



Raven Rocks - Bluemont, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
5.5 mls	3	2	4	3	1
Hiking Time:	4 hours with a half hour for lunch				
Elev. Gain:	1,530 ft				
Links:	Bears Den Trail Center				
Directions from DC: Go 20 miles west of Leesburg on Rt 7, Pass the town of Round Hill, Just after cresting the ridge turn right onto Pine Grove Rd VA679, Immediately after turning onto VA679 turn right into the small parking area at the trail head.					

The view from Raven Rocks is one of the best in the area. Although the distance is only 5.5 miles with a vertical gain of 1,530ft, as you can see from the elevation profile, there are three strenuous ascents on this out and back hike. Raven Rocks is also a popular area with rock climbers, as it can be accessed by a road 0.4 miles from the east.

Make sure to wear sturdy footwear, as the hike that remains entirely on the white blazed Appalachian Trail, is very rocky.

Begin the hike by heading north on the white blazed Appalachian Trail, as it crosses over the first ridge, then making several steep switchback descents before reaching a small run in 0.8 miles. 100 yards past the run cross over an unblazed trail and remain on the Appalachian Trail.

After ascending the next ridge come to a nice view of the Winchester Valley to the west, before descending and arriving at the Raven Rocks Hollow stream in 1.2 miles from the last run.

Climb the final ascent of 0.4 miles, passing a sign marking the Virginia, West Virginia border, then reaching Raven Rocks where you will find fantastic views towards the south west and the Shenandoah Valley.

During spring and fall, the Raven Rocks 100ft wall is a favorite spot with local rock climbers. To return retrace your route 2.7 miles back to the parking area at VA679 and Rt7.