

# 148 - Stony Man

Stony Man Mountain is a popular rock outcrop and the second-highest mountain in the Shenandoah National Park after Hawksbill. The hike towards it is short and pleasant, and goes primarily through the woods. When we are on the Stony Man Lookout we have some really nice views over the National Park.

- After parking the car (1) near the Skyland Stables, follow the road for about 100 meters. On the left there is a road to the stables, but we turn right on the Appalachian trail (2), which is signposted.
- We follow the Appalachian trail, cross a road (3) and continue on the trail.
- We reach an asphalt road, we cross it and reach the parking of the Stony Man trail. A bit further on we see a big information plate of the Stony Man trail, where we turn right, onto the Stony Man trail (5).
- This Stony Man trail is clearly visible and more comfortable than the Appalachian Trail. It is signposted with numbered posts.
- Further on we cross the Appalachian Trail (6) and go straight ahead. Further on we find a trail coming from the left (7), which is our return trail. We keep right here, following the white sign.
- We keep ascending and just before the Stony Man Lookout, we see a sign with an arrow to the right (8).
- From the Stony Man Lookout (9) we take the same trail back, but at the junction (8) we now turn right for a small variant. At the next junction (7) we of course also keep right and from here on follow the same trail back.

## Fact Sheet

Duration: 1:45 hrs.

Distance: 5.1 km.

Route type: Round trip

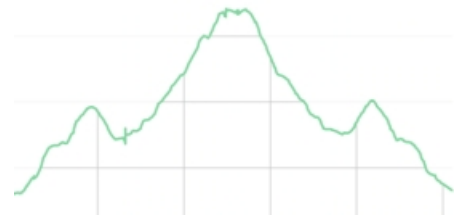
Path type: Trails

Marking: Arrows, white signs, numbered posts

Total difference in altitude: 199 m.

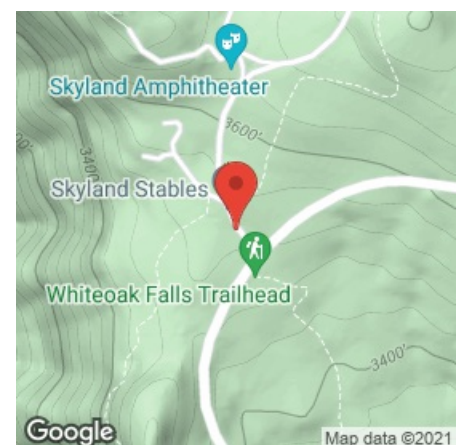
Highest point: 1,220 m.

Difficulty: Easy (0/15)



## How to get there?

Like for most hikes in the Shenandoah National Park, we need to take the Skyline Drive. The Skyline Drive has four access points: at an intersection with US 340 near Front Royal, at an interchange with US 250 near Interstate 64, at an interchange with US 211 in Thornton Gap and US 33 in Swift Run Gap. Using the Skyline Drive requires paying an entrance fee. At Mile 41.7 we need to leave the road to the left (when driving to the north), following the sign to Skyland. Park the car straight on the left side of the road, near the stables.



GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: N 38 35.208

Longitude: W 78 23.011



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