



Burnett Gap Horse Trail

Cocke County, TN

LOCATION: Burnett Gap Parking Area, North SR 107, across from Meadow Creek Fire Tower
(Trail Head) Road

GPS REF: 35.961847, -82.958108
(Trail Head) <https://www.google.com/maps/place/35%C2%B057'42.7%22N+82%C2%B057'29.2%22>

DIRECTIONS: From Greeneville, take Asheville Highway 70 South, to a right onto SR 107
(Trail Head) (Houston Valley Rd) towards Del Rio. Travel approximately 10 miles to the Burnett Gap Parking Area on the left. You will see a brown FS sign indicating Burnett Gap on the left, Meadow Creek Fire Tower on the right.

PARKING: The parking area is a loop with room to accommodate approximately 10-12 trailers.

TRAIL LENGTH: This is an in and out trail of approximately 13 miles and will take about 4- 4 1/2 hours to complete.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Challenging (Proficient Riders)

DESCRIPTION: The Burnett Gap Trail head leaves from the rear of the parking area, where horses can ride around the steel FS gate. The trail is a beautiful ride that encompasses some easy forest service road riding combined with mountain single track trail. The trail travels through hardwood forest and areas with rhododendron and mountain laurel.

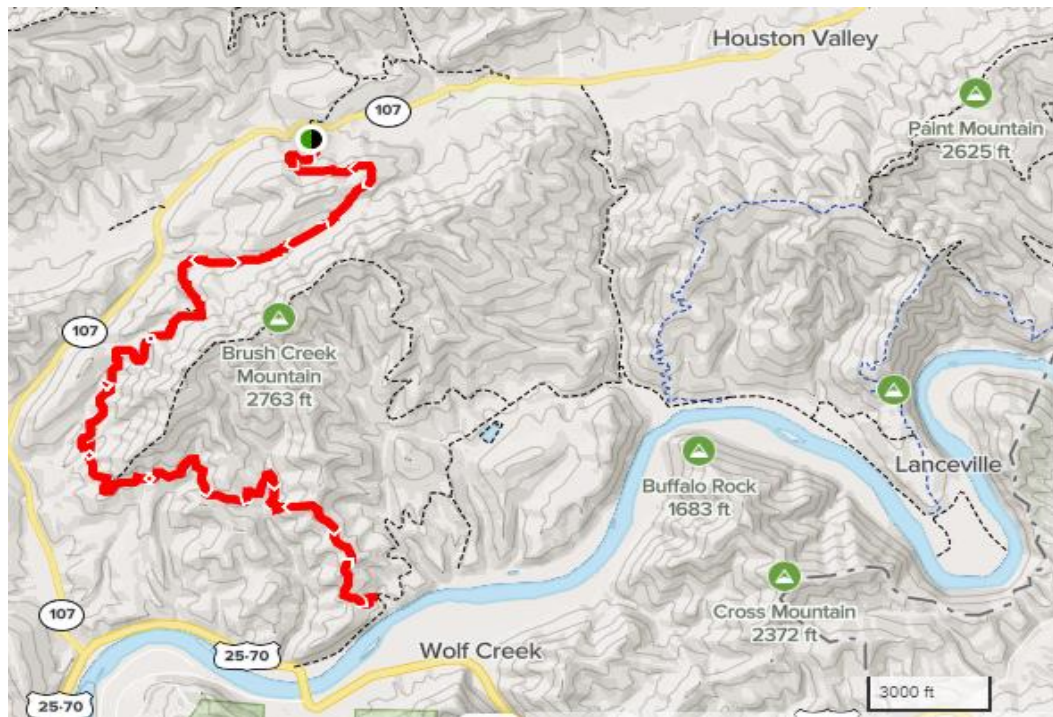
Once descending from the FS road (look for yellow diamond markers on each side of the trail), you will encounter some significantly rocky areas, including a fairly steep climb with some swithbacks. After traveling through this area, the trail becomes a wide, easy trail with few rocks. You will encounter an open field where the trail continues to a sharp left. As you ride, there will be two more small "fields", the 2nd with a trail going off to the right (this off-shoot will take you on an easy ride of a few miles to a FS gate at SR107. Note that at this time the bridge that allows you access to the road is washed out).

To stay on Burnett Gap, continue on the left fork of the trail, following the yellow diamond markers and painted blazes. Further down the trail, you will encounter an "intersection " with a FS road that goes up to the left and another that goes to the right. Again, follow the yellow markers/blazes to travel downward on the center trail. The trail will eventually come to a sharp right where it then goes left up the mountain. This is a steep climb for approximately 1/2 - 3/4 mile with switchbacks to the ridge on top. The trail is wide and without ledges. By continuing to follow the trail, you will descend to Brush Creek Rd. where you will turn around and ride the trail back to the parking area.

SCENIC VIEW(S): Once on the ridge, there are sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, valley and the French Broad River.

SPECIAL NOTE(S): There is a small stream in the first third of the trail and a larger stream on the back third before climbing to the ridge.

TRAIL MAP:



TRIP TICK(S): N/A

CONNECTIONS: Brush Creek Trail intersects with Burnett Gap. More information to come regarding Brush Creek Trail.