

Tellico Village Hiking Club



Gregory Bald / Gregory Ridge Trails

Distance:
13.5 miles

Rating:
Difficult

Driving Time:
2 hours

Elevation Gain:
Approx.

Leader:
Tom Gibbons
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Gregory Bald / Gregory Ridge Trails (loop)

Friday
June 24, 2022

Depart at 8AM from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot

Description: This will be an out and back hike on the Gregory Ridge Trail to Gregory Bald. The trailhead is located at the back of the Cades Cove, so we will depart at **7:00 a.m.** in an attempt to circumvent some of the tourist traffic on the loop road. The hike up to the bald begins with a gradual climb for about 2 1/2 miles, but the last 3 miles will be strenuous, with over 2000 feet of elevation change. However, you be rewarded when you reach the bald, where you will find a beautiful broad grassy meadow with panoramic scenic vistas. As an added bonus, there is a plethora of flame azaleas at the bald, which should be in bloom at the time of the hike. On the way down, you can take time to appreciate the Laurels and other wild flowers along the trail and enjoy what has been described as one of the finest hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains.

-  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.