

M. R. Hyker's Latest Adventure



12-26-2008, Wildcat Mountain Circuit: Before I begin I'd like to apologize to those who joined me for the G. Richard Thompson and B.R.C.E.S. hikes. I'm sorry I didn't post outing summaries for those two events. Other issues pulled me away from the website for a while.

On this hike I was joined by the Mad Hatter, Indiana Moser, Youness, Cecilia and Sud. Since it was the day after Christmas and the hike was a mere 5.2 miles in length we scheduled a late start time. We started hiking around 10:30. The initial climb to the top got us warmed up quickly. From there all of the remaining elevation gain was quite gradual and on very good tread. This hike doesn't offer much in the way of vistas or waterfalls but the well maintained trails and solitude makes it a very nice hike. We took a quick lunch at the junction of the Wendy and Tom Trails before reversing directions on the Mayberry and John Trails. It didn't take us long to reach the focal point of the hike, the Smith Farm, with the main house, chimney to a long ago destroyed out building, the two story spring house and pond. From there we followed the green and yellow trail markers back to the cars. We were finished by 1:30 and heading back home. It was a good way to shake off any holiday funk!