

Shenandoah National Park

Trail Ride Guide



Trip Name: Rose River Roundtrip (1-15 Mile Roundtrip)

Trip Description: Even your horse can see a waterfall from this gravel road formerly known as the Gordonsville Pike.

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: Some sections are rough, rocky, narrow, and/or in wilderness.

Skyline Drive Parking: Fishers Gap Overlook. Goose-neck trailer OK. Parking is generally available.

Boundary Parking: Rose River Boundary Parking. Small 2-horse trailer OK. Trailer parking may be limited.

Option 1 - Up to 13.2 Miles roundtrip

From Fishers Gap Overlook, mile 49.5, exit from the north end of the overlook and cross Skyline Drive.

Turn right onto Rose River Fire Road and ride 6.5 miles to the park boundary.

Whenever you desire, turn around and ride back the same route.

Option 2 - 11 Miles to and from Dark Hollow Falls

From Rose River boundary parking, ride uphill as much as 6.5 miles, turning around when you are ready to retrace your steps to your vehicle. If you would like to go to Dark Hollow Falls and back, it will be about an 11-mile ride plus a 0.4 mile hike.

Notes

A little over a mile down Rose River Road you will see a hitching rail on your left and a waterfall on your right. To view Dark Hollow Falls, tie your horse, then hike uphill on the blue-blazed Dark Hollow Falls Trail for about 0.2 mile to the viewing platform.