

Trails

It is recommended that hikers park at the trailhead parking area on Foothills Road. These trail descriptions are written with the hiker starting at Foothills Road.

All Music Center trails are hiking only. Bicycles, horses and motorized vehicles are prohibited.

1 High Meadow Trail 1.35 miles—one-way—easy

This easy leg stretcher will take you through a hayfield and a wetland with an abundance of wildflowers and birds. It also winds through a forest with a rich display of rhododendron, ferns and rock outcrops.

Two junctions for the Fisher Peak Loop join this trail. You may turn onto the loop trail, follow the High Meadow Trail to visit the Music Center's Visitor Center, or return to the trailhead from these points.

The Interpretive Center is open 9-5 daily May through October and during most evening concerts.

2 Fisher Peak Loop 2.24 miles—loop—moderate

Begin this trail at one of its junctions with the High Meadow Trail. The trail winds up the side of Fisher Peak through a variety of vegetation. At the lower elevation the trail follows a stream through mixed pine and hardwoods.

Higher up, the blooms of azaleas, mountain laurel and Catawba rhododendron provide a spectacular display in May. They give way to a diverse second growth forest of oak, poplar, maple and sourwood trees. Look for abundant signs of animal life—woodpecker holes, deer tracks, and turkey dust baths.

Safety and Trail Regulations

Safety First

- ◆ Know the weather forecast and plan accordingly. Severe thunderstorms are common in the Fisher Peak area. Do not hike if severe weather is threatening.
- ◆ Dress appropriately for the weather. Sudden changes in temperatures in the mountains are common. Wear layers.
- ◆ Wear good walking shoes or hiking boots—even on short trails—to provide traction in rocky and slippery places.
- ◆ Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.
- ◆ Check for ticks during warm weather.
- ◆ Poison ivy is common. *Leaflets three, let it be.*
- ◆ Copperheads and timber rattlesnakes are the two poisonous snakes in the park. Watch where you put your hands and feet.
- ◆ Do not drink water from streams or springs.

Trail Regulations

- ◆ Carry out all trash; no littering.
- ◆ All trails are closed to motorized vehicles.
- ◆ Bicycles and horses are prohibited on the Music Center trails.
- ◆ Pets must be restrained and on a leash at all times. Pets are prohibited in the Music Center amphitheater area.
- ◆ Disturbing, destroying or removing natural and cultural objects is prohibited.

In case of emergency call
1-800-Parkwatch



The Blue Ridge Parkway thanks the volunteers of the Fisher Peak Chapter of FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway who donated many hours of hard work in the construction of these trails.

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Blue Ridge Music Center Trails Milepost 213

There are over 300 miles of trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway that vary in length and difficulty. Trail maps for each major Parkway recreational area are available at the visitor centers nearest those areas. Check at visitor centers for the most current trail information and trail conditions. For general Parkway information call 828- 298- 0398.

Blue Ridge Music Center Trails

Welcome to the Blue Ridge Music Center. The Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the music of the Blue Ridge mountains through concerts, programs, demonstrations, exhibits, and jam sessions. While you are here, take time to hike the trails that pass through the nearby meadow and forest. You will enjoy the natural environment that produced the musicians of the Blue Ridge and inspired their music. Call 276- 236- 5309 for information about Music Center programs.

Trailhead Parking

Trailhead parking is located on Foothills Road (State Route 612). Follow signs to the Music Center, then turn right onto Foothills Road just before passing through the Music Center gates. Continue 0.5 miles to the parking area.

Attention: The gates to the Music Center are locked at 5:00 pm. Do not leave vehicles in the visitor center parking area while hiking.



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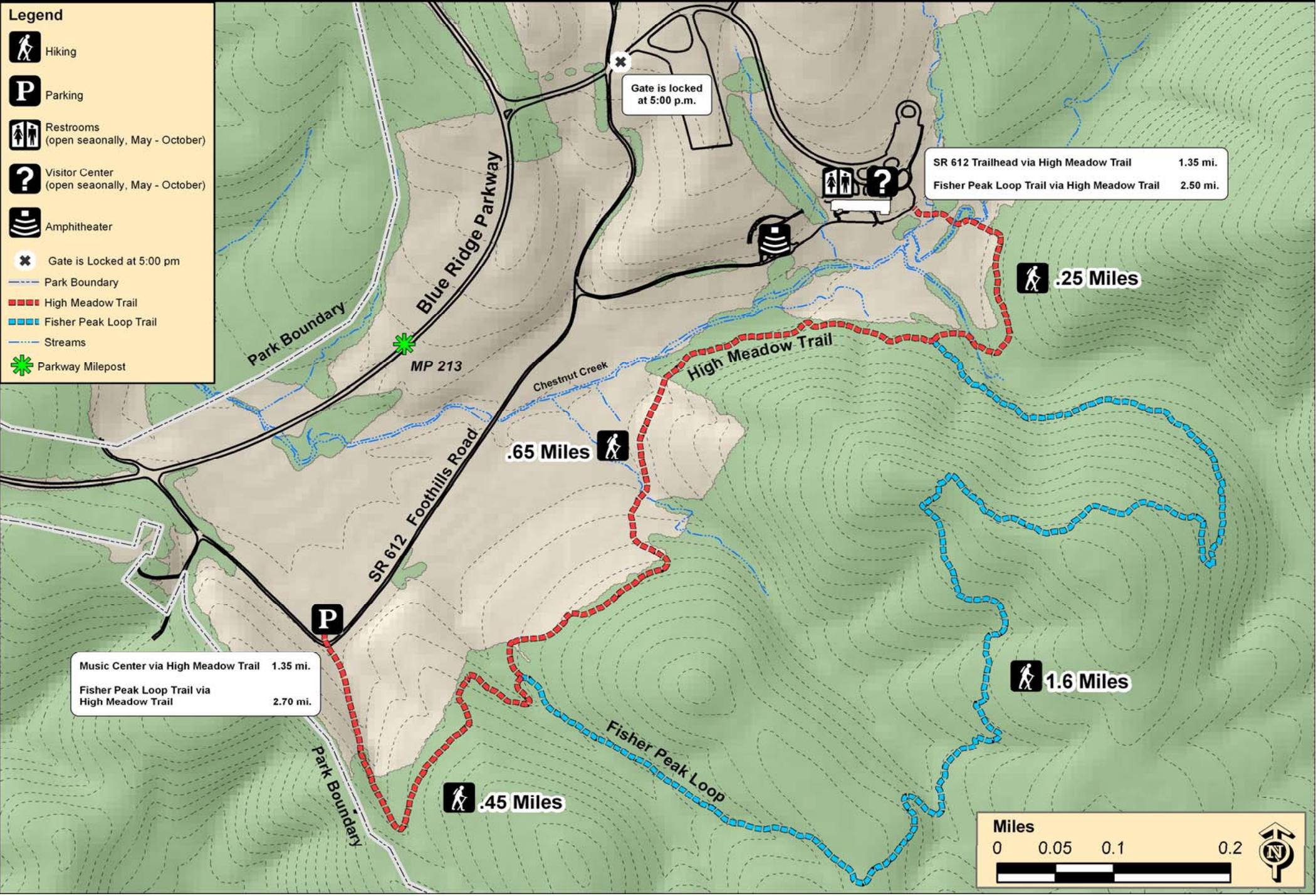


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Legend

- Hiking
- Parking
- Restrooms (open seasonally, May - October)
- Visitor Center (open seasonally, May - October)
- Amphitheater
- Gate is Locked at 5:00 pm
- Park Boundary
- High Meadow Trail
- Fisher Peak Loop Trail
- Streams
- Parkway Milepost



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| SR 612 Trailhead via High Meadow Trail | 1.35 mi. |
| Fisher Peak Loop Trail via High Meadow Trail | 2.50 mi. |

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| Music Center via High Meadow Trail | 1.35 mi. |
| Fisher Peak Loop Trail via High Meadow Trail | 2.70 mi. |

