

# DOE MOUNTAIN FORESTRY PROJECT JOHNSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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RECREATIONAL  
ACTIVITIES

8,600

ACRES  
PROTECTED

40+

WILDLIFE SPECIES  
PROTECTED

**Project Type:** Improved Forest Management

**Standard:** [American Carbon Registry](#)

Over 8,600 acres located in the northeastern corner of Tennessee, Doe Mountain is one of the largest remaining blocks of privately-owned forest in the Southern Blue Ridge region. Doe Mountain Recreation Authority oversees the recreational access for the public and helps steward the land.

In 2012, The Nature Conservancy facilitated the purchase of Doe Mountain on behalf of the state of Tennessee, with a goal of establishing a public, multi-use, recreational park. The land was subsequently transferred to the newly legislated Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) for ownership and management. Recreation opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and low-impact ATV/OHV Touring. The park's management plan and governance under the DMRA are designed to preserve the mountain's forest habitat while also stimulating recreation-based tourism in an economically at-risk region.

## Sustainable Development Impacts



Improved forestry management plays a vital role in protecting freshwater systems like Doe Mountain. The forests around the river act as natural water filters and purify the water for all who use it. The project protects and supports the many surrounding water-related ecosystems.



The Doe Mountain project reduces emissions through enhanced carbon sequestration relative to baseline forest management. The project creates a better, more sustainable forest in the Southern Blue Ridge region that can support healthy wildlife and be enjoyed by recreationists for many years to come. Over the 20-year life of the project, it will sequester about 38,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.



The Doe Mountain project provides a sustainable and protected habitat for 40 rare, threatened and endangered plant and animal species. The protected acres are also home to oak-hickory, cove forests and oak-pine trees as well as healthy populations of deer, turkey and black bears.



The project was made possible through a partnership between The Nature Conservancy and the state of Tennessee. The Doe Mountain project was created for the common goals of preservation and economic growth.

