

Max Patch Bald



Directions from Waynesville: *Take Highway 23/74 towards Asheville. Take exit 104 and turn left at light. Follow 209 N 11.5 mi. which becomes Max Patch Rd. Stay straight, don't turn right at fork between Max Patch and 209N. Go 4.3 miles on Max Patch Rd. Road will become dirt road at Belmont Church. Take dirt road (forks left) for 8.1 miles to parking lot.*

Travel Time: *Approx 1 hour. Caution: Road is Rough gravel/dirt for 8.1 miles (approx 27 mins).*

Difficulty: *Easy/Moderate (first half is easy, down-hill return is rough)*

Distance: *Trail is 2.4 mile loop around bald but you can easily shorten the hike to your liking*

Scenery: *350-acre tract of open land with 360-degree views. On a clear day, you can see from Mt. Mitchell on the east to the Great Smoky Mountains on the south.*

Trail Description: *Level gravel path. Steep decline from the top.*

To Note: *great picnic spot. Unlimited views from all around. Tons of blueberry bushes for fresh picking when in season. Cannot access Max Patch during snow season*