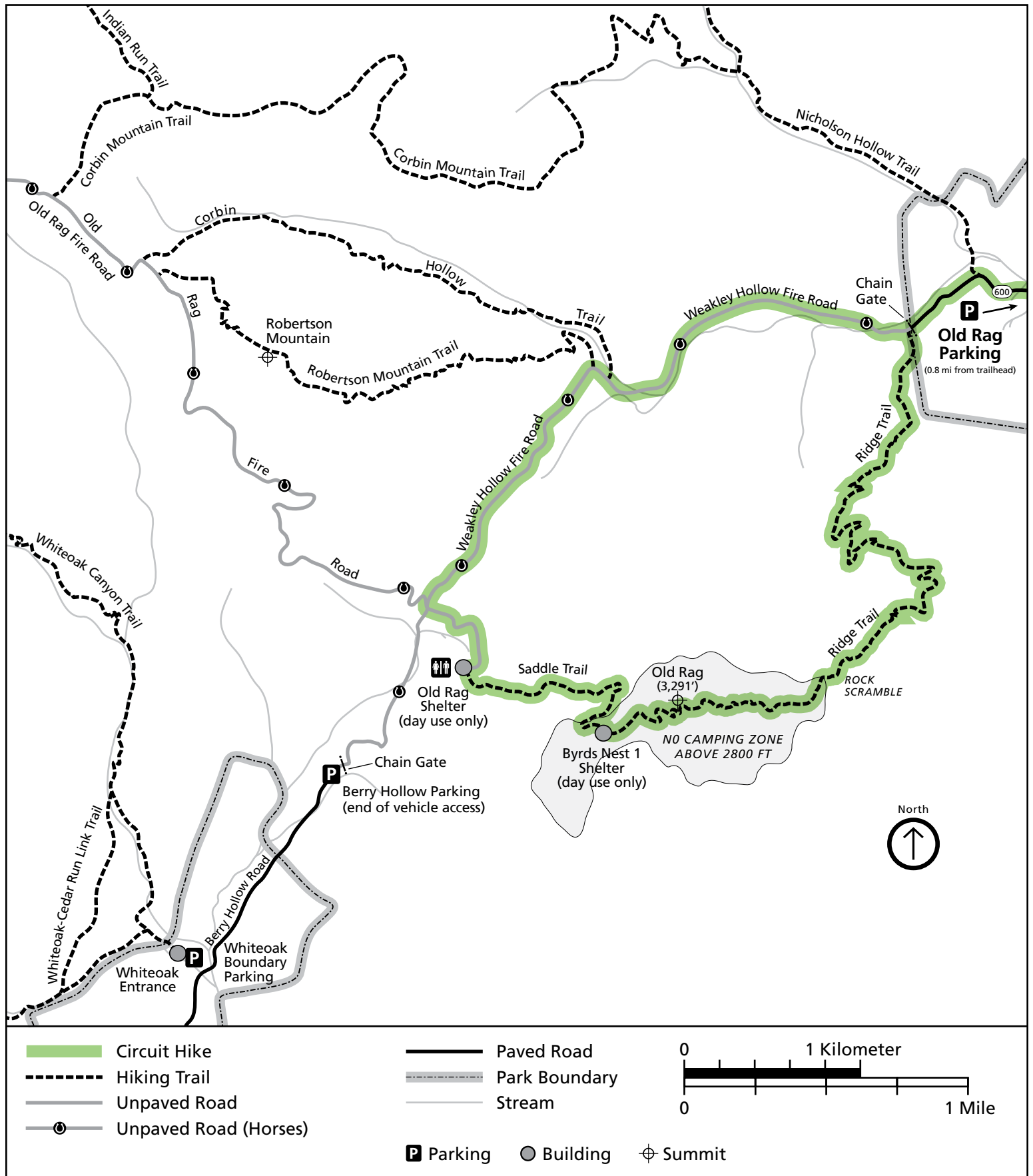


Old Rag Area - Shenandoah National Park

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Old Rag Circuit Hike

- 🔄 9.2-mile circuit ⌚ 7.5-hours hiking time
⚠️ Very Strenuous ⚡ 2,380-foot elevation gain

From Old Rag Parking, walk along Route 600. Pass the Nicholson Hollow Trailhead (on the right). Take the blue-blazed Ridge Trail to the left. Continue along the Ridge Trail, across the rock scramble and descend on the Saddle Trail (blue-blazed), which becomes a fire road after you pass Old Rag Shelter. At the T-intersection, go right and immediately right again at the fork onto Weakley Hollow Fire Road (yellow-blazed) to return to your starting point. Pets are prohibited on the Ridge and Saddle Trails.



Watch for this sign at the intersection. Be sure to go right at the fork onto Weakley Hollow Fire Road towards the Old Rag parking area.

Berry Hollow Parking – Old Rag Summit Hike

- 🔄 5.4-mile round trip ⌚ 6.25-hours hiking time
⚠️ Strenuous ⚡ 1,760-foot elevation gain

This hike allows you to get to the summit without having to navigate the rock scramble. From Berry Hollow parking area, take the Berry Hollow Road 0.8-mile to the junction with Old Rag Fire Road. Turn right and continue 0.4-mile to the Old Rag Shelter. Turn left onto the Saddle Trail and continue the remaining 1.6 miles to the summit. Return by the same route to avoid the very strenuous and often crowded Ridge Trail rock scramble. Pets are prohibited on the Ridge and Saddle Trails.

Robertson Mountain Trail – Alternate Hike for Pets

- 🔄 7.8-mile round trip ⌚ 6.5-hours hiking time
⚠️ Strenuous ⚡ 2,130-foot elevation gain

From Old Rag parking area, walk along Route 600. Pass the Nicholson Hollow Trailhead and continue straight on to the Weakley Hollow Fire Road. Take Weakley Hollow Fire Road to Robertson Mountain Trail. Follow to the summit and descend to the Old Rag Fire Road. Turn left and then another left onto Weakley Hollow Fire Road. Continue on this fire road and stay straight on the intersection with Route 600 back to the Old Rag parking area.

Nicholson Hollow Trail – Alternate Hike for Pets

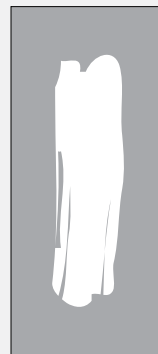
- 🔄 8-mile round trip ⌚ 7-hours hiking time
⚠️ Moderately Strenuous ⚡ 1,240-foot elevation gain

From Old Rag parking area walk along Route 600. Look for the Nicholson Hollow Trail (concrete marker) on the right. Follow the Nicholson Hollow Trail to Corbin Cabin and return. You'll cross several streams along the way.

Trail maintenance and map funded by recreation fee dollars.

Markers & Blazes

Trail markers are at trailheads and intersections. The metal bands are stamped with directional and mileage information.



Trail blazes are found on trees and rocks throughout the Park. The color identifies the trail type:

- Blue** - Hiking trail
- White** - Appalachian Trail
- Yellow** - Open to horses



Directions to Parking Areas

Sperryville to Old Rag Parking - From Route 211, turn onto Route 522 and follow it south for 0.8 mile. Turn right on Route 231, follow 8 miles, turn right onto Route 601 and follow signs to the Old Rag parking area, approximately 3 miles.

Madison to Old Rag Parking - From Route 29 Business, turn onto Route 231 and follow it for 12.8 miles. Turn left onto Route 602. Follow signs for the parking area. Old Rag parking is approximately 3 miles from the turn onto Route 602.

Sperryville to Berry Hollow Parking - Start by taking Route 231 South past the turnoff for Nethers. From Madison, start from Route 29 Business, turning onto Route 231. Once on Route 231 (from either Sperryville or Madison), turn onto Route 670 near Banco. Turn right at Syria, then left onto Route 600. Go past the Whiteoak Canyon parking area to Berry Hollow parking area. Parking is extremely limited.

Need to Know

- Do not attempt this hike unless you are physically able. Be prepared: bring sturdy footwear, flashlights, extra layers of clothing, food, and plenty of water.
- Be sure you know what time it gets dark and plan for extra time. There can be a significant wait to navigate certain portions of the trail.
- Do not attempt to hike Old Rag when rocks are wet or icy.
- Do not allow children to hike ahead.
- Cell and GPS services are unreliable.
- Even if you are hiking from the boundary, you must have an entrance permit or annual pass. Please be prepared to self-pay (correct change or credit card) at the Old Rag parking area.
- Backcountry camping sites are very limited in this area, and camping is prohibited above 2,800 feet. If you plan to camp, be sure you have a permit and that you understand the regulations, particularly those pertaining to site choice.
- Parking isn't permitted along the road or on private property.