

JONES GAP FALLS JONES GAP TRAIL TO JONES FALLS IN CAESARS HEAD STATE PARK



DESCRIPTION: First, check in at the parking area on US276, about 2 mi north of the visitor center. Complete a trip plan card to ID cars...4 max...to be parked at the preferred access...a roadside gate (do not block!) about 1.2 mi further north. The Jones Gap Trail (#1) starts there and makes a continuous, gentle decent of 1400ft along, across, above, and back to the Middle Saluda River...a beautiful native trout stream, that features multiple falls, rockeries, and cascades. In route ignore the Cold Spring Trail (#3) junction. Do explore Dargon's Cascade where the trail reverses direction, and Ben's Sluice and pool...a good place for lunch on the return leg, At about 4.4mi, watch for the short spur on the left to the Jones Gap Falls. The alternate start via Tom Miller (#2) connector is very steep; difficult on the return, and is not recommended

DIRECTIONS (GPS: 35.11566, -82.63831)
 Depart from the US11/178 Mart at Holly Springs at 915A. That requires leaving KKEPA by 840 OR Walhalla by 830.
 From Holly, go 11 mi NE on SC11, 1 W on SC8, then 6 N on SC276 to the visitor center; facilities there. Continue about 2mi to the parking area on the right. Access requires a park pass or fee. Expect to return by 330 PM.

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