

Walking the MitchelldalesSM - Roan High Ridge Walk

Distance: 2.8 miles

Time: 1-1.5 Hours

Elev. Gain: 282ft

Accessibility: Walk relatively flat surface to a beautiful overlook, at this time this trail may be partially closed and is not accessible by wheelchair. The Garden Trail is paved to the garden overlook and very accessible.

Parking: Several parking options- Cloudland parking Lot, Gardens Parking Lot and Overlook Parking lot.

Toilets: At Cloudland Hotel Parking Lot, Gardens Parking, and a bottom of Mountain at Carvers Gap (may be porta john and not wheelchair friendly).

Refreshments: Bring your own water and food. Thomas Grocery in Glen Ayre is a great place to stop but has limited snacks and drinks but a very old country store. rangers are on duty at various times.

Closest National Park Centre: Roan Mountain Park rangers are on duty at various times.

Route description (Please read before beginning)

1. Because of the damage from the Hurricane Helene, there are several recommended starting points for this trail. The first is at the parking lot the Cloudland Hotel opposite end from the restrooms. Pick up the trail and follow it through the remaining woods and through the bus parking lot. Follow this trail to the Roan High Bluff Observation Deck overlook. This overlook looks down on the North Carolina community of Buladean and the Roan Valley and is one of the best views in the mountains of North Carolina.
2. A second point for this walk would be the parking lot past the bus parking lot. This cuts the walk down to a little more than a mile. A moderate Walk through the woods up and down small hills to the Roan High Bluff Observation Deck overlook.
3. All walks are out and back, moderate, and mostly shady.

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Additional notes / points of interest

Tour the old site of the Cloudland Hotel built in 1877 by a former Union General John T. Wilder and frequented by numerous travelers after the war until it closed in 1915.

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