old Boozy	1.26	● ■	MULTI-USE. Rolling forested singletrack.
16	Ladderback	.64	●	MULTI-USE. Connector trail from northernmost trail section to central trail hub.
17	Hot Hole	.36	■	BIKES ONLY. One-way downhill flow with rollers, berms, optional rock drops on some of the best elevation.
18	Baked Possum	.29	■	BIKES ONLY. Swooping single track flow with rollers, berms and rocky step-downs.
19	Rabbit Race	.32	● ■	BIKES ONLY. Brief climb yields to downhill single-track trail with berms and rollers.
20	Iron Lung	.82	●	MULTI-USE. Connector trail to northern trailhead.
21	Cable Ferry	.16	●	MULTI-USE. Shortcut to return to top of bike-only trails.
22	Miners Run	.79	●	BIKES ONLY. Fast, rolling, one-way singletrack connector trail.
23	Shiners Stash	.24	■ ◆	BIKES ONLY. Descending flow over rollers, jumps, drops, berms, and gullies.
24	Puddle Jump	.27	■	BIKES ONLY. Swooping singletrack with rollers, berms, optional drops and sweeping turns.



TOTAL TRAIL MILES: 19.52
TOTAL ACREAGE: 606

- Bike and Hike (Multi-Use)
- - - Bike Only
- - - Hike Only
- One-Way Bike Direction
- One-Way Hike Direction

- Trailhead
- Park Office
- Restrooms
- Pump Track
- Observation Platform
- Dog Park
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Pickle Ball
- Fishing Pier
- Paddle Launch
- Outdoor Classroom
- Overflow Parking
- Bridge
- Contour Lines - 5 foot
- Creeks
- Transmission Line

Scan QR Code for
a georeferenced
digital map



In case of emergency, call 828-465-9645

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about mountain creek park and
our entire park system!**

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welcome to mountain creek park!

Located on the northwestern tip of Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford, this 606-acre park features an extensive 19.52-mile trail network and a host of other amenities including an adventure playground, a mountain bike skills course and tool stations, pickleball courts, a dog park, fishing pier, canoe/kayak launch, an outdoor classroom, an observation platform, picnic shelters and a paved ADA-accessible trail that winds through a quiet cove.

Mountain biking is at the heart of Mountain Creek Park. Along with dedicated bike-only trails and endless route variations within the trail system, Mountain Creek Park is destined to quickly become a regional mountain biking destination.

PARK HOURS

November - February 8AM-5PM
March and October 8AM-7PM
April - September 8AM-8PM
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Ranger on Duty During Park Hours

Park Office: (828) 465-9645

PARK RULES

Please observe our park rules to ensure your visit is safe and enjoyable.
Thank you for helping us protect our natural heritage.

- Camping and Fires:** Camping is not allowed. Fires are only allowed in designated grills.
- Safety gear:** Wearing a helmet and any necessary safety gear when bike riding is recommended.
- Dogs:** Must have a valid rabies tag. Dogs outside the fenced dog park must be on a leash.
- Children:** Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Lake Access:** No swimming or wading.
- Trash:** Please throw trash in proper receptacles located throughout the park.
- Fishing:** Permitted only during park hours in designated areas or fishing pier. NC Wildlife Resources Commission regulations apply.
- Drones:** Not allowed.
- Motorized Vehicles:** Class 1, pedal-assist E-bikes are permitted. All other motorized vehicles are not permitted.
- Guns and Fireworks:** Fireworks, firearms and all other weapons are not allowed. Carrying legally permitted concealed handguns in Catawba County Parks is allowed.
- Natural Resources:** The removal of any plant, animal or artifact is not allowed.
- Hunting and Trapping:** Not allowed. All Catawba County Parks are wildlife reserves.
- Alcohol and Smoking:** Smoking and the possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed.

PARK FACILITIES FEES

Open Shelter Reservation = \$20 per hour; 2-hour minimum
Education/Meeting Facility = \$100/half-day; \$150/full-day + \$50 refundable deposit



catawba county PARK SYSTEM

Plan to spend your next day trip or weekend adventure at Catawba County Parks!
Wondering what to do when you get there? Here are just a few ideas:

- Hike to views from the county's highest peak at Bakers Mountain Park.
- Ride the 19.52 miles of mountain biking trails at Mountain Creek Park.
- Fish or kayak along the Catawba River shoreline at Riverbend Park.
- Give your dog a play-day at St. Stephens Park's urban oasis.

BAKERS MOUNTAIN PARK

6680 Bakers Mountain Rd.
Hickory, NC 28602
(828) 324-8461

ST. STEPHENS PARK

2247 36th Ave. NE
Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 256-9157

RIVERBEND PARK

6700 N NC Hwy 16
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 256-9157

MOUNTAIN CREEK PARK

6554 Little Mountain Rd.
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activities & amenities	BAKERS MOUNTAIN	RIVERBEND	ST. STEPHENS	MOUNTAIN CREEK
ACREAGE	189	690	9	606
HIKING	•	•	•	•
MOUNTAIN BIKING	•	•	•	•
TRAIL RUNNING	•	•	•	•
FISHING	•	•	•	•
CANOEING/KAYAKING	•	•	•	•
DOG WALKING	•	•	•	•
DOG PARK	•	•	•	•
WILDLIFE/HABITAT OBSERVATION	•	•	•	•
WATERFRONT PIER	•	•	•	•
MOUNTAINTOP OBSERVATION DECK	•	•	•	•
BIRDING	•	•	•	•
PICNICKING	•	•	•	•
PLAYGROUND	•	•	•	•
BUTTERFLY WALK	•	•	•	•
STORY WALK	•	•	•	•
EDUCATION/MEETING FACILITIES (RENT)	•	•	•	•
EDUCATION EVENTS	•	•	•	•
CORNHOLE	•	•	•	•
PICKLEBALL	•	•	•	•
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	•	•	•	•
RANGER ON DUTY	•	•	•	•

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