



## FOUNTAIN CITY DOGWOOD TRAIL PANORAMA SIDE

Welcome to the Panorama Side of the Fountain City Dogwood Trail, that begins and ends in a historic area. On the right is Fountain City Park, maintained by the Lions Club. Behind the park is a steep cliff where the clear spring for Fountain City's name bubbles out of solid rock.

In the 1890's the area around this spring developed into a popular resort. Gresham Junior High School (on the left) occupies the site of a large hotel that was surrounded by cottages and annexes. Vacationers reached the resort from Knoxville on a dummy-line railroad with open side cars pulled by a miniature steam engine. By the time the hotel burned early in the 1900's, Fountain City had grown into a prosperous community connected to downtown Knoxville by an inter-urban trolley line.

By way of Pruden Drive (on the right) is Fountain City Elementary School with an abundance of white and pink dogwood trees. By way of Gresham and Edonia Drives, the Trail comes up to Grove Park. Now a left turn on Walkup Drive affords the first glimpse of a panoramic view from Black Oak Ridge across the city to the distant Smoky Mountains. After circling the large white frame house built by C.H. McClung in 1912, take a second look at the view from Brabson Drive.

Grove Road and Unity Drive lead to "Belcaro", an imposing Italiante villa built in the 1920's by Judge Hugh L. McClung. A very sharp right turn brings the Trail onto Martha Berry Drive, where the glorious panorama reappears.

Beyond Ridgecrest and wooded Parkdale drives, the route skirts the western brow of Black Oak Ridge on Snowden and Buckthorn Drives. Charming homes framed by dogwoods continue into heavily wooded valley known as Sherwood Forest. Nottingham Road climbs up to rejoin Martha Berry Drive. Feast your eyes once more on the Great Valley of East Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains on the far horizons.

Grove and Gresham Drives wind down from the heights to the early day resort. Holbrook and Kingwood Roads bring the Trail to Midlake Drive. Look for the one-of-a-kind stone well with a peaked roof on the left.

Ahead, at the end of this street, is the heart-shaped Fountain City Lake – a beloved landmark known to earlier generations as "the duck pond". This was the end for the little train in the 1890's and for 20<sup>th</sup> century street cars.

The Panorama Trail bears left around the lake to the end at Broadway. Turn right to reach I-75, I-40 and downtown via I-275.

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