

## Trail Names with a Brief Description

- **Hardscuffle Haul** is a smooth trail with a manageably graded yet fitness challenging climb and flowing descent which includes a stream crossing, a good number of switch backs. The trail is generally a smooth hardpack with a few rock features that can be bypassed. Hardscuffle Haul pays homage to the historic Hardscuffle community of Brentwood. Trail Rating: easy
- **The Raven** is a flowy descent trail with berms, tabletop jumps and rock drops. The Raven is believed to be the name given to Sam Houston by the Cherokee Tribe of Native Americans. Sam Houston was a good friend of the Wilsons who purchased the land on which the park now sits. Sam Houston was the Best Man at James and Emeline Wilson's wedding and was their home's namesake (Ravenwood Mansion). Trail level: intermediate
- **Mississippian** is flowing singletrack with rock features. The name Mississippian is in reference to the Mississippian tribe that used to reside on the land before mysteriously abandoning the region leaving behind many artifacts of their time here. Trail level: intermediate
- **Stonebox** is tight, off camber, rocky singletrack. A Stonebox is stone casket left behind by the Mississippian people who used to reside on the land. Trail level: advanced
- **Tower Trail** is a flowing singletrack with rock features that features a view of the iconic WSM Radio Tower.
- **Freedom Pass** is a technical rocky climb trail. The trail name is meant to symbolize the arduous climb from slavery to freedom of the enslaved. According to records there were 55 slaves working on the Wilson Plantation (now Smith Park). Trail level: advanced
- **Boiling Spring Schoolmarm** is a flowing trail that climbs up to Noble's Corner or NoCo (what we are calling our hub area) It' has features some challenging rock features and tight switchbacks. Boiling Spring Schoolmarm is named after the historic Boiling Spring Academy which sites just North of Smith Park. The Boiling Spring Academy is a restored 1830 one room schoolhouse located in Primm Historic Park on Moores Lane, just before Wilson Pike. The park is the site of two National Register properties: Boiling Spring Academy established as a school in 1830, and a prehistoric Native American Mound Site, 900-1500 (A.D.). The site was excavated in the 1920's by the Smithsonian and is known as the Fewkes Site. Trail level: intermediate
- **Noble's Corner** (or NoCo) is what we call our hub area. In 1929, Alex Noble's grandfather, Dr. Albert H. Noble, took a leap of faith and bought five acres of land at

the corner of Old Hickory and Franklin Road for \$5,000. Back then Franklin Road was gravel, and most of the commerce in Brentwood took place along Wilson Pike. All that stood next to the pharmacy was the Interurban station, the commuter train that ran from Nashville through Brentwood to Franklin. The Noble's are responsible for making the intersection of Old Hickory and Franklin Road a hub of community activity in Brentwood. Today, that same corner houses Walgreens and it is the major intersection in Brentwood leading to most of the shopping, dining, entertainment, and hotels. The Nobel family was instrumental in transforming that corner into one of major commerce. Trail level: hangout and chill

- **Forge Seat** is a technical, rocky descent trail that features rock drops, constructed rock features and bermed corners. Forge Seat aka Samuel Crockett House was a 2-story brick home built by Samuel Crockett in 1808. The home became known as Forge Seat because of the iron forge located on the property. The forge specialized in finely crafted rifles and counts among its patrons Andrew Jackson on his way to Louisiana during the war of 1812 and allegedly Davy Crockett on his way to Texas. Trail level: advanced
- **Fox Run** is a rocky descent trail that with rock drops, constructed rock features and bermed corners. This trail has many twists and turns as the tale it was named after. After James H Wilson died, his youngest son Robert remained at Ravenswood. The other 2 living boys already had nearby houses-Oak Hall and Harpeth. Robert went fox hunting with his nephew George R. Wilson (Oak Hall) and other nearby neighbors. Robert took the fox back to keep at Ravenswood and when his nephew and gang came to get the fox, he would not give it to them. George and gang took Robert to court and then it further went to a special court in Nashville because Robert had countered that his African American witnesses were not allowed to give testimony at the earlier court. On his way home from the Nashville court, Robert was murdered on Wilson Pike. It was believed that it was George and his gang but not proven and George quickly took off for Missouri. The story gets more tangled in that Robert's Will gave Ravenswood to the Methodist church. That was contested by the 2 remaining Wilsons, and they won. Robert was the last Wilson to live at Ravenswood and it was placed up for sale after all the probates were completed. level: intermediate
- **Emeline** is a technical descending trail with rock drops, constructed rock features and bermed corners. Emeline is named after the wife of James Hazard Wilson who together made Ravenswood their home. Trail level: intermediate
- **Creasey** is a technical, rocky descent trail that features rock drops, constructed rock features and bermed corners. Not much is known about Miss Creasey other than that she was one of the few enslaved people that worked on the Wilson Plantation (now Smith Park) whose name is known. Trail level: advanced

- **Harpeth Turnpike** is a fast-flowing descent trail that winds back down to the stream. At the end of the trail, you either head back toward the trailhead or head back out to the back of the park for another loop of your choice. In 1837, the Harpeth Turnpike Co. began building Harpeth Turnpike (today known as Wilson Pike), which was too ran from the Little Harpeth River Bridge to Rigg's Crossroads, a distance of 23 1/2 miles. Stockholders included James C. Owen, Noble Ladd, James H. Wilson, Reese Corzine, Jabez Owen, John Holt and John A. Holland. Three tollgates were built between Brentwood and Arrington, leaving the southern section to Rigg's Crossroads undeveloped. Trail level: intermediate
- **Kittie's Crossing** is a short trail with a stream crossing that connects back to Hardscuffle Haul. Miss Kittie was one of the enslaved who worked on the Wilson Plantation (now Smith Park). Trail level: beginner

*Trail System Overview-The trail system has everything. XC, flow, natural and built rock features with a good amount of climbing and rewarding descents. Trails run the full range of technical difficulty from entry level to difficult. There are approximately 7 miles of trail, but to ride all the trail, you will have to ride some sections multiple times.*

