Springer Mountain Double Loop Trail/Appalachian Trail

Length: *10 miles* (16.6K)
Rating: Moderate

Use: Moderate

Hiking Time: *About 4 1/2 hours round trip.*

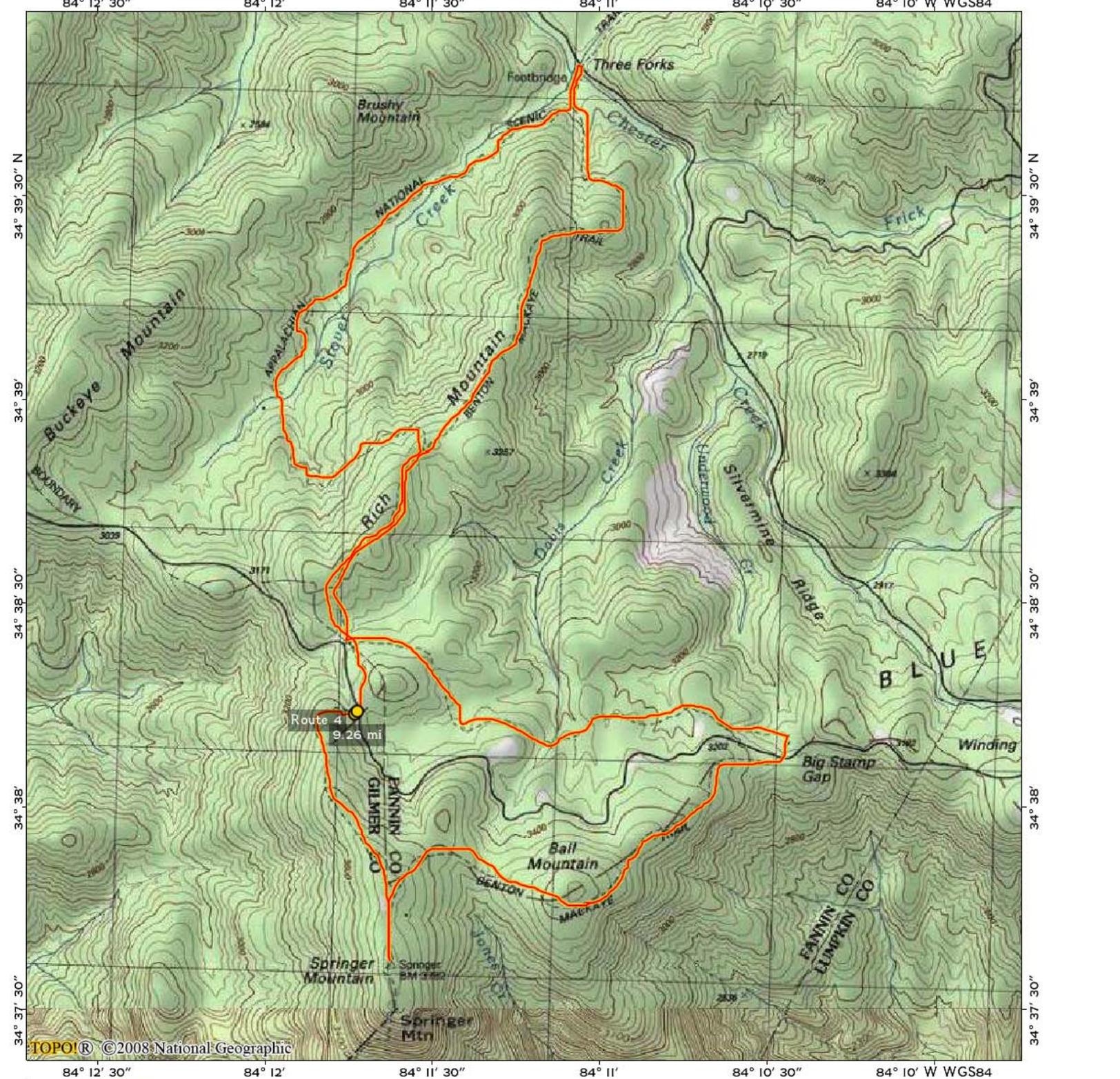**Restrictions:** *No motorized vehicles, bicycles, or horses allowed on trail.*

This great hike along beautiful Stover Creek to the summit of Mt. Springer and offers excellent views of the surrounding mountains.

This trail utilizes a portion of the world famous Appalachian Trail, 2,035 miles continuously marked footpath from Georgia to Maine, as it winds through typical Southern Appalachian forest settings. The forest walk to the summit and overlook at the top of Springer Mountain, the hike alongside Stover Creek, the Three Forks dispersed recreation area and the walk along the top of Rich Mountain are highlights of this double loop trail. No motorized vehicles.
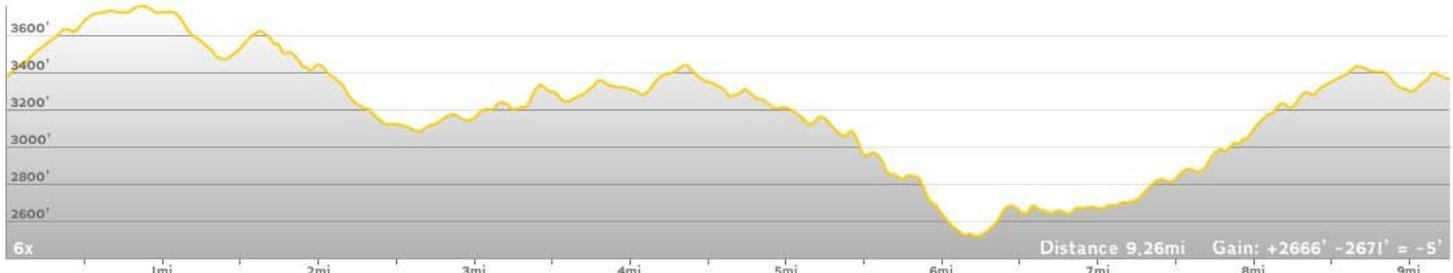
Trail designed for day hikers, not recommended for horses. The trail (AT) leaves the parking area and immediately ascends Springer Mtn. Be certain to go and see the plaque and overview to the northwest from the top of Springer! Descend from Springer northeast on the BMT to Big Stamp Gap. Turn west on the BMT and go to Cross Trails. At Cross Trails follow the combined AT/BMT to where they will fork again on the south slope of Rich Mtn. Follow either blazed trail northerly to Three Forks. Take the other trail south back to Cross Trails. At Cross Trails be sure and take the AT over the small knob back to parking area!

Directions from Blue Ridge, Georgia:

Travel east (toward Blairsville, GA) on GA Hwy 515, approx. 0.8 miles past intersection with GA Hwy 5. Turn Right at Windy Ridge Rd., go 0.2 miles to dead end with Old U.S. 76. Turn left, go 0.2 miles to Aska Road. South on Aska Road to end (13.5 miles). Turn right onto Newport Road, go 4.5 miles to end. Turn right onto Doublehead Gap Road, go 2.0 miles to USFS road 42 on left. Turn left onto USFS 42, drive 7.3 miles east to AT crossing near Cross Trails

84° 12' 30"   84° 12'   84° 11' 30"   84° 11'   84° 10' 30"   84° 10' W WGS84

Three Forks
Footbridge
Brushy Mountain
Chester
Frick
APPALACHIAN
NATIONAL
SCENIC
TRAIL
Stover Creek
Rich Mountain
BENTON MACKAYE
Davis Creek
Silvermine Creek
Underwood
Ridge
BLUE
2719
2477
Route 4
9.26 mi
FANNIN CO
GILMER CO
Big Stamp Gap
Winding
3202
3182
Ball Mountain
BENTON
MACKAYE
FANNIN CO
LUMPKIN CO
Jones Cr
Springer Mountain
Springer BM 3782
Springer Mtn
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3600'
3400'
3200'
3000'
2800'
2600'

6x   1mi   2mi   3mi   4mi   5mi   6mi   7mi   8mi   9mi

Distance 9.26mi   Gain: +2666' -2671' = -5'

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