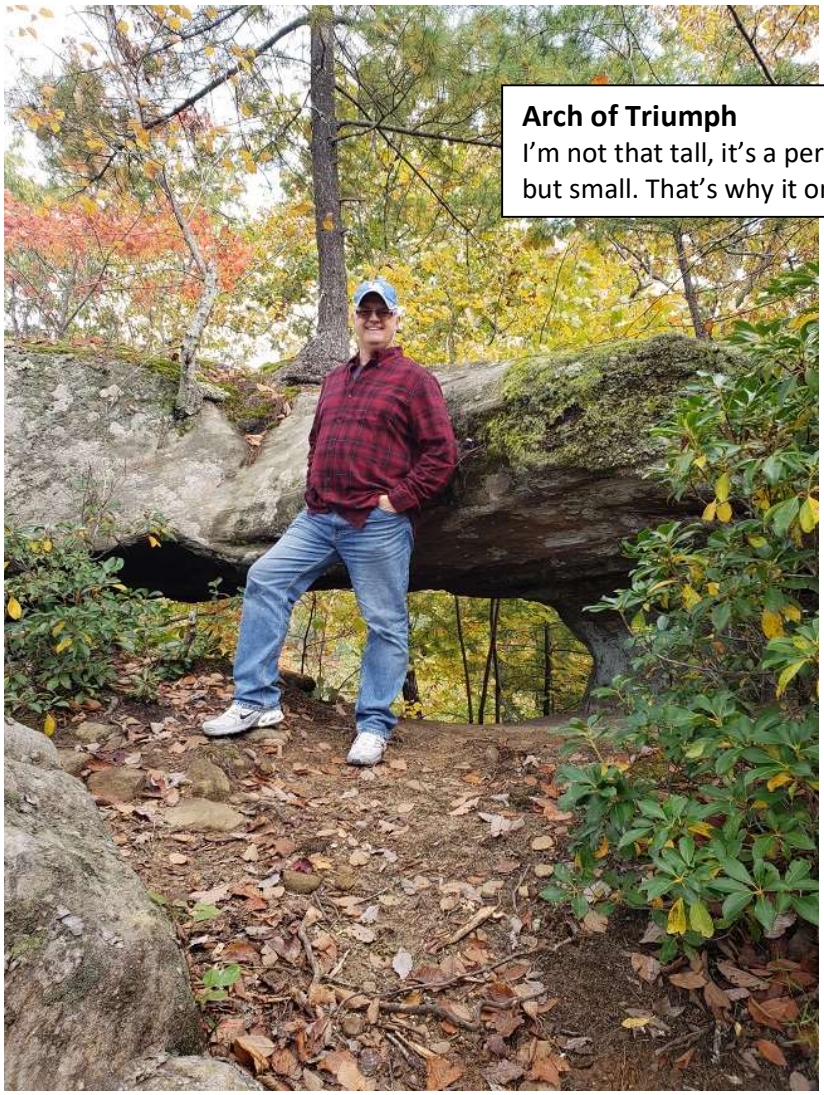
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1.25 miles from Star Gap to Auxier Ridge Parking Lot. Class 1.1 hike except for Class 3.0 climb-down (30') under Star Gap



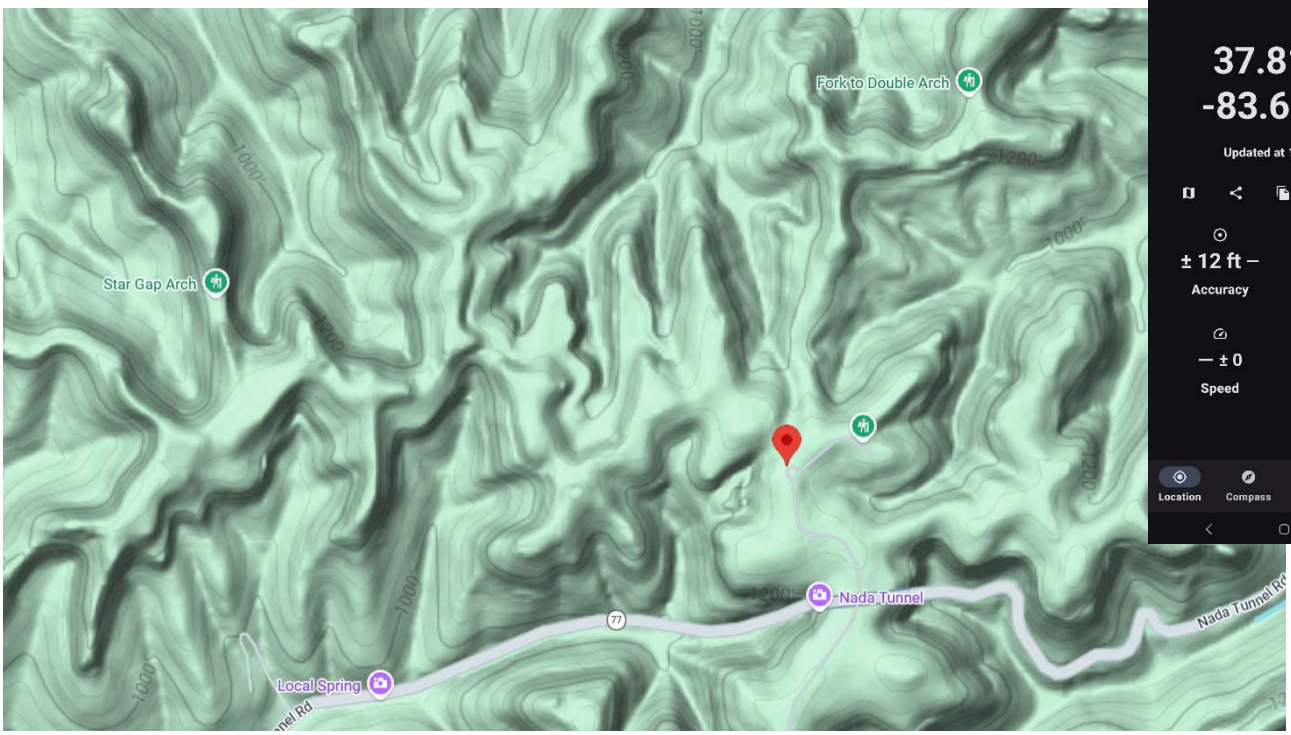
Arch of Triumph
I'm not that tall, it's a perfectly formed arch, but small. That's why it only gets a Grade of B

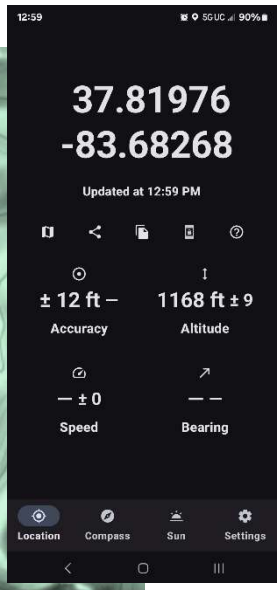
I remember driving to the end of this road (early 80's) that starts at the round-about at the Auxier Ridge parking lot. Now you must park and start your hike at the round-about.



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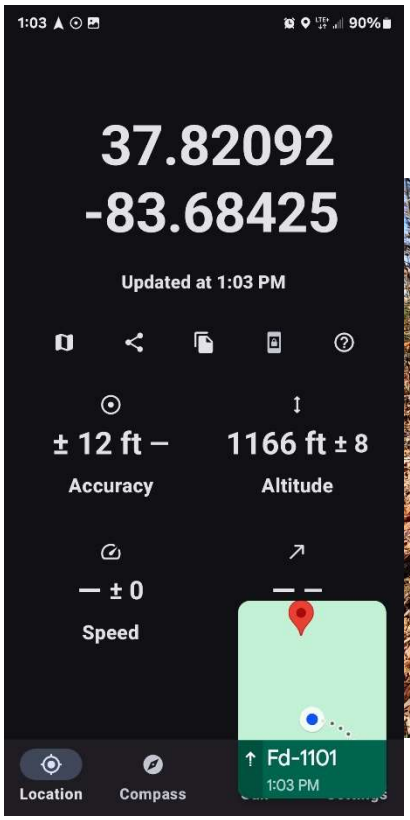
Start of Trail: 37°49'11.1"N 83°40'57.7"W

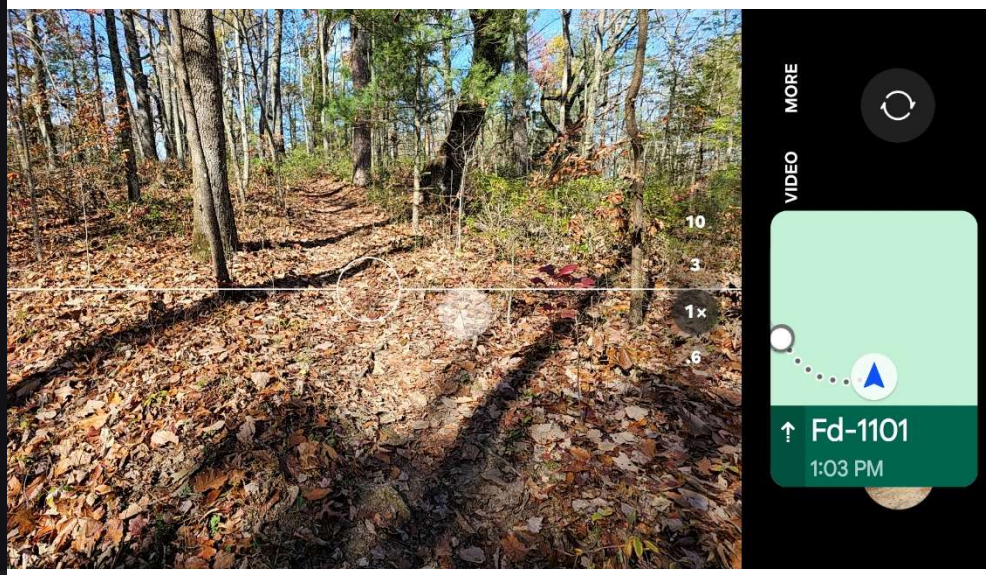




To get to the Arch of Triumph

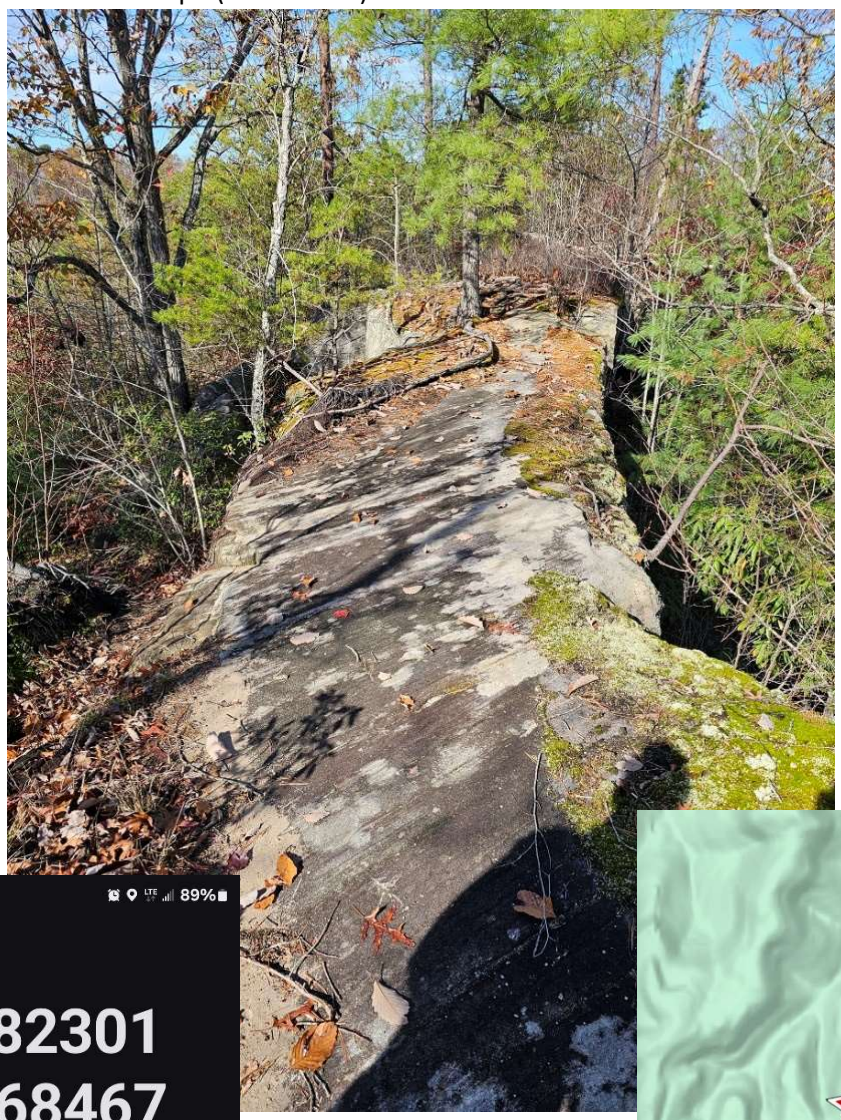
At 37°49'15.3"N 83°41'03.3"W, leave road, turn right and go through camping spot.

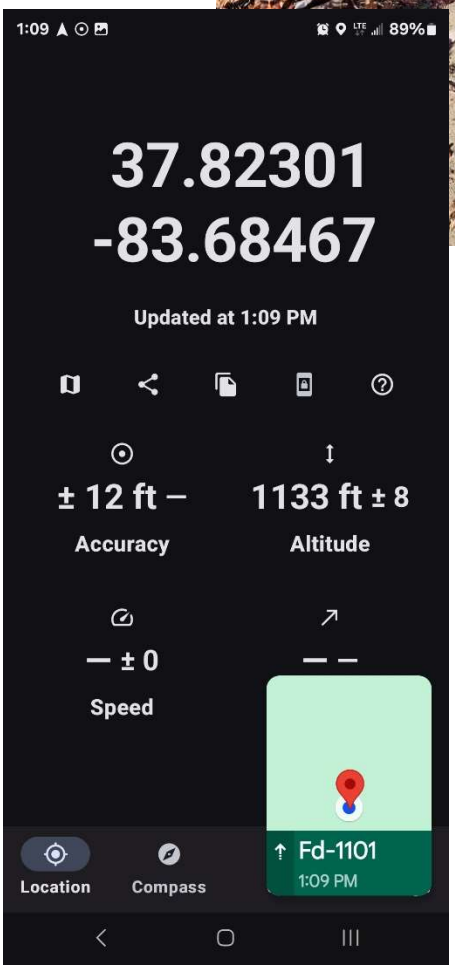


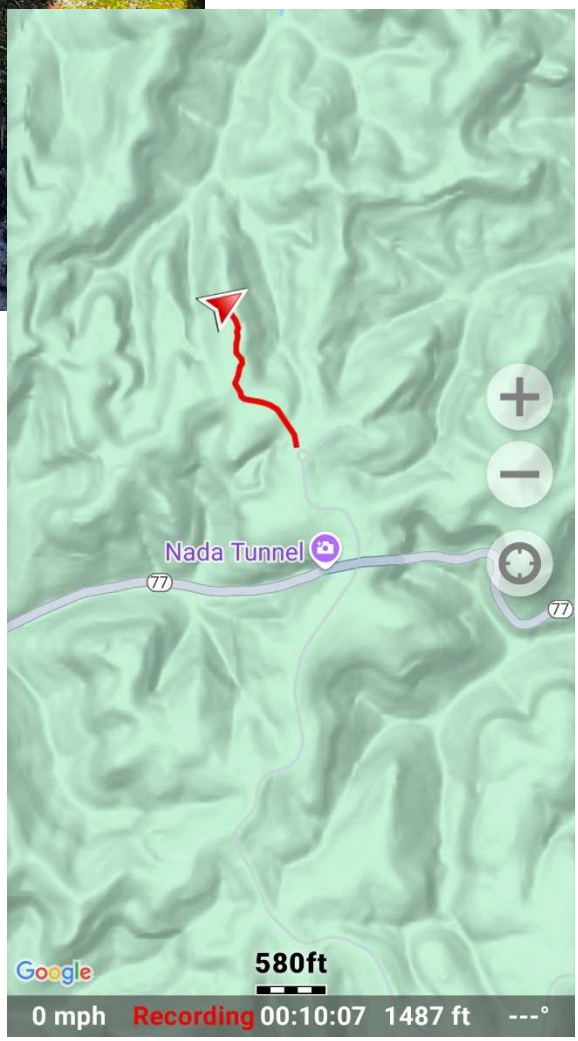


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This is the top of the Arch of Triumph (such as it is).







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Fox under the Arch of Triumph

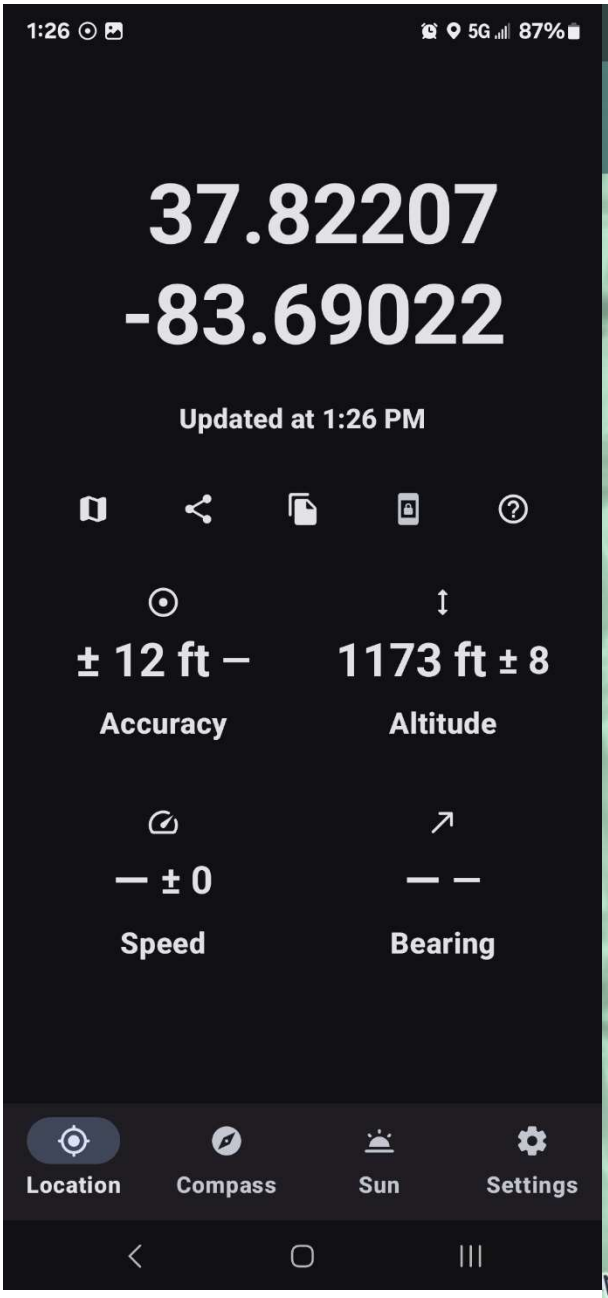


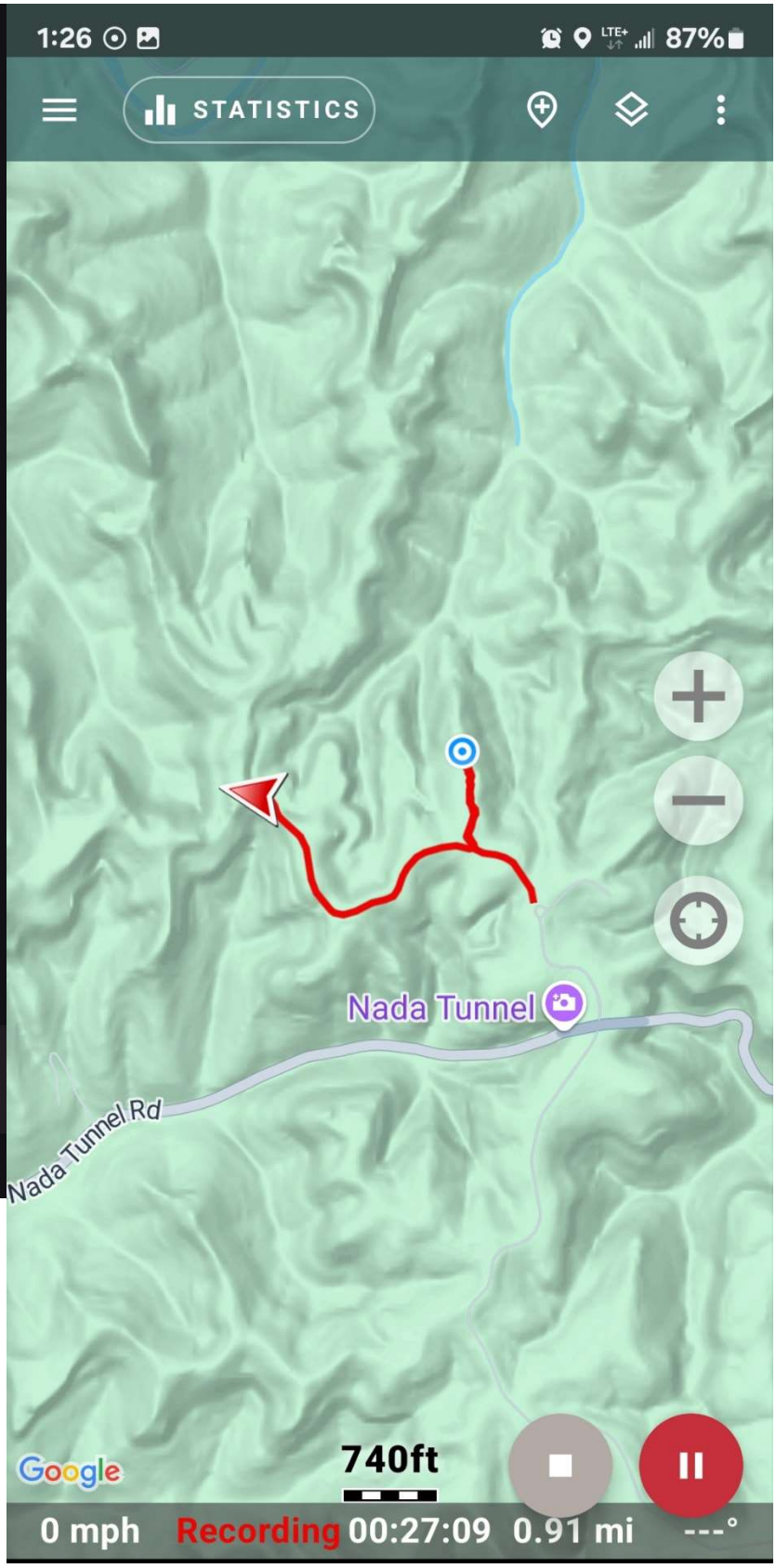
Looking down the back-side of the Arch of Triumph



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Back on the old ‘road’ from the Arch of Triumph until you turn left at 37°49'19.5"N 83°41'24.8"W at a total distance of 0.91 miles from the Auxier Ridge Trailhead. The map to the right shows the diversion to the Arch of Triumph.





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Photos show turn-off from ‘road’ and the gate just past the turn-off





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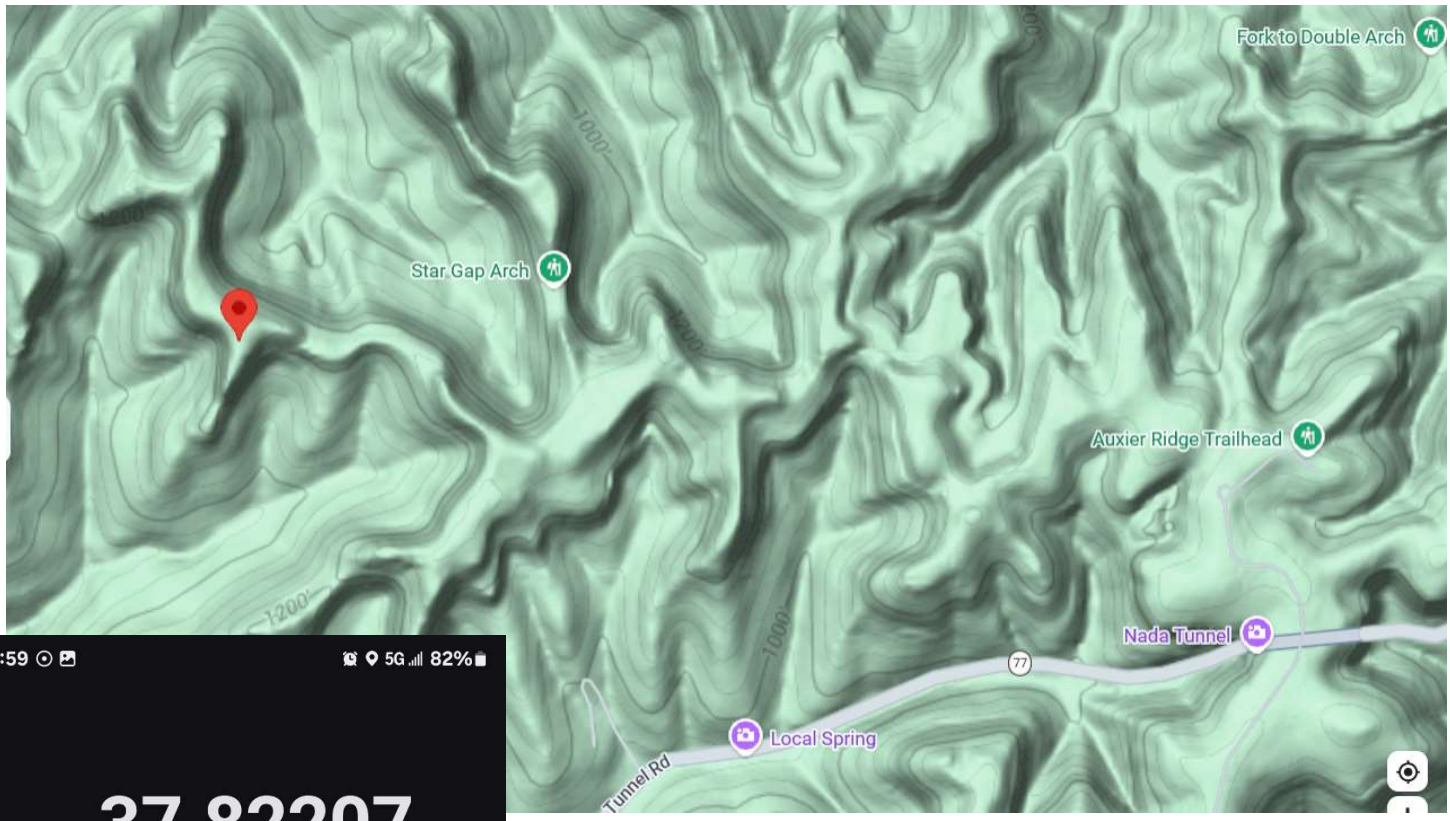
Knotty Trees (nothing to do with arches, but sights to see along the way)

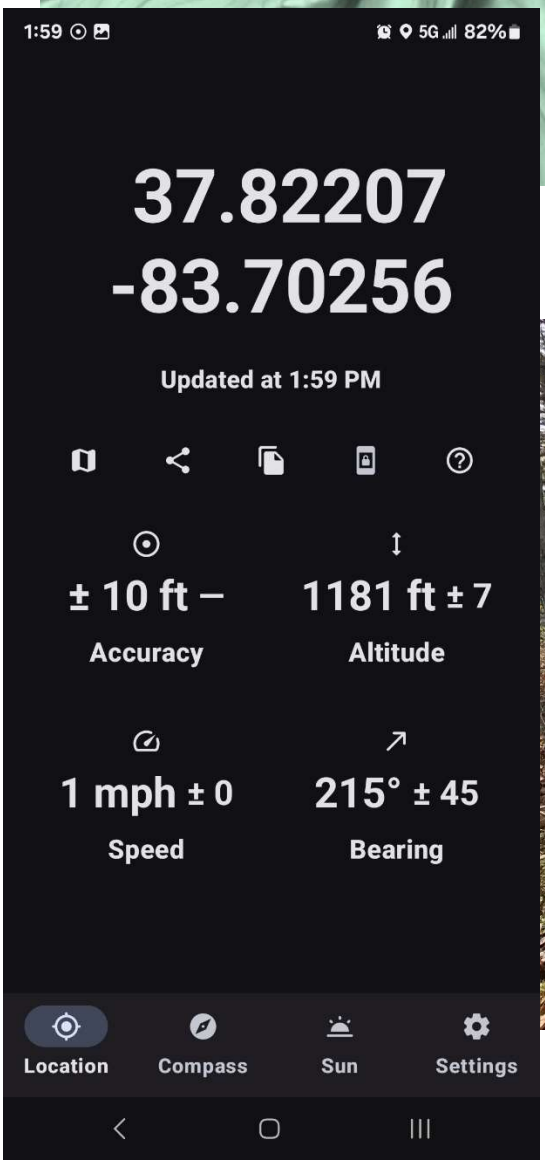




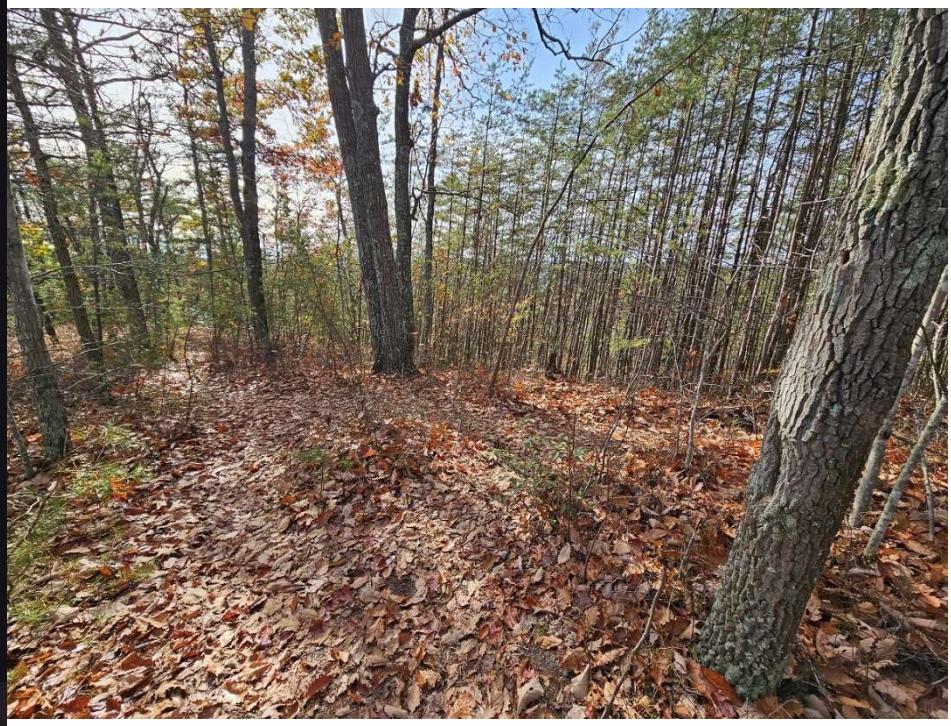
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If you pass the turn-off to Star Gap Arch and keep traveling, you will see nothing as shown here. Don't be like Doug, use the map to turn off at the proper location.

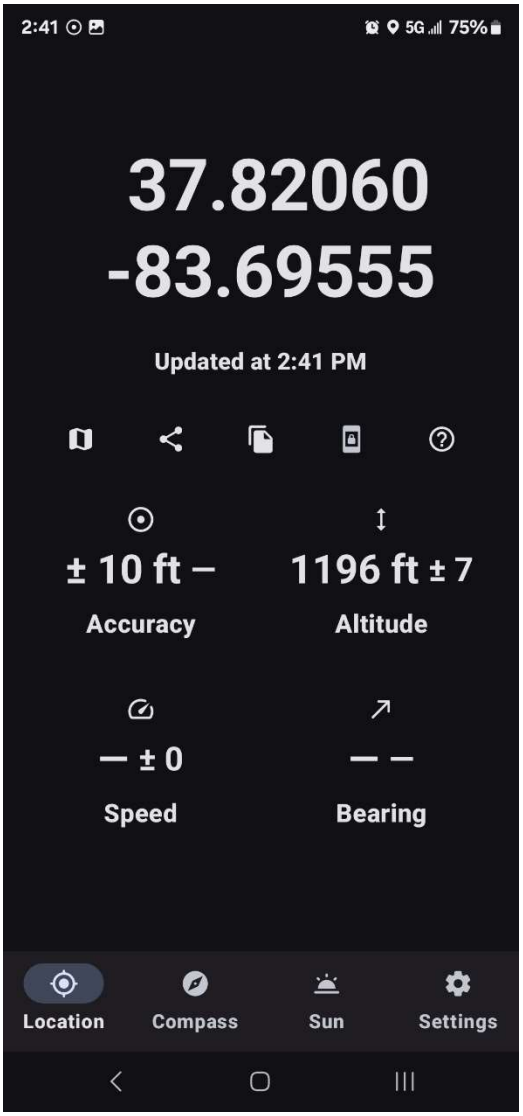




37°49'19.5"N 83°42'09.2"W

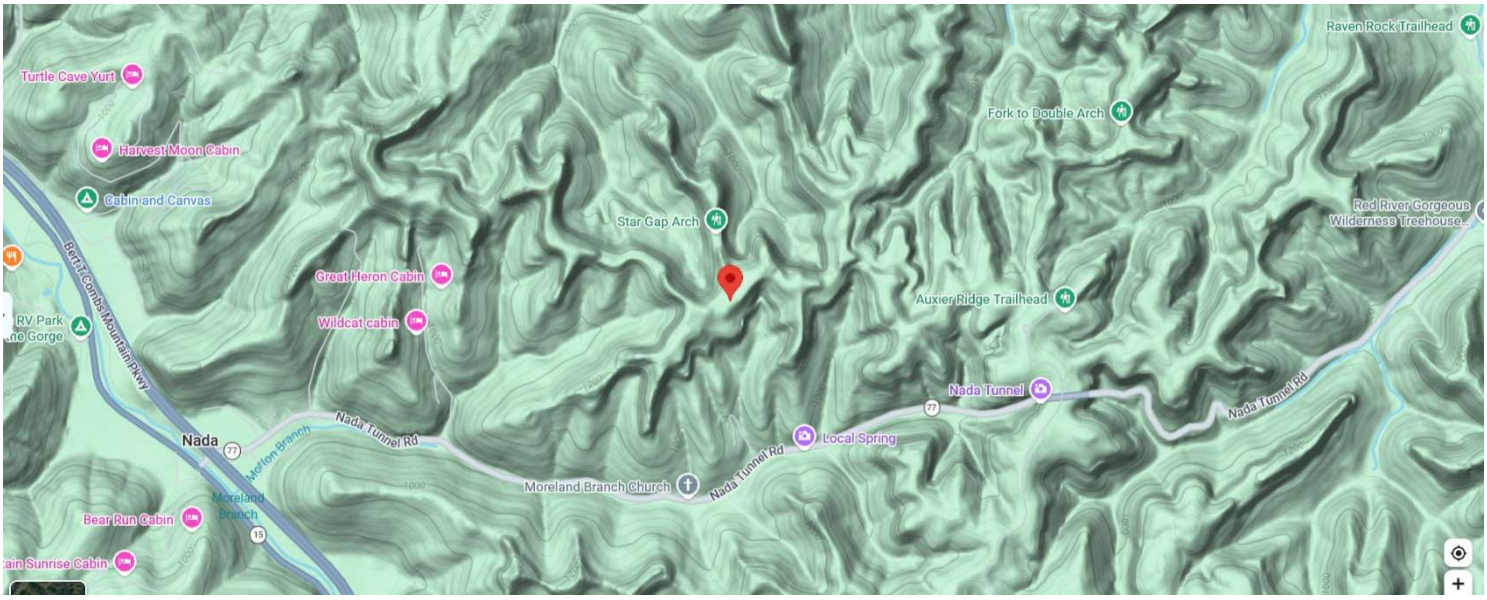


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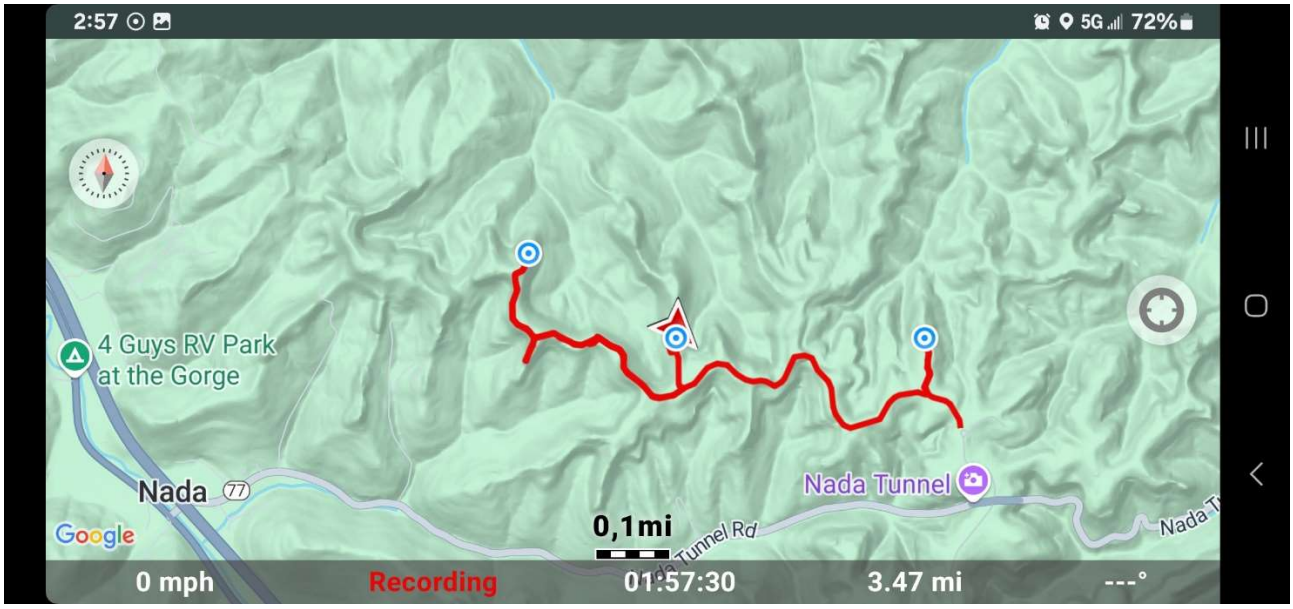
37°49'14.2"N 83°41'44.0"W

This is the proper turn-off location from the trail.

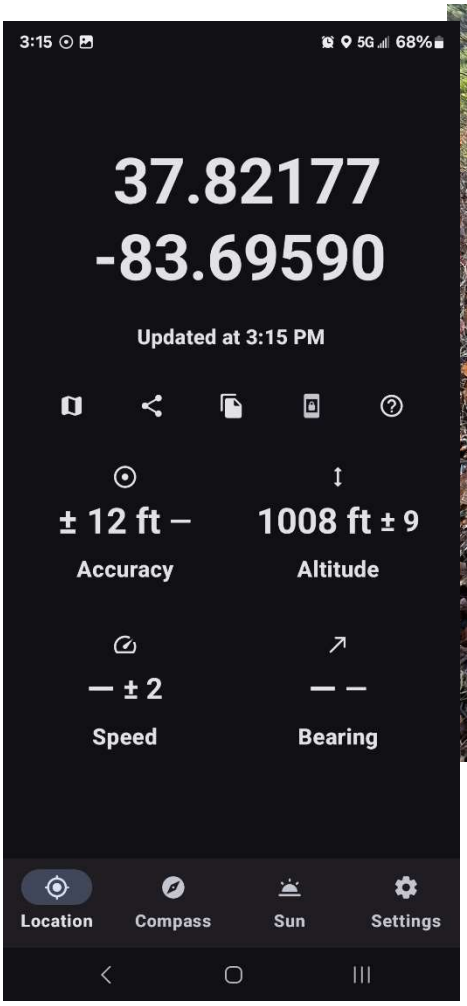


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I missed the turn-off to Star Gap Arch and traveled 3.47 miles before I got to Star Gap Arch.



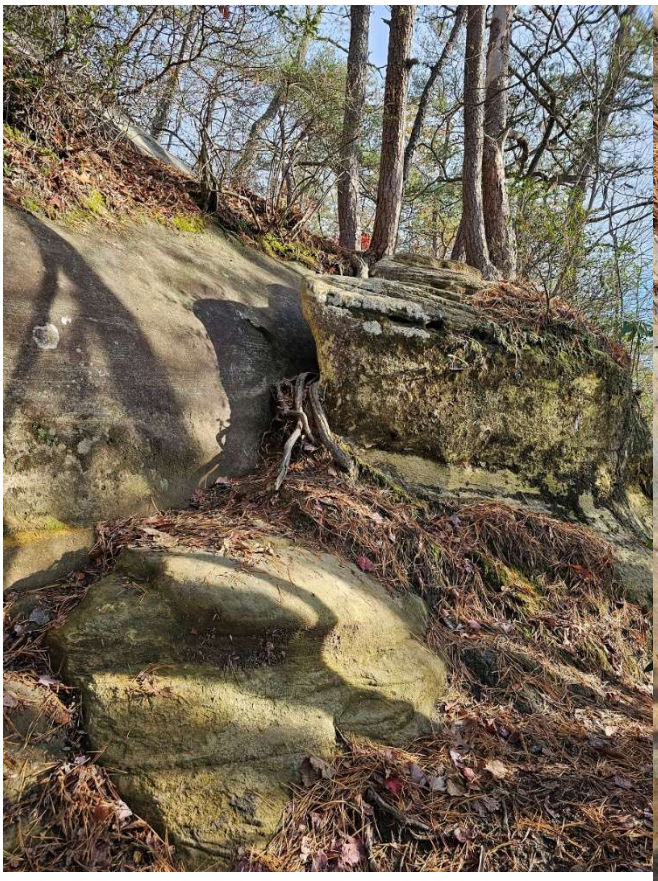
This is a small trail (RED) that will divert you from trail that will take you on top of the arch (Yellow) and instead take you to a good drop-down spot to get under the arch.

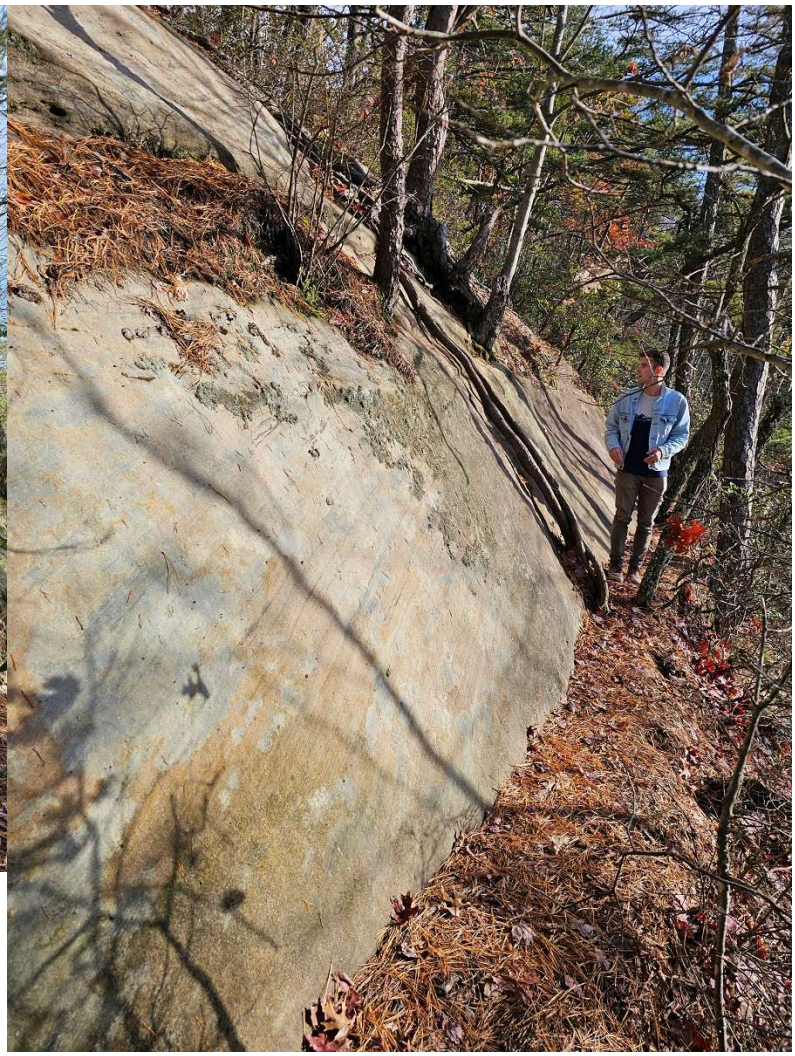




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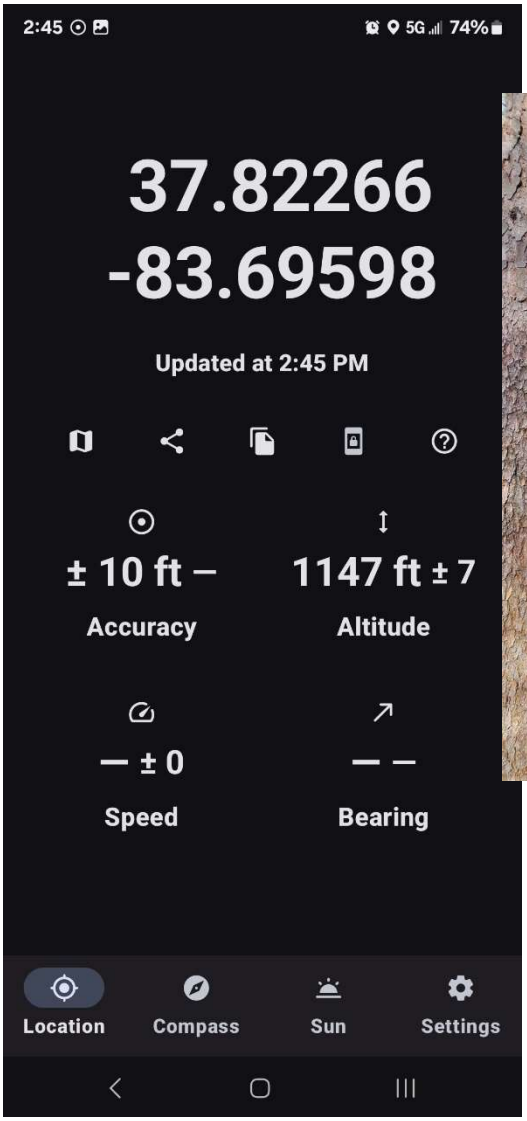
You can use tree roots to pull yourself up this rock wall. This bit of climbing changes the easy Class 1.1 hike (~flat ground, easy walking; x.1 signifies that hike is more than 1 mile, but less than 2) into a Class 3.0 climb (www.14ers.com ratings: handholds and foothold are required for upward or downward progress. Terrain is often steep and dangerous, *.0 signifies climb is very short).

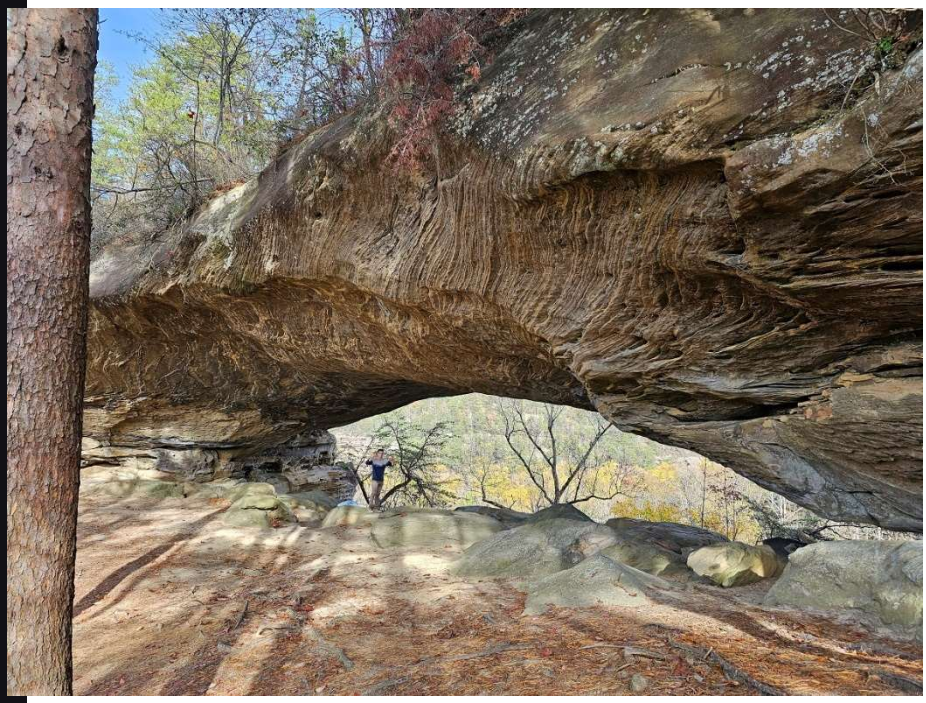




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Star Gap Arch is enormous, perfectly formed arch. Arch location: 37°49'21.6"N 83°41'45.5"W





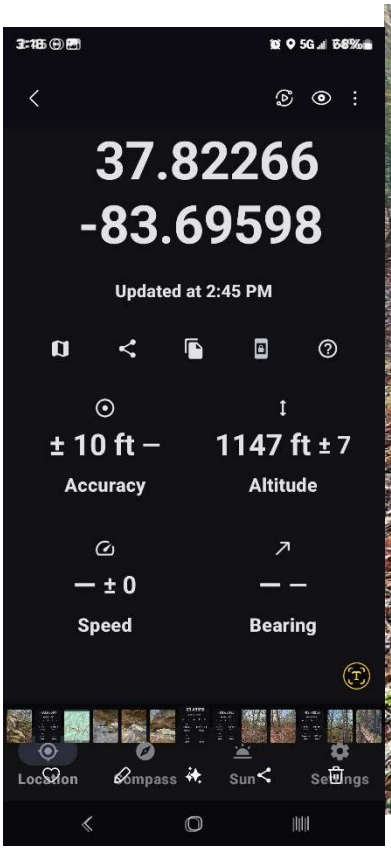
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Logs are now placed over the main trail so you will not get lost like Doug and instead turn off the main trail and go directly to Star Gap Arch.

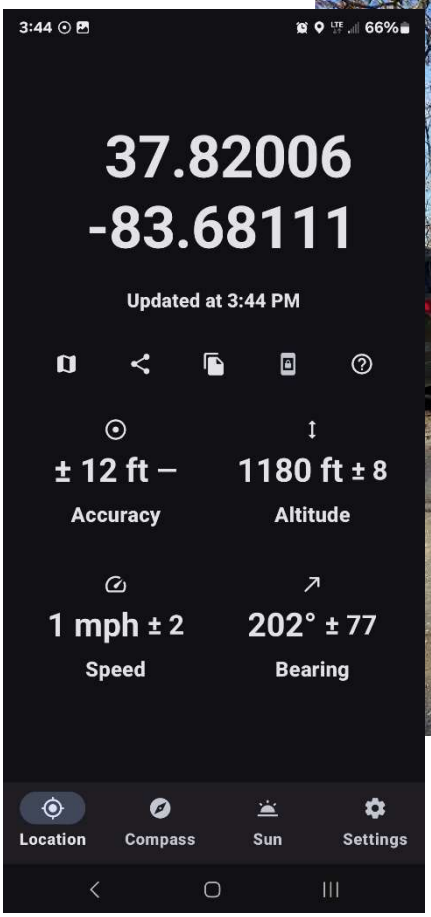


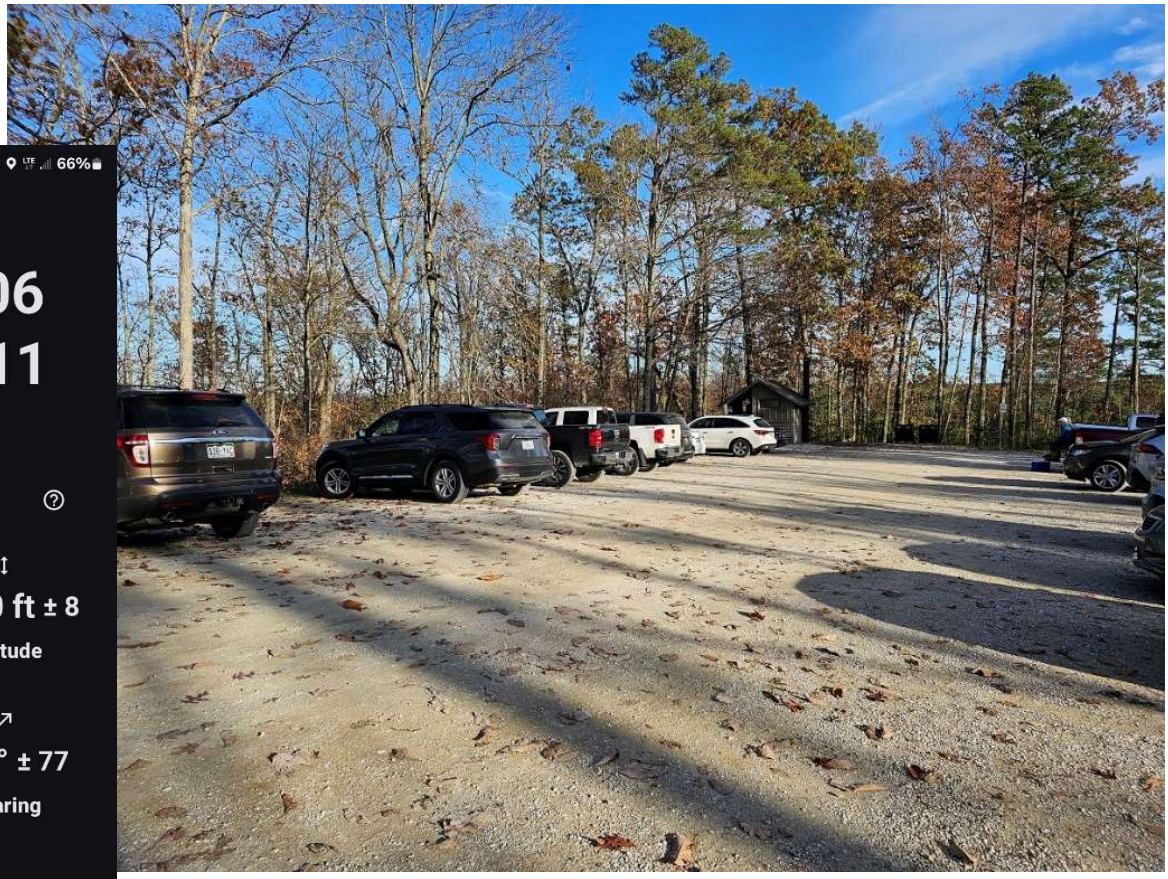


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Back at the Auxier Ridge Parking Lot

37°49'12.2"N 83°40'52.0"W





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1.25 miles in 28 minutes from Star Gap Arch to Auxier Ridge Parking lot.

