

# MOORE COVE TRAIL (Trail #318)

**Mileage:** 0.7 miles

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Blaze:** Yellow

**Approximate Elevation Change:** 250 feet



The area within ¼ mile of Moore Cove Falls is closed to public from sunset to sunrise. (Forest Supervisor's Closure Order; 1-20-2005)

## Trailhead Location

From the Pisgah District Ranger Station/Visitor Center parking lot, turn right (north) onto US 276, and proceed 5 miles (one mile north of Looking Glass Falls). Slow as you approach a stone highway bridge with an adjoining wooden footbridge and a bulletin board with a "MOORE COVE" sign. Park on the paved right shoulder; there is room for approximately 18 cars—please park diagonally. Cross the stream via the footbridge and follow the yellow blazes (tree markings).

## Trail Description

This is a good family hike, and one of the most popular hiking trails in the Pisgah District. The first 150 feet of the trail are moderate, but the grade becomes easy for the remainder of the walk. You will cross the creek three more times on good footbridges. A couple of places on the trail may become muddy after a rain, so wear appropriate footwear. Along the trail you may find a wide variety of wildflowers, such as Showy Orchids, Pink Lady's Slipper, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Dwarf Iris. You will also walk past large Yellow Poplars, which are the most common tree in a cove forest. The trail ends at Moore Cove Falls, which drops 50 feet over a cave-like rock outcropping. ***The trail does not go beyond the falls. Do not attempt to hike to the top of the falls, or the area upstream of the falls; doing so is dangerous and can cause significant environmental damage.***



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Sliding Rock



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