



Ashby Hollow - Mt Weathers, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
6.4 mls	★	★	★	★	★
Hiking Time:	2.5 hours plus a half hour for lunch				
Elev. Gain:	2,005 ft				
Parking:	Only park in the large parking area. DO NOT park on the road. 39.07299, -77.91292				

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One of several out/back day hikes along this section of the Appalachian Trail. This 6.4 mile hike passes through several small hollows, unique different rock formations, as well as two mountain streams. The first stream, Ashby Hollow, has a wooden footbridge as well as several nice camp sites. This part of the Appalachian Trail (AT) is affectionately known as the "Roller Coaster" as you can tell from the hike profile. The AT descends and climbs several hollows and small ridges as it passes between Route 50 and Rt 7.

- ▶ **Mile 0.0** - From the parking area on Morgans Mill Rd. start downhill/south on the AT as it winds down to the largest stream in Ashby Hollow and nice camping area in 0.5 miles. Crossing the stream is a large wooden footbridge.
- ▶ **Mile 0.5** - Immediately after crossing the footbridge turn right and then cross a gravel road where the AT begins to climb Piney Ridge.
- ▶ **Mile 1.4** - From the top of the Piney Ridge, the trail then passes through a saddle and descend steeply to the stream in Bolden Hollow.
- ▶ **Mile 2.1** - After crossing the stream there is a small campsite next to the trail. The AT will turn left following an old fire road for 100 yards before turning to the right climbing to the next ridge. At the ridgeline there are several views to the west of the Winchester valley through the trees. The views are best during the colder months when there are no leaves on the trees. From late spring through fall most of these vistas are obscured by foliage. Follow this ridgeline for another 0.3 miles to a point on the AT where it passes through a rocky area, and views to the west.
- ▶ **Mile 3.2** - This is the turnaround point for this hike to make a 6.4 mile out/back. Return following the AT back to the parking area on VA605.
- ▶ **Mile 6.4** - Arrive back at VA605 and parking area.