### **Wolf Gap Discovery Trail**

Get curious about the world around you! The Discovery Trail is a set of stops on all three of our trails, sharing information about the world around you at Wolf Gap.

### There are <u>3 ways to enjoy the</u> <u>Discovery Trail:</u>

- (1) pick up a printed copy at the front desk during the Education Center's open hours;
- (2) Scan the QR codes as you find them on our trails to access more info;
  - (3) Visit wolfgaptn.com/discovery-trail.

#### Canebrake Trail

## 0.28 mi out-and-back trail on easy, flat bushogged path.

This path takes you past the springhouse, which shelters a year-round active spring feeding Birdsong Branch of Indian Creek. In the springtime, look for watercress growing in the cool water flowing out of the springhouse.

The Canebrake Trail leads you to a dense stand of the native river cane "arundinaria gigantea," a cousin of bamboo, which was a distinctive feature of Giles County prior to the arrival of white settlers.

This cane was a staple material for Native Americans, who used the strong-yet-flexible cane for construction, weaving, weaponry, tool-making, and more. It continues to be an important part of our ecosystem, providing dense shelter for small animals.

#### **West Loop**

## O.47 mi loop with option to connect to East Loop. Easy walk with gentle slope on bushogged path.

The West Loop follows the creek, then turns slightly uphill to bring you across a field of Broom Sedge, a golden-hued native grass.

The north end of this loop gives you a peek into a cedar glade, a hilly ecosystem that arose out of problematic erosion of the hill, likely in the mid-20th-century.

As you walk along the woods, look as far as you can to the West to get a look at Wolf Gap's namesake hills and gap along the farthest hills on the horizon.

#### **East Loop**

# 0.75 mi loop with option to connect to West Loop. Mostly on rolling slope with some uneven/soft ground.

The East Loop provides a scenic view of the entire 50-acre Wolf Gap campus. Notice the variety of plants in this large field, a result of our ongoing efforts to gradually eliminate invasive species and foster native grasses and flora. This large field is under management to encourage a diverse ecosystem of native plants & animals.

Look across this large field toward the creek. This scenic valley was a seasonal home for native peoples who, 6-8,000 years ago, made Wolf Gap an occasional resting place as they gathered and worked on their stone tools.



### **TRAIL MAP**

Our walking trails and picnic areas are open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

Visit <u>wolfgaptn.com/trails</u> to find maps, the Discovery Trail, scavenger hunts, and more.

Leashed dogs are welcomed.

Please clean up after your dogs.

Trails are grassy, unpaved paths with uneven ground and are <u>not</u> wheelchair accessible. The picnic area under the east porch <u>is</u> wheelchair accessible.

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