

T/C-255 Dolly Sods Wilderness Area Campout
Friday, July 10 thru Sunday, July 12, 2020



Dolly Sods Wilderness Area is a relatively small wilderness site (14,000 acres) on the mountain top east of Canaan Valley, West Virginia. Its micro climate is considered to be the most southern example of what is normally found between the forests and tundra of Alaska and Canada, with rare Red Spruce, bogs, blue berry bushes, thin topsoil - and with temperatures to match. It is also an area whose ecology has been dramatically impacted by man, and is still rapidly changing.

Overview: Friday-Leave Chevy Chase Elementary School at 6:30 AM; drive 3 hours Dolly Sods, Red Creek Campground, West Virginia. From this staging area hike approximately 4+ miles to a campsite near the escarpment overlooking Canaan Valley. This involves 3 minor stream crossings. This is a dry campsite. Saturday – Hike to Red Creek; rest of the day playing in Red Creek and the falls. Sunday – Hike to the bottom of Red Creek – one major stream crossing. Depart 12:30 pm. Lunch at McDonalds, Petersburg, WV. Required: Close-toed water shoes, towel (we are going to get wet!!).

Cost: \$15.00.

Food: Eat breakfast at home Friday or bring with breakfast; fast food lunches on Friday and Sunday. Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast: patrol must plan and provide. Plan on using camp stoves.

COVID 19 Adjustments: Transportation: Montgomery County's Ride-On requires all persons to wear a mask while inside, but no social distance seating requirement. T/C-255 will require masks, and seating in the van will be limited to 8 to provide an empty seat between riders. Hand sanitizer use will be required before each loading. **Sleeping:** All non-related participants will be required bring and use a separate tent.

RSVP: Wednesday, July 8, 2020. Questions? Keith Pierce, ASM, T-255, hkpt255@piercehome.us 301-219-5790

