## Shenandoah National Park Trail Ride Guide



Trip Name: Rose River, Stony Mountain, and Upper Dark Hollow (10-15 Mile Circuit)

**Trip Description:** Dark Hollow Falls, slow roller coaster ride up and down through the mountains.

**Trail Stability:** Not a suitable route for wet/winter conditions.

**PATC Map:** PATC #10 (Central District)

**Encounters:** This trail has heavy hiking and/or backpacking use at all times. Vehicle traffic is possible, but

is limited to park employees.

**Footing:** Long stretches are rough, rocky, narrow, and/or in wilderness.

**Skyline Drive Parking:** Fishers Gap Overlook. Goose-neck trailer OK. Parking is generally available.

Boundary Parking: Rapidan Road/Big Meadows Parking. Goose-neck trailer OK. Parking is generally

available.

## **Option 1 - Total Distance 11.8 Miles**

From Fishers Gap Overlook, mile 49.5, exit from the north end of the overlook and cross Skyline Drive.

Turn right onto Rose River Fire Road and ride 5.2 miles.

Turn right onto Upper Dark Hollow Trail, riding 2.2 miles.

Turn right onto Rapidan Fire Road and ride 1.1 miles.

Turn right onto Stony Mountain Trail, riding another 1.1 miles.

Turn left, back onto Rose River Fire Road, and ride 2 miles.

Cross Skyline Drive to return to Fisher Gap Overlook (0.1 mile).

## Option 2 - Total Distance 13.2 Miles

From Rapidan Parking, ride down Rapidan Fire Road 3.8 miles.

Turn left onto Upper Dark Hollow Trail, riding 2.2 miles.

Turn left onto Rose River Fire Road and ride 3.2 miles.

Turn left onto Stony Mountain Trail, riding 1.1 miles.

Turn right onto Rapidan Fire Road and ride 2.9 miles to return to your vehicle.