

Shenandoah National Park

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide



Trip Name: Pass Mountain and Jeremys Run

Description: Mountaintop hike to a wilderness valley with excellent camping and fishing

Entry: 32 MP - Thornton Gap

Exit: 32 MP - Thornton Gap

Map(s): PATC # 9 North District

Level: Experienced

Total Length: 22.4 miles

Day One

Campsite: Neighbor Mtn Trail - backcountry

4.5 to 6.3 miles (6.3 miles to Neighbor Mountain Peak)

Hike north on the Appalachian Trail (AT) 4.4 miles.

Turn left onto Neighbor Mountain Trail and find a place to dry-camp.

Level places to camp include within 0.5 mile of the AT junction or near the peak.

Water – You must either bring plenty of water with you, or get some at one of the springs on the AT.

Day Two

Campsite: Jeremys Run Trail - backcountry

2 to 8 miles (6.3 miles from Neighbor Peak to junction with Knob Mountain Cutoff Trail)

Continue hiking Neighbor Mountain Trail (4.6 miles total).

Turn right onto Jeremys Run Trail to find a place to camp, starting in about 1/2 mile.

Camp off of Jeremys Run Trail– There is good camping available, so find a nice spot.

Day Three

9 to 13 miles (8.8 miles from Knob Mountain Cutoff Trail)

Continue hiking upstream on Jeremys Run Trail for a total of 5.4 miles on this trail.

Turn right on the Appalachian Trail (AT), hiking south 8 miles.

Notes

There are 15 stream crossings on Jeremys Run and the water can be knee to waist high in the spring and after heavy rains!

There are many legal, pre-existing campsites along Jeremys Run Trail (and a few persistent illegal campsites, so take care). Hike upstream on Jeremys Run Trail (there are very few places to camp downstream). When you are about ¼ mile above the Neighbor and Knob junctions you will be in a wide part of the valley with many campsites for at least the next ½ mile. Gradually the valley will narrow and campsites will become sparse. There are a couple of small places to camp as you approach the Knob Mountain Cutoff Trail. Then it becomes very steep, ending your camping possibilities. Reminder: Campfires are not allowed, even if you see a fire ring from someone else's illegal fire!
