



Travel Information for First Year Trips

Summer 2024

All First-Year Trips will start and conclude at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. Home - [McGhee Tyson Airport \(flyknoxville.com\)](https://flyknoxville.com). Staff will be on-site the day before assisting with early arrivals. Staff will also be on-site through the day after to assist participants with delays. We will also distribute the phone number for the professional staff on-call supporting these trips with other pre-trip details this summer.

Trip Start & Arrivals

The trip will start at **1:00 pm**. All participants will need to book flights that arrive in Knoxville before this time.

Trip Conclusion & Departures

The trip will conclude at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. All flights will need to depart at an adequate time after **2:00 pm** on the final day of the trip. This will allow for enough time to get through TSA and to the proper gates. We recommend having the flight scheduled for *no earlier* than **3:00 pm**. For questions concerning flights and travel, contact trip staff.

Hotels

There are numerous hotels for overnight stays for those arriving on the day before the start date or those needing to stay an additional night after the conclusion of the trip. The four listed here are the closest to the airport.

- Hilton Knoxville Airport - 2001 Alcoa Hwy, Alcoa, TN 37701
- Tru by Hilton Alcoa Knoxville Airport - 125 Furrow Way, Alcoa, TN 37701
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Knoxville Airport - 126 Cusick Rd, Alcoa, TN 37701
- Courtyard Knoxville Airport Alcoa - 141 Furrow Way, Alcoa, TN 37701

General Itinerary

Day 1

1:00 pm – Latest time to arrive at Knoxville McGee Tyson Airport

1:00 pm – Transfer belongings and group gear to backpacks

2:00 pm – Leave for Great Smoky Mountains National Park

3:30 pm – Arrive at the trailhead.

Day 2 & 3

Backpacking and making incredible memories!

Day 4

10:30 am – Leave Great Smoky Mountains National Park

12:00 pm – Arrive at Knoxville McGee Tyson Airport

12:30 pm – Unpack from backpacks & repack travel bags

2:00 pm – Head through security at Knoxville McGee Tyson Airport