

Billy Goat Trail (section A)
(5 miles from Carderock)



Probably most “Carderockians” know this trail intimately, but just in case... we are so lucky to have this trail in our backyard! Breathtaking rock formations and some of the most challenging whitewater kayaking spots in the country make this a great hike (and picnic spot) for young and old alike.

You can pick up the trail in several spots, but we typically park by Old Angler’s Inn and head down to the canal from there. Start north (right) on the towpath and after a 10 min walk you’ll come to a small “pond” where you’ll see a Billy Goat Trail marker $\frac{1}{4}$ way around the pond on your left. The loop from that point is well-marked, with blue blazes found on both trees and rocks throughout

the trail. The circuit hike we recommend is about 3 miles total and is best viewed at www.midatlantichikes.com/id163.html. Keep in mind this is a fairly moderate hike, with lots of rock scrambling. Also, unfortunately dogs are not allowed on the Billy Goat Trail.