

BOONE, NC
TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO/FROM FREE PARKING AT BMS
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

TO BMS

From Boone, it appears on a road atlas that US 421, which connects Bristol and Boone, is the shortest way to go. Don't go that way all the way. US 421 between Bristol and Mountain City has to cross over Holston Mountain and Iron Mountain, and vehicles over 35 feet long have a very difficult time with the switchbacks on the mountains. These are steep mountain grades to be avoided, especially at night for unfamiliar motorists or in bad weather. Instead, to get to BMS from Boone, go north from Boone on US 421 only into the city of Mountain City, Tennessee. In Mountain City, take Tennessee State Route 91 to the town of Damascus, Virginia. By going this way, you are going around Holston and Iron Mountains and staying on more-or-less level ground. In Damascus, get on westbound US 58 and go towards Abingdon, Virginia. As you approach Abingdon on the east side of town, you will intersect Interstate 81 at Virginia Exit 19 just past Wal-Mart; get on southbound Interstate 81. Stay in the right lane. At the next exit (Virginia Exit 17), get off the interstate; at the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto southbound Virginia State Route 75 towards South Holston Dam (you will not go to the dam, but you will pass close by on your way to BMS). This will allow you to avoid the Exit 10, Exit 14, and Halls Bottom Road bridge work zone areas on Interstate 81 between Abingdon and Bristol, and the Volunteer Parkway and Cox Street work zone in Bristol Tennessee. Follow the TO BMS signs along the following route, as shown on Diagram D2:

- a. Going south on State Route 75, you will cross into Tennessee and the road name will change automatically to Tennessee State Route 44. At the intersection with US 421 on the west side of Holston Mountain, turn right onto northbound US 421 towards Bristol.
- b. At the first intersection with Tennessee State Route 435, continue straight.
- c. At the next intersection with Tennessee State Route 44, continue straight.
- d. After passing the State Route 44 intersection, you will go up a big hill; get in the left lane.
- e. At the traffic signal about a mile beyond, turn left onto Highway 394.
- f. Go past the Weaver Pike (State Route 358) interchange. Go past the Vance Tank Road interchange.
- g. Just past the Vance Tank Road interchange, get in the left lane. To go to Whitetop Creek Park, turn left at the next intersection, which is the Copperhead Entrance, onto southbound Sportsway Drive. Go south on Sportsway Drive about 2,000 feet and Whitetop Creek Park is at the end of the road. To go to Speedway Parking, go past the Copperhead Entrance, past the Dragway Entrance, and turn left onto White Top Road. Speedway Parking is the first driveway to the left.

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Diagram D12 shows the route back to Boone, which is partially the reverse of the route that you took coming to BMS. The White Top Route will get Speedway Parking patrons

back to Highway 394. From Speedway Parking, turn left onto eastbound White Top Road along the White Top Route. Go east on White Top Road, following the TO 81 signs, and turn left onto eastbound Vance Tank Road. At the STOP sign at Broyles Lane, do not turn onto Broyles Lane; keep going straight on Vance Tank Road. After passing a railroad signal on the right, turn left to go up the concrete ramp of Sweet Knobs Trail to its eastern intersection of Highway 394. You must turn right onto eastbound Highway 394 in the right lane.

From Whitetop Creek Park, go north on Sportsway Drive and turn right onto eastbound Highway 394, get in the right lane, and go over the bridge at the Vance Tank Road interchange.

The next Highway 394 interchange is at Tennessee State Route 358 (Weaver Pike); once you go over that bridge, get in the right lane if you have not already done so. At the traffic signal with US 421, turn right onto southbound US 421 (a left turn will also get you to Interstate 81, but you will also have to go past the heavier-traveled Exit 7 area and the Exits 10 and 14 and Halls Bottom Road bridge work zones on Interstate 81; a right turn avoids the Exits 7 and 14 areas as well as the Halls Bottom Road bridge work area). On southbound US 421, go past the first Tennessee State Route 44 intersection (that leads to Bluff City) and go to the point where the four-lane roadway reduces to two lanes. Just past that point, Tennessee State Route 44 intersects again, with a left turn towards Abingdon, Virginia; take that left turn. Tennessee State Route 44 will automatically turn into Virginia State Route 75 upon crossing the state line. Get onto northbound Interstate 81 at Virginia Exit 17; stay in the right lane and get off at the next exit (Virginia Exit 19) onto eastbound US 58. Follow US 58 eastbound into Damascus; on the east side of Damascus, take State Route 91 to Mountain City. In Mountain City, you will intersect again with US 421; take southbound US 421 to Boone.