



SEQUOYAH HILLS DOGWOOD TRAIL

Welcome to the Sequoyah Hills Dogwood Trail, which begins and ends at the stone arch on Cherokee Boulevard. This street and many in the neighborhood were named for the Indians who were Knoxville's "first settlers".

Established in 1955, this was the first of Knoxville's iconic dogwood trails, and was planted in response to Knoxville being called 'the ugliest city in America' by a visiting New York author. Today, 12 trails covering more than 60 miles welcome visitors from far and wide to celebrate the beauty of our city when it blooms in springtime!

Nestled in a large bend in the Tennessee River, Sequoyah Hills is one of Knoxville's oldest premiere residential neighborhoods in Knoxville. Development began in the 1920's when E.V Ferrell and Robert Foust saw an opportunity for a residential community outside the city and purchased 100 acres at the end of what is now Cherokee Boulevard. Development was halted by the depression in 1929, though improvements that were in place continue to endure today. The Sunhouse and Panther Fountains, cast stone pillars, Talahi Park with its double paired gates, quaint street lights and Art Deco representation of American Indian motifs are a hallmark of the area and are on the National Historic Register. A small business district in the heart of Sequoyah Hills, which was part of Faust's original plan offers restaurants, real estate services and other small businesses to the community.

This special community is noted for its diverse architecture and beautiful landscapes. It's oldest home dates back to the mid 1800's and is joined by a mix of early classical, 'period' English Tudor and Cottage style mansions, American Colonial, Spanish and Italian housing styles. Centuries-old oaks and other hardwood species form a canopy over native dogwoods, redbuds, crepe myrtles, and old-fashioned azaleas. A wide variety of mature trees, shrubs, perennials and annual flowers adorn stately lawns in this area and each spring visitors delight in the beauty of this spectacular Dogwood Trail.

The 87 acre park which runs along the river is host to various charity walking and rowing events along with Little League ball fields. Runners, walkers, bicyclists, and strollers enjoy the beauty of the trail the lean, green way along the boulevard.

For more information, an excellent source is 'Reflections on Sequoyah Hills' published in 1997 by the Kingston Pike-Sequoyah Hills Association.

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