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Dark Hollow Falls & Rose River Loop Trails



Type: Loop

Total Distance: 5.1 miles (8.2 km) round trip

Cumulative Elevation Gain/Loss: 1675 feet (511 m)

Time: 4.5 hours hiking which includes lunch, photography and rest breaks

Trail Markings: Well marked with yellow and blue blazes

Difficulty: Moderate, good elevation gain

Crowds: Lots of people on Dark Hollow Falls Trail, and a moderate number on the other trails **Water:** Plenty of streams, waterfalls, swimming holes

Directions to Fisher's Gap Parking: 38.53409, -78.42457. Skyline Drive Mile Marker 49.5 **Trail Directions:**

- **Mile 0.0** From Fisher's Gap Overlook parking lot, head southwest, toward Skyline Drive. There is a crosswalk, but don't cross it. Head right, uphill on yellow-blazed Skyland/Big Meadows Horse Trail.
- Mile 1.2 You'll see a stream crossing straight ahead. If the stream is low, cross it and turn left on Story of the Forest Trail, then cross a bridge. If the stream is too high, turn left and take the social trail to the same bridge. You'll be on Story of the Forest Trail without needing to cross the stream. Go south on the trail, which is blue-blazed.
- **Mile 1.3** Story of the Forest trail turns right here, across a stone bridge. You'll go straight onto Story of the Forest/Dark Hollow Connector Trail.
- **Mile 1.4** Continue straight, going across Skyline Drive. You'll see the parking lot for Dark Hollow Falls and the Trailhead sign. Turn left onto Dark Hollow Falls Trail.
- Mile 1.9 Upper Dark Hollow Falls Viewpoint
- Mile 2.1 Lower Dark Hollow Falls
- **Mile 2.2** Dark Hollow Falls Trail ends; turn right onto Rose River Fire Road, which is yellow-blazed. Head right over a bridge with another waterfall on your right. Immediately after the bridge, turn left onto the blue-blazed Rose River Loop Trail.
- Mile 3.7 Rose River Falls
- Mile 4.4 Continue straight on yellow-blazed Skyland/Big Meadows Horse Trail
- Mile 4.9 Cross Rose River Fire Road and continue on Skyland/Big Meadows Horse Trail
- Mile 5.1 Skyline Drive and Fisher's Gap Overlook parking lot