Cub Scout Hiking Manual

Hike Number: 18

Hike Location: Jefferson Rock, Appalachian Trail, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Travel Distance: 32 miles from Ashburn Elementary School

Trail Head Location: High St. at the stone steps leading up to St. Peter’s Church.

Blaze Color: White

Map Number: 18-1, 18-2









Ability Level:

Difficulty: Moderate Loop 2.5-3 miles

Description: Starting at the stone steps in the Lower Town, follow the White Blaze AT trail markings up the side of the mountain and past St. Peter’s Church. The trail will enter the woods and turn to dirt. Shortly after entering the woods you will arrive at Jefferson Rock. The overlook provides a great view of the valley with the Shenandoah River directly below. Continue along the AT south. There are some side trails that will take you to some historical sites in the Upper Town. These side trails are marked with signs. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is located a short distance from the trail. At the conservancy, there is a great 3D map of the AT and several historical displays. Continue along the AT down to Rte. 340 and turn left along Shenandoah St. Follow Shenandoah Street down to the bridge that crosses the Virginius Canal. Use any of the trails on the island to return back to the Lower Town. There are several ruins and interpretive signs along the way.

Facilities: Water and bathrooms located along Shenandoah St. in the Lower Town

Hazards: Some steep slopes. Uneven terrain. Trail can be muddy and slick after a rain.

Cub Scout Adventure Requirements:

Tiger: Tigers in the Wild 1,2,3,4,6

Wolf: Call of the Wild 1,2,3,6

Paws on the Path 1-7

Bear: Bear Necessities 1B,2,3

Fur Feathers and Ferns 1,2,4,5

Webelos: Webelos Walkabout 1,3,6

Arrow of Light: Outdoorsman B 1,2,4