

Rainbow Lake and Bee Branch Trail – Signal Mountain

This trail is one of the most popular walks on Signal Mountain. From the trailhead (currently under construction), the path is fairly level until it meets the end of the Bee Branch trail. A left turn (poorly marked, and easy to miss) takes you down into the valley (steep in places) to Rainbow Lake, where it meets two segments of the Cumberland Trail - one to Signal Point and one to Suck Creek Road, via Edwards Point. A swing bridge across Middle Creek takes you to the end of the Bee Branch trail, which crosses Middle Creek again higher up, on a new bridge, returning to the path junction. Rather confusingly, both trails are marked by blue blazes on trees and rocks.

Directions: from just below the traffic lights at the top of the mountain, follow the signs to Signal Point. When approaching Alexian Village, don't turn left on Signal Point Road, but keep straight on, on Ohio Avenue. The trailhead is a short distance further on, on the left.

Approximate distances:

Trailhead to path junction	0.3 miles
Path junction to bridge	0.3 miles
Bee Branch trail from bridge to path junction	1.2 miles

Coordinates:

Trailhead	N35° 7.49' W85° 21.70'
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Map corners:

Top left	N35° 8.18' W85° 21.84'
Top right	N35° 8.17' W85° 21.20'
Bottom left	N35° 7.46' W85° 21.86'
Bottom right	N35° 7.45' W85° 21.21'

