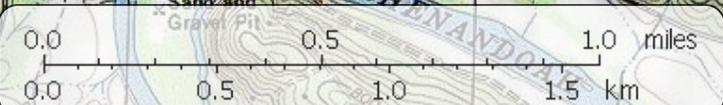


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Indian Grave Ridge - Luray, VA

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
8.6 mls	3	3	3	5	3
Hiking Time: 4.5 hours with half hour for lunch Elev. Gain: 1,470 ft Parking: Parking on VA 717 at the closed boat ramp (2nd recommended). 38.80775, -78.38703 Parking at the Toliver trailhead VA 236 (3rd). 38.81302, -78.37482 Parking (high clearance) off VA 717 (1st). 38.79407, -78.38550					

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The Indian Grave Ridge circuit combines portions of VA 717, Toliver, Milford Gap, Massanutten, and Indian Grave Ridge trails, and is one of the least hiked circuits in the Massanutten range. This is probably due to people being put off by the VA 717 road walk. However the gravel road here sees very little traffic as it ends in another mile. This section of VA 717 is also a pleasant walk beside the Shenandoah River. During the summer months you will see many people tubing and canoeing along this section.

The majority of the trails offer beautiful vistas through the trees of both the Shenandoah River to the east, and Fort Valley to the west. If you're hiking this as a backpack there is a large campsite on the Massanutten Trail that has views to the east. Just make sure to bring plenty of water as there are no easily accessible springs along this route.

There are also three potential parking locations. The first is just off VA 717 at the Indian Grave Ridge trailhead but requires a high clearance vehicle when rutted. The second (recommended) is at the closed boat ramp on VA 717, and the third is at the Toliver trailhead.

- ▶ **Mile 0.0** - From the the closed boat ramp parking area head north and walk along VA 717. The road is wide and sees very little traffic. There are nice views of the Shenandoah National Park towards Overall Run.
- ▶ **Mile 0.7** - Turn left uphill on VA 236 and follow the road for 0.35 miles to the Toliver trailhead and parking area.
- ▶ **Mile 1.05** - The Toliver Trail is yellow blazed. Pass around a closed gate where for the first 1.24 miles the trail is part of a forestry road. As the trail climbs Massanutten Mountain it will make two large sweeping turns. First to the left and then back to the right.
- ▶ **Mile 2.29** - The forestry road will end at a large turnaround. Turn left uphill and pass around another closed gate continuing to follow the yellow blazed Toliver Trail as it heads more directly uphill.
- ▶ **Mile 2.81** - In 0.52 miles the Toliver Trail ends at the junction with the white blazed Milford Gap Trail. Stay left uphill on the Milford Gap Trail. In 0.5 miles pass view of the Shenandoah River to the east through a break in the trees shortly before arriving at the ridge.
- ▶ **Mile 3.43** - Arrive at the ridge and intersection of the orange blazed Massanutten Trail. There is a small campsite at the intersection, and the Milford Gap Trail now continues downhill on the western side of the mountain. Turn left/south on the Massanutten Trail is it follows the ridge. There are numerous views of both the Luray Valley to the east and Fort Valley to the west.
- ▶ **Mile 3.79** - Pass a large, and best campsite, on the hike. Continue on the Massanutten Trail for another 0.73 miles passing an excellent westerly view of Fort Valley. From this overlook it is 0.34 miles to the next intersection.
- ▶ **Mile 4.88** - Pass a old hiking trail on the right, staying left on the Massanutten Trail.
- ▶ **Mile 4.96** - Arrive at the intersection with the purple blazed Indian Grave Ridge Trail. Turn left/east downhill as the trail initially descends very steeply for the first 0.75 miles. Pass through a small saddle on the ridge and continue downhill until the Indian Grave Ridge Trail turns left at an intersection with another old hiking trail.
- ▶ **Mile 6.42** - Turn left staying on the purple blazed Indian Grave Trail for 1.06 miles where the trail passes around a closed gate and ends at the trailhead parking area. Walk 75 yards to VA 717.
- ▶ **Mile 7.49** - Turn left and walk north along VA 717. The road will descend towards the Shenandoah River where it levels out for the remainder of the hike.
- ▶ **Mile 8.6** - Arrive back at the closed boat ramp parking area.