



Raven Rocks - Bluemont, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
5.8mils	★	★	★	★	★
<p>Hiking Time: 4 hours plus breaks Elev. Gain: 1,530 ft Parking: <i>Commuter Lot Parking:</i> Park on the south side of VA 7 at the ridge. 39.11536, -77.84758 <i>Trailhead Parking LIMITED:</i> Turn onto Pine Grove Rd. and park in 20 yards on the right into the small parking area and kiosk trailhead. 39.11665, -77.85239 WARNING: Do Not park on Pine Grove Rd/VA679 or you may be towed. Adhere to the No Parking signs.</p>					

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The view from Raven Rocks is one of the best in the area. At a total distance of 5.8 miles with a vertical gain of 1,530ft there are three strenuous ascents on this out and back hike, as you can see from the elevation profile. Raven Rocks is also a popular area with rock climbers, as the wall can be accessed by a road 0.4 miles from the east. The only consistent complaint from reviewers is that the hike is extremely rocky. Make sure to wear good footwear. A hiking stick or poles are also recommended.

Parking: There is limited parking for 6-8 cars at the trailhead and information kiosk on Pine Grove Rd. If this lot is full park at the ridge off VA 7 in the large commuter lot. DO NOT park on the side of Pine Grove Rd as there is a good chance you will be towed. Make sure to adhere to the No Parking signs.

- ▶ **Mile 0.0** - From the large commuter parking area on VA 7 start down the west side of the ridge staying on the left side of the VA 7 guard rail. Join the white blazed Appalachian Trail (A.T.) where the guard rail ends. Now cautiously continue along VA 7 for 0.1 miles to the point where the A.T. crosses over VA 7 to Pine Grove Rd on the north side.
- ▶ **Mile 0.2** - Use Extreme Caution crossing VA 7 as traffic flows at a high rate of speed here. After crossing VA 7 the trailhead parking and A.T. kiosk is 30 yards down the road.
- ▶ **Mile 0.36** - The white blazed A.T. will go uphill behind the kiosk. Cross over the first ridge then make several steep switchback descents before reaching a small run in 0.8 miles. 100 yards past the run cross over an unblazed disused trail. After ascending the next ridge come to a nice view of the Winchester Valley to the west. This view is obscured when leaves are on the trees. Continue over the rise then descend more steeply to Raven Rocks Hollow Run.
- ▶ **Mile 2.4** - There is a large campsite on the north side of Raven Rocks Hollow Run, with a spring 100 yards downhill. Climb the final ascent of 0.5 miles passing a sign marking the Virginia/ West Virginia border, then arrive at the Raven Rocks overlook 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 south.
- ▶ **Mile 5.8** - Arrive back at the commuter parking area on VA 7.