



Little Bald Knob Ridge - Todd Lake, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
5.2 mls	★	★	★	★	★
Hiking Time: 3.0 hours plus a half hour for lunch Elev. Gain: 1,710 ft Directions/Parking: Enter the GWNF, and shortly stay left towards Todd Lake on paved FR95 for 4.3 miles (passing Todd Lake Recreation Area in 3.0 miles), Turn right on FR95 towards Elkhorn Lake for 1.9 miles (passing the Elkhorn Lake Entrance in 1.5 miles), Stay straight on FR95 where the road splits and becomes gravel (FR96 turns left) for 3.0 miles crossing North River twice, then park on the left at the Camp Todd sign.					

The hike is located in the beautiful Todd Lake area of the GWNF. Excellent car camping is abundant throughout the area with sites scattered along North River, as well as the North River and Todd Lake contemporary camping areas. Little Bald Knob itself doesn't have any views from the summit, but there are many spectacular vistas along the ridge.

The Little Bald Knob hike heads north on the Wild Oak Trail where it crosses North River. A great way to spend the weekend is to camp along North River and hike south along the Wild Oak Trail to Hardscrabble Knob one day, then hike up to the Little Bald Knob Ridge from the camping area the next. There are also several other hikes located in this trail system within a 10 minute drive, including Trimble Mountain, North River Gorge, and Sand Spring Mountain.

From FR95 at Camp Todd head north on the white blazed Wild Oak Trail where the trail will immediately cross North River. Follow the trail uphill for 2.0 miles where it reaches a saddle and turns to the left.

In 0.4 miles the trail will make a sharp turn to the right and follows the Little Bald Knob Ridge. From this point there are several good views to the east, before the trail passes over a rise and turns left with the Little Bald Knob summit visible 0.5 miles to the northeast.

Continue along the trail for another 0.1 miles to the best view of the hike and hike turn around point. Todd Lake is visible in to the southeast 6.4 miles away.

From this point turn around and retrace your route back to FR95 and parking area.