

Squibb Creek Falls

A 3.5 Mile One Way, 7 Mile Roundtrip, Strenuous Hike
Elevation Gain 612 Feet
15 Creek Crossings.

A Hiking Trail in the Sampson Mountain Wilderness.
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Directions to Trailhead: Leave Greeneville on 11-E Bypass North. Drive past the Wal-Mart Supercenter and turn right at the first traffic light on Highway 107 toward Erwin. Continue for 5.1 miles, turn right and follow the signs to Horse Creek Recreation Area. Upon entering Horse Creek continue straight ahead to the end of the paved road and small parking area. Park and begin your hike up the old forest service road.

After only .1 mile you will leave the road and cross the creek on a bridge to your left. After two more bridged crossings, you will pass an A- Frame house on private property. Here you will cross the creek by rockhopping, then cross two more times to reach the junction of the Turkeypen Cove, Middlesprings Ridge and Squibb Creek Trails at .75 of a mile.

The Turkeypen Cove Trail (which is a little difficult to spot at this point) begins to your left. Take the fork slightly right and straight ahead for just a few hundred feet to reach the junction of the Middle Springs Ridge Trail and the trail to Squibb Creek Falls. For this hike, you will continue straight (right). Hike moderately uphill with numerous creek crossings.

Some of these crossings may be difficult during high water conditions and wading could be required. In the drier times of the year all of the crossings can be easily rockhopped. At the time of this hike the trail was in good condition with only a few minor blowdowns. You will reach Squibb Creek Falls, a beautiful cascade, after 3.5 miles. Return to the trailhead by the same route.



SYNOPSIS OF HIKE

Mile	Elevation	Description
0	1984	Trailhead at Horse Creek.
.14	1992	Bridge over creek to left. Two more bridged crossings.
.55	2075	A-Frame. First unbridged creek crossing.
.75	2117	Third creek crossing. JCT Turkeypen Cove - Middle Spring Ridge Trails.
.78	2140	JCT Middle Spring Ridge to left. Squibb Creek straight ahead.
3.5	2400	Squibb Creek Falls.

