

Margarette Falls Trail (#189)

Length: 1.3 miles

Trail Beginning: 2200 feet in elevation

Trail Ending: 2600 feet in elevation

Use: Hiking Only

Difficulty: Moderate

Average Trail Time: 2-3 Hours

From Greeneville take 107 to TN351 (107 Cut-off.) Travel five miles to the four-way stop at "The Crossroads." Turn left onto Greystone Road. Travel 3.8 miles to Shelton Mission Road. Turn right and travel 1.3 miles to the parking lot located on the right. The trail begins on the other side of the gate.

The first .5-mile section of the trail is located on a closed Forest Service road. The next section is located on a narrow trail along Dry Creek. Shortly after entering the woods the trail forks, bear left and ravel along Dry Creek .6 miles to the waterfall.

This .7-mile trail meanders through a narrow rock gorge and terminates at Margarette Falls, a picturesque fan-shaped 50-foot drop. This moderately difficult trail crosses the stream several times and provides many opportunities to cool. Off.

Explore the same mountains and streams Margaret Doak, Margarette Falls namesake, enjoyed in the early 1920s. Imagine this forest in the early 1900s when it was home to the largest logging operation in Greene County, John Heilman Lumber Company. The area around the trailhead was a thriving logging camp, containing a boarding house, store, dining hall, office, church, homes and several other support buildings. A railroad, locally known as the Peas Vine, carried logs from the forest the twelve-mile trip to Greeneville.