

8. Bateman Bridge Moscow, TN

This may be the most beautiful view of the Wolf River accessible by car. There is no trail, but wading is possible here because the bottom of the river is sandy and the river is usually fairly shallow. Shoes are recommended. Take Hwy 57 east through Moscow and take a right onto Bateman Rd., just over the top of a hill. Follow the road downhill and turn left into the parking lot before the bridge.

9. Mineral Slough Boardwalk Ghost River State Natural Area LaGrange, TN

Take Hwy 57 east to LaGrange. Turn right or south onto Main St. at the General Store. This road becomes Yager Rd. Drive 1.5 miles, passing the boat ramp and crossing the bridge over the Wolf River, and turn right onto Beasley Rd. Drive 1.3 miles to the trailhead on your right. Look for a gravel parking lot on your left.

The 0.5 mile Mineral Slough trail and boardwalk traverses a fine stretch of bottomland hardwood swamp characteristic of the Wolf River floodplain. The Ghost River is a section of the Wolf River in which the river seems to disappear, widening into a broad swamp. It is a popular destination for paddlers and has been named one of the best wetland canoe trails in the country.

10. Baker's Pond Holly Springs National Forest Mississippi

This is a beautiful hike to the source of the Wolf River, a large spring-fed pond about .25 miles from the trailhead, in the hills of Benton County, Mississippi. Exit Bill Morris Pkwy. (Hwy 385) at Hwy 72 and turn right or south. Go 37 miles on Hwy 72 to Tower Rd. in Benton Co., MS. About 20 miles past the junction of 72 and MS Hwy 7 (TN Hwy 18), 9 miles past the Citgo station and less than a mile west of the Benton-Tippah county line, turn right or south at the small sign for Baker's Pond and bear right. Look for the Baker's Pond trailhead parking area.

Wolf River Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the Wolf River floodplain and watershed. WRC has worked to save nearly 18,000 acres including the Ghost River State Natural Area. WRC members enjoy monthly canoeing or hiking trips.

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spearheading the Wolf River Greenway,
connecting kids to nature,
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Best Short Hikes along the Wolf River



1. Kennedy Park Memphis, TN

Kennedy Park is one of the largest parks in Memphis with 260 acres. Well-maintained by one dedicated volunteer, a beautiful 1.25 mi. trail winds through big trees, wetlands, a brushy clearing and along the river. This urban wilderness supports many kinds of wildlife. It is best to enter and exit from the trailhead down the hill from the health center parking lot, avoiding the ballpark at the other end. Kennedy Park is located at 4575 Raleigh-LaGrange Rd.

2. Lucius Burch State Natural Area Shelby Farms Park, Memphis, TN

Lucius Burch SNA is located in Shelby Farms along the Wolf River and is most easily accessed from Walnut Grove Rd. near the bridge over the river. Unpaved hiking trails afford good river views, and gullies and exotic invasive plants, such as privet, illustrate some of the effects of channelization and urbanization. Biking and horseback riding trails border the LBNA, which is for hiking only. The Shelby Farms Park Visitor Center at Patriot Lake off Farm Rd. can provide more detailed information.

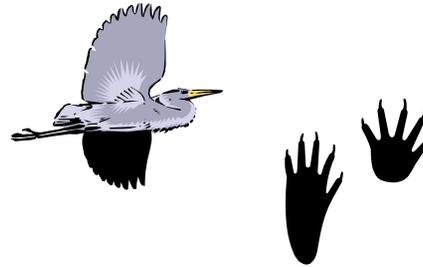
3. Germantown Greenway Wolf River Nature Area Germantown, TN

The Germantown Greenway is a 2-mile paved trail in the Wolf River Nature Area, which can be accessed from Humphreys Blvd. between Kirby and Riverdale, between Riverdale and Germantown Pkwy., or from Germantown Pkwy. at Chik-Fil-A or the Wal-Mart parking lot. The trail includes interpretive signs, benches, butterfly gardens, and wetlands.

Thanks to the efforts of WRC and community leaders, the Wolf River Greenway will one day extend 15 miles west to the Mississippi River and 15 miles east to Collierville-Arlington Rd.

4. Riverwoods State Natural Area Germantown, TN

The trailhead for this unpaved, 2-mile trail with river views is located on Wolf River Blvd. just east of Germantown Pkwy. Look for the kiosk next to a gravel parking lot.



5. Peterson Lake Nature Center W.C. Johnson Park, Collierville, TN

Peterson Lake Nature Center encompasses a 0.7 mile long boardwalk from Peterson Lake, a natural oxbow, through forest and wetlands to the banks of the Wolf River. At the end of the boardwalk, you can see part of the Wolf River restoration project, i.e., one of the rip-rap weirs created by the U.S. Corps of Engineers to stop the degradation of the river caused by channelization.

To get to Johnson Park, follow Bill Morris Pkwy. (385) to Byhalia Rd., go left or north, and stay on Byhalia Rd. which will dead-end at Johnson Park. Keep driving past the play areas and the lake. The road makes a small loop and becomes a parking lot. Look for the Peterson Lake Nature Center sign and the beginning of the boardwalk.

6. Wolf River Wildlife Area Collierville, TN

The Wolf River Wildlife Area is now 5 miles long and contains 1533 acres of woods, fields and wetlands along the river. The crushed limestone trail can be accessed at two points from Collierville-Arlington Rd. One trailhead is located at the north side of the bridge over the Wolf River. The second is about 1/4 mile north of the bridge and 200 yards west down a gravel road into the Wildlife Area. The area is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for hiking, cycling, and horseback riding.



7. William B. Clark Preserve Rossville, TN

Take Hwy 57 east 6 miles past Collierville and turn left or north on Route 194 in Rossville. The entrance to the Clark Preserve is .25 miles north of the Wolf River Café and Rossville Square. Go over the bridge and turn into the parking lot on your right. A short unpaved trail along the Wolf River leads from the parking lot to a boardwalk through a first-class wetland with tupelo and cypress trees. The Clark Preserve is owned by The Nature Conservancy.