

Shenandoah National Park

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide



Trip Name: Mount Marshall boundary, Bluff, and AT, 1 night

Description: Flexible hike from the boundary, wilderness forest with many side trip options

Entry: Mt Marshall Boundary (North District; East side; Route # 625)

Exit: Mt Marshall Boundary (North District; East side; Route # 625)

Map(s): PATC # 9 North District

Level: Experienced

Total Length: 16 miles

Day One

Campsite: AT (1A) Boundary to Gravel Springs - backcountry

6.4 to 8.4 miles

Hike up Mount Marshall Trail 5.7 miles.

Turn right onto Skyline Drive hiking north a short distance to Jenkins Gap Parking.

Turn left into Jenkins Gap Parking and left onto the spur trail to the AT/Jenkins Gap Trail.

Turn left onto the AT and hike north 0.7 to 2.7 miles.

Dry-camp along the AT between Jenkins Gap and North Marshall.

Day Two

9 to 11 miles

Continue north on the AT another 3 to 5 miles.

Turn left onto the Gravel Springs Hut spur trail.

Find Bluff Trail in the hut area, and hike 3.8 miles.

Turn right onto Mount Marshall Trail and hike 2.2 miles to your vehicle.

Notes

Camping:

Intermediate level – If staying out for a total of three nights, you may camp one night at Gravel Springs Hut. For a second night of camping there is a campable area on Mt. Marshall Trail near the intersection with Jordan River Trail (hike down Jordan River for water).

Expert level – There are many options for camping on Mt. Marshall Trail and the AT, also Browntown Trail – both at the top and bottom, and on portions of Big Devils Stairs Trail. With some exploration, you could find a place to camp on any of the side trails listed above.

Options

Route options: 16 miles as described above, see map for additions.

Add additional 3.2 miles round trip to include Big Devils Stairs Trail;
and/or add additional 5.6 miles round trip to include Harris Hollow Trail;
and/or add additional 6.8 miles round trip to include Browntown Trail;
and/or add additional 2 miles round trip to include Jenkins Gap Trail;
and/or add additional 2.6 miles round trip to include Jordan River Trail.

Two- or more-night trip: Any of the above options; see camping notes as well.
