

OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 6 / The Cold Spring Complex, Part 1

**CAUTION:** Use Parking Area #1. If you use Parking Areas #2 or #3, you must check in at the Provost Marshall's Office, at Indiantown Gap, first.

**RAUSCH GAP HIKE:** [Ralph Kinter] starts from the Parking Area #1, and follows the Old Wagon Road, which runs along the edge of the Parking Area.

After 2.50 m. turn right on the RR Grade, and follow the white blazes, to the Site of Rausch Gap Village, at 2.85 m. Each home is indicated by a mound of foundation stones, with the well, dry but evident. Con-

tinue along the white blazed trail to the first junction where you bear left, away from the white blazes to the Cemetery at 3.05 m. Retrace your way along the white blazes, leaving the RR Grade at 3.70 m. Bear left on Blue Blazed Trail to Old Breaker Site, at 3.90 m. and the Rausch Gap Shelter at 4.10 m. When you reach the White Blazed Trail at 4.30 m., bear right and return to the RR Grade, at 4.85 m. Turn right and follow the RR Grade back to a juncture with the Cold Spring Trail, at 6.90 m. Turn left on the Cold Spring Trail and follow it back to the Parking Area, 7.00 miles.

**IN SEARCH OF THE GENERAL:** [Louise Sie] Starts from the Parking Area #1, and follows the Old Wagon Road, which runs along the edge of the Parking Area.

After 2.50 m. cross the RR Grade and follow the White Blazes up the hill. This is the Appalachian Trail. At 4.95 m. reach the Cold Spring Stage Coach Stop. Continue on to a junction with the Sand Spring Trail at 5.30 m. Turn right on the Sand Spring Trail, bearing left on the first unmarked trail. Reach the GENERAL, an abandoned Steam Shovel left over from the coal mining days, 6.00 m. Return to the White Blazed Trail, turning left, to the Coal Spring Stage Coach Stop, 7.05 m. Turn right on the Cold Spring Trail and follow it back to the Parking Area. Cross the RR Grade at 7.60 miles and the Parking Area at 7.80 m.

