

Oakman Lake Trail



Access Points

The main access [trailhead] is near the ninth hole of the Reserve golf course. This entry point is clearly marked by a sign on West Pleasant Colony Drive. You should park on Anderson Mill Road rather than on West Pleasant Colony Drive and walk the short distance to the trailhead.

There are two more access points to this trail system. Both are off Woodside Plantation Drive and are clearly marked by signs on that street. The first uses the golf cart path between holes 6 & 7 of the Reserve Club golf course [orange blazes]. If using this entry point you should park on Summer Squall Lane rather than Woodside Plantation Drive. The second uses the access point to Oakman Lake [blue blazes]. If using this entry point you should park on White Birch Court rather than Woodside Plantation Drive.

Trail Description

From the main access point, the Oakman Trail provides walkers with two walking options.

The Long Circuit (marked with blue blazes) is a mix of woodlands trails, golf cart paths and paved sidewalks along Woodside plantation Drive. . This circuit travels through the wooded area between the fifth and sixth holes of the Reserve golf course. Walkers get a nice view of Oakman Lake as they cross the dam that takes them to the sidewalk that parallels Woodside Plantation Drive. This long circuit then follows the sidewalk and returns to the starting point. The distance is 1.5 miles.

The Short Circuit (marked with orange blazes) and the Long Circuit share the woodland path until the Short Circuit separates and continues deeper into the woodland. You will soon come to a zig zag bridge that crosses a wetland. Before you continue across the bridge, you might explore a short meandering offshoot trail. It is unmarked and very short; you shouldn't get lost. Continuing on the Short Circuit (orange blazes) you will cross the bridge and exit the woodlands behind the putting green of the sixth hole of the Reserve golf course. At this point, the trail joins the golf cart path, and proceeds to Woodside Plantation Drive, where it rejoins the Long Circuit (blue blazes) on Woodside Plantation Drive and continues to the trail head. The distance is about 0.7 miles.

There are many other ways to hike this trail system. One popular way is to proceed around the blue blazed trail from the trail head, then along Woodside Plantation drive to join the orange blazed trail on the golf cart path between holes 6 & 7. Proceed over the zig zag bridge on the orange trail to rejoin the blue trail and hence back to the trail head. That distance is about 1.7 miles.

Whatever way you hike this trail system you are in for a very nice walk.