

## **Big Schloss Mountain**

(100 miles from Carderock)



This spectacular hike in the George Washington National Forest is especially fun in late fall through early Spring, when the trees are bare and offer wonderful views of the surrounding valleys. For maps/details go to [www.hikingupward.com/GWNF/BigSchloss](http://www.hikingupward.com/GWNF/BigSchloss).

The hike begins at the Wolf Gap Campground (near campsite #9). You begin with a 1 mile rigorous hike, with several switch backs, followed by an easy-going, flat mile along the ridge line of Mill Mountain. As you arrive at the junction of the Big Schloss Trail there will be a sign directing you to the white blazed trail. In @.3 miles you'll make it to a wooden bridge which crosses over to the

spectacular rock scramble shown in the photo above. This is a great place to eat lunch and relax on the rocks before heading back by retracing your route back to Wolf Gap Campground. Total adventure takes @3-4 hours which includes very leisurely hiking and at least an 1 hour enjoying the summit.

Driving directions: Take 66W for 65miles to Front Royal. Take exit 1A to I-81 South toward Roanake for 17.5 miles. Take exit 283 for VA-42 toward Woodstock for .2 miles. Turn right at W Reservoir Rd/VA-42 for 5.6 miles. Turn right at VA-675/Wolf Gap Road and stay left on Wolf Gap Rd for 6.3 miles. Follow signs to Wolf Gap Campground parking lot. Hike begins near campsight #9.