

Spring 2015 Trip Descriptions

****All Return Times Are Approximate And Depend On Group Pace, Traffic, and Weather****

Billy Goat Trail Saturday April 4th Registration ends April 3rd at 6pm

The Billy Goat Trail is made up of three different sections. We will be hiking sections A and B, which run alongside boulders, woods, and the water. The trail does not have much elevation change but there are some more difficult rock scrambling portions.

Cost: \$5

What to Wear: Weather appropriate clothing and good walking or hiking shoes (sneakers or boots)

What to Bring: A daypack containing your ID, water bottle, lunch, sunscreen, rain jacket, camera and additional clothing you feel you might need

When/Where: We will be leaving from Skyline on the Fairfax Campus at 9am on Saturday, April 4th. We will drive to Billy Goat Trail, hike for approximately 4 hours, stopping for lunch, and return to campus around 3pm.

Mary's Rock Saturday April 11th Registration ends April 9th

We will be hiking to the summit of Mary's Rock for stunning views of Shenandoah National Park. Parts of the trail are steep and rocky, but it is overall accessible for all types of hikers - beginners or experts.

Cost: \$5

What to Wear: Weather appropriate clothing and good walking or hiking shoes (sneakers or boots)

What to Bring: A daypack containing your ID, water bottle, lunch, sunscreen, rain jacket, camera and additional clothing you feel you might need

When/Where: We will meet at 8 am at Skyline on the Fairfax Campus. From there we will drive to Mary's Rock, hike to the summit, and return to campus around 4pm.

Three Ridges Loop Backpacking

Saturday April 18th – Sunday April 19th Registration ends April 15th

Spend a weekend away from campus and in the great outdoors on our Three Ridges overnight trip. Carrying all our supplies in our packs, we will hike approximately 7 miles on Saturday to a backcountry campsite. Once there we'll set up camp and cook dinner for the night. After a night in the tents we'll finish the remaining 7 miles of the loop on Sunday and head back to campus.

Cost: \$25, which covers transportation, group equipment (tents, stoves, etc), dinner Saturday, breakfast Sunday, and Sunday lunch.

Or

\$35, which covers the above, plus includes backpack, sleeping bag & pad, rain gear, headlamp

What to Wear: Weather appropriate clothing and good walking or hiking shoes (sneakers or boots)

What to Bring:

Backpacking pack* (big enough for your personal equipment as well as your share of group gear and food)
Sleeping pad*
Sleeping bag appropriate for the temperatures*
2 water bottles
Good shoes or boots
Headlamp or flashlight
Wool or synthetic socks for each day plus at least 1 spare pair
Rain gear* (no umbrellas)
Clothing appropriate for the weather (synthetics are best, cotton is strongly discouraged other than t-shirts)
Plastic bowl and eating utensil (Tupperware works well)*
Sunscreen
VERY minimal toiletries.
Optional knife
*included in the additional fee

When/Where: We will be meeting at Skyline on the Fairfax Campus at 8 am. From there, we will drive to Three Ridges Loop, spend Saturday and Sunday hiking, and return to campus around 7pm on Sunday

Beginner Rockclimbing @ Great Falls Saturday April 25th Registration ends April 23

Come rock climbing with us at Great Falls! We welcome all levels of climbers and encourage those with no experience to come out and learn. Great Falls offers a variety of climbs meaning there is one for everyone. Enjoy climbing while also taking in the beautiful scenery of the Falls and the rest of the park.

Cost: \$10 fee that covers transportation and equipment rentals

What to Wear: weather appropriate clothing that you can easily move in and good walking or hiking shoes (sneakers or boots)

What to Bring: Friends! A daypack containing your ID, water bottle, lunch, sunscreen, camera and any additional clothing you feel you might need

When/Where: We will meet at Skyline on the Fairfax Campus at 8 am. From there, we will drive to Great Falls, climb and return to campus around 4pm.

Riprap Hollow Saturday May 2nd Registration ends April 30th

Riprap Hollow is a 9.5-mile loop in the Shenandoah National Park. The loop offers great views of the park and of different streams running along side. While this is one of longer hikes, all levels of hikers are welcome, beginners through experts!

Cost: \$5

What to Wear: Weather appropriate clothing and good walking or hiking shoes (sneakers or boots)

What to Bring: Daypack containing your ID, water bottle, lunch, sunscreen, rain gear, camera and additional clothing you feel you might need

When/Where: Meet at 8 am at Skyline of the Fairfax Campus. We will then drive to Riprap Hollow hike for about 6 hours and return to campus around 8pm.