

Hike Description Brady Mountain

This portion of the Grassy Cove Segment covers 7.8 miles along the ridges of Brady Mountain. From the Jewett Road trailhead, ascend 0.5 miles up to the gap and a road between Brady's Dorton Knob to the west and Bear Den Mountain to the east. Cross the road and join the trail moving off through the woods to the left to soon rejoin a logging road which then rises to the ridge top of Brady Mountain. Turning north, the trail follows the ridge, alternating between wide sweeping forests to narrow spiny ridges.

Soon you will see a spur trail, yellow blazes, moving off to the right 100 yards to an overlook offering spectacular views of the south end of Grassy Cove, Bear Den to the east, and Dorton Knob, at 2,980 feet, the tallest point of Brady, to the south. You are 1.6 miles from the trailhead. Rejoin the trail and continue to ascend along the crest over the second highest point on Brady at 2,920 Feet. An additional 1.8 miles brings you to an additional spur trail with views of the Grassy Cove below, Black Mountain to the north, and the Smoky Mountains to the east. This side trail is often difficult to locate and is approximately 100 yards past a road junction on the right -- look for the yellow blazes and small stacks of stones marking the entrance.

Rejoining the main trail, over the next 1.8 miles you will pass interesting stacked rock formations before reaching a large overhanging rock shelter offering dry shelter for the hiker. Soon the trail begins a steep descent off the north end of Brady and in 1 mile rejoins a roadbed at Lowe's Gap. Follow the road 1 mile to the Hwy. 68 trailhead.

If you wish to continue and hike the entire Grassy Cove Segment, you can reach the Black Mountain Trailhead by following the power lines along Hwy. 68 west 0.3 miles to a right on Cox Valley Road and 0.4 miles to the trailhead on the right.

Attention Overnight campers! You are **REQUIRED** to register to camp after sunset. There is no fee. The information you provide will help with security. Visit www.cumberlandtrail.org and click on the Grassy Cove link to register online. A confirmation code will be supplied upon submission of the online form. Please be prepared to supply this code to the Park Ranger if asked. To register by phone or for questions, please call 423-566-2253. Almost all cellular phones will reach this area.

To preserve this natural and scenic area, please practice Leave No Trace principles.

Directions to Trailhead

Brady Mountain Trailhead: To reach the Brady Mountain trailhead, take Hwy. 68 for 4.6 miles from the Hwy. 68/127 junction just east out of Crossville, TN. The trailhead is a large paved pull off on the right at the top of the rise. Parking is plentiful and the trail comes out on an old roadbed. Shuttle to the south trailhead by continuing on Hwy. 68 east through Grassy Cove 8.4 miles to a right on Jewett Road.

Take Jewett Road 6.6 miles to the access the Jewett Road trail crossing. The trail crossing is easy to miss, so study the picture below carefully. There is no constructed trailhead parking area, only a wide spot in the road. There is parking directly across the road from the trailhead that is large enough for 1 average size car or maybe two small cars. There is another wide spot in the road about 200 feet past the trailhead that is large enough for 2 or 3 cars. This trailhead and section of trail are on private property.

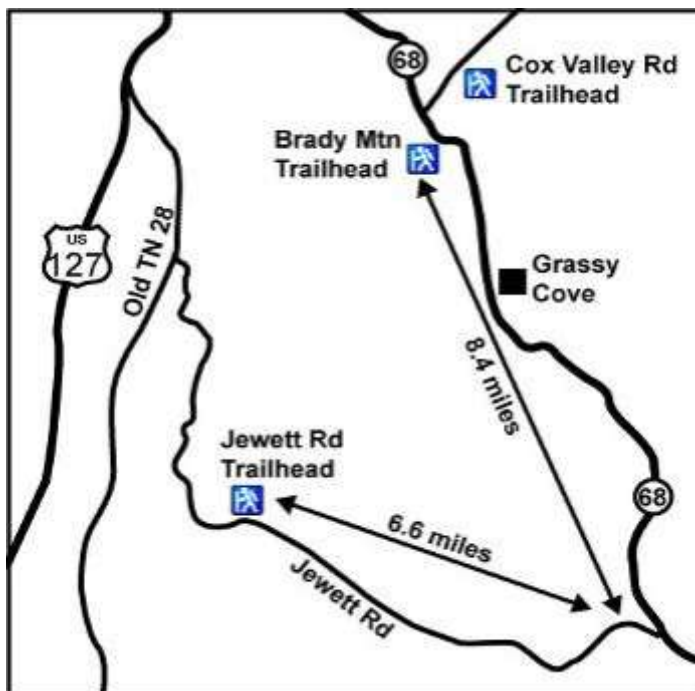


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Directions to Trailheads

To reach the Black Mountain trailhead, travel 4.2 miles on Hwy. 68 from the Hwy. 68/127 intersection east of Crossville, TN, to a left on Cox Valley Road. Take Cox Valley Road 0.4 miles to the trailhead on the right. Parking for several cars is available approximately 300 yards past the trailhead at the intersection of Cox Valley Road and Old Grassy Cove Road. From here shuttle to the top of Black Mountain by continuing 3 miles on Cox Valley Road to a right on Haley Cove Road. There is a playground on your immediate left. Take Haley Cove Road 1 mile to a right on Battown Road and travel 0.9 miles up to a four-way intersection. Take the immediate left at the Cumberland Trail State Park sign and proceed 3 miles up the narrow and steep paved Black Mountain Road to a the paved trailhead parking area on the right. Parking is ample and the ADA connector trail begins on the west side of the parking area. Follow the paved connector trail 700 feet and it connects to the Cumberland Trail just 150 feet west.

