The portion of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail that runs through the park starts at the southern end of the Corridor Trail and travels to the Mountain Trail, past the family campground on the Grindstone Trail, and heads east out of the park on the Sauratown Trail below the visitor center. Follow the white circle blazes.

To Boyd Nelson Rd. parking area (Pilot Creek Trailhead): Continue north on U.S. 52 to the town of Pilot Mountain at Exit 134. Travel west on N.C. 268 for 0.2 mile, then south on Shoals Rd. After 0.5 mile turn left on Boyd Nelson Rd. to reach the trailhead.

To Pinnacle Hotel Rd./Culler Rd. parking area (Mountain & Corridor trails): From the park entrance, turn right on Pilot Knob Park Rd. At the stop sign, turn right on Old Winston Rd. Turn right on Old Hwy. S2 South. At the post office turn right on Surry Line Rd./Pinnacle Hotel Rd. Follow this road for 2 miles to the intersection with Culler Rd. and the parking area on left.