**Shenandoah National Park**
**Backcountry Camping Trip Guide**

**Trip Name:** Riprap and Wildcat from the boundary

**Description:** Seldom-camped area on a popular circuit; views, cascades, swimming hole

**Entry:** Riprap Boundary (South District; West side; Route # 612)

**Exit:** Riprap Boundary (South District; West side; Route # 612)

**Map(s):** PATC #11 South District

**Level:** Advanced

**Total Length:** 11.2 miles

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**Day One**

Campsite: Riprap Trail - backcountry

3 to 4 miles

Hike up Riprap Trail 3 to 4 miles and find a place to dry-camp.

At 0.9 miles, cross junction with Wildcat Ridge Trail; stay on Riprap (to the left).

At 1.4 miles find an excellent swimming hole. If needed, pick up water here, or a little further up before you leave the stream.

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**Day Two**

7.2 to 8.2 miles

Finish hiking Riprap Trail, another 0.5 to 1.5 miles (4.5 total).

Turn right onto Appalachian Trail (AT) and hike south 3.1 miles.

Turn right onto Wildcat Ridge Trail and descend 2.7 miles.

Turn left at Riprap Trail and return to car (0.9 mile).

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**Notes**

While there are many hikers on this circuit on weekends, very few camp at the top of Riprap Trail since good legal sites are hard to find.