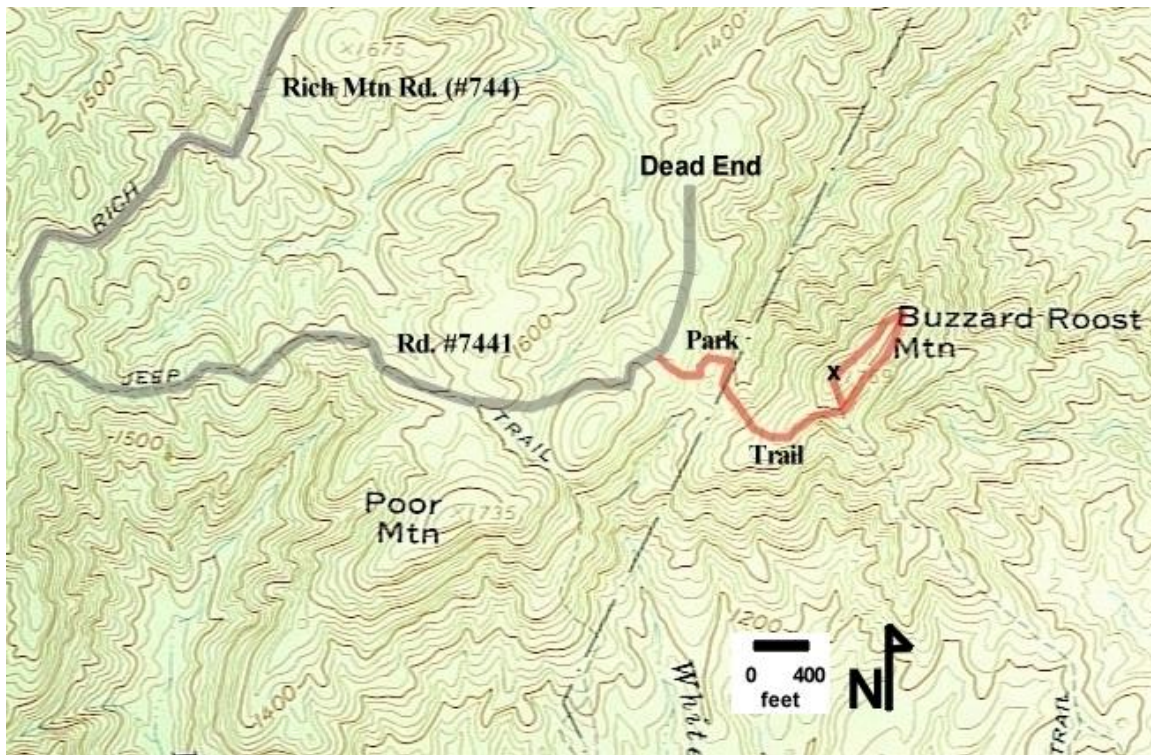


Buzzard's Roost Sumter National Forest

Buzzards Roost (el. 1,769 ft) is a small summit that extends off the edge of the Blue Ridge front just west of Walhalla SC. The moderate hike to the summit is mostly uphill though short with nice winter views.

Directions to Trailhead: From Walhalla SC travel west on SC 28 toward Mountain Rest. After 6 miles just past the USFS ranger station, bear left at 4 way stop. At 0.7 miles bear left onto Cassidy Bridge Road and in 0.9 miles bear left onto US Forest Service Road 744 (gravel road). 3.1 miles later bear left onto US Forest Service Road 7441. Trailhead is 1.1 miles on right just after large sign.

Trail Summary: Climb over road embankment and descend down wooden steps. Bear left at bottom. Trail shortly begins to ascend. At 0.4 miles bear left at green arrow (straight is return loop path) . Ascend steeply to summit at 0.5 miles. At the top return along same path or for the more skilled woodsmen, bear right to follow a loop trail which descends along the ridgeline. After approximately 0.1 miles the loop trail descends off the ridge, looping back to the right. Here the loop is faint and obscure and takes time and a careful eye to find. The trail traverses the mountain through the woods and eventually connects back to the main trail at the green arrow. Return to trailhead.



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