

Yellow Branch Falls



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A moderately difficult out-and-back trail leads you to the base of a spectacular 50-foot vertical cascade. After a short hike on the Yellow Branch Nature Trail, you will come to the junction with the Yellow Branch Falls Trail. You will pass through groves of dignified hardwoods and cross meandering creek bottoms before turning to circumnavigate the steep terrain. In the winter, when the trees are bare, you can see the Walhalla vicinity as you hike. Wear sturdy shoes and use extra caution during wet conditions as the trail skirts the edges of deep ravines. Conversely, if it hasn't rained for some time, the falls may be just a trickle of water over a series of ledges.

Surrounding Area:

The Stumphouse Ranger Station (district office for the Andrew Pickens Ranger District) is located 0.25 miles north of the picnic area. A wide variety of information is available there. Maps, field guides and Smokey Bear items may be purchased at the ranger station.

Stumphouse Tunnel Park, owned by the Pendleton Historical Society, is located between the picnic area and the ranger station. The tunnel is no longer open due to safety concerns, but picnic tables, a small stream and Issaqueena Falls are there for your enjoyment.

Warning: Waterfalls can be very dangerous! Do not climb on the rocks surrounding the falls.

Directions: From Walhalla, drive west 6.8 miles on Highway 28, and turn left into Yellow Branch Picnic Area. Hike 0.2 miles on the Yellow Branch Nature Trail to the Yellow Branch Falls Trail. Hike 1.3 miles to the waterfall.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Height: 50 feet

Length of Hike: 1.5 miles

Travel Time: One hour (one way)

For more information:

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