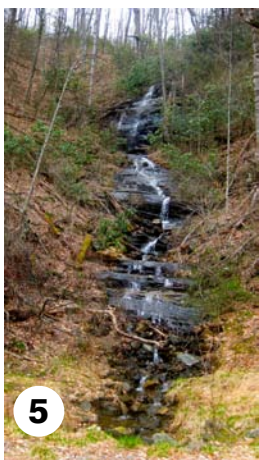


## Enjoy this full day hiking/driving tour and see 7 unique, awe-inspiring waterfalls.

Waterfalls on this tour include; 1) Daniel Ridge Falls, 2) Cove Creek Falls, 3) Slick Rock Falls, 4) Log Hollow 1 Falls, 5) Log Hollow 2 Falls, 6) Moore Cove Falls, and 7) Looking Glass Falls.



This tour is a combination of driving and hiking. The tour will take any where from 5 hours to 8 hours depending on how fast you would like to go. Make sure to bring water and snacks. There is a nice flat area at Log Hollow 1 to enjoy a picnic lunch. This tour is considered MODERATE. This means there are areas where you have to climb over things, cross streams, and have sure footing. The total hiking mileage is approximately 6.75 miles.

Driving from the main intersection to Pisgah National Forest - head North on 276 into the forest and travel for 5.3 miles (along the way you will pass by Davidson River campground on your left, ranger station on your right). At 5.3 miles veer left onto 475 and head toward the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education. At mile 6.8 you will pass the Pisgah Center on your left and continue forward on 475 (the road turns to gravel shortly after the center). At mile 8.5 you will pass by Cove Creek Group Camping. Keep going forward on 475 for Daniel Ridge Falls.

### 1) Daniel Ridge Falls (EASY)

The road ends with a small parking lot on your right at mile 9.2. This is an easy hike and a 1 mile round trip - 1/2 mile out and 1/2 mile back. Simply stay on trail #137...it is a fire road. Once you cross the bridge you will pass by the first Daniel Ridge loop trail marker on your left...stay right. Go past second trail marker for Daniel Ridge loop and the waterfall is just a few yards up on the left. In the summer the approach to the falls is completely shielded

by the trees and you won't see or hear it until you're right at it. Take a moment and enjoy. (there is a little foot path to get closer to the falls - use at your own risk) Back track to get back to your car.

## **2) Cove Creek Falls** (MODERATE - climbing)

Take your car and back track to Cove Creek Group Camping parking lot on your right. Cross street and go through gate (you will see a map kiosk at the trail head). Walk on fireroad for .75 mile - along the way you will pass by 2 group camping areas. Also note that both water crossings have foot bridges. When you get to the second group camping field cross the field and head toward the bathroom building...stay left of building and follow trail along the creek. At mile .8 go left across narrow foot bridge where there is a Caney Bottom Trail marker. After crossing the bridge immediately go right and follow the creek. Walk past the fire pit. Continue forward and stay left as you cross over some larger rocks to continue on the trail. The path is a little difficult for the last several 100 feet - you will have to climb over some logs and shimmy up some roots and across a few rocks. At 1 mile veer right and head down for an awesome waterfall viewing opportunity! I promise you that the waterfall is worth the little bit of work it takes to get to it. In the summer there are great opportunities along the way to take a dip in the cool water (maybe bring your water shoes). Back track to get back to car.

## **3) Slick Rock Falls** (MODERATE - climbing)

Continue back tracking on 475 and head toward Pisgah Center - turn left before the center onto 475B (gravel road) and travel for 1.1 miles to a parking area on the right for a viewing of Slick Rock Falls. Trail is less than .25 mile and you can see the falls from the car. The gravel road is narrow in some parts so be careful of on-coming cars around curves.

## **4 & 5) Log Hollow I and II** (EASY)

Continue on 475B past slick rock falls. At mile 3 on 475B you will see a trail kiosk on your right you'll also have a great view of Looking Glass Rock. At mile 3.4 you will pass by fire road 255 on your left. At 3.8 you will cross a small bridge. At 4.5 you will see a sign for one lane bridge - pull off to the left by a green electrical box before next small bridge. THERE IS NO TRAIL MARKER HERE. Walk to Log Hollow I is short (1/3 of a mile) - easy terrain. To get to Log Hollow II, you will turn left on an unmarked fire road at Log Hollow I. Walk shy of 1/2 mile for viewing on the right - easy terrain. Back track on fire road to view Log Hollow I again and then turn right to get back to the car.

## **6) Moore Cove Falls** (EASY)

Travel 2 more miles on 475B and turn right onto 276. After driving about 2.5 miles, you will see parking area for Sliding Rock on your right. Travel another 1 mile past Sliding Rock to a parking area on your left for Moore Cove - this parking area is immediately after crossing a bridge. Moore Cove hike is a little more than 1.5 mile out and back and is considered relatively easy (there are some short inclines like walking some stairs).

## **7) Looking Glass Falls** (EASY)

What a way to end a waterfall tour with one of the most beautiful falls in the forest. After Moore Cove, travel another mile on 276 (heading South) for a viewing of Looking Glass Falls on your left. This is a very popular hot spot, so please be safe as you pull off to park. You can see the falls from the road and can take the stairs down to the base of the falls.

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