

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

One Night

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Hickerson Hollow from the boundary

Standard - Roundtrip

Level: Beginner

Total Length: 2 miles

Trip Description: Forested valley with a small, cascading stream

Entry: Hickerson Hollow Boundary

North District; East side; from route # 600

Exit: Hickerson Hollow Boundary

North District; East side; from route # 600

Map(s): PATC # 9 North District

Day One

Campsite: Hickerson Hollow Trail - backcountry

0.5 to 1 mile

Hike up Hickerson Hollow between 0.5 and 1 mile.

Look for a place to camp as you hike up the hollow. You may not find any pre-existing sites, but this is a good place to practice pristine camping techniques: camp out of sight of the trail. Water is found near the trail for almost the entire distance (the very top is dry).

Day Two

0.5 to 1 mile

Return by hiking back down to the boundary.

Notes

Options

Waterfall option: You could day-hike to see Lands Run waterfall (a pretty cascade, but not one of the park's major waterfalls). After you select a place to camp, bring a small daypack, store your food properly, and continue hiking uphill on Hickerson Hollow. From the boundary it is 1.2 miles to Skyline Drive. Cross the drive and hike downhill on the gravel Lands Run road for about 0.5 mile. Lands Run (the stream) crosses the road, with the cascade downhill on your right. Return the way you came.