



## Westmoreland Dogwood Trail

Welcome to the Westmoreland Dogwood Trail that begins on Lyons View Drive!

Knoxville's first golf course lies behind the tall hedge on the right of the road. It belongs to Cherokee Country Club, which was organized in 1907; the clubhouse is on the left at the midpoint of Fort Loudon Lake's magnificent horseshoe bend. Here the homes on both sides of Lyons View Drive command panoramic views of the curving lake with four tiers of smoke-blue mountains on the background.

On the left is Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. This site was chosen in 1883 for a mental hospital, and one turreted and crenellated building dating from that period still stands at the top of the hill. In 1994, a portion of this land was leased by the City of Knoxville to be managed by Youth Sports. The area will house youth sports fields as well as a lighted walking/jogging path. On the right is a new Veterans Cemetery opened by the State of Tennessee in 1991.

*(YOU ARE AT THE WATERWHEEL)* Past broad Northshore Drive and willow-bordered Fourth Creek, the entrance to Westmoreland is marked by colorful plantings and a rustic waterwheel. Originally, the tall wheel in its attractive stone housing was useful as well as ornamental; it furnished electric power for the early houses in this residential area.

In Westmoreland, open stretches of smooth lawns and bright gardens alternate with deeply wooded area carpeted with mayapples and violets. From homes along Sherwood Drive's highest elevation, the Cumberland Mountains are dimly visible toward the west.

Two new areas were added to the Westmoreland Trail in 1993. The first is the attractive Gate Head area. As you continue, travel down Sherwood Drive, cross Westland Drive and turn right to Westmoreland Hills. Homeowners in these newer areas have planted white dogwood trees, plants, and shrubs native to the East Tennessee area.

As the trail leaves beautiful Westmoreland Hills, you enter into the Hickory Hills area. Newer homes in this neighborhood boast beautiful lawns and plantings. Now you travel into Rotherwood and cross Westland again onto Sherwood Drive. Trees overhang beautiful Stone Mill Road as you approach the waterwheel once more. Retracing Lyons View Drive, enjoy the sweeping view of Fort Loudon Lake and the Great Smoky Mountains.

The Westmoreland Dogwood Trail ends at the junction of Lyons View Drive and Kingston Pike. Turn right onto Kingston Pike to reach the Sequoyah Hills Dogwood Trail, The University of Tennessee and downtown Knoxville.