

Jerry Miller Trail

Shelton Laurel Backcountry Area Trail # 286



Characteristics

Formerly known as Whiteoak Flats Trail, the Jerry Miller Trail leaves FR 111 from trailhead parking on the road's left side. Crossing Big Creek and climbing a narrow ridge, the trail gradually drops to an old logging road along Whiteoak Flats branch. Passing a 100-foot-high waterfall, the trail runs into the Whiteoak Flats wildlife opening. The trail then follows the old road for three miles and becomes a foot trail that climbs through heavy brush. The trail then connects with the Appalachian Trail at Bear Wallow Gap. This last section of trail is not well-marked or worn from use. No markers or directional signs are located at the Appalachian Trail intersection.

Highlights

- Especially scenic in late spring when the rhododendron and mountain laurel are in bloom.
- Scenic waterfall viewed in the lower section below Whiteoak Flats.

Statistics

Total Length: 4.5 miles

Total Elevation Change: 2,524 feet

Degree of Difficulty: Difficult

Beginning Point: FR 111

Ending Point: AT at Camp Creek Bald

Average Hiking Time: Five hours

Amount of Use: Light

Blaze Color: Yellow Rectangle

Area Trail Maps: None

USGS Quad Map: Greystone (Trail # 290)

Access

From Burnsville travel west on NC 19E and merges onto I-26E. Take Exit 11 toward Mars Hill/Marshall. Turn Left onto NC-213/Carl Eller Road, which leads to 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 towards Hot Springs, continue straight on SR 208. Go for 3.5 miles to SR 212. Turn right on SR 212 and go about 11 miles to SR 1312. Turn left and go about one mile to ford through Dry Creek then another 0.25 mile to Jerry Miller Trail parking area on left side of FR 111. Note: SR 1312 turns into FR 111 at the National Forest Boundary.



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