

ACC spring kick off to Rumbling Bald Mountain on March 5 - 6th 2005

Invite your family and friends to a great weekend in a wonderful landscape and spend some time with them. Show them your favorite climbs or show them how easy it is to go into climbing.

For the non climbers there is less than one mile from there, Chimney Rock Park that has 1,000 acres of unsurpassed beauty. You can hike miles of trails, enjoy the cool, refreshing water at the bottom of Hickory Nut Falls, visit the Nature Center, or be witness to an astounding view from the Sky Lounge and Gift Shop. Chimney Rock Park was the filming location of THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

In the quaint village of Chimney Rock, highland crafts are plentiful, along with antique shops, gifts, and a general store.

The neighboring town of Lake Lure, just a couple of miles away, was the filming location for the movie, DIRTY DANCING. There you can enjoy the beach area, boat tours and a number of other attractions.

A community hot tub is located on our property in the pavilion and will seat up to 8 people. All guests are welcome to use this hot tub.

And just a 30 minute drive from the village is the famous Biltmore House and Gardens in Asheville.

The climbing area

Rumbling Bald Mountain overlooks Lake Lure near the town of Chimney Rock, NC. It's about 1 hour east of Brevard, NC (Looking Glass). Drive time from Columbia, SC is 2.5 hours; from Greenville, SC: 1 hour.

Rumbling Bald offers excellent but difficult one and two pitch climbs in beautiful (though touristy) Hickory Nut Gorge (map) filled by Lake Lure. The lake, created in the 1920's by the damming of the Rocky Broad River, is one of the most picturesque in North Carolina. Flanked by Rumbling Bald Mountain to the north and Chimney Rock to the south, it has something for everyone, including climbers. Certain climbs offer views of Lake Lure and all are very warm in the summer. Large caves and crevices at ground level offer excellent natural air conditioning. Look for climbs nearby. Rumbling Bald is said to have the best winter climbing in North Carolina due to its perfect southern exposure.

Meeting location and time

There will be options discussed in the ACC meeting on March 1st, 2005. I will send out an e-mail to every member and ask for car pool options.

Directions

From TJ's turn onto I-85 North toward GREENVILLE. After 150 miles merge onto I-26 W via EXIT 70 toward ASHEVILLE. Take the NC-108/US-74 E exit- EXIT 67- toward COLUMBUS/TRYON. Merge onto US-74 E. Proceed to the towns of Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. As you pass through Chimney Rock and into Lake Lure, look for Boys Camp Road on your left. If you go across a bridge and see a bathing beach on your left, you've gone too far. Take Boys Camp road

about 1.5 miles to the top of a ridge. On your left, look for a newly graveled road (thank you Access Fund). Follow this road a short distance to the first parking area. You can continue farther, but the parking gets more difficult.

From Columbia, SC (I-26 via I-95 for Floridians): Continue on I-26 toward Greenville / Spartanburg. Just after reaching the NC border, look for exit 36, SR 108 to Columbus/Chimney Rock/Lake Lure. Turn right on SR 108 and continue for about 4 miles. When you reach an intersection with SR 9, follow the signs to Lake Lure (left). Continue for another 10 miles until you come down a hill and see Lake Lure. Go left on Highway 64/74/9 for 4 miles, passing a bathing beach and marina on your right. Take Boys Camp Road on your right and follow the directions above.

Cliff Access

From the parking lot, continue along the road directly toward the cliff face. There are two access trails. The first begins at the end of the road, roughly following a straight line from the parking lot. This trail leads to the west end of the Cereal Buttress area and to the Hanging Chains area. To reach the second trail, follow the road as it turns right and down to cross a creek. At some point, the trail departs the road to the left and heads straight to the cliff at the Cereal Buttress. You may have to bushwhack a little, but you can't miss it.

Facilities:

There are 2 options to stay overnight.

Mountain Village Chalets in Chimney Rock, NC 28720 are offering nice Chalets for groups. Between 4-11 people.

Mountain Village Chalets

PO Box 68

950 Main St.

Chimney Rock, NC 28720

(877) 682-2246

(828) 625-9783

www.vacationcabines.com

The Azalea (316\$/night incl. discount) chalet is reserved for the ACC with late check in on Friday night up to Sunday afternoon. There can stay up to 11 people overnight (2x2 and 2x3 bedrooms, 2 Futons in living rooms). It has a fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, microwave and coffee-maker and a living room with wood burning fireplace. If you look for more privacy for you and your family or friends you can find also smaller cabins on the website. We have also reserved the pavilion close to the Azalea that has a gas grill and several tables where we will enjoy dinner on Saturday night. Please bring your own breakfast, Friday night dinner or other food during the day.

The club will provide chicken and salmon for Saturday night dinner.
Denmark will bring plates, cups, napkins and plastic flatware.

Who would like to bring vegetables, salad, bread, dessert, snacks, wine, beer, sodas please contact Antje (404-921-4331 or antje.ickinger@heidelsberg.com).

Or

The Creekside Campground is open year round. The tenting areas are secluded and nicely wooded, but with the usual bathroom/shower facilities and a camp store. For more information or to make reservations call 1-800-248-8118

P.O. Box 251
Bat Cave, NC 28710

(828) 625-4257
info@creeksidecamping.com

Directions: From I-26 in Hendersonville take US Hwy 64 east (Exit 49 A) 12 miles to Bat Cave. Turn left onto US Hwy 74 A. Go 3½ miles. The entrance is on the left at Grant Mountain Rd.

I would appreciate if you give me your feedback when are you going to drive to Rumbling Bald and how many people are joining you. It would be also important for me if you are going to stay in the lodge or camp out.

If you have questions upfront don't hesitate to call me on my cell phone (404-921-4331).

Kind regards

Antje Ickinger
Trip Coordinator