

Cataloochee Valley – Elk Viewing



Directions from Waynesville: *Make a right onto HWY 23/47. Take Exit 102B towards Maggie Valley. Follow signs for US-276 North. Left @ Dellwood Rd, Right @ Jonathan Creek. Turn left onto Cove Creek Rd (Immediately before you hit I-40 ramp). Stay on Cove Creek Rd for approx. 10 mi.*

Travel Time: *Approx. 1hour – Caution: Road has multiple SHARP turns and is a very narrow, single-lane, two-way dirt road on the side of a mountain. Go slow and watch for oncoming traffic!*

Difficulty: *Varies*

Distance: *Various trails to choose from*

Scenery: *Elk roaming wild, forest, historic buildings*

Trail Description: *Easy, gravel, fairly level. Some trails start with a narrow bridge crossing stream.*

To Note: *Best time for viewing Elk is at dawn or dusk. Look for them in the open field or roaming next to the road. Keep your distance (~150 feet) from them. There is a neat school house from 1903 you can rest in if the weather gets bad and an old two story house. There are trails all over. Restrooms are in the middle of the park. More info at: <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/naturescience/elk.htm>*