

Indian Council Caves

“out & back”

1.7 or 2.3 miles

400' or 480' vertical

1.7 or 2.5 hours

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Beaver lodge & dam



Mileage summary:

hike west on the dirt/gravel road to the Tunxis Trail junction at 0.7 >
Continue south on the B trail to the Indian Council Caves at 0.9 >
Retrace your steps back to your car at 1.7 > OR
Continue north on the B trail to the beaver lodge at 1.0 >
Retrace your steps back to your car at 2.3

The Indian Council Caves “out & back” is a 1.7 mile hike (400 vertical feet), with an optional 0.6 mile extension on the Tunxis trail north to a beaver lodge & dam. It is a high quality trail, with nothing steep, and 4 good photo ops. The Indian Caves provide a good area to explore, since there are a number of caves.

Park at the junction of Legeyt Road & rt. 179 (41°57'9.43"N 72°54' 54.89"W). Hike west past the gate on a straight and wide dirt/gravel road. At 0.6 you reach a beautiful pond (photo #1). At 0.7 continue straight merging with the Tunxis Trail, marked with blue blazes (B). The Tunxis Trail goes between a number of stone foundations that from a small village of the past (photo #2). Follow the Tunxis Trail south to reach the Indian Council Caves at 0.8 (photo #4). A number of caves can be viewed without doing any climbing. The B trail continues up this major rock outcropping on the south side & reaches the summit which can be seen in the above photo. This extension is not included in this hike because it is a Class 2 climb, but you may see other hikers on it. The recommended extension is the almost level walk to a bridge below a beaver dam. The beaver lodge can be seen from either side of the bridge (photo #4). Retracing your steps back to your car from the beaver dam would be a 2.3 mile hike with 480 vertical feet (return to the dirt/gravel road & turning left to reach your car). If you don't take this extension, you completed a 1.7 mile hike with 400 vertical feet.