

# Tellico Village Hiking Club



## Honey Creek Trail Big South Fork Wednesday, February 24, 2021

**Depart at 8AM from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot**

On paper it is only a 5.6 mile trail. On the hike, it is an adventure. Not the typical “path through the woods” or big elevation gain – yet everything about Honey Creek Loop hike reeks cool fun, including the names of the landmarks along the way. Around a corner there’s

Echo Rock, or boulder House Falls, or Ice Castle Falls and an enormous rock house called the Great Room. Large boulders to go over, and some to go through. A “Lookout Tower” to climb, and creeks to cross. Located at the south end of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Honey Creek Loop trail is one of the parks’ most rugged and challenging trails. This trail offers a little something for everyone. Although it is only 5.6 miles, hiking time will approach 5 hours due to the beautiful scenery, creek crossings and boulder climbs. At the end of the hike, it is hard to believe all that was only such a short trail. 5 miles of scrambling fun and beauty. Come along for some great memories.

**Plus:** We just found an additional Falls, the largest one yet, tucked away along the trail.



Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended.

Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike.

Bring water, snack, and a trail lunch.

## Honey Creek Trail Big South Fork

**Distance:  
5.6 miles**

**Rating:  
Difficult**

**Driving Time:  
2 hours**

**Elevation Gain:  
500 feet**

**Leader:  
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### **We will continue with Covid-19 protocol for our hikes**

1. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is still in order on and off the trails.
2. We will not be setting up carpools. Each hiker should drive on their own or may go with another person that they know and feel comfortable with.
3. We will meet at Lakeside Realty parking lot for directions, take a vehicle count, but there is no need to get out of your vehicle and gather as we use to do.

Thank you for adhering to the protocol during this time