
Best One Night Weekend Trips in Southeast

Posted by halfstack - 2008/02/06 11:12

List your favorite hike that can be done in a weekend. Can be long or short. Trail can even be done in one day but you recommend camping overnight at a certain spot because you love it. I'll start.

Area: Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness

Trail: Virgin Falls

Location: TN

Campsites: Many great spots

Length: About 4 miles one-way (8+ miles in and out)

Trail Type: One-way

Difficulty: Moderate, difficult for some in spots

Water?: It's everywhere

Re:Best One Night Weekend Trips in Southeast

Posted by Rocksteady - 2008/02/06 11:23

Area: Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness (Big South Fork)

Trail: Honey Creek Trail

Location: TN

Campsites: Only 1 Very good one, A bit off trail

Length: 5.8 miles

Trail Type: Loop

Difficulty: Difficult, Dangerous after dark or when excessively wet.

Water?: Travels along the Big South Fork and traverses several streams

Most scenic trail in Tennessee in my opinion. Packed with rock houses, waterfalls, balds, rivers, caves etc...

Re:Best One Night Weekend Trips in Southeast

Posted by Rocksteady - 2008/02/13 11:58

Area: Grayson Highlands & Mount Rogers Virginia

Trail: Wilburn Ridge, Rhododendron Gap, Appalachian Trail

Location: Southwest Virginia

Campsites: Several along the AT, and Thomas Knob Shelter.

Length: Around 8 miles, but can be added onto, or shortened very easily.

Trail Type: Loop

Difficulty: Moderate, difficult for some in spots

Water?: Thomas Knob has the best access to water, although there are a few other spots along the hike.

This is by far one of the best hikes in the area. It is a bit of a drive (about 30 miles from Damascus, VA) but very well worth it. It is definitely the closest to hiking in the Rockies I have seen in the south. Beautiful scenery, feral horses, options galore and an outstanding trail system. This is definitely going to become an annual visit for us, if not more.

Re:Best One Night Weekend Trips in Southeast

Posted by Chief - 2008/02/20 14:09

Big south fork thats mainly for horses isn't it.

I do love the graysons. check this one out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHUDZE48Hs4>

Re:Best One Night Weekend Trips in Southeast

Posted by Rocksteady - 2008/02/21 06:20

That's a pretty common misconception about Big South Fork. There are actually several trails that are foot travel only. Honey Creek is one of those. It was owned by Bowater, but was donated to Big South Fork and as such is on the outskirts of the park and a bit hard to find. There are directions on the net, but the drive can be confusing. Nice video by the way. When we went to Grayson it was around 10 at night with snow and ice. Made for a winter wonderland feeling.

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Re:Best One Night Weekend Trips in Southeast

Posted by Scooby - 2008/02/21 20:07

I'd have to say my favorite place to go is Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness. It has some great waterfalls and some pretty cool caves to explore. Another place I really enjoyed was Mt. Leconte in the Smokies. It is a must do trip if you get to Smokies often.

Scooby

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