Cub Scout Hiking Manual

Hike Number: 22

Hike Location: Snickers Gap to Bears Den Trail Center Bluemont, VA

Travel Distance: 26 miles from Ashburn Elementary School

Trail Head Location: Snickers Gap Appalachian Trailhead Parking Area, Bluemont, VA 20135. Route 7 at Blue Ridge Mountain Rd.

Blaze Color: Blue, White

Map Number: 22-1









Ability Level:

Difficulty: Easy, 2 miles Round Trip 310ft. Elevation Gain.

Description: From the Snickers Gap Parking Area take the BLUE trail .3 miles to the intersection with the Appalachian Trail. Turn left (South) on the AT toward Bears Den. The trail will ascend up the mountain over a series of switchbacks. The trail is rocky and passes over a large boulder field. Grade is steady but not too steep. At the top, there will be a connecting trail to the left over to the Bears Den Trail center. To the right is a large rock formation with views to the West over the Shenandoah Valley. Wildlife, plant and geology observation opportunities are good.

Facilities: Privy and water available at the Bears Den Trail Center

Hazards: Sturdy shoes are recommended, trail is very rocky. Fall hazards on outer rock formations at overlook. Be aware that species of poisonous snakes may be present in the rocks during warmer months.

Cub Scout Adventure Requirements:

Tiger: Tigers in the Wild 1,2,3,4,6

My Tiger Jungle 1,2,3

Wolf: Call of the Wild 1,2,3,6

Paws on the Path 1-7

Bear: Bear Necessities 1b,2,3

Fur Feathers and Ferns 1,2,4,5

Webelos: Webelos Walkabout 1,3,6

Earth Rocks 2,3,6b

Arrow of Light: Outdoorsman B 1,2,4