

ACC Trail Day and Trip to Lost Wall on September 10th, 2005

The Lost Wall is an exposed band of rock along the eastern side of the mountain a little more than 1/2 way to the top. The cliffs average about 60 feet in height here with the climbing resembling that found around Chattanooga, Tennessee. Pigeon Mountain is actually a spur jutting northeast off 80 mile long Lookout Mountain. Lost Wall lies between two popular Lookout Mountain climbing sites, Sunset Rock in Tennessee, and Sandrock, in Alabama, Rocktown is located on top of the mountain a bit further up the road.

Meeting point.

Cumberland mall parking lot in front of JCPenney's, close to the crosswalk to Cobb Galleria Center on Saturday morning 7:30 am for carpooling.

There will be more information and other carpooling possibilities discussed at the ACC Tuesday meeting on September 6th, 2005 at TJ's Sport's Bar and Grill (2880 **Holcomb** Bridge Rd Alpharetta, GA).

Directions

The Lost Wall is located on Pigeon Mountain in the extreme corner of Northwest Georgia, about 1/2 way between Atlanta, GA, and Chattanooga, TN. It is nearest to the town of Lafayette, Georgia.

Take I-75 North. About 1/2 way between Atlanta and Chattanooga watch for I-75 exit for Resacca, Lafayette, (HWY 136) - Turn L onto HWY 136 & cross over I-75. Go 6.5 miles to T intersection turn Right to stay on HWY 136. Go 14.3 miles (through Villanow & over mountain) to T intersection & turn Left to stay on HWY 136. Go 1.3 miles and turn Right to stay on HWY 136. (be careful this intersection will sneak up on you). Go 3.9 miles to HWY 27/136 (traffic light) - continue straight ahead to HWY 27 in the town of Lafayette, Georgia. Turn Left onto HWY 27/193 and go a short distance. HWY 193 north will turn Right. Go 2.7 miles on HWY 193 to Chamberlain Road and turn Left onto Chamberlain (Fina station on Right). Go 3.3 miles on Chamberlain Rd to Crockford-Pigeon Wildlife Area sign on Right - turn Right onto gravel road. Take this road approximately. 1.8 miles (as the road steepens it gets rougher, and goes up the Mt. via a series of switchbacks) Lost Wall Parking is just past the fourth switchback on the left.

Cliff Access

One reason for Lost Wall's popularity is the close access to the road. You can hike in on an easy trail and be at the first climbable section of rock in a couple of minutes. The vertical slab first found here hosts good climbing at low-moderate grades, and is easily rigged with top-ropes by scrambling up the left side of the rock. Continuing along the cliff line will reveal many moderate to difficult routes averaging 40 - 50 feet in height. This ease of access makes it a prime location for groups looking for a quick setup on Sunday mornings. Parking at the trailhead is limited to about 4 cars, but the rest just pull off along the road.

There is more climbing available down the cliff line, though some of it must be trad led first to rig top-ropes as access to the top of the rock is limited. A second obscure access point from further up the road leads into some taller and more difficult climbs.

If you have any questions you can reach me on my cell phone 404-921-4331.

Kind regards

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