Cub Scout Hiking Manual

Hike Number: 6

Hike Location: Cunningham Falls State Park, Lower and Accessible Trails

14039 Catoctin Hollow Rd. Thurmont, MD

Travel Distance: 50 miles from Ashburn Elementary School

Trail Head Location: WM Houck Day Use Area

Blaze Color: Red

Map Number: 5-1







Ability Level:

Difficulty: Easy 1.75 miles roundtrip

Description: Lower trail to Cunningham Falls is packed gravel and stone with gentle grades and some cut in stairs. The trail is good for those with mild mobility limitations but is not fully accessible. There are signs along the trail describing the geology and the plants in the area. Wildlife observations are better toward the end of the trail. Bouldering opportunities are located on the Cliff Trail just above the Lower Trail at Cunningham Falls.

The fully accessible trail to Cunningham Falls is located off MD 77 ½ mile west of Catoctin Hollow Rd. There is a parking area at the trail head. The trail is over a boardwalk that extends almost the entire length of the hike. The roundtrip distance is ¾ mile.

Facilities: Bathrooms, water and playground at the WM Houck Day Use area.

Hazards: None

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