

Shenandoah National Park

Trail Ride Guide



Trip Name: Old Rag/Weakley Hollow Fire Roads Roundtrip (1-9 Mile Roundtrip)

Trip Description: Ride to historic Post Office Junction, with optional side trip to Upper Whiteoak Waterfall.

Trail Stability: Suitable route for wet/winter conditions.

PATC Map: PATC #10 (Central District)

Encounters: This trail has heavy hiking and/or backpacking use at all times. Vehicle traffic is possible, but is limited to park employees.

Footing: Wide trails that aren't very rocky (typically gravel or dirt road).

Skyline Drive Parking: Whiteoak Canyon Parking. Goose-neck trailer OK. Parking is generally available.

Boundary Parking: Weakley Hollow (Old Rag) Parking. Goose-neck trailer OK. Parking is generally available.

Option 1 - Weakley Hollow, 15.8 Miles Roundtrip

This ride leaves from Whiteoak Canyon Parking near MP 42.

Ride southbound on Skyline Drive 0.1 mile to the Skyland stables trail.

Turn left and ride 0.4 miles to Old Rag Road.

Turn left, riding the gravelled Old Rag Road 4.9 miles to an intersection known as Post Office Junction. (The post office for the town of Old Rag was located at this four-way junction.)

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

Turn around whenever you want, returning the same way to your vehicle.

Total distance to the park boundary and back is 15.8 miles.

Option 2 - Whiteoak Canyon Falls, 13.2 Miles Roundtrip

Ride southbound (from Whiteoak Canyon parking) on Skyline Drive 0.1 mile to Skyland Stables Trail.

Turn left and ride 0.4 miles to Old Rag Road.

Ride on Old Rag Road for 0.9 miles, then leave the road, turning right onto Skyland-Big Meadows Horse Trail.

In 1.2 miles, this will bring you to a hitching rail.

In order to view the falls, tie your horse, then hike downhill a short distance (on the blue-blazed Whiteoak Canyon Trail) in order to see the 86-foot waterfall. Return the way you came.

To continue to Post Office Junction, return to Old Rag Road and turn right, riding the road 4 additional miles.

A trip to Whiteoak Canyon Falls, Post Office Junction, and back will be 13.2 miles.

Option 3 - Whiteoak Canyon Falls from the Boundary, 17 Miles Roundtrip

This makes an excellent ride from the boundary, as follows.

Park your trailer in the well-marked field which is Old Rag parking.

Ride up the road 0.8 mile to reach the park boundary, entering the park on the same road, which is now Weakley Hollow Road.

Ride 2.5 miles up to Old Rag Road and turn right.

Ride 4 miles on Old Rag Road, turning left onto Skyland-Big Meadows Horse Trail.

Ride 1.2 miles to the hitching rail. In order to view the falls, tie your horse, then hike downhill a short distance (on the blue-blazed Whiteoak Canyon Trail) in order to see the 86-foot waterfall.

Return the way you came.

Riding to the falls and back will total 17 miles.

Emergency Phone: 1-800-732-0911

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