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# EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2011

**NAME OF WINNER:**

## ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK

**TYPE OF AWARD:**

## REGIONAL PUBLIC PARK

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Enterprise Center Nature Park is a unique 2,300 acre facility offering patrons 5.3 miles of woodland walking/hiking trails, 10 miles of mountain bike trails, 6.9 miles of paved walking and bike roads, a 7 mile driving loop, a 1 mile ADA accessible woodland trail, 3 historic exhibits, and 4 picnic areas. Formerly a federal munition storage facility, this beautiful park offers a plethora of recreational opportunities and allows visitors to tailor their activities to their individual interests and to their desired distance of travel within the facility.

**AWARD WINNING FEATURES:**

- The design and construction of the park and the building were planned to coexist seamlessly with the natural beauty of the property.
- The park contains a trail that connects the neighboring Volkswagen complex with the park.
- Provides a vital recreation and geo-tourism component to the region.
- Partnership for proper design and construction of the mountain biking trail system was formed between Hamilton County Parks and Recreation and the Southern Off-Road Biking Association.
- The user disciplines are separated for transportation safety and convenience of all park patrons.

**TRANSPORTATION ASPECTS:**

- Motorized traffic is only allowed on the facility's perimeter road.
- Off-road bicyclists have ten miles of dedicated trail.
- Road cyclists have more than six miles of paved trail to be shared with pedestrians.
- Pedestrians have singular access to more than five miles of strictly walking/hiking trails.

**ENERGY/GREEN ASPECTS:**

- Waste reduction is key element in the construction and maintenance of the Park.
- Recycling downed trees and brush into mulch for trails.
- Great care was taken to not disturb the natural environment during the construction.
- Revitalize former munition storage facility for walking/hiking, running, bicycling and public use.



**LOCATION:**  
Hwy 58/Bonny Oaks/  
Ooltewah (County)

**ADDRESS:**  
8015 Volkswagen  
Drive

**SIZE:**  
2,800 acres

**DEV. TYPE:**  
Regional Public Park



**OTHER:**  
Acknowledgements must be made to the Ham. County Highway Department in the construction of roadways and parking areas and the efforts of the Ham. County Maintenance Department in the installation of "waterless" rest room facilities. These departments played an instrumental role in the development of the park.