



## Mill Mountain - Columbia Furnace, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
11.6 mls	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Hiking Time:</b> <b>Elev. Gain:</b> <b>Parking:</b>	7.5 hours with a half hour for lunch 2,340 ft with three different ascents ▶ <b>From Wolf Gap Rd:</b> VA608/Johnston Rd 2.4 miles, Left on FDR92 for 3.3 miles park on left. ▶ <b>Note:</b> The gate entrance to the GWNF where VA608/Johnston Rd turns into FDR88/Johnston Rd intermittently closes in the winter to traffic due to road deterioration. This adds an additional 8.0 miles to the hike, 4.0 miles out/back to mapped parking area. Check with the GWNF for gate status at 540-984-4101.				

This hike is very similar to the Little Sluice and has nearly as much solitude. The big difference between the two is the great vista you get by taking the short walk along Mill Mountain to the Big Schloss vista. This is one of the best vistas in Virginia and shouldn't be missed.

Start by wading down FS92 for 0.5 miles to reach the Big Schloss Cut-Off Trail (don't take the old faded trail but continue for 100 more yards and turn right on the light blue blazed trail). Turn right and ascend on the Big Schloss Cut-Off Trail for the steepest part of the hike for 1.9 miles to the ridge line.

At the ridge turn left on the orange blazed Mill Mountain Trail for 0.9 miles then turn left again uphill on the lookout trail to go to the Big Schloss vista. Return to the Big Schloss Cut-Off trail intersection to continue the hike.

Now continue on the orange blazed Mill Mountain Trail hiking along the ridge for the next 3.4 miles and arrive at the intersection of the blue blazed Tuscarora Trail that comes in from the right.

Turn right downhill onto the blue blazed Tuscarora Trail for 0.6 miles to reach the four way intersection of the yellow blazed Stony Creek Trail just past a great camping spot on the right.

Turn Right on the Stony Creek Trail as it follows Little Stony Creek down the valley for 3.4 miles back to the parking area.