

**April 8, 2019**

**Muddy Boots Hike – Big Creek to Mouse Creek Falls**

**Hike Description:** This is a great waterfall hike in a scenic area of the Smoky National Park we rarely visit but should more often. We will hike in about 2 miles along Big Creek on an old railroad grade lined with Rhododendrons, trees, and wet rock formations. We will not be doing any stream crossings, though there may be some very small water runoffs crossing the trail. We will stop along the way to observe the creek cascade over rocks and large boulders as we make our way to Mouse Falls, which has a 45 foot drop. After observing the falls we will continue on for another ½ mile or so to a foot bridge overlooking the creek, stop for some trail snacks, then return to our starting point

**Length of Hike:** 4.0 miles

**Rating:** Easy, with moderate incline

**Departure:** 8:00 a.m. Chota Center parking lot, across from the gas station

**Location/Distance/Drive Time:** Near Waterville, NC, approximately 101 miles, 2:15 hours

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