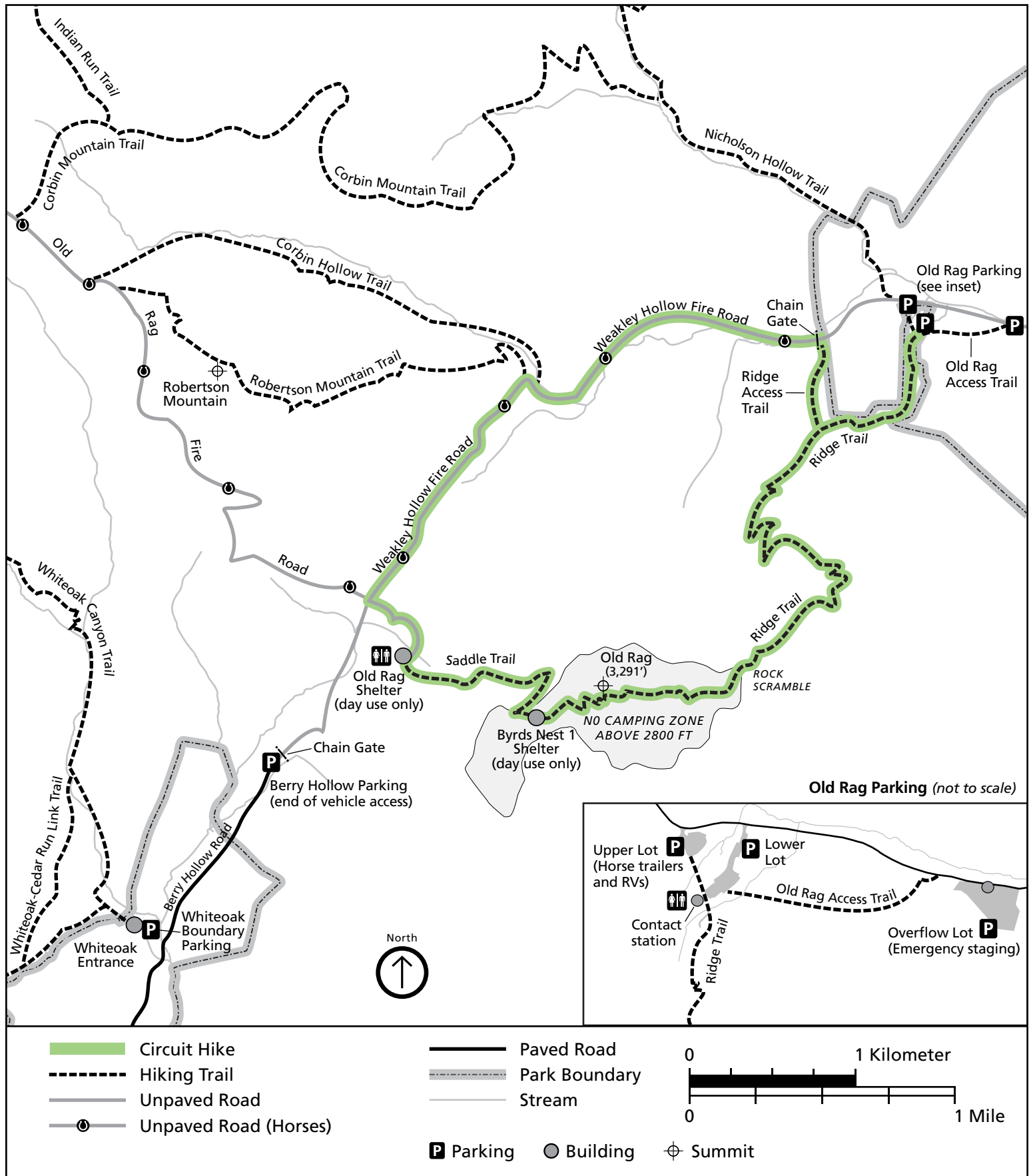


Old Rag Area - Shenandoah National Park

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Old Rag Circuit Hike

- 🔄 9.4-mile circuit ⌚ 7.5-hours hiking time
⚠️ Very Strenuous ⚡ 2,348-foot elevation gain

From the Old Rag parking area, take the blue-blazed Ridge Trail. 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). Turn right onto the Ridge

Access Trail and then left onto the Ridge Trail to return to your starting point. **Pets are prohibited on the Ridge, Saddle, Old Rag Access, & Ridge Access trails.**



*Watch for this sign at the T-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, Saddle, Old Rag Access, & Ridge Access trails.**

Robertson Mountain Trail

- 🔄 8.3-mile round trip ⌚ 6.5-hours hiking time
⚠️ Strenuous ⚡ 2,353-foot elevation gain

From Old Rag parking area, take the Ridge Trail and turn right onto Ridge Access Trail. Turn left onto 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, then left again onto Weakley Hollow Fire Road. Turn right onto Ridge Access Trail, then left onto the Ridge Trail. Return to the Old Rag parking area. **Alternate route for pets:** Walk along Rt. 600 to Weakley Hollow Fire Road. Follow to its intersection with Robertson Mountain Trail.

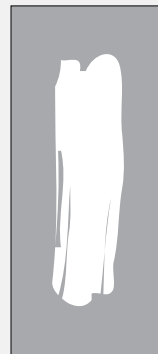
Nicholson Hollow Trail – Alternate Hike for Pets

- 🔄 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.

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.

Berry Hollow Parking - From Sperryville: take Rt. 231 S, turn right onto Rt. 643, then right onto Weakley Hollow Rd. Follow for about 4.5 miles to parking area. Parking is extremely limited.

From Madison: take Rt. 231 N, turn left onto Rt. 670, right onto Rt. 643, then continue straight onto Weakley Hollow Rd. Go past the Whiteoak Canyon parking area to Berry Hollow parking area. Parking is extremely limited.

Need to Know

- **Pets are prohibited on the Ridge, Saddle, Old Rag Access, and Ridge Access trails.**
- Be prepared: bring sturdy footwear, flashlights, extra layers of clothing, and food. Bring plenty of drinking water. **No water is available at Old Rag.**
- Do not attempt this hike unless you are physically able.
- Be sure you know what time it gets dark and plan for extra time. You may have to wait in line at certain parts of the trail.
- Do not attempt to hike Old Rag when rocks are wet or icy.
- 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.