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Guides



Devil's Fork Loop Trail

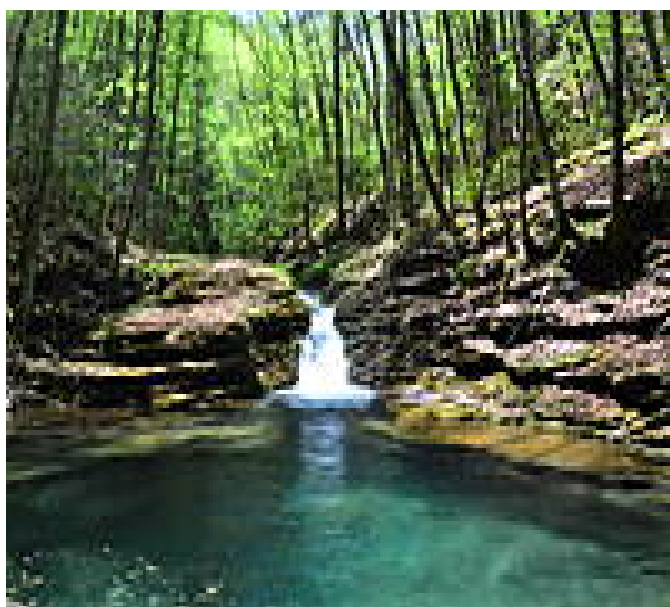
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The 7-mile Devil's Fork Loop Trail provides an impressively beautiful route through an old-growth hemlock and rhododendron forest. Amazing rock formations, waterfalls, swimming holes, and mountain views give you plenty to see and do, but keep one eye on the trail, as the going can be rough—while the trail is maintained regularly, excessive use and its remote

location have resulted in challenging conditions.

About the Route

The Devil's Fork Loop Trail follows yellow blazes for its entire 7 miles, but it is often difficult to find the blazes and the path, which, in several places, scrambles over lark rocks or up steep cliff faces.

Heading west from the U.S. Forest Service parking lot, the trail makes its first stream crossing of Devil's Fork in about 0.25 miles. This, like many of the trail's water crossings, has very slippery rocks and seasonally changing water levels. After this, the trail breaks in two directions. The less strenuous route is to the left, following the loop clockwise. This also lets you hit the highlights of the trail much sooner.

The 3-mile portion of the trail lies on an old railbed. The railroad was used to transport logs and coal, and an abandoned coal car sits on the trail about halfway up Little Mountain. The corridor is narrower and its grade much steeper than a standard-gauge railway.

The trail's main attraction is Devil's Bathtub (or "the Tub"), located 1.5 miles from the start. The rushing water of Devil's Fork shoots out of the soft sandstone and swirls quickly through the stone luge, plummeting into a beautiful pool of blue-green water.

Another trail highlight, shortly after the Tub, is the 50-foot waterfall at the mouth of Corder Hollow. The trail enters a very different landscape as you leave Devil's Fork and begin hiking along the ridges of several mountains. The forest has little underbrush, and the path can be easily lost.

The adventurous trail concludes on an old logging road with about a mile of steep switchback heading toward the loop's end, where the trail crosses Devil's Fork for the last time. The trail continues for 1.8 miles on the Straight Fork Ridge Trail



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States: Virginia

Counties: Scott

Length: 7miles

Trail end points: Forest Road 619 to George Washington National Forest

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the trail is available at the Devil's Fork Loop Trail Parking Lot just off Forest Rd 619.

Please see the [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.

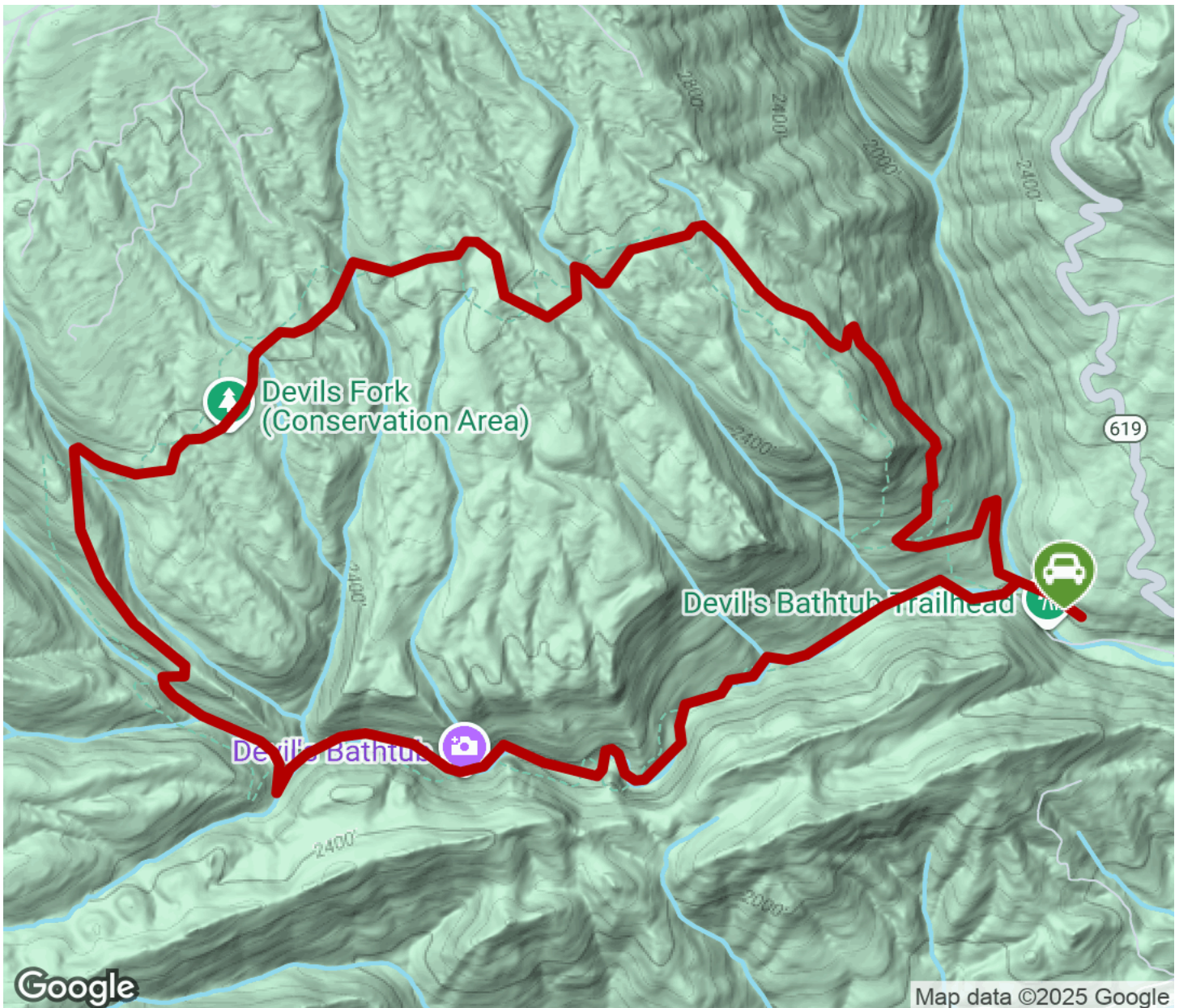
Cautionary note: The access road to the U.S. Forest Service's dirt/gravel parking lot serving this trail has private property on both sides, and the owner does not permit parking here. Please be courteous and respectful to all adjacent landowners. Do not park on private property or block local access routes for other visitors and emergency vehicles. Vehicles are occasionally towed on busy days because they have blocked entry/exit.

The road to the parking lot is very rutted and may require a high-clearance vehicle. You will pass the trailhead on your right just before you reach the parking lot; there are also stairs up to the trail from the parking lot. The parking lot can comfortably accommodate no more than seven cars. If you get to the trail and find no parking spots available, additional trail parking can be found at Stony Creek Park, adjacent to VA 619, approximately 0.5 mile from the trailhead. Stony Creek Park officially opened in November 2020 and contains a restroom, Wi-Fi, trout stream access, and a lawn area, in addition to overflow parking for the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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