BIKE PATH • EASY • 3/4 MILE • This trail is a beautiful walk and the most level path on campus. This path will lead you from the lake to the entrance of Mudgeville to the South Rec Complex. When biking, we recommend taking Hobbit Hollow to Mudgeville to the Bike Path.

### ■ CELEBRATION TRAIL • DIFFICULT • 1/2 MILE

Round trip from Shepherd's: 11/2 miles • This is a short, steep hike for those staying in Celebration Lodge to travel to and from the Ridge Haven facilities. Starting from Celebration Lodge and ending at Easy Street, you may turn left on Easy Street to get to the High Falls trailhead or turn right for Cemetery Trail to continue your hike. Or, to get to the center of campus, follow Easy Street in either direction to Ridge Haven Road.

# **■ CEMETERY TRAIL • EASY • 1/2 MILE**

Round trip from Shepherd's: 1 1/2 miles

This trail takes you along the old service road to the Old Toxaway Cemetery on Old Toxaway Road and provides access to Keyes Summit. From the edge of the Laurel Building parking lot (26), take the gravel road up the hill. Turn right at the top of the hill, following the trail east toward Old Toxaway Road. Before you reach the road, follow the path left to the top of the hill, which opens into the cemetery (34).

#### **■ CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL• DIFFICULT• 2 MILES**

Round trip from Shepherd's: 5 miles • To access the Continental Divide Trail, hike High Falls to West Trek. The recommended starting point is the south entrance closest to the Wilderness Camping Village (27). Once you reach the north entrance of the Continental Divide Trail, take a left onto West Trek to loop back to High Falls. This trail follows the Eastern Continental Divide for one mile.

#### ■ EASY STREET • EASY • 1/2 MILE

Round trip from Shepherd's: 1 mile • Easy Street takes you to the head of many of our other trails, including Cemetery Trail. Continental Divide Trail, High Falls Trail, and Water Tank Spur. This trail also takes you along the old service road, past the Water Tank (32) and RV Park (31), and ends at Maple Apartments (30).

### ■ HIGH FALLS TRAIL • MODERATE • 1/2 MILE

Round trip from Shepherd's: 12/3 miles • High Falls Trail is the most popular of Ridge Haven's trails due to the waterfall at the end of the hike. Starting from Shepherd's Hall (23), take Easy Street past the Cluster Lodges (24-26). Just after the pump house. turn right onto the High Falls Trail head. The trail runs down the hill, across a footbridge and creek, up another hill, and will eventually bring you to a fork. Use the path on the right to take you to the falls. From here, you can either turn around and come back the same way, or continue your hike on Little Creek Trail or West Trek.

# ■ HOBBIT HOLLOW TRAIL • EASY • 1 MILE

Round trip from Shepherd's: 2 miles • Hobbit Hollow Trail follows alongside Hobbit Hollow Creek. The trail begins down the hill from the Bunkhouses (22), to the side of the Barnes Rec Center (19). Eventually, the trail crosses a bridge and then intersects with

a gravel road. Hobbit Hollow ends here, but you may continue your hike by keeping left at the intersection, which leads to Mudgeville Cabin Village (3). We recommend that you continue past the Mudgeville bathhouse (5) and hike Rebecca's Way until you get to Ridge Haven Road.

# **■ IVERSON SPUR • MODERATE • 1/2 MILE**

Round trip from Shepherd's: 2 1/2 miles • Iverson Spur is a short cut to access the Little Creek Trail, West Trek, and the Wilderness Camping Village (27) from Iverson (10) and Dean Lodges (9). The trail begins behind Iverson Lodge. This path will connect you directly to Little Creek Trail. To reach the West Trek trail head, turn left at the intersection of Iverson Spur and Little Creek Trail. To reach Wilderness Spur, which leads to the Wilderness Camping Village, turn right at the intersection of Iverson Spur and Little Creek Trail.

**KEYES SUMMIT • DIFFICULT • 100 M • Walking west to east** on Cemetery Trail, Keyes Summit will branch off to the left, leading up a steep gravel hill. At the top of this knoll, hikers are treated to breathtaking mountain views.

■ LITTLE CREEK TRAIL • MODERATE/DIFFICULT • 1<sup>1/2</sup> MILES Round trip from Shepherd's: 4 1/2 miles • You can begin this trail either left of the Resident Manager's house (1), ending at High Falls, or you can access it via Water Tank Spur, Iverson Spur, or High Falls Trail. The most popular way to hike Little Creek Trail is to begin at the edge of the Laurel Building parking lot (26) and take the dirt

road up the hill. Turn left at the top of the hill, hiking along Easy Street. Just after the pump house, turn right onto High Falls Trail. Little Creek Trail will split off left of High Falls Trail.

# ■ WATER TANK SPUR • DIFFICULT • 300 M

Round trip from Shepherd's: 1 mile • Water Tank Spur is a steep downhill trail that ends at the intersection of Little Creek Trail, High Falls Trail, and West Trek. You can use it as an option for going down and then coming up High Falls. Please know this rugged, adventurous trail is for experienced hikers only.

#### ■ WEST TREK • MODERATE • 2 MILES

Round trip from Shepherd's Hall: 4 miles • West Trek is one of the best hikes on the Ridge Haven property, as well as all of Transylvania County. If you like mountain streams and countless cascading waterfalls, this is the hike for you. Along your journey, you will pass by the Wilderness Camping Village (27). Feel free to take a break, rest, and use the outhouse located on the hill behind the sleeping shelters. West Trek can be accessed at two points: at the intersection of Water Tank Spur, High Falls Trail, and Little Creek Trail, or south of where Little Creek Trail connects with Iverson Spur.

■ WILDERNESS SPUR • MODERATE/DIFFICULT • 1/2 MILE

Round trip from Shepherd's Hall: 3 miles • This trail connects West Trek and Little Creek Trail to the Wilderness Camping Village (27). Wilderness Spur branches off Little Creek Trail, leading up a steep hill. Atop this hill, a section of the Spur branches off steeply down the other side of the hill, while the rest of the trail runs a more gentle course down the slope.



