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Shining rock wilderness trail map

wilderness area in North Carolina. This protected desert later joined the middle prong surrounding wilderness in 1984. Both wildlife areas are located in the Pisga National Forest, and bordered by blue Ridge Parkway, where it forms a large V-shaped valley, about halfway between the Great Smoky Mountains and Asheville, North Carolina. The wildlife of the Shining Rock occupies the eastern half of the V while the Middle Prong Desert is located on the western half. These two areas are separated by NC Route 215. The very steep and rugged terrain of Shining Rock Wilderness includes five mountains that rise above 6,000 feet. The cold mountain at an altitude of 6,030 feet is the highest point in the desert. These mountains run along a 10-mile range known as the Shining Rock Ledge, which offer breathtaking panoramic views and a variety of natural habitats. Meandering through the heart of the wild is the famous Art Loeb Trail, a National Recreation Trail that crosses the highest peaks and is bald, and can be used to reach the top of a cold mountain. Art Loeb is considered by many to be one of the most scenic trails in the region. Hiking in the Shining Rock Wilderness Almost all trails in the Shining Wilderness Rock are rated as difficult. Also, some of the routes can be difficult to follow in some places. Tourists should bring a good trail map with them before delving. There are three main hotspots for trails in the desert. The Black Balsam area near Blue Ridge Parkway (about 420) is the most popular. Although it's not part of the wildlife itself, the Art Loeb and Ivestor Gap trails lead to the Shining Stone from this place. Another popular trailhead is on the east side of the wilderness, about 2.9 miles north of the Blue Ridge Parkway, where the U.S. 276 crosses the Big East Fork Pigeon River. From here, several trails lead up the ridges into the heart of the Wild. Although starting these routes is relatively easy, they become more difficult the further you travel. The third trailhead is located in Daniel Boone's Boy Scout camp on the west side of the wildlife near NC 215. This route provides the closest access to the summit of the Cold Mountain. Although one of the longest and most difficult routes in N.C., the 30.1-mile Art Loeb Trail is still considered one of the most popular routes in the area. And it is not surprising, traveling mainly to the peaks and ridges, offers many outstanding panoramic views along this exciting route. Trail Trail Art Loeb, an activist with the Karolinska Mountain Club, described him as a man who deeply loved the mountains. Along its Route, the Art Loeb Trail crosses several significant peaks, including Black Balsam Nob (6,214 feet), Tennant Mountain (6,040 feet) and Pilot Mountain (5,095 feet). The trail also skirts along the base of Cold Mountain, which was made famous by a novel and a Hollywood movie. Many tourists use Art Loeb for long climbing trips, while others use shorter sections for day hikes, or use connecting trails to form several outstanding cycle hikes. Most of the trail is blocked by a sea mountain trail to the sea, which blazes with 3-inch white dots. The trail is usually divided into four separate sections: Section 1: south of Pisga Ranger Station in Gloucester Gap (12.3 miles) Directions: Turn onto the road that leads to the Davidson River Camping, located about two-tenths of a mile south of Pisgah District Ranger Station on US 276 near Brevard. Tourists can park in the Art Loeb Trailhead car park. Starting from the River Davidson the trail rises while following the WSW course circling around Mount Cedar Rock, and eventually reaches Gloucester Gap. This segment runs up and down along a number of ridges and gaps. Section 2: Gloucester Gap in Black Balm Nob (7.2 miles) Directions: Start with Gloucester Gap, located 4.5 miles west of the state fish hatchery on FS Road 475 (recommended that you don't leave your car overnight here). Coming from the Gloucester Gap Trail swings WNW before climbing Pilot Mountain, the former site of an old fire watchout that offered panoramic views. In addition to Pilot Mountain tourists will reach the shelter and natural spring in Deep Gap. The route then crosses farlow gap, crosses the Blue Ridge Parkway to Shuk Ridge, and then begins to make a steep climb to Silvermine Bald, which tops just below 6,000 feet high. From Silvermine Bald you will make a short climb on FS Road 816 on Black Balm Nob. Section 3: Black Balm Handle to Deep Gap (6.8 Miles) Directions: From U.S. 276, drive 8 miles south of Blue Ridge Parkway and turn onto FS Road 816. Travel another mile to the crest of the hill and look for a small pull off. The trail crosses the road next to this small parking lot. Many consider the first half of this section the most spectacular segment of Art Loeb Trail. The trail crosses two peaks that are above 6,000 feet: Black Balm Nob and Tennant Mountain. The Black Balsam Knob, the highest point of the trail at 6,214 feet, is a plaque commemorating The Art of Loeb. In addition to the Black Balm, the route enters the wilderness of the Shining Rock and crosses several bald, including the Shining Stone itself. This section of the Art Loeb trail ends at the intersection of the cold mountain path in deep Gap. There are several campsites along section if you decide to stay overnight. In addition, an outstanding 5-mile loop can be created by combining the Art Loeb Trail with the Ivestor Gap Trail. Section 4: Deep Gap at Daniel Boone Boy Scout Camp (3.8 miles) Directions: This section begins with Daniel Boone Boy Scouts Camp, located off NC 215 (Lake Logan Road), four miles south of Bethel, North Carolina. Tourists should notify camp staff if you plan to park your car overnight. Although short, this section of Art Loeb is very steep. It leads to a cold mountain trail, a spur that leads to the top of the highest mountain in the wild of the Shining Rock. Travelers should note that there are no signs or trail of ablaze along this stretch of trail. Other trails in The Shining Rock Wilderness Big East Fork (number: 357), 3.6 miles. It's a pretty difficult hike that follows the Great East Fork River Dove. The trail offers many scenic river scenes along this route. It is actively used closer to the beginning, but the traffic decreases the farther you travel. Cold Mountain Trail (Number: 141) 1.4 km. The Cold Mountain Trail is a tense Spurs trail that leads from the Art Loeb Trail. Because of the tree cover, there are no species from the 6,030-foot top. However, if you retreat about 10 yards down the trail from above you will find a short trail of spurs on the left, leading to a rock ledge that offers an incredible 180-degree view to the south. The cold mountain trail is very steep, climbing more than 1,000 feet in the 1.4 miles it takes to reach the summit. The top of the Cold Mountain has usually reached one of two hikes: - an easier but long option, from the Black Balm area near Blue Ridge Parkway. It's an 8.2-mile one-way hike, but the increase in height is minimal. For more information, visit 3 Art Loeb Trail. The second route is slightly shorter (5.2 miles one way), but much more stressful. With trails in Daniel Boone's Boy Scout camp, the combined Art Loeb and Cold Mountain Trails climb about 2,800 feet before reaching the summit. The cold mountain trail separated from the Art Loeb Trail about 3.8 miles from the trail. The last 1.4 miles to the top rises about 1,000 feet. For more information, visit 4 Art Loeb Trail. Fork Mountain Trail (Number: 109) 6.2 miles. A little used but tense trail that starts from U.S. Highway 215, south of Daniel Bun Boy Scouts camp. The Fat Bay Route (number: 362) is 3.2 miles. Also known as the Grassy Cove Trail, this is a difficult, steep hike in Grassi Cove Ridge. The trail is located near FS Road 816, which is located just off Black Balzam Road from Blue Ridge Parkway. Ivestor Gap (Number: 101) 4.3 km. This is the only route considered easy in the desert area. Ivestor Gap is a relatively level trail that follows the old class around Black Balsam and Tennant Tennant The trail passes through several bald areas where only rhododendron, mountain laurel and blueberries grow. Blueberries grow in abundance and are usually ripe around mid-August. Please note that horses are allowed on the trail. It is also open to four-wheel drive cars during the fall. Little East Fork (number: 232) 5.4 miles. A tense but little-used trail that begins from Daniel Boone's Boy Scout camp. Old Butt Nob (number: 332) 3.6 miles. A very busy trail that splits from the Shining Creek Trail about seven-tenths of a mile from the trailhead. It's a very steep climb to Old Butt Nob, but crosses a relatively tempered area from there to the Shining Rock. Tourists will enjoy the outstanding view from both these perspectives. Shining Creek (number: 363) 3.4 miles. It's a tough hike. Tourists can combine this trail with an old butt handle to create a great cycle hike. Average Prong Wilderness Trail Buckeye Gap Trail (Number: 126) 4 miles. Tourists can combine this with the Haywood Gap Trail to create a long cycle hike that will take you to the heart of the average prong wilderness. Green Mountain (number: 113) 5 miles. A very rough and difficult path that rises steeply from the river valley to the top of the Green Mountain, and then runs along the Fork Ridge. It is a scenic hike that travels through different kinds of forests. Heywood Gap Trail (Number: 142) 5.8 miles. A challenging trail that runs through the mixed forest of rhododendron groves and forests of birch and maple, as well as some spruces and spruces. The trail begins with the Blue Ridge Parkway and traces the head of the Middle Prong West Fork of the Dove River. Key Links: U.S. Forest Service: Shining Rock Wilderness Cold Mountain webcam webcam

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