

M. R. Hyker's Latest Adventure



This hike was a modified version of the Canaan Mt Circuit we did in 2006. We cut out the Mountain Side Tr portion and added a 3 mile out-and-back packless hike on Mozark Mt. I was joined by Everybody Loves Raymond, Gadget Girl, Shortstack, Doc, Dr. Mike, Roger Ramjet, Bubbles (New trail name), Jack and Jill, Indiana Moser and Cournac Jack. We left the Blackwater Falls Lodge around 12:00 noon, heading down the Yellow Birch Trail to hook up with the Allegheny/Davis Tr. Along the way we slide through an area I call "The Squeeze". The climb up and over the ridge was pretty easy although sections of the trails are perpetually boggy. It was even more so with the recent rain. We made it to the shelter on the Pointy Knob Trail with plenty of time to spare.

Day 2 started with a nice hike along beautiful Red Run. The same rains that made the trails boggy (if that could ever happen) also made the stream more beautiful than ever. The crossings were tricky but we did all six of them with dry feet.

As stated above we did a 3 mile out-and-back on an old jeep road that went to the top of Mozark Mt recommended by Bruce Sundquist. The hike was a nice change of pace and ended in an open meadow with a view of the main Canaan Mt ridgeline. After this little side bar we collected our packs and loaded up with water just prior to turning onto the Table Rock Tr. In a mile we were at our home for the night. Friends, it doesn't get much better than this ... a campsite with a 270 degree view. I didn't stay up to see the sunset but the sunrise was spectacular.

The final day include hiking a portion of the Plantation Tr, passing a highland bog along the way. The trail was really boggy at the top but the Hemlocks, Red Spruce and Rhododendron thickets made it worthwhile.

We descended on the now unmaintained portion of the Lindy Run Trail (Still a nice trail and Lindy Run is very picturesque.) and made the usual stop at Lindy Point for our final vista. From there it was a 0.9 mile road walk and then another mile along the Shay Trace Tr back to the lodge. We cleaned up as best we could and headed down to Thomas for an after hike meal at the ever popular Purple Fiddle.