



## Tibbet Knob - Woodstock, Virginia

| Length              | Difficulty                         | Streams | Views | Solitude | Camping |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-------|----------|---------|
| 3.1 mls             | ★                                  | N/A     | ★     | ★        | ★       |
| <b>Hiking Time:</b> | 2 hours with a half hour for lunch |         |       |          |         |
| <b>Elev. Gain:</b>  | 830 ft                             |         |       |          |         |

Tibbet Knob is the sister hike to Big Schloss. Starting from the same parking location at the Wolf Gap Campground the hike heads in the opposite direction along the Tibbet Knob Trail. Although shorter, this hike is not as family friendly because of two short, steep scrambles to the main Tibbet Knob summit.

Big Schloss is one of the most well know, and most panoramic hikes in the region, with an almost 270° vista from the main overlook. Tibbet Knob is nearly identical in distance to the Big Schloss hike, and is every bit as spectacular. Boasting a wider and more spectacular panorama to the north and west, a wonderful vista just below the high point to the east, and probably the most perfectly placed campsite in the whole Great North Mountain area!

Where the Big Schloss hike can draw many people on nicer days, the Tibbet Knob hike generally has a fraction the number of hikers. For vista after vista, without the crowds, this hike is hard to beat.

From the parking area cross VA675 and start up the yellow blazed Tibbet Knob Trail. In 0.5 miles cross over a small summit that provides great views of Big Schloss and Mill Mountain to the northeast.

After crossing the small summit the trail descends, then veers right between the ridges, before turning back to the left steeply uphill. In 0.4 miles from starting up the main ridge, climb the first of two steep sections that may require hand over hand climbing. Both are only 20-30 yards in length.

At the top of the first steep section the trail passes through a flat area before you reach the second steep area. After reaching the top of this scramble follow the trail for the remaining 200 yards to the top of Tibbet Knob, and pass through a thicket to one of the most spectacular overlooks in the whole region. Twenty feet past the overlook there is a great campsite that could accommodate two small tents.

To return just follow the trail back to the Wolf Gap Campground.

Note: To incorporate this out and back hike into a more strenuous 13.3 mile shuttle hike see [MidAtlanticHikes.com](http://MidAtlanticHikes.com) Long Mountain/Tibbet Knob Shuttle Hike.