## Coldspring, Jones Gap, & Tom Miller Trails in JGSP

## **DESCRIPTION:**

This hike features many waterfalls and stream crossings. Start at the Raven Cliff parking lot and descend on Coldspring Branch trail (orange) along a trout stream that feeds into the Middle Saluda River. There are 5-6 stream crossings, some of which can be difficult if high water. At the intersection with the Jones Gap trail (blue), turn left and follow the Middle Saluda River. Enjoy lunch by a beautiful small waterfall on the Middle Saluda. The last portion of the hike will involve a steep climb along the Tom Miller trail (blue) for 0.75 mi. These trails are noted for wildflowers especially during the first week of June.

Total mileage: 6.3 miles. Elevation gain: 1380 ft

Rating: Moderate/Strenuous.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

(GPS: 35.11566, -82.63831) Depart from the US11/178 Mart at Holly Springs at 9:15AM. That requires leaving KKEPA by 8:45AM. From Holly Springs, go 11 mi NE on SC11, 1 mi West (left) on SC8, then 8 mi North (left) on SC276.

Parking and trail head are on the right at the Raven Cliff parking area (about 0.25 mi past Caesar's Head State Park ranger station). There are restrooms at the ranger station, none at the trailhead. Access requires a park pass per car or fee per passenger. Expect to return by 2:30PM.

