

White Rocks Loop

Directions:

1. From I-81 take US 55 West.
2. Travel approximately 19.1 miles. Pass convenience store/gas station (Shell, True Value, Car Quest Auto Parts). Turn left onto Sanfield Road just before the junction of Rt259.
3. Turn left at next intersection (Un-signed North Mountain Rd.).
4. Pass a few houses and then turn right onto Waites Run Rd. You'll pass J. Allen Hawkins Community Park on the left and Stone Crest Community on the right.
5. Travel approximately 6.5 miles, crossing a single lane bridge.
6. As you start up hill you'll come to a pink or orchid farm gate on the right and a pull in for 4 cars on the left. This is where the hike starts.

Trail Notes: From the parking area walk up the continuation of Waite's Run Rd, past the turn-around, through the forest gate. You are now on yellow-blazed Wilson Cove Trail.

As you top the hill turn right onto pink-blazed Old Mail Trail. Cross Cove Run and slowly climb up through a mix of pine and deciduous trees. This portion of the trail may be wet due to beaver activity.

Come to a wildlife clearing. Continue to an orange blazed forest road (Racer Camp Hollow Trail). Turn right on to Racer Camp, passing the continuation of Old Mail Trail on your left (Part of your return route).

Racer Camp Hollow trail descends into the cove, crosses a fork of Waites Run and becomes a footpath. Gradually climb out of the cove, crossing the stream a couple of times.

Pass a hunter's camp on your right and a pond on your left and arrive at the intersection of the blue-blazed Tuscarora Trail (left and right) and purple-blazed Little Sluice Trail (straight ahead).

Turn left on the Tuscarora Trail and climb gradually on a decent grade. You'll notice the ridge narrowing on both sides of the trail just as you drop down into a slight saddle. Look for white-blazed White Rocks Trail on your right and follow it about 0.3 miles to the overlook.

Return to the Tuscarora Trail and turn right. Soon turn left onto the Old Mail Trail. Watch for partial views as you descend.

Cross orange-blazed Racer Camp Hollow Trail, zigzag to the wildlife clearing you walked through earlier and retrace your route back to the cars.