

THE MYSTERY TOWER HIKE: [John Wozniak] John first showed us this hike some few years back, when a question was raised on the origin of the Tower. Both John and your Editor feel it was a chimney, for we felt we had found the fire box.

The hike starts at the Parking Area #1, and goes through the gate to the Game Lands. Following the roadway. The Trail is marked with yellow blazes [Horseshoe Trail]. A short distance beyond the gate, the yellow blazed trail bears right to the RR Grade at .20 m. Cross the RR Grade and climb mountain, reaching the Cold Springs Stop for the Stage Coach at .75 m. Turn left on the Appalachian Trail [White Blazes] and follow it to the foundations of the homes at Yellow Springs, 2.90 m. At 3.15 m. come to a well defined but unmarked trail to the right. This leads to the Mystery Tower, at 3.43 m. To the west of the Mystery Tower, you will find a Tramway, which is the Yellow Springs Trail to Yellow Springs Station Site, 4.95 m. Turn left on the RR Grade. At about 5.33 m., a footpath becomes evident to the right of the RR. Drop down to this trail. This is the Bridle Path to the Hotel Site, 7.20 m. Turn right on road and follow it back to the Parking Area. 7.40 miles.

HOLLY HIKE: [Ralph Kinter] Ralph usually leads this in December.

Hike leaves Parking Area #1, and goes through the gate to the Game Lands. Follow the road to the Hotel Site, .20 m. Turn left through the Hotel Site, and follow the Bridle Path until it comes against the RR Bed. 2.05 m. Climb unto RR Bed and bearing left, follow it to Yellow Springs Station, 2.45 m. The Holly Grove is just below the Station Site, but across the RR Bed. Return via the RR Bed, to Cold Springs Station, 4.33 m. Turn right on road to bottom of hill. The Caretakers Home Site is on the left, the Hotel Site on the left, 4.50 m. Turn right through the Hotel Grounds, then left on a distinct trail, which leads to the Bath House, 4.65 m. Return to first cross trail, turn right and follow trail to Parking Area, 4.85 miles.

