

Tellico Village Hiking Club



Mt Le Conte via Boulevard/Alum Cave Trails

Distance:
13 miles

Rating:
Difficult

Driving Time:
2 hours

Elevation Gain:
Approx. 2200 feet,
2365 feet with
additional trails

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Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Depart at **7AM** from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot

Note change in start time

The 8.1 mile ascent will start on the Appalachian Trail from Newfound Gap. The starting elevation is 5000 feet and we will ascend about 1200 feet in the 2.7 miles to the junction with the Boulevard Trail at Mt. Ambler. Leaving the AT for the Boulevard Trail we will descend about 500 feet in the first mile. In the next 3 miles we will gradually climb back 300 feet to an elevation of 6000 feet. The last 1.3 miles will have us climbing about 700 feet to the Lodge at Mt. LeConte. There will be very expansive vistas to see during the hike on the A.T. and The Boulevard with its sections of ridgelines

On the 5.0 mile hike down the Alum Cave trail, we will see some of the most spectacular scenery in the park. This trail is steep and there are numerous places where the park has installed cabling to hold onto for safety purposes. The views are wonderful!! There are two major distinguishing features on this trail. The first that we will come to is Alum Cave Bluffs, which is a little more than half way to the bottom. Leaving the cave we will come to Inspiration Point where we will have wonderful views of the valley on our way to Arch Rock, the other major feature on the trail.

On The Boulevard Trail, we may add the side trail "The Jumpoff" shortly after leaving the AT adding an additional .7 miles and most certainly add another .4 mi side trail to Myrtle Point, the view it is not to be missed.



Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended.



Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike.



Bring water and a trail lunch.



Passengers are asked to contribute \$6 to the driver to help cover gas, etc