

DECEMBER 28, SATURDAY, Meet 8:45 a.m. (for people coming from the Birmingham Area)

Southeastern Outings Dayhike

Where: John B. Scott Trail near Lake Martin

Details: The John B. Scott Forever Wild Trail is a 4.7-mile loop trail at Yates Lake, just south of the Lake Martin Dam. The trail features spectacular views of the Tallapoosa River from Kudzu Bluff. Hikers along the trail also will see Yellowstone Creek and a tulip poplar tree that is 16 feet in circumference, a focal point of the trail.

The trail goes south along Yates Lake past Kudzu Bluff and then down the old Double Bridges Ferry Road switchback. It then heads south along the shore of Yates Lake to Yellowstone Creek. The trail follows Yellowstone Creek to the Great Gorge. The trail subsequently follows Yellowstone Creek further west for about one half mile, then ascends Saddlerock Mountain, the highest elevation in Elmore County. Hikers will have great views from Saddlerock Mountain.

The trail then descends Saddlerock Mountain into the valley past a giant tulip poplar tree. The trail ultimately then goes down to the north parking lot on Goldmine Road. The Trail is marked both ways with 2x4-inch white blazes on trees and rocks. Note-To view photos of what we will see on this trip, please click on this link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/JgxDJxNdPTbzYJPx5>

Please be sure to click on the link and view the photographs.

The Cherokee Ridge Alpine Trail Association rates this hike as a moderate trek. Well-behaved, carefully supervised children age 10 and older able to complete a moderate hike with some uphill climbs without complaining welcome. Please meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Publix in The Village at Lee Branch in Greystone. We plan to depart from there at 9:00 a.m. Or you may meet the group for this hike at the John B. Scott Trail trailhead on

Goldmine Road near the bridge over the Tallapoosa River below the Lake Martin Dam.

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DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

Publix in The Village at Lee Branch in Greystone-- 410 Doug Baker Boulevard, Birmingham, AL 35242-2682. Take U.S. Highway 280 East going away from Birmingham to intersection with AL Route 119, Cahaba Valley Road. Continue on U.S. 280 through that intersection 9/10 more miles and turn right on Doug Baker Boulevard. This turn is right after the very large Driver's Way used car dealer. Drive 3/10 miles on Doug Baker Boulevard and then see the Publix Super Market on your right. Please park in front of the Publix, but fairly far out towards 280, not right by the front door.