



Schoolhouse Gap/ Turkey Pen Ridge/ Findley Cane/ Bote Mtn Trails (loop)

Distance: 8.9 miles

Rating: Moderate

Driving Time: 1.25 hours

Elevation Gain: Approx. 500 ft

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Friday September 9, 2022

Depart at 8AM from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot

We'll begin this hike 3.9 miles towards Cades Cove from the Townsend "Y" on Laurel Creek Road. We'll hike 1.1 miles up the Schoolhouse Gap trail, then turn left on Turkeypen Ridge trail for 3.6 miles to Laurel Creek Road. We'll cross the road and hike 2.8 miles on Finley Cane trail to Bote Mountain trail. We'll then hike this trail downhill 1.4 miles to Laurel Creek Road a short distance from where we began. Most of the hike will be an easy walk in the woods. There is an elevation gain of 200 feet in the first mile, then 300 feet in the first 3/4 mile of Turkeypen Ridge trail.



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.