

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

One Night

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Hannah, Hot-Short, and Catlett

Standard - Circuit

Level: Strenuous Beginner or Experienced

Total Length: 9.1 miles

Trip Description: Wilderness area, cascading streams, swimming holes, park history

Entry: 35 MP - Hannah Run Parking

Exit: 35 MP - Hannah Run Parking

Map(s): PATC #10 Central District

Day One

Campsite: Nicholson Hollow Trail - backcountry

4 miles

Hike down Hannah Run 3.8 miles.

Turn left onto Nicholson Hollow and hike 0.2 miles to Hot Mountain-Short Mountain.

Camp along Nicholson Hollow, taking your time to find a nice, legal campsite.

Day Two

5.1 miles

Return to Hot Mountain-Short Mountain.

Turn left onto Hot Mountain-Short Mountain, hiking 2.1 miles.

Turn left onto Hazel Mountain for 0.5 mile.

Turn left onto Catlett Mountain and hike 1.2 miles.

At second junction, bear to the right, hiking uphill on Hannah Run 1.3 miles.

Notes

Nicholson Hollow is a large drainage. Consider hiking further downstream past the Hot-Short junction. Small waterfalls, cascades, and swimming holes abound.

Groups of up to 10 will find enough room to camp legally, by looking for a site up to a half-mile downstream of Nicholson Hollow's junction with Hot Mountain-Short Mountain.

Options

If you camp in a pre-existing site, you could make this a two-night trip by staying in your site a second night. There are plenty of day hikes and swimming holes that you could enjoy on your second day.