

Shenandoah National Park

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide



Trip Name: Robertson Mountain and Corbin Hollow

Description: Strenuous beginner trips for weekdays. Homesites and great views of Old Rag.

Entry: Weakley Hollow Boundary (Central District; East side; Route 600 - Nethers)

Exit: Weakley Hollow Boundary (Central District; East side; Route 600 - Nethers)

Map(s): PATC #10 Central District

Level: Strenuous Beginner

Total Length: 9.8 miles

Day One

Campsite: Weakly Hollow Road - backcountry

1.1 to 1.4 miles

From Old Rag parking, hike up Rt. 600 to the park boundary, 0.8 mile.

Rt. 600 becomes Weakley Hollow Road; continue hiking another 0.25 to 0.4 mile (at least 0.1 past the second pedestrian bridge). Once you've hiked at least 0.25 mile, begin looking to your left for an easy place to cross the stream and hike off-trail. As you hike off-trail, keep in sight of the stream, hiking either direction in order to find places to camp. (If you get lost, hike downstream to return to Weakley Hollow Road.) Be very cautious in picking your campsite to be sure it is at least 10 yards from the stream and that it is not under any dead trees.

Day Two

8.4 to 8.6 miles

You may leave your gear to make this a day hike from your basecamp. Be sure to secure all of your food and scented items that you are not bringing with you, and to take your valuables.

Return to Weakley Hollow Road, then turn left and hike 0.6 to 0.8 mile.

Turn right onto Corbin Hollow Trail, hiking 2 miles.

Turn left onto Old Rag Road and hike just 0.1 mile.

Turn left onto Robertson Mountain Trail, hiking 2.4 miles.

Turn left onto Weakley Hollow Road and hike 2.5 miles to the park boundary.

(Pick up your gear if you left it.)

Continue hiking on Rt. 600 to Old Rag parking, 0.8 mile.

Notes

You will be camping in the Old Rag area, which receives extraordinarily high use on weekends. Not only does this make for unpleasantly crowded hiking and camping, it also damages the natural resource as increasingly large areas are impacted. Areas within 1/4 mile of the boundary and near the trail, water, or other groups, are all closed to camping. While you'll find great views whatever day the weather is good, you are likely to have trouble finding a place to camp on weekends. Please plan your overnight stay on a Monday-Thursday night in order to take advantage of the relatively few safe, legal sites. For weekend trips, there are many other beautiful and less crowded options in Shenandoah National Park!
