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Your Adventure Begins

Your day begins with a scenic drive down Highway 11, toward the mountains beckoning in the distance. Take a right out of the driveway, go up the hill to Tugaloo Road, and take another right. When you reach Highway 11, take a left. You are now on the road to your destination.

On the way, you will pass Perdue's Fruit Stand. There is something fresh at this stand from spring until frost. You will be impressed by the wide variety of apples and other fruits and vegetables grown at this local orchard.

Continue on Hwy 11 to a stop sign. This is where Hwy 276 and Hwy 11 sister together for a few miles. Take a right at the stop / yield sign. Please note; on the way home, you will have to take a left hand turn at this intersection.

Continue on US 276/SC 11 a short while and turn right onto River Falls Road (look for the F-Mart store at the intersection).

Continue until you get to the main gate for Jones Gap State Park. Walk on the footpath from the parking lot and cross the footbridge over the Middle Saluda. Continue on an asphalt path past the picnic area and the park headquarters.

Turn left onto the service road and cross a bridge. To the right is a bulletin board that shows the beginning of the trail. Take the trail marked with the blue blaze. The hike is 2.2 miles round trip.

You may also want to save this part of the package for tomorrow.



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Jones Gap Falls

The Jones Gap area is a pristine valley of an old growth forest in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It has an elevation of 1,400 feet. Its 3,346 acres combine with Caesars Head State Park and other natural areas, including the Middle Saluda River, to comprise the 10,000-acre Mountain Bridge Wilderness area. More than 400 species of plants can be found here, giving the valley recognition as a haven for rare and endangered plants. To enjoy these falls fully, arrive at the park around 9 am. If you don't, leave this for another day.

In the spring, you'll find the trail has a medley of wildflowers that color your way; trilliums, violets and trout lilies. As you wind your way up the trail you will follow the Middle Saluda River until you take a spur off of the main trail. Yes, you can cool your feet in the waters of the river as it accompanies you on your journey. Dogs may accompany their masters, as well, if kept on a leash.

Jones Gap Falls descends fifty feet over a staircase of stone. This is one of the more moderate one-mile hikes required to view nature's splendor. Once you have reached the falls listen for the call of the raven who makes his home in the forest.

Once you feel refreshed from the cool mist of the falls, descend, feeling uplifted by your moments here. Please note, to some this is a strenuous hike.

Retrace your way back to Highway 11 /Highway 276 and take a right. Make sure to go slow enough to catch the picturesque view of Table Rock as it looms in the distance.

Notice the lovely waterfall on the right hand side of the road. Take a moment to stop and enjoy the peaceful natural beauty of this roadside retreat. Follow the trail to enjoy the upper waterfall.



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Victoria Valley Vineyard

Nestled at the foot of Table Rock and bordering the Blue Ridge Mountains, the vineyard rolls across 47 acres. It is located at one of the highest elevations in South Carolina, a location chosen carefully by Les & Vicki Jayne for its unique soil to produce Vinifera Wines. The vineyard currently has 23,000 grape plants.

The vineyard is styled after a French chateau and features a winery where the wine is perfected, as well as an exquisite gift shop offering Victoria Valley wines and wine- related gifts.

The outdoor terrace has the ambiance of a European bistro. This makes it a wonderful spot to relax, have lunch, sip some wine and drift away from life's hustle and bustle.

Another attraction to Victoria Valley Vineyard is their Table Rock Concert Series, which features seasonal festivals complete with an evening of music, food and wine.

Victoria Valley is located at 1360 South Saluda Rd Cleveland SC, one mile north of Scenic Highway 11. It is a few miles past the sign that points right to Caesar's Head, (276) and watch for South Saluda Road. Look for "Aunt Sue's" and make a sharp right.

Lunch is served daily on the terrace overlooking the vineyard in the summer and fall or by appointment. 864 878 5307

You will then have to backtrack to 11 in order to reach Caesar's Head. Take 11 North and take a left on Caesars Head Highway (8) which will intersect with 276 in a few miles. Take a left onto 276.

Wind your way up the mountain, and if you chose not to lunch at the vineyard, stop at The Mountain House Restaurant for one of their specialty sandwiches. Save room for some of their homemade fudge or pralines!

If you choose not to visit the vineyard, simply continue from 11 up 276 where you will see the signs for Caesars Head.



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Caesars Head

Located 3,266 feet above sea level, Caesars Head provides one of the most panoramic and spectacular views in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The beauty of the Jocassee Gorge stretches out for miles as you search the sky and mountain valley below. Take note that you are higher than the hawks, ravens or vultures flying below. At the base of the mountain, Table Rock, a prominent granite outcropping is in stark contrast to the verdant green forests surrounding it.

The profile of Caesars Head can best be seen along the short walk leading from the bottom of nearby Devil's Kitchen. This cool narrow passageway is a geological phenomenon formed thousands of years ago from intense pressure and heat. It's a fun, short trail to investigate.

There are several theories regarding the name of Caesars Head. Some say the cliff resembles Julius Caesar while others say a saddened master named the mountain after his faithful hunting dog that fell to his death while chasing his prey.

Caesars Head park naturalists and rangers are the perfect example of Southern hospitality. They are wonderful at helping with directions, information or suggesting which trail to visit.

When you have finished your visit to Caesars Head, your next stop will take you to one of the most beautiful and romantic outdoor chapels, but a word of warning, most times of year, the weekends are booked for weddings. You might want to call ahead and see if Pretty Place is available for viewing. If it is, you are in for a big treat. 864 836 3291

Take note: If you have an unending amount of energy, you may also want to stop and visit Raven Cliffs Falls, just a few miles up the Road. It is a more difficult and time consuming hike than Jones Gap Falls. It will take 3 hours, round trip, and there is a small parking fee.



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Pretty Place

Take a left out of the park onto 276. Continue for a few miles. Take a right at Camp Greenville and follow the road to the Camp Office for a quick sign-in before continuing down the road to experience the awe and splendor of Symmes Chapel.

Symmes Chapel is also known as Pretty Place, aptly named for its inspirational appearance. Fred W Symmes built the Chapel in 1941 for the boys and girls who attended the YMCA Camp Greenville to serve as a place for their spiritual enlightenment.

It is located on the private grounds of Camp Greenville, which is why you are asked to stop into the Camp Office.
The campgrounds are over 1600 acres.

Take time to read the engraved plaques given by others to loved ones.
Each will draw you to another time and place.

Sit quietly and listen to the mountain valley.
It will sing in the wind, lull you in its quietness, or stir you with the Spiritual intent of its creator.

Be still in the moment of this blessed place and simply contemplate.....

or giggle that you're not at work today.



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The Dupont Forest & Waterfalls

After returning to Highway 276, take a right and continue until you see the signs for the DuPont Waterfalls. Take a right on Cascade Lake Road and continue for three miles until you reach Staton Road. The entrance to High Falls will be on your right. The entrance to Triple and Hooker Falls is further down on the left hand side of the road. You should have time to visit all three falls in one afternoon.

You can park at High falls and walk down to the other two falls, or park at the second parking lot and start at Hooker Falls and work your way up past Triple Falls to High Falls. (Recommended)

There are portable toilets for your comfort in the parking area and a map of the 10,000 acres of forest, trails and waterfalls.

Magnificent ancient rocks line the riverbed that leads to each waterfall.

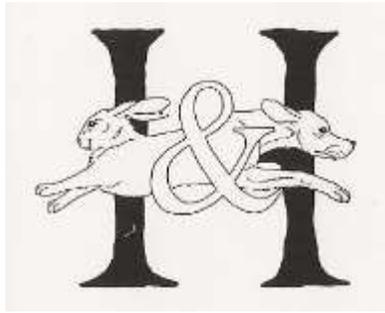
Walk along the park paths slowly, taking the time to admire the native Mountain Laurel and Rhododendron that overhang the trail. There are a few spots to get close enough to rest on the large boulders and cool your feet in the mountain water. Be sure not to endanger yourself by climbing out to the large expanse of rocks that overhang the falls.

Hooker Falls is the smallest of the three falls, creating lovely splashing pools and eddies of swirling water in motion.

Triple Falls is a three-tiered formation of granite and cascading water, surrounded by an old growth forest and is one of most magnificent and photographed waterfalls in the area.

High Falls is the tallest of the Falls, cascading 150' down an inclined plane of granite. The falls can be viewed from a picnic shelter built on the site of the old Buck Forest Hunt Club Lodge, or from a slippery trail at the bottom of the falls. (special note when you are hiking up the path you will see a fork in the road and a sign pointing to the right that says High Falls. Go to the left and enjoy a private time at the bottom of High Falls!)

When you have finished visiting all of the waterfalls, head back down the mountain and get ready for your pre-planned massage before you go out to dinner to experience the culinary delights of one of the many fine restaurants in Landrum or Tryon.



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