

Type: Loop dayhike

Total Distance: 9.6 miles (15.5 km) round trip **Cumulative Elevation Gain/Loss:** 2382 feet

(726 m)

Time: 7 hours, including lunch and breaks **Trail Markings**: White blazes for the AT, yellow for horse trails, and blue for everything

else

Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous

Crowds: Low to moderate

Water: Various streams, creeks, waterfalls,

swimming holes

Highlights: Multiple views, wildflowers,

waterfall, swimming holes

Notes: This route can be done clockwise or

counterclockwise.

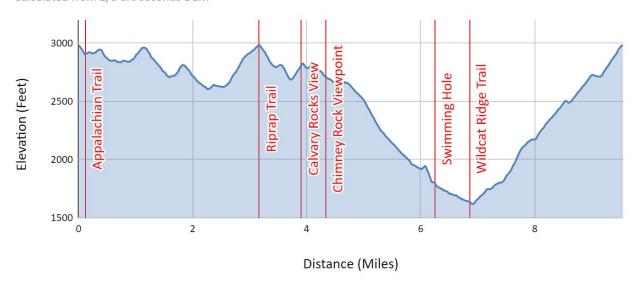
Directions to Wildcat Ridge Parking (mile marker 92): 38.1849877,-78.7884173

Directions to Riprap Parking (mile marker

90): 38.1776332,-78.8002356

Riprap and Wildcat Ridge Loop Trail Elevation (9.6 mi)

Calculated from 1/3 arc seconds DEM



Trail Directions

- **0.0 mi** From Wildcat Ridge Parking Lot, begin on blue-blazed Wildcat Ridge Trail. If you parked at the Riprap Parking Lot, start at the 2.8 mile trail direction after taking the short spur trail from the parking lot to the AT.
- 0.1 mi Turn right onto the white-blazed Appalachian Trail
- 2.8 mi Continue straight on the AT, past the intersection with the trail that leads to Riprap Parking Lot.
- 3.2 mi Turn left onto Riprap Trail
- **3.9 mi** Calvary Rocks Viewpoint
- 4.3 mi Chimney Rock Viewpoint
- 6.3 mi Swimming hole
- 6.9 mi Turn left onto Wildcat Ridge Trail
- 9.5 mi Continue straight on Wildcat Ridge Trail at the intersection with the Appalachian Trail
- 9.6 mi Back at Wildcat Ridge Parking Lot