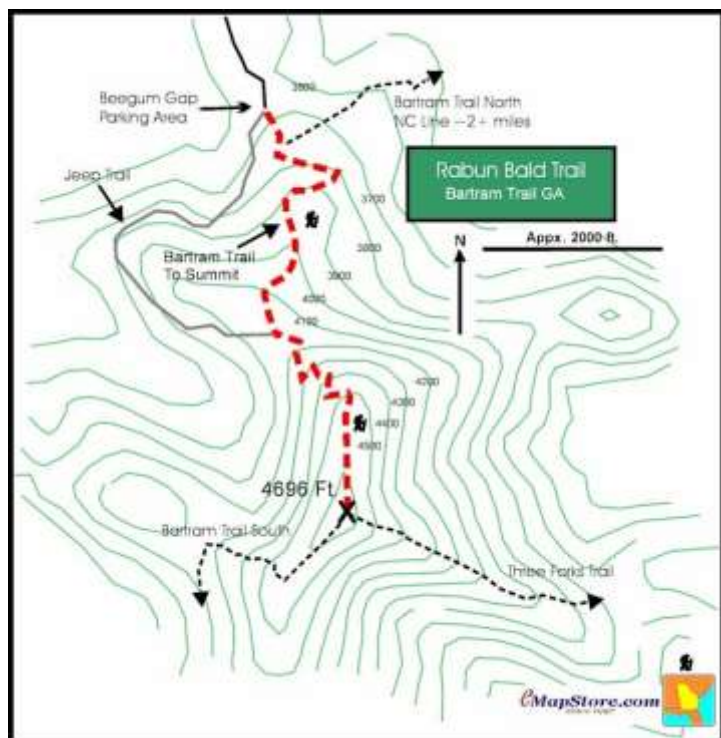


Rabun Bald, GA

Rabun Bald (4,696 ft) GA Georgia's second highest peak – squeezed in NE corner of Georgia – moderate climb.

Directions to Trail-Head: From Highlands, NC, travel west on NC 106. In 7.3 miles, at Scaly Mountain Ski Area, take a left near Post Office onto paved road. Bear right in approximately 2 miles (don't take Hale Ridge road). In 1 mile, just before the road drops to Sky Valley, bear left at "National Forest Hiking Trail Ahead" sign onto Kelsey Mountain Rd. Follow for 1/4 mile to dead end at Beegum Gap parking area.

Trail Summary: Take the trail to the left (a longer jeep road bears to the right). The trail is 1.4 miles to the summit and climbs over 1000ft. Ascending begins immediately through hardwood forest. In 1/4 mile the Bartram Trail from the north joins the path on the left. Bear right continuing south uphill. At 0.8 miles, the trail intersects the deadend parking area of the jeep road. The trail continues left becoming steeper for the next 1/2 mile and then levels out along the summit ridge within a "tunnel" of Rhododendrons. In a 1/4 miles the trail reaches the summit capped with a stone observation platform with an unobstructed 360 degree view. On your return, be careful to take the same path down. It is very easy to go the wrong way.



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