

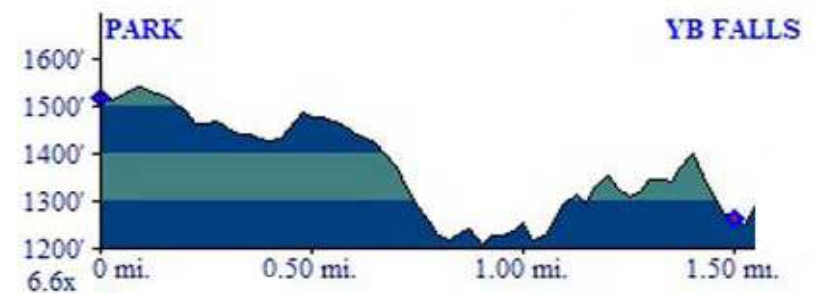
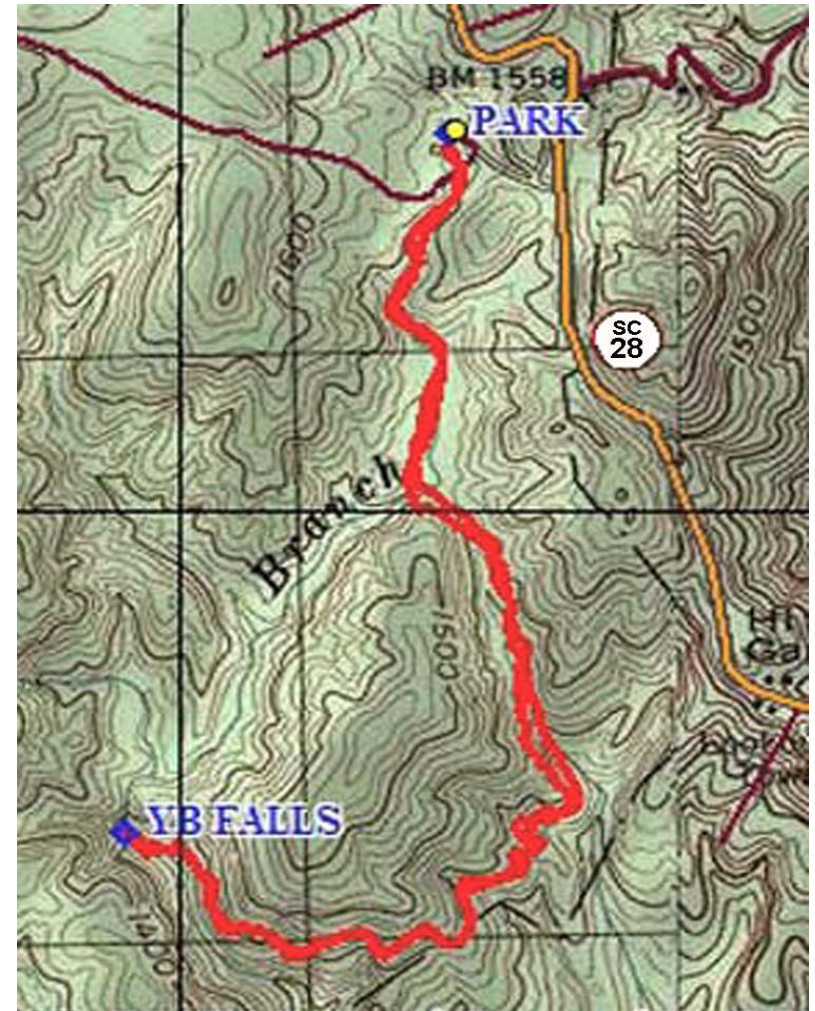
YELLOW BRANCH



DESCRIPTION: At less than four, mostly easy miles, Yellow Branch and its gateway Nature Trail doesn't really qualify as a "day" hike. However, it makes a fine early season warm-up, or morning's outing...especially if combined with exploration of Stumphouse Tunnel and Isaqueena Falls, just across SC28. Yellow Branch features a delightful 50ft falls, set in an impressive rockery. With a bit of careful scrambling, the falls can be experienced close up. Enter via the Nature Trail starting at the park's main picnic area. Cross a narrow rock crevice and creek to a sandy path, beneath mature hardwoods, then continue along a ridge lush with rhododendron and mountain laurel. Descend to a bold creek with several rock-hop crossings. Watch for the spur and sign for the Falls. Follow to the falls, 1.3 rolling miles further in. If you plan to do Stumphouse, bring a flashlight and \$2 per car parking fee.

DIRECTIONS (Trailhead GPS: 34.804697, -83.128389)

Meet, pool, and depart as usual from KKEPA at 830A and/or Walhalla at 9AM. From there it's just 6 miles northwest on SC28 to the well-signed Yellow Branch Park on the left. There are facilities at the YB trailhead and no fees. Even with the suggested add-ons and lunch at Stumphouse, expect to return before 2PM.



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