

## Dragon's Tooth

### Features:

- Outcroppings of tall, rock spires located along the Appalachian Trail on the top of Cove Mountain
- 2.3 mile trail
- Arduous hike from paved parking lot
- Waterless toilets and drinking water at trailhead

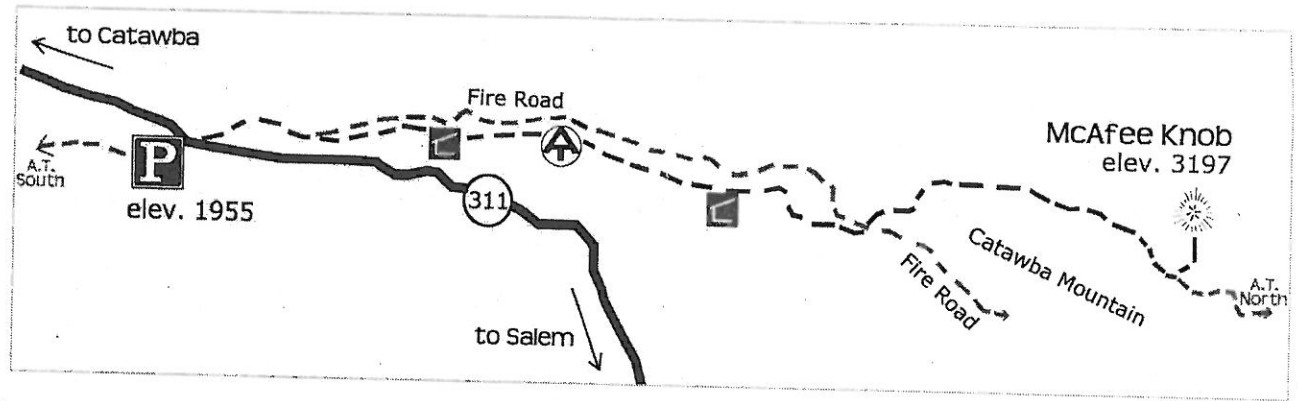
### Description:

Dragon's Tooth is a spectacular rock formation located on top of Cove Mountain on the Craig/Roanoke County border.

The trail leading to Dragon's Tooth is a gradual uphill for the first mile or so and is marked with blue blazes. After that, the trail joins the white blazed Appalachian Trail (A.T.) and begins to climb steeply. This hike is fairly strenuous, with some rock scrambling near the top. You'll need your hands and feet to climb the last rocky section to reach "The Tooth", a 35' rock spire.

At the top, hikers are rewarded with a jumble of rugged rock outcroppings and panoramic views of surrounding peaks and the valleys below.

For variation, hikers can take the Boy Scout Connector Trail on the way back to the trailhead.



## McAfee Knob

### Features:

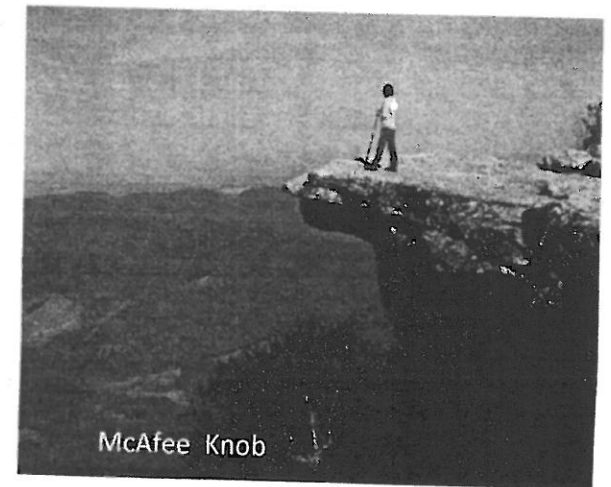
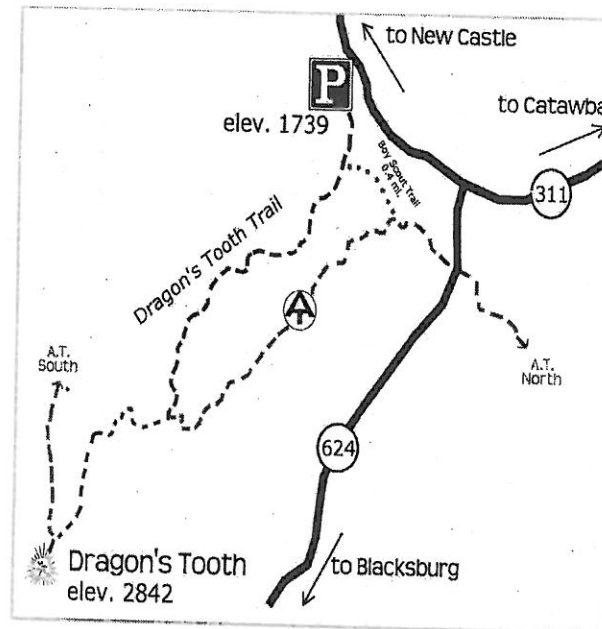
- 3.5-mile, mostly arduous hike along the Appalachian Trail to a large rock cantilevering out over the Catawba Valley
- Ample parking in gravel lot located on SR 311 on opposite side of road from trail to McAfee Knob
- Panoramic views of Catawba Valley, North Mountain and Tinker Cliffs.

### Description:

The hike to McAfee Knob is a steady climb up Catawba Mountain, gaining about 1200' in 3.5 miles. Hikers pass through the forest, along Catawba ridge and by two A.T. shelters before reaching "the knob"—a cluster of overhanging rock formations.

Many hikers return to the trailhead via a closed fire road that intersects the trail about 2.5 miles from the trailhead.

**Note:** This area is administered by the National Park Service. Camping and fires are not allowed at the knob.





# Dragon's Tooth And McAfee Knob

Eastern Divide Ranger District  
George Washington & Jefferson  
National Forests



Hike 2.3 miles to Dragon's Tooth, an unusual  
rock formation along the Appalachian Trail

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Forest Service  
Southern Region



## Trails to

### Dragon's Tooth & McAfee Knob

Season: Open Year Round  
Location: Craig/Roanoke County

Trail Lengths: (one way)

Dragon's Tooth 2.3 miles  
McAfee Knob 3.5 miles

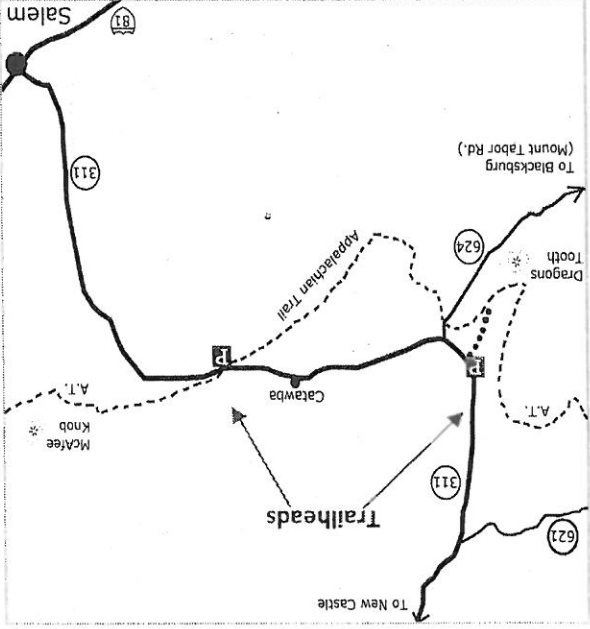
Elevation: Dragon's Tooth 1739' - 2842'  
McAfee Knob 1955' - 3197'

Difficulty: Moderate-difficult

No Fee

Topo Maps: Looney, Catawba, and  
Glenvar

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**DIRECTIONS:** From I-81, Exit 140

**To Dragon's Tooth Trailhead:**

Take VA 311 north for 11 miles toward  
New Castle.

Dragon's Tooth parking lot is on the left  
just past Catawba Grocery.

**To McAfee Knob Trailhead:**

Take VA 311 north for 7 miles toward New  
Castle.

McAfee Knob parking is on the left.

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