



Old Sugarlands Twin Creeks Gatlinburg

> Distance: 10 miles

Rating: Moderate

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

Elevation Gain: Approx. 1100ft.

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## Depart at 8AM from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot

We start our hike from Sugarlands Visitor Center. The beautiful rock bridge we cross was constructed by the CCC with rock from this area. On the trail we soon see the large rock cliff more than 70 feet high where rock was quarried. According to geologists, this area has some of the oldest rock types in the Appalachian Mountains. At mile 1.7 we come to the site where two CCC camps operated from 1933-1942.

Today you can see signs of former settlement like stacked rock walls, chimneys and clearings. We begin the Twin Creeks Trail by visiting the "Bud" Ogle home and later see Le Conte Creek where water has been over Rainbow Falls just a few minutes earlier. When you cross the road, the nice building on your left is the Twin Creeks Resource Center. We will also see the "Fairy House" behind the Resource Center. The rest of the trail leads us to downtown Gatlinburg. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK here. We will have lunch at The Best Little Italian Restaurant in downtown Gatlinburg. Then we will hike the Gatlinburg Trail, which is a 2-mile flat trail back to Sugarlands Visitor Center.



Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike.

Bring water and a trail lunch.



Passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas, etc.