

# The Jump Off & Charlies Bunion

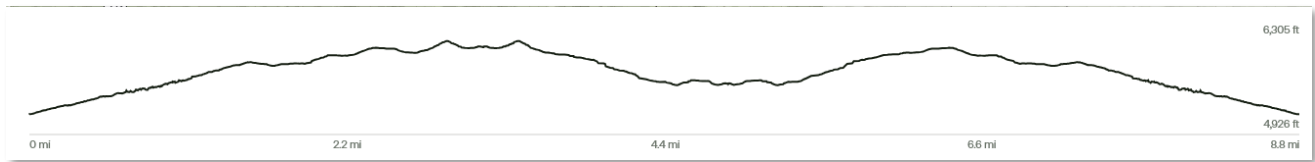
## Out & Back Hike

### Appalachian Trail – The Boulevard Trail – The Jump Off Trail

#### Trail Map



#### Elevation Profile



#### Trailhead

Drive to the Newfound Gap parking area on US 441, either from Gatlinburg or Cherokee, then hike the Appalachian Trail northbound from the trail sign.

#### Waypoints

- 1) Junction, Sweet Heifer Creek Trail to the right to Kephart Shelter. Stay on A.T.
- 2) Junction, Boulevard Trail to the left, Take the Boulevard Trail. In a very short distance, the Jump Off Trail will turn to the right.
- 3) The Jump Off. Return from the Jump Off to the A.T. and turn left toward the Icewater Spring Shelter, then continue to Charlies Bunion.
- 4) Charlies Bunion.

#### Hike Description

The Appalachian Trail Northbound from Newfound Gap is heavily used, not only by A.T. hikers, but also as the approach trail to the Jump Off as well as the Boulevard Trail to Mt. LeConte. There are also a fair number of park visitors who just want to say that they “hiked on the AT”. Beyond the Sweet Heifer Creek trail junction, the traffic will drop off. There is not much to say about the hike that isn’t revealed by the Elevation Profile. The Attraction of this Out & Back hike is the view from the Jump Off and from Charlies Bunion. The popular Icewater Springs Trail Shelter is also worth a visit. Many Thru Hikers will actually shorten their day and stay at the Ice Water Springs Shelter just so they can visit both sites.