

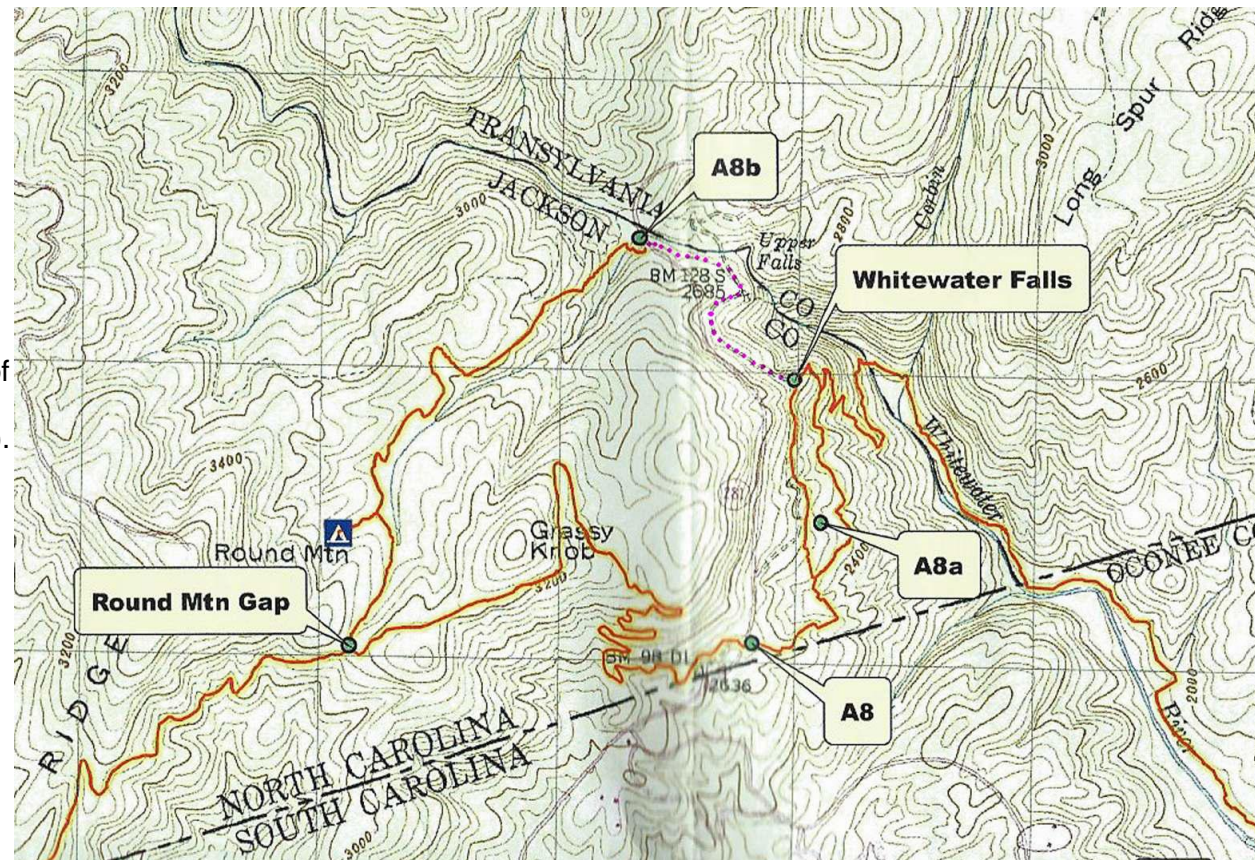
## ROUND MOUNTAIN WHITEWATER LOOP via Foothills Trail and spurs



**DESCRIPTION:** This trail links familiar sections of the Foothills Trail (FT) to create a loop of about 5.5 miles. It includes fine wintertime vistas of Lake Jocassee and Bad Creek, an encounter with the iconic Upper Whitewater Falls, and with its headwaters. The terrain is mostly moderate with some uphill and one steep descent of 600ft...eased by multiple switchbacks. Start at the FT A8, parking area. Head east, then north on the trail to Whitewater Falls. A short spur in route provides access to restrooms in the Park. Continue to the Falls, then above, following the dirt road/trail to NC281 (FT A8b). Cross the highway to another FT spur and continue southwest past Round Mountain to the Gap and junction with the primary FT. Keep left heading downhill, east then south, completing the loop back to the parking area. Lunch at one of the overlooks near Round Mtn.

**DIRECTIONS** (GPS: 35.02339,  
-83.02117)

Gather, pool and depart at 8:45A from KKEPA . Reassemble for a 920A start from the gravel parking area, west side of NC281, 10 miles north of SC11 on SC130, (just past the gate to Bad Creek). Expect to return by 230P.



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