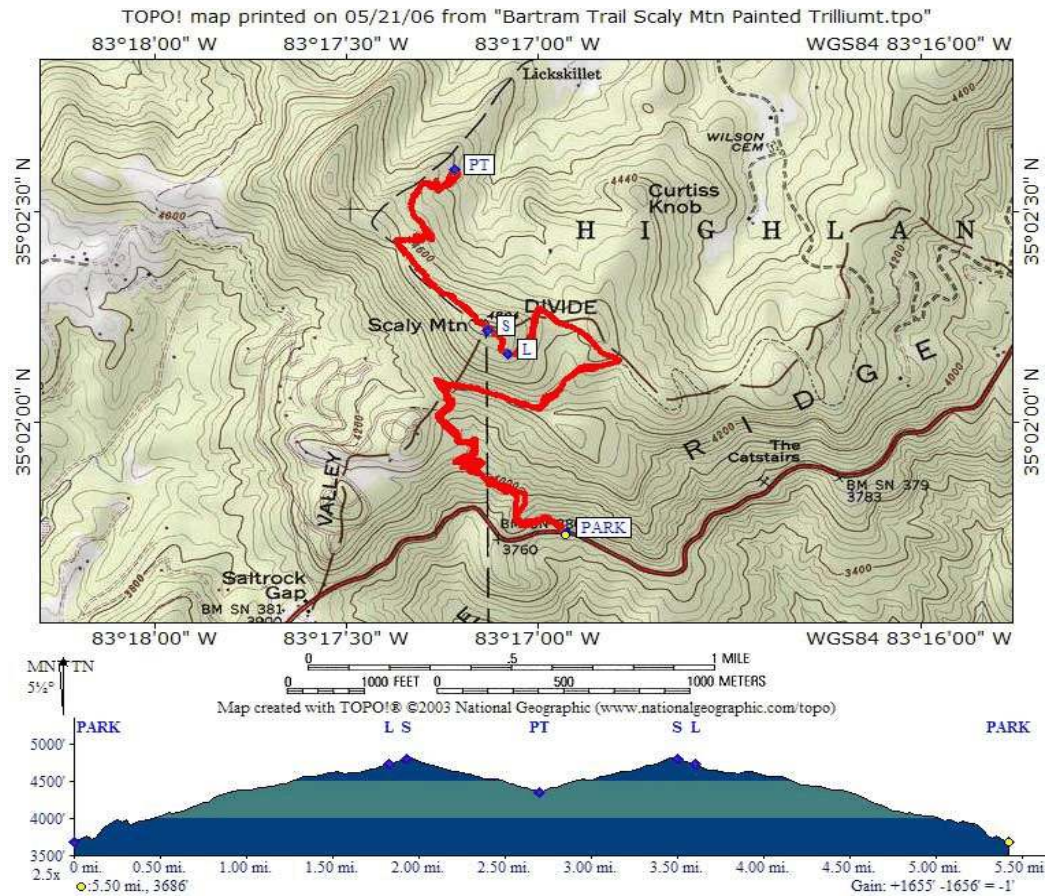


SCALY MOUNTAIN and BEYOND near Highlands, NC



DESCRIPTION: Scaly Mountain, west of Highlands, is a great vista venue, including the scene on the home page of the BRR website. We hike this two plus mile segment...bits rough and wet under foot... of the Bartram Trail to the 4804ft Scaly summit, continuing beyond (optional) for another half mile or so to enjoy more vistas, laurel wrapped pathways, and seasonal sightings of rare Painted Trillium and Lady Slippers . Further along, the Bartram trail descends steeply with little visual reward and is not recommended. Instead, we return to a rocky bald just below the summit for lunch and the easy downhill return. Total 5 or 6 miles. Consider calorie restoration with yummys at Kilwins or Sweet Treats in Highlands.

DIRECTIONS (GPS: 35.030692, -83.27325)
 Pool as usual for a 9AM departure from Walhalla, or 830 from KKEPA. We take SC28 north to US64 (Main St) in Highlands, then jog left/west three streets on 28/64, then left/south on NC106. Continue about 5.5 miles to the Osage Overlook on the left. Park there. The trail head begins with the stairway on the north side of 106, opposite the overlook. There are no fees, and no potties after Walhalla. Expect to be return 3PM.



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