

Harpers Ferry area Day Hikes

Town Loop (partly on A.T.)	Appalachian Trail South	Appalachian Trail North	Maryland Heights (not A.T.)	Weverton Cliffs (A.T., starts 4 miles north)	Loudoun Heights (not A.T.)	Bolivar Heights (not A.T.)
<p>Length: 1.3 miles</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate</p> <p>Features: Woods, view, historic district, town streets</p> <p>Elevation change: 258'</p> <p>Starting point: ATC</p> <p>Directions: Follow blue blazes starting on side of ATC building (uphill to top of Storer College Place). Jog left onto Filmore, turn right onto brick walkway. Follow blazes down cement steps, across paved area, and into woods. Descend steep stone steps. Turn left at junction of white-blazed A.T. Follow .5 to Jefferson Rock overlook; continue downhill to bottom of stone steps. Turn left uphill onto High St. Follow .5 back to ATC Visitor Center.</p> <p>Notes: Footpath rugged in places.</p>	<p>Length: 4 miles</p> <p>Difficulty: Strenuous</p> <p>Features: Woods, view from Shenandoah highway bridge, walk to ridgetop.</p> <p>Elevation change: 735'</p> <p>Starting point: ATC</p> <p>Directions: Follow blue blazes starting on side of ATC building (uphill on Storer College Place). Jog left onto Filmore, turn right onto brick walkway. Follow blue blazes down cement steps, across paved area, and into woods. Descend steep stone steps. Turn right at junction of white-blazed A.T. Follow white blazes .3 mile. Cross Shenandoah St., then bridge over Shen. River.</p> <p>Notes: Rugged, uneven terrain in places. The most secluded hike in the area.</p>	<p>Length: Variable</p> <p>Difficulty: Easy</p> <p>Features: Historic district, town streets, views, river walk</p> <p>Elevation change: 260'</p> <p>Starting point: ATC</p> <p>Directions: Turn right outside ATC Visitor Center onto Washington Street. Follow .5 mile (changes to High St.) Turn left onto Shenandoah St. Turn right toward "The Point." Walk across footbridge over Potomac River. At bottom of spiral staircase, turn right, following C&O Towpath downstream as long as desired. A.T. coincides with Towpath for approx. 2.5 miles.</p> <p>Notes: In places blazes absent or obscure.</p>	<p>Length: 5.5 miles</p> <p>Difficulty: Strenuous</p> <p>Features: Outstanding view of Harpers Ferry, Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers; Civil War history.</p> <p>Elevation change: 850'</p> <p>Starting point: ATC</p> <p>Directions: Follow directions for A.T. North (column at left), except turn left at bottom of spiral staircase. Follow river upstream .5 mile. Turn right onto small footbridge over canal. Cross Sandy Hook Rd. Walk around gate; continue up dirt road. Follow directions on wayside to overlook.</p> <p>Notes: Often crowded in hiking season, on weekends. Shorter hike available by driving to Sandy Hook Rd. trailhead (often full on summer weekends).</p>	<p>Length: 2 miles</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous</p> <p>Features: Excellent view of Potomac River, surrounding mountains, "The Gap."</p> <p>Elevation change: 635'</p> <p>Starting point: Weverton Rd. trailhead (10 min. drive). Follow US340 North to Route 67; turn right on Weverton Rd.</p> <p>Directions: Pick up white A.T. blazes at far end of parking lot. Parallel Weverton Rd. going away from Route 67. Enter woods, ascending steeply. Follow switchbacks .9 mile. Reach level area; turn right onto blue-blazed side trail. Follow .1 mile to overlook.</p> <p>Notes: Graded trail but rocky footpath in places.</p>	<p>Length: 1.6 miles +</p> <p>Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous</p> <p>Features: Good view of Harpers Ferry.</p> <p>Elevation change: 750'</p> <p>Starting point: US340 parking lot next to Exxon station just before junction with VA 671. (5-10 min. drive).</p> <p>Directions: Follow US340 towards Harpers Ferry about 1/4 mile. Blue-blazed trail leads uphill mostly on graded switchback .5 mile to overlook. Additional overlooks at powerline cuts .5 and .7 further.</p> <p>Notes: Portion along 340 has no shoulder and heavy traffic.</p>	<p>Length: 0.3 or 1.0</p> <p>Difficulty: Easy</p> <p>Features: Sweeping views of Harpers Ferry, "The Gap," and Blue Ridge Mountains; Civil War history.</p> <p>Elevation change: 0/25'</p> <p>Starting point: Bolivar Heights parking lot. (5 min. drive). Follow Washington St. 1.1 west, turn right at "Bolivar Heights Battlefield" sign. Parking at top of hill.</p> <p>Directions: From parking lot follow .3 mile loop or longer 1-mile up-and-back trail to Civil War cannons.</p>