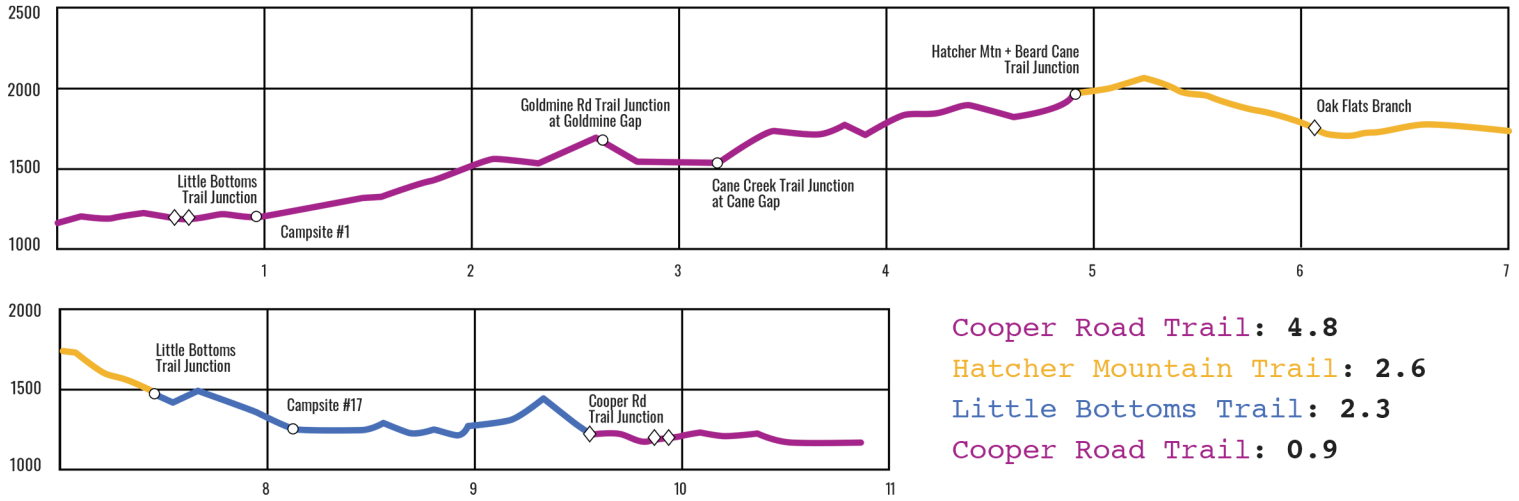


# Cooper Rd + Hatcher Mtn + Little Bottoms Trail: 10.6 m



Cooper Road Trail: 4.8  
 Hatcher Mountain Trail: 2.6  
 Little Bottoms Trail: 2.3  
 Cooper Road Trail: 0.9

+ 0.4 from hiker parking to campground?

\*brown book claims Cooper Rd is 10.9 miles from Abrams Creek Campground to Cades Cove - says old signs may say 10.5

\*also claims this loop is 11.5 miles long

## Cooper Road Trail

- still usable by park vehicles; much of it was an Indian trail
- after camp #1, 3 rocky wet patches, part of Kingfisher Creek
- redbud blooms in March & April
- hickory & sassafras woods; a few Eastern red cedars (abundant in TN but rare in the park) grow in limestone; small creeklet xing
- look for big white oak on left w massive tangle of branches
- Goldmine Road Trail leads to the Top Of The World community (formerly known as Hatcher Flats)

## Hatcher Mountain Trail

- look out for gnarled misshapen chestnut oaks
- lower half has small patches of Fringed Polygala (blooms in May)

## Little Bottoms Trail

- trail follows Abrams Creek for the majority; look for otters
- "recommended only for those who are sure of foot"
- follows a 150 year old manway; retains characteristics of pre-graded trails
- trail name comes from secluded bottomland on both sides of creek
- great beach spot next to Camp #17

