



Paint Mountain / Chimney Top Horse Trail

Cocke County, TN

LOCATION: On the right at the gap on the gravel road to Paint Rock

(Trail Head)

GPS REF: Not yet available.

(Trail Head)

DIRECTIONS: From Greeneville TN take Hwy 70 south 8 miles turn right on Hwy 107 south. (Trail Head) Approximately 3 miles turn left at Pine Springs church and drive to top of Gap Park on left. Trail head is on the right.

PARKING: Barely room for 4 trucks and trailers. Recommend backing into forest service rd to turn around. Cars may block you in if you don't. Park both sides of the road.

TRAIL LENGTH: 2, 3 or 4 miles -- your choice of 3 circle rides. Approximately 1.5 hrs, 2.5 hrs and 3.5 hrs riding respectively.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Challenging (Proficient Riders)

DESCRIPTION: 1st option trail easy, 2nd and 3rd options have a short stretch of challenge if downhill but not dangerous. 3rd option goes all the way to paint rock on the French Broad river and returns to trailer via gravel road.

SCENIC VIEW(S): Most beautiful views of the double horseshoe bends on the French Broad river. No view beats it from Mt Rodgers to the Smokies.

SPECIAL NOTE(S): Water available if you take the 3rd option to the stream (runs into the river). [Jim Kennedy 423-620-9348. Text before 4 pm, or call after 4pm. I'll ride with you or give complete directions for any of the 1, 2 or 3 ride]

TRAIL MAP: Not yet available.

TRIP TICK(S): Not yet available.

CONNECTIONS: Paint Mtn trail turns right and goes down to Weavers Bend — 2 miles gravel then left up the bank at the railroad on to chimney tops trail. Back up to meet Paint Mountain trail that is the 4th circle available from the gap parking about 4.5 to 5 hr ride total.