



Stephens Trail - Luray, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
8.5 mls	★	★	★	★	★
Hiking Time: Elev. Gain:	5 hours with a half hour for lunch 1,390 ft Turn right into the trail parking area after descending to the valley				

The Stephens Trail Hike is at its best in early spring before the the leaves start to bloom. The hike along the Massanutten Mountain ridge line offers spectacular views in the Shenandoah Valley. The panorama from Kennedy Peak is an unbelievable 360°. Stephens Trail and the whole loop in general is popular with equestrians so don't be surprised to run into groups of riders.

From the back area of the parking area take the yellow blazed Stephens Trail as it traverses the side of Massanutten Mountain. The trail will pass over several streams before turning right uphill in 3.4 miles.

The trail winds back and forth several times for another 0.8 miles before reaching the ridge line and intersection of the orange blazed Massanutten Trail.

Turn right on the orange blazed Massanutten Trail continuing on the ridge line for another 0.8 miles until reaching the intersection of the white blazed Kennedy Peak Trail (the orange blazed trail now turns right).

Continue straight on the now uphill white blazed trail for 0.3 miles to the Kennedy Peak lookout tower. Return 0.3 miles back down to the intersection you just passed and turn left continuing on the orange blazed Massanutten Trail.

The trail winds around Kennedy Peak before making a sharp cutback in 0.6 miles and continuing on the ridge line for another 1.6 miles where it comes out on US675.

Turn right on US675 and in just 30 yards turn right again on the orange blazed Massanutten Trail as it now goes downhill. The downhill portion winds back and forth before returning to the front of the parking area in 0.7 miles.