



## Chapman Highway Dogwood Trail

Welcome to the Chapman Highway Dogwood Trail, in an area where wild redbud trees vie with the dogwood in beauty. This trail is a two-part story.

The first section is noteworthy for rock gardens bright with candytuft, tulips, and creeping phlox in Redbud-red, pale pink, hyacinth blue, and white. Dogwood branches almost meet overhead as the trail dips down West Redbud Drive. Then in shady hollows, wild blue phlox and trillium decorate the roadside – this portion of the trail is a favorite with those who like its feeling of privacy and seclusion. At street intersections, it is possible to look down on drifts of wild dogwood trees whose massed blooms turn the hillside white.

Not all lakes in the Knoxville area were created by TVA. On the right is one wing of the natural spring-fed Butterfly Lake where ducks swim and tall weeping willows are reflected in the quiet water; you will come to a stoplight. **THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL**, but the light will help you cross busy Chapman Highway and you will see the other wing of Butterfly Lake.

*Cross Chapman Highway to Lake Forest Road; a white dogwood blossom painted on the pavement marks the entrance to the second half of the Trail*

When you turn onto Centerwood, behind the third house on the right relatives of Sam Houston are buried in the little graveyard. Sam Houston lived near here in his youth and was Governor of Tennessee before he moved to Texas. The trail wanders uphill and down. While making a sharp hairpin-turn, look left and upward to brick walls and terraces shaded by red, pink, and white dogwoods and outlined with flowering shrubs. Then beyond stone retaining walls topped with tulips, candytuft and phlox is a short steep climb; to the left and right hillside gardens show the subtler colors of shade-loving plants. As you follow this section of the street you will wind your way back to Chapman Highway. Turning right on Chapman you will pass the entrance of the trail on the left on your way back to Knoxville.