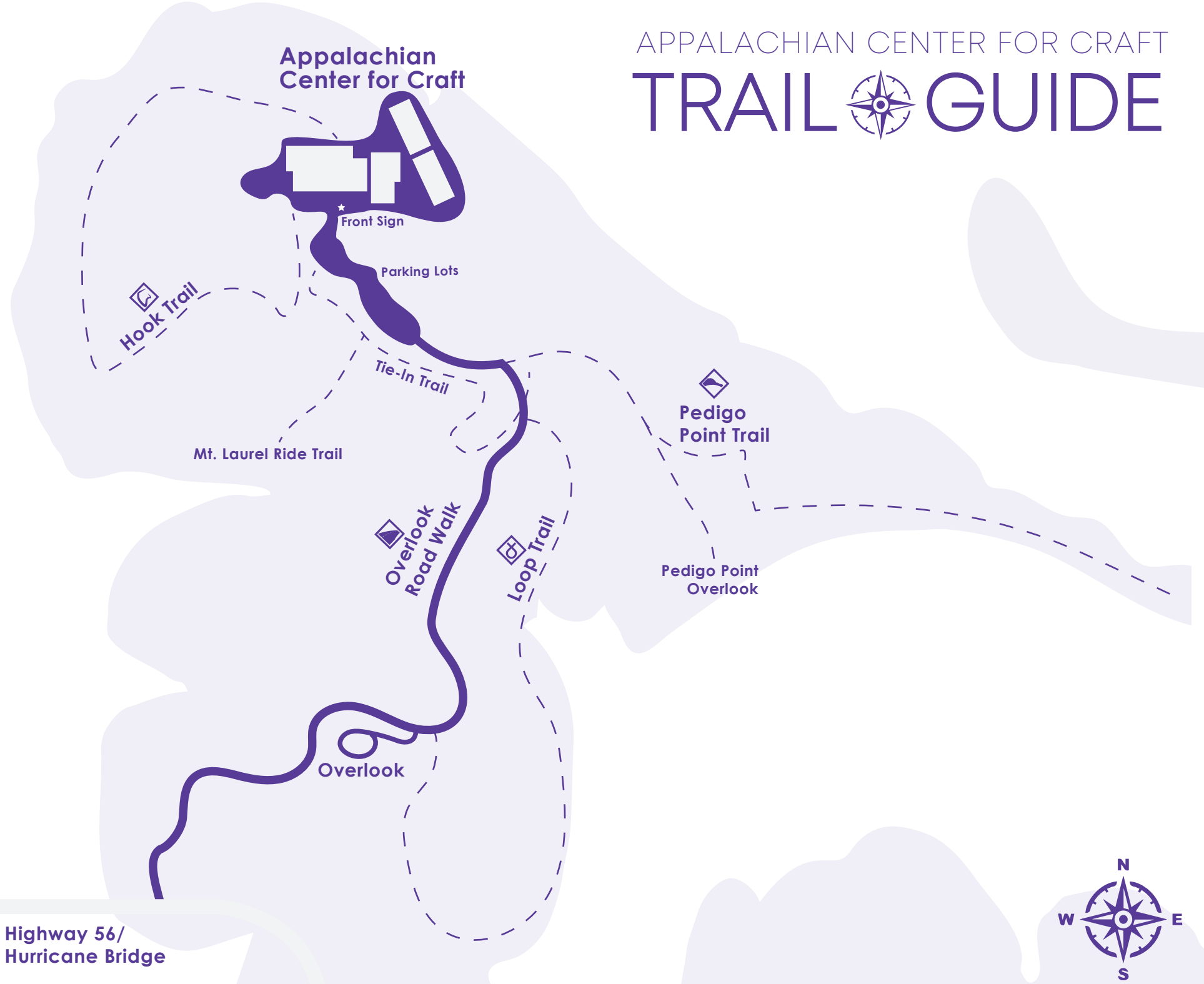
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William Stacy Memorial Trail System

Education Programs

Part of the School of Art, Craft and Design at Tennessee Tech University, we offer both Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of Science degrees, and short workshops for the public in clay, fibers, glass, blacksmithing, metals and wood.

Our 87,000-square-foot facility supports hands-on craft instruction for all skill levels. Come learn for a day, for a weekend, for a week, or for a degree! We offer workshops all year long and summer intensive programs with notable visiting instructors and master craft faculty. Advance registration required.

The Gallery

Visit our gallery, a premier retailer of fine craft in the Southeast, representing work by fine craft artists associated with the Craft Center as well as artists from throughout the region.

Exhibitions

Enjoy our contemporary and traditional fine craft exhibitions in three exhibition spaces, showcasing work by nationally recognized artists.

Special Events

We host two special events annually, the Celebration of Craft in April and the Holiday Festival in November; admission to both events is free. Please visit our website, email, or call for event details.

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Loop Trail *Moderate to Difficult*

Distance: 3.7 miles round trip

The Loop Trail takes you down a hill that, in mid-Spring, is covered with stunning wild-flowers.You will also find a spectacular hollow haven with a variety of tree species. The Loop offers views of Center Hill Lake and is a challenging running and biking trail.

Directions: Start at the Appalachian Center for Craft sign on the front lawn. Proceed through the parking lot and back down the main road until just beyond the rock wall. Go behind the guardrail on the left and look for the trail dropping off to the left. Continue downhill until you reach a bridge. Pass, do not cross, the bridge, and follow the main trail toward the lake. The trail will rise slightly, pass through a bamboo thicket, and then run parallel to the water. Continue on fairly level ground until crossing a small ravine; veer right and head uphill. Upon reaching another patch of bamboo, go to the right, continuing uphill under the power lines. Soon, you will reach the turns leading to Craft Center Drive (walking on the grass shoulder on the right side of the road to avoid vehicle traffic.) Go behind the guardrail and continue to the trail entrance, near the rock wall. You will have successfully completed the Loop Trail.

Overlook Road Walk *Easy*

Distance: 2 miles round trip

Looking for a nice scenic walk without going off- road? This walk is the way to go. The Berry C. Williams Overlook offers two spectacular views of Center Hill Lake.

Directions: Start at the Appalachian Center for Craft sign on the front lawn. Proceed through the parking lot and back down the main road until you see the Overlook Road branch off to the left. Continue up this road for fantastic views of the lake. To the southwest is the Caney Fork River, passing under Hurricane Bridge, and flowing toward Center Hill Dam. To the southeast, enjoy the view of Davies Island. After enjoying the view, return to the Craft Center the same way. For your own safety, always walk facing traffic.

Pedigo Point Trail *Difficult*

Distance: 2.8 miles round trip

The Pedigo Point Trail is quite steep, especially on the return trip. The beauty of the forest, the views of Center Hill Lake, and a wonderful swimming area make it worth the effort!

Directions: Start at the Appalachian Center for Craft sign on the front lawn. Go through the parking lot and back down Craft Center Drive. Just before you reach the rock wall, turn left up the hill. After a short walk, you will cross a gravel weather station road. In just over 1/2 mile, the trail will split. Left leads to the Point, heading downhill, through a wonderfully lush area of ferns and bamboo. At the bottom of the hill, the lake becomes visible. Continue on this trail until you reach the primitive camping area boundary.

Hook Trail *Moderately Difficult*

Distance: 1.3 mile loop

Our Hook Trail takes hikers past one of the most scenic hollows in the area and provides a variety of terrain, as well as two excellent spots for swimming or fishing.

Directions: Start at the Appalachian Center for Craft sign on the front lawn. Head west toward the student garden, with woods on the left, and look for the garden gate and trail sign (with hook) that marks the beginning of the path. The trail heads downhill with some switchbacks, until you reach a pristine hollow. Just over 1/2 mile from the start you'll find the first opportunity to enjoy beautiful Center Hill lake. Continue down the trail as it leads to the right, through a forest corridor. At the end of the first mile you'll find a "Safety Zone/ No Hunting" sign. Here there is a short trail to the West, leading to the lake for another swimming/fishing opportunity. The Hook Trail continues up a rocky hill, ending behind the Craft Center admin building. NOTE: The Hook Trail is within the Craft Center's NO PET ZONE. No pets are allowed on this trail.