

# Hickey Fork Trail

Shelton Laurel Backcountry Area Trail # 292



## Characteristics

Hickey Fork Trail begins on the left side of FR 465. The trail crosses Hickey Fork Creek on a wooden bridge and ascends the ridge adjacent to Hickey Fork Creek. Crossing the ridge into Hickey Fork Creek west prong drainage, the trail ends at Pounding Mill Trail.

## Highlights

- Provides views of waterfalls and cascades in higher elevations.
- At intersection with Pounding Mill Trail at Seng Gap, provides access to Appalachian Trail.

## Statistics

**Total Length:** 2.3 miles

**Total Elevation Change:** 1,120 feet

**Degree of Difficulty:** Difficult

**Beginning Point:** FR 465

**Ending Point:** Pounding Mill Trail

**Average Hiking Time:** Two hours (one way)

**Amount of Use:** Moderate

**Blaze Color:** Yellow Rectangles

**Area Trail Maps:** None

**USGS Quad Maps:** White Rock & Greystone

## Access

From Burnsville travel west on NC19E and then merge onto I-26 East. Take Exit 11 toward Mars Hill/Marshall. Turn Left onto NC-213/Carl Eller Road, which leads into Marshall. Take the US-25 Bypass/ US-70 Ramp, merging onto US-25/US-70 heading toward Hot Springs. When US-25/US-70 turns left toward Hot Springs, continue straight on SR 208. Go for 3.5 miles to SR 212. Turn right onto SR 212 and go seven miles to SR 1310. Turn left onto SR 1310, which becomes FR 465, and go 1.2 miles to trailhead parking area on right. The trail leaves the road's left side approximately 100 yards north of the parking area.



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