



## Oak Knob - Hone Quarry, Virginia

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
7.9 mls	★	★	★	★	★
<b>Hiking Time:</b>	5.5 hours with 1/2 hour for lunch				
<b>Elev. Gain:</b>	2,250 ft				
<b>Parking:</b>	Either park at the Oak Knob trailhead, or at the Hone Quarry Campground.				

The Hone Quarry area is nestled in a quiet area of the GWNF just west of Harrisonburg VA. With two beautiful loop hikes, one up Oak Knob and Pond Knob with two overlooks, and the other on the opposite Hone Quarry Ridge also with a beautiful vista, makes this a great place to spend the weekend, and camp at the Hone Quarry Campground (vid).

From the campground turn right and walk 0.2 miles down paved Hone Quarry Rd/FR62 to the Cliff Trail/429 trailhead and parking area. Turn left up the yellow blazed Cliff Trail as it ascends the mountain steeply making two switchbacks before arriving at the first valley overlook, then in another 0.3 miles the second overlook.

From the second overlook the Cliff Trail will becoming increasingly more rocky. Keep an eye out for Timber Rattlesnakes, especially as you cross the multiple rock slides that pass over the trail, as rocky areas are their favorite sunning spots.

There are also several views of the valley and the Hone Quarry Reservoir along the upper portion of the trail. As you near the ridge, the Cliff Trail will become more obscure, be vigilant to follow the yellow blazes. The Cliff Trail will end at the Meadow Knob Trail just west of Oak Knob, 2.3 miles from the second overlook.

Turn left on the wider yellow blazed Meadow Knob Trail. The trail will descend through the first saddle, then pass over a small knob, descend through another saddle, then climb very steeply to the summit of Pond Knob in 1.0 miles from the Cliff Trail.

At the summit of Pond Knob, turn left down the yellow blazed Pond Knob Trail as it descends very steeply for 1.5 miles where it ends at Hone Quarry Rd/FR 62. The Pond Knob Trail was designed to be a mountain biking trail, and has no switchbacks.

Turn left on gravel Hone Quarry Rd/FR62 and follow it 1.6 miles to the Hone Quarry Reservoir. Continue on Hone Quarry Rd/FR62 past the reservoir where it becomes paved, crosses Hone Quarry Run, then in 0.5 miles crosses the run again before arriving back at the campground.