

## **ACC trip to Starr Mountain on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2005**

While not a major destination, Starr Mountain holds some nice rock in a great setting. Typical of other Tennessee climbing areas, a river has cut a canyon exposing cliffs high on it's north side. The rock is characteristic good quality sandstone similar to that found in nearby locations, though it is unique here in that there are two bands of stone. The lower band of rock is most similar to the type of rock found at [Sunset Rock](#). It's gray, more slabby and slopey, requiring more of a friction climbing approach. It's also more mossy and overgrown. The best routes are found on the upper tier. The rock here is most like that found at the [Tennessee Wall](#), orange rock with sharp corners, cracks, and aretes, and roofs. South facing cliffs.

Hot in the summer, but you can cool off with a dip in the river. Good on sunny winter days.

### **Meeting location and time**

Cumberland Mall parking lot on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in front of JCPenney close to the crosswalk over Cobb Pkwy to Galeria Center for car pooling.

### **Directions**

I-75 North from Chattanooga towards Cleveland. Exit 64 East. Follow to 411 North through Benton. Look for turn right into Gee Creek about half a mile after crossing the Hiwassee River. Look for a pulloff on the left near a culvert 2+ miles along the river.

### **Cliff Access**

Park is the small pull off area near the large culvert along the railroad grade. Cross the tracks, look for the trail leading up the embankment. The trail leading up to the cliffs is very steep, there are many branches. It brings you in at the left end of the cliffs. As you work your way across the cliff line, you will note a gully where you can scramble up to the second tier. You can find ways to continue scrambling to the top.