



Travel Information for First Year Trips

Summer 2023

All First-Year Trips will start and conclude at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. [Home - McGhee Tyson Airport \(flyknoxville.com\)](#). Staff will be on site the day prior to assist 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 **2:00 pm** and all participants will need to book flights to arrive in Knoxville prior to this time.

Trip Conclusion & Departures

The trip will conclude at **1:00 pm** at Knoxville McGhee Tyson Airport. All flights will need to depart an adequate time after 1:00 pm on the final day of the trip allowing for getting through TSA and to appropriate gates. We recommend having flight scheduled no earlier than **2:00 pm**.

Hotels

There are numerous hotels for overnight stay for those arriving on the day prior to the trip start date or need to stay an additional night after the conclusion of the trip. The four listed here are the closest to the airport. The Outdoor Adventures staff will be staying at the La Quinta Inn & Suites Knoxville 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

Example Itinerary

Day 1

2:00 pm – Arrive at Knoxville McGee Tyson Airport
2:00 pm – Transfer belonging to backpacks and pack group gear into backpacks
3:00 pm – Leave for Great Smoky Mountains National Park
4:30 pm – Arrive at camp/trailhead

Day 2 & 3

Hike

Day 4

10:30 am – Leave Great Smoky Mountains National Park
12:00 pm – Arrive at Knoxville McGee Tyson Airport
12:00 - 12:30 – Unpack from backpacks & repack travel bags
1:00 pm – Head through security at Knoxville McGee Tyson Airport