

Shagbark

A gated community off Wears Valley Road at the Pigeon Forge city limits. The peaceful community just outside Pigeon Forge and all the sites and activities enjoyed by tourists.

Spend some time in this 1300-acre animal sanctuary where you will find bears, deer, raccoons, turkeys and possums wandering the forests and creeks or possibly by your cabin. There is a covered pavilion by the creek where a meadow has a playground, fenced pet park with doggy bags, ½ mile walking trail, picnic tables, corn hole game, frisbee golf, tether ball and picnic tables by the creek. Further back along the creek on N. Clear Fork Road is the community center building in front of the swimming pool which is open Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekends. Close to the pool is a fenced area with tennis court, basketball area, pickle ball court and corn hole boards. Equipment for all the courts is available at no charge. You will find public restrooms in the community center through the door closest to the pool.

The community center room can be rented for family reunions or other gatherings at a nominal fee. Please contact us for help (865) 804-3900 if you are interested in using the facilities.

The community has 22 miles of roads some are not passible so be careful about wandering.

There is a lovely **loop in the Shagbark roads**. Walk or drive to Hatcher Top off N. Clearfork by the Community Center and

follow it up the hill staying on Hatcher Top when Overholt Trail goes to the left. Follow this road along the ridge (there is a small spur going downhill) staying to the left (UP) at the spur Hatcher Top Road has a great overlook to the right after a steep downhill hairpin curve and an amazing overlook to the left shortly afterward. Then downhill after some cabins watch for the road to the right which is Sunset Road. Follow it as it heads back to the Hatcher Top (the road is mostly gravel) go up at the spur and back to the start. This loop is less than 2 miles and not difficult if you do it starting up on Hatcher Top in this sequence. You may see deer, bears or wild turkeys. You can park on the side of the road on Sunset at the spur. The road is not heavily traveled and makes a nice hike in property.

Bears are plentiful in Shagbark with females shepherding their cubs during the summer. Black bears are not aggressive unless you get between them and food or their cubs. Give them a wide berth and watch from a distance. **Please lock your car doors as the bears are very adept at opening car doors and they can do great damage with their claws.**

Enjoy this wonderful private gem In the Smoky Mountains only a 15 minute drive from all the food and activities available in Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and the Smoky Mountain National Park.

