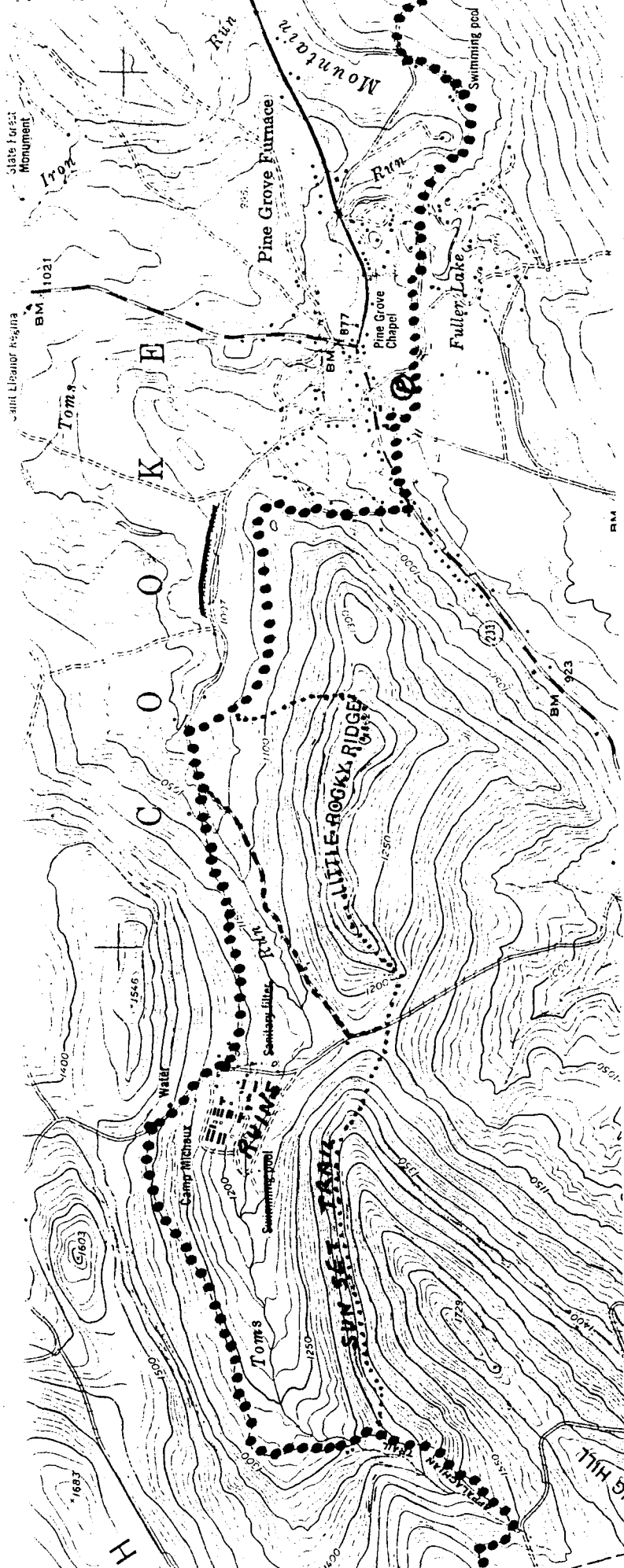


OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 17 -- PINE GROVE FURNACE COMPLEX, ROCKY RIDGE



OUR FAVORITE HIKE this quarter features three hikes of varying distances over the same trails. They take us over Rocky Ridge, near Pine Grove Furnace State Park. This trail is also known as the Sunset Rocks Trail. The feature hike is about 7 1/4 miles long, the second is about five miles long, while the shortest is about 2 1/4 miles long.

The first two versions involve parking at the Furnace Stack Parking Lot in the State Park.

The feature hike leaves from the Furnace Stack and follows the Appalachian Trail south, along Route 233. The Appalachian Trail turns right on wood road. Then turns left off of the wood road. Junctions with blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail. Crosses Tom's Run on foot bridge. Follows old road, then slashes to the right.

A shorter version of this hike, also, starts at the Furnace Stack.

An even shorter version of the Sunset Rocks Trail can be done, by parking along Michaux Road, near the Junction with the blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail.

Park car along Michaux Road. Turn off right side of Michaux Road and follow blue-blazed trail. Begin ascent to Rocky Ridge. Cross the length of Rocky Ridge and begin descent. Junction with and turn left on the Appalachian Trail. Cross Tom's Run on foot bridge and follow old wood road. Continue on old wood road, with the Appalachian Trail slashing off to right. Arrive at and turn left on Michaux Road. Arrive back at your car.

Appalachian Trail turns right on Michaux Road.....	2.38	Continue along Appalachian Trail, and turn left, off of wood road.....	0.62
Then turns left from Michaux Road.....	2.67	Junctions with blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail.....	1.33
Passes Tom's Run Shelters.....	3.76	Cross Tom's Run on foot bridge and follow old wood road.....	1.48
Leaves Appalachian Trail and turn left on blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail.....	3.85	Continue on old wood road, with Appalachian Trail slashing off to right.....	1.62
Trail crosses paved Michaux Road.....	4.95	Turn left on Michaux Road.....	2.33
Begin ascent to Rocky Ridge.....	5.10	Junction with and turn left on blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail.....	2.43
Cross the length of Rocky Ridge and begin descent.....	5.81	Begin ascent to Rocky Ridge.....	2.57
Junction with and turn right on the Appalachian Trail.....	6.17	Cross the length of Rocky Ridge and begin descent.....	3.29
Follow Appalachian Trail and turn right on wood road.....	6.88	Junction with and turn right on the Appalachian Trail.....	3.65
Turn left on Route 233.....	7.12	Follow Appalachian Trail and turn right on wood road.....	4.36
Reach Parking Lot at Furnace Stack.....	7.50	Turn left on Route 233.....	4.60
A shorter version of this hike, also, starts at the Furnace Stack.		Follow the Appalachian Trail back to the Parking Lot at the Furnace Stack.....	5.02
Follow the Appalachian Trail south along Route 233.....	0.00		
Turn right on wood road.....	0.38		
Then turns left off of the wood road.....	0.62		
Junctions with blue-blazed Sunset Rocks Trail.....	1.33		
Crosses Tom's Run on foot bridge.....	1.48		
Follows old road, then slashes to the right.....	1.62		