

Tellico Village Hiking Club



Rainbow Falls/Bull Head Trail/Mt LeConte Friday, April 9, 2021

Depart at 7AM from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot

This very popular scenic hike to Rainbow Falls is located near Gatlinburg. The trail climbs steadily through a large boulder field and crosses LeConte Creek several times before reaching the falls. The 80 foot waterfall has the distinction of being the highest single drop waterfall in the Smokies. Hikers may choose to go back to the parking area from Rainbow Falls or continue on to the lodge at Mt. LeConte and return via the Bullhead Trail to make a loop. The loop hike has more than 4000 feet of elevation gain. Bullhead offers scenic vistas but has little shade due to the 2016 fires, and the trail is narrow and rocky going down. We will depart earlier than normal because the parking lot gets very crowded and because of the length of the loop hike.

Rainbow Falls

Distance:
5.6 Rainbow Falls in and out or 13.7 miles full loop

Rating:
Difficult

Driving Time:
1 hour 50 min drive time

Elevation Gain:
1685 feet or 3937 feet

Leader:
Tom Gibbons
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Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended.



Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike.



Bring water and a trail lunch.

We will continue with Covid-19 protocol for our hikes