

Useful Hiking Book for Stone Mountain Wilderness

Burnham, Bill and Mary. 2018. Hiking Virginia: A Guide to the Area's Greatest Hiking Adventures.

The Burnhams have updated this unusual hiking guide three times which covers their favorite areas/ hikes within Virginia. What makes it unique is its extensive historic background on the areas and trails covered. It also includes trailhead directions, mile-by-mile description of each hike, a trail map, and background information.

Stone Mountain Wilderness/ Stone Mountain Trail

With only one trail almost entirely obscured in 2014 by a blowdown above the Cave Springs Campground Trailhead, I found the mile-by-mile description and numbering switchbacks invaluable for route finding until we reconnected with switchbacks up higher. Also very good background on how this exceptional trail, steps and lookout were constructed during the Civilian Conservation Corps era (1930s). The description covers the entire trail as a point-to-point (with car switch/ shuttle near Big Stone Gap) hike heading northeast including the last five miles or so which are outside wilderness.

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<https://www.amazon.com/Hiking-Virginia-Greatest-Adventures-Guides/dp/1493031260>

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