

Bartram Trail Hale Ridge - Warwoman Dell Backpacking Plan

MapQuest Departure Destination: Hale Ridge Rd, Clayton, GA 30525.

Cross the NC/GA border and continue south on Hale Ridge Road. It becomes gravel, and in three-tenths of a mile you'll see the Bartram Trail sign on the right hand side.

Park: There's parking for about two vehicles. You can use a shuttle from the Buckeye Creek parking area, or the destination.

MapQuest Car Drop Destination: Warwoman Dell, Clayton, GA

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 18.3 miles

USGS Quadrangles: Rabun Bald

Shuttle Service: See list from FTC at:

<http://www.foothillstrail.org/permanent/shuttledrivers.htm>

Emergency Numbers: 911

U.S. Forest Service, Chattooga River District

Dave Jensen - District Ranger 706 782-3320

Water Availability:

Multiple stream crossings first 14 miles

Warwoman Dell 18.3 miles

Day 1: 9.7 miles Bartram Trail Metal Yellow Diamond Blazes Trail changes with double blazes

Cross many very slick footbridges and streams, arriving Hale Ridge Rd.

0.1 mile

A small waterfall appears to the right.

0.4 mile

Traverse a mature hardwood forest to Bee Gum Gap, house 50 feet on left. Cross the road.

2.1 mile

Along the way the trail crosses a narrow dirt road, and turns left onto an old fire tower road an mile

0.1 mile

Begin a long and moderate climb to the second highest peak in Georgia Rabun Bald (4,696 ft).

2.0 mile

Descend via a series of switchbacks along the Tennessee Valley Divide to Saltrock Gap, (3,700 ft).

1.3 mile

Enter the site of a controlled burn in 1997.

0.9 mile

Pass a small stream and tiny campsite trailside. An unmarked side trail leads to campsite beside stream.

0.1 mile

A short side trail leads 65 feet to an impressive overlook of the valley known as Ramey Field.

0.2 mile

Pass a dry campsite and climb a series of switchbacks to Flat Top Mountain (3,740 ft).

0.3 mile

Arrive at an unnamed gap (3,370 ft) with a few dry campsites to the left.

0.2 mile

Cross a dirt road to reach Wilson Gap (3,200 ft), turn sharply right onto a Gravel Road, FS 153, AKA Walnut Fork Road.

0.6 mile

Cross a small stream. A large camping area appears to your left.

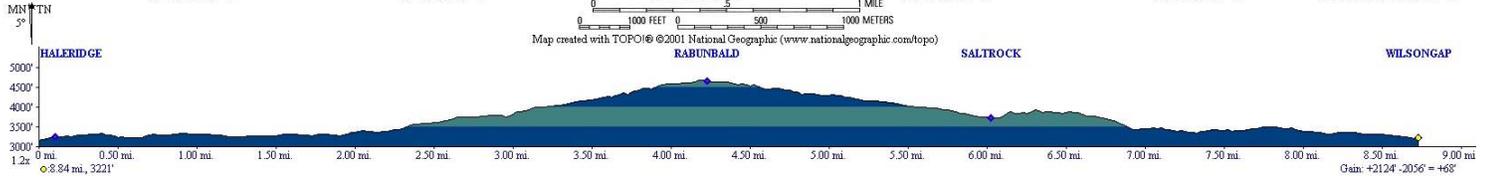
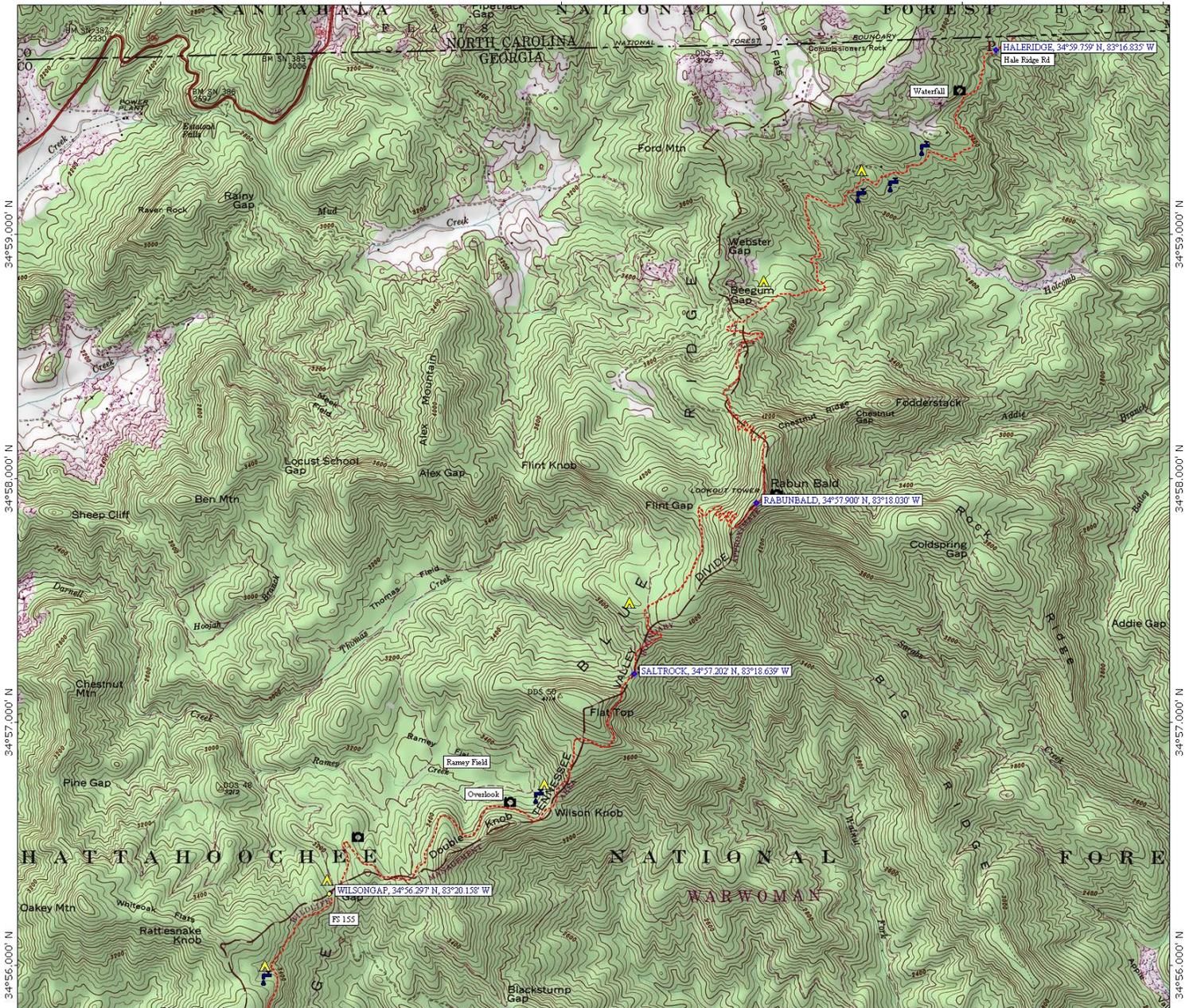
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Cross two small streams in Rhododendron.

0.3 mile

CAMP in one of two sites along the stream.

<u>Day 2:</u>	8.6 miles Bartram Trail	Metal Yellow Diamond Blazes	Trail changes with double blazes	
	Climb the Eastern flank of Rattlesnake Knob and Black Creek Knob (3490 ft).			0.5 mile
	Crest Black Creek Knob with nice views of Rock Mountain to the south.			0.1 mile
	Descend easily along the east side of Black Creek to Windy Gap (3180ft).			0.3 mile
	Dry campsites dot the trail along the divide.			0.3 mile
	Pass through a rhododendron thicket.			1.3 mile
	Begins a southwest descent along the divide to the skirt of Rabun Knob.			0.5 mile
	Pass between 2 dry campsites along the ridgeline. Then, begin paralleling the boundary of the Warwoman Dell WMA, marked by frequent yellow signs nailed into trees to the left.			0.4 mile
	Descend along the Divide reaching Courthouse Gap, marked with a sign nailed to a tree.			1.0 mile
	Cross Courthouse Gap and continue on an old roadbed. Leave the old road at a set of log stairs just before crossing a rivulet.			0.4 mile
	Look for the path through a hole in Rhodedendron, then cross another small stream in a ravine via a foot bridge.			0.8 mile
	Pass a rock seeping water.			0.1mile
	Pass another small stream.			0.3 mile
	Drop down several log steps. Rock-hop across another small stream.			0.1 mile
	Break sharply away from Martin Creek, by a waterfall, and nearly doubles back across the ridge into a hardwood cove.			0.5 mile
	Descend into a campground alongside a tributary of Martin Creek.			0.1 mile
	Cross Martin Creek on a wooden bridge with a T-shaped viewing platform, walk up the other side to view a fantastic waterfall, cross Martin Creek again on a wooden bridge, and return to nearly the same place you crossed previously.			0.1 mile
	Drop down into a large camping area before rock hopping another stream.			0.5 mile
	Rock-step a small stream and then crosses another via a footbridge a short distance further.			0.5 mile
	Follow a small rivulet and then crosses a gravel road before crossing Becky Branch.			0.1 mile
	From the wooden observation platform at the falls, the trail descends to Warwoman Road and the historic trail sign. Turn Right on to the road and cross the pavilion parking lot. The town of Clayton is 3 miles west.			0.7 mile

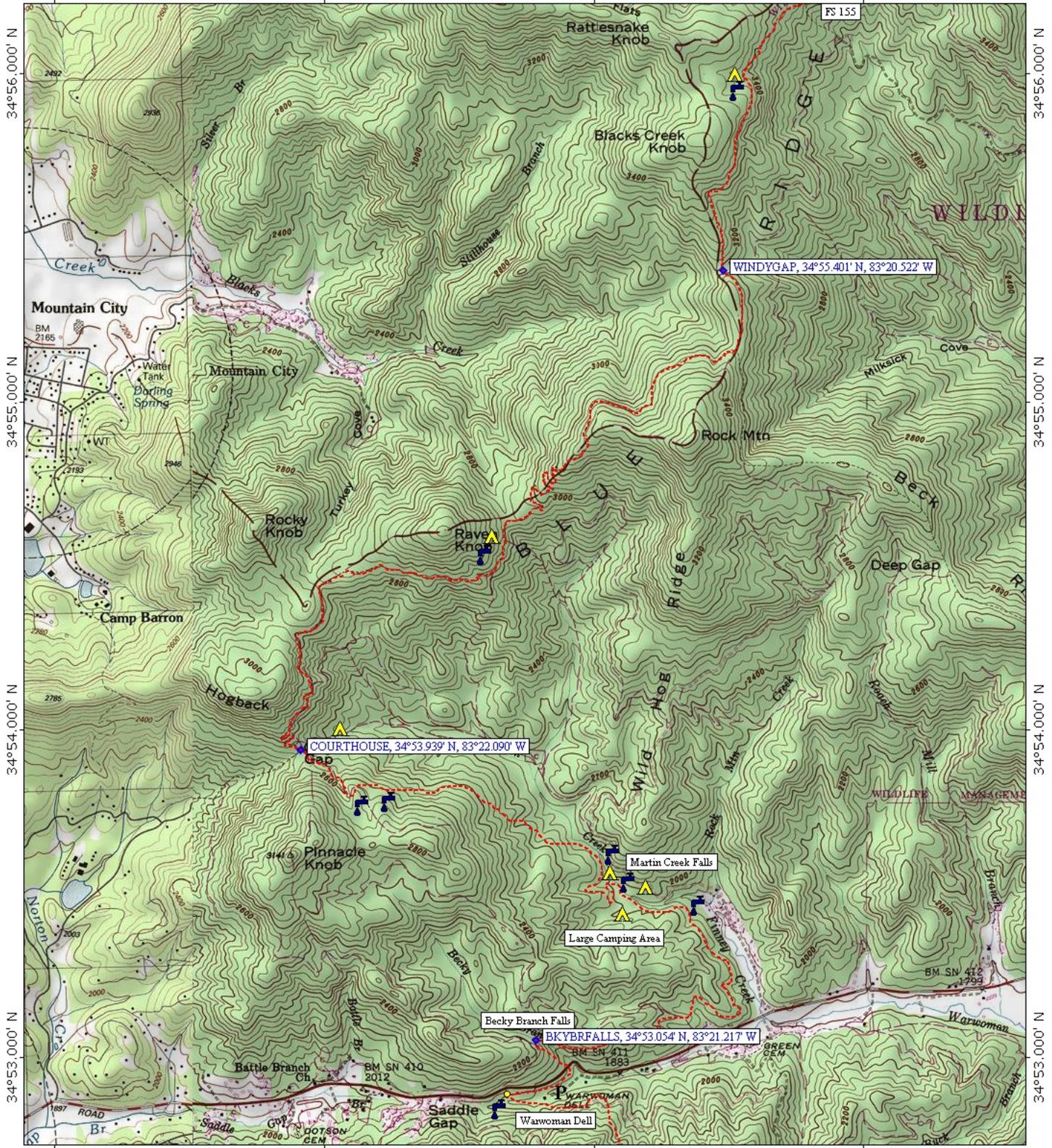


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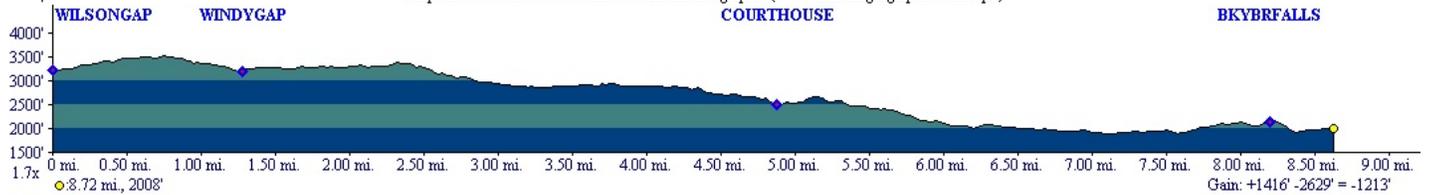
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