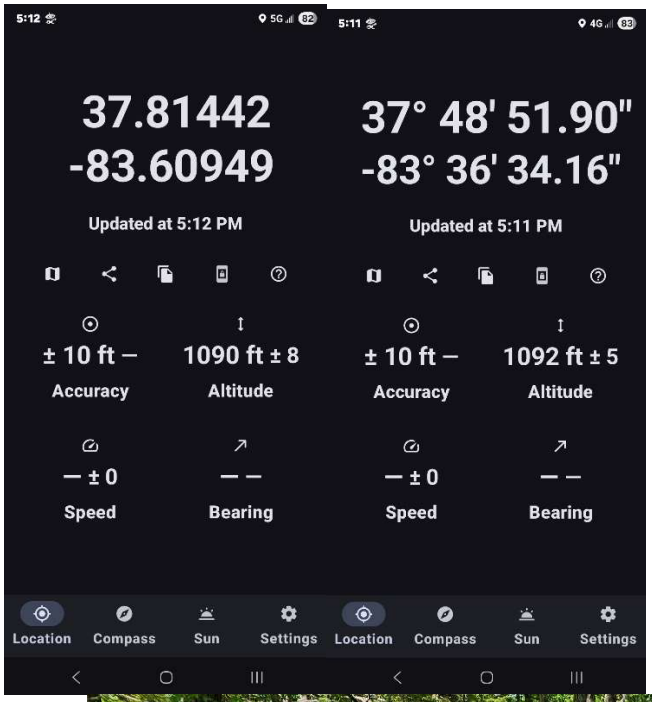
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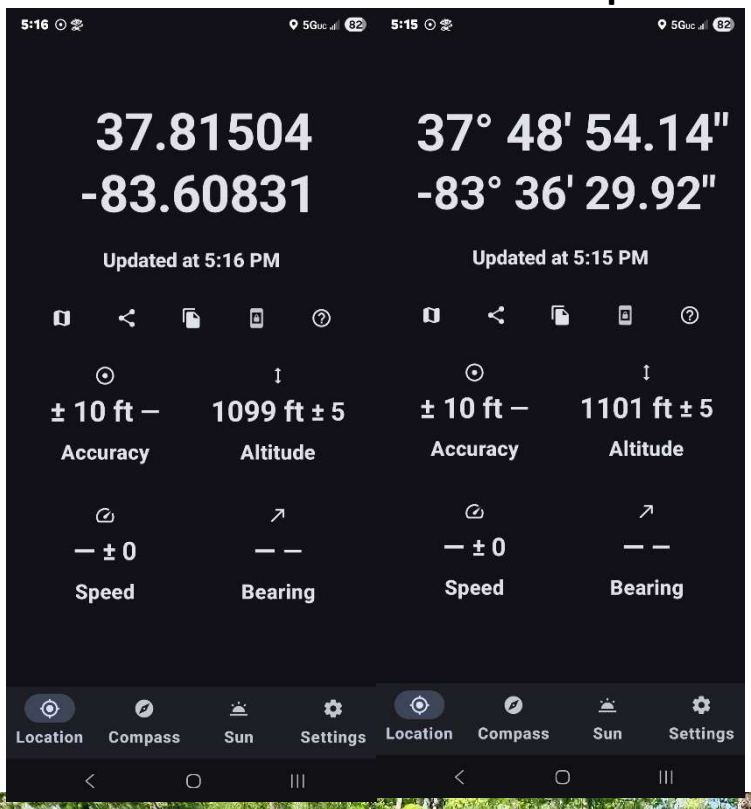
2788 feet to arch. Class 1.0 hike except for Class 2.0 climb-down (30') to get under Friendship Arch. Continue on to Catspaw Arch is a Class 1.1 hike. To go from Catspaw back to the trail on top of the ridge takes some effort (Class 2.0). Total loop of all 3 arches is about 1.3 miles.



Friendship Arch
Trailhead Location: Park along the gravel road and head off onto the trail on the north side of the road.



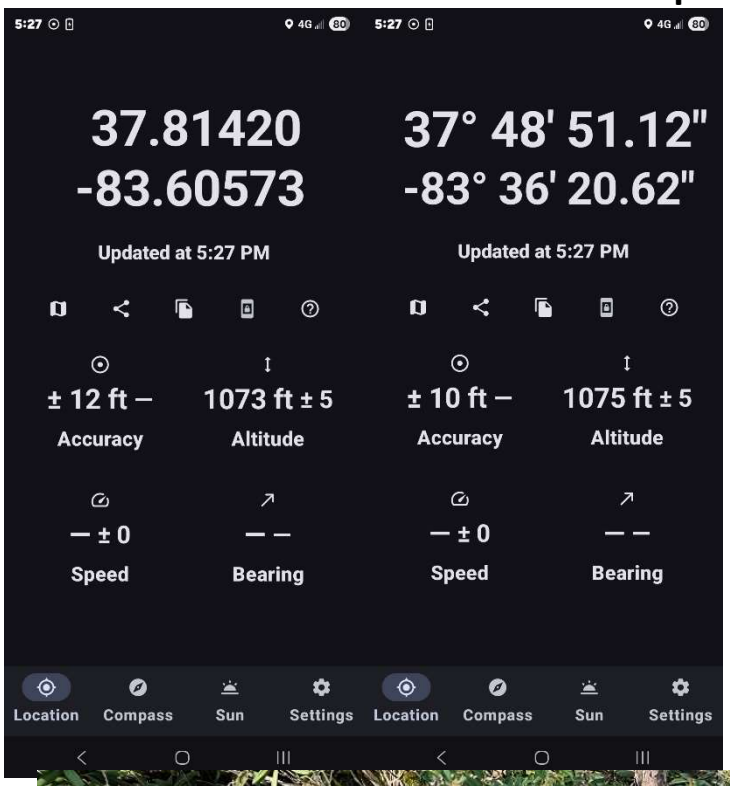
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You will quickly come upon this campground. The trail is easily a Class 1.0 for 2750 feet until the final 50 feet.



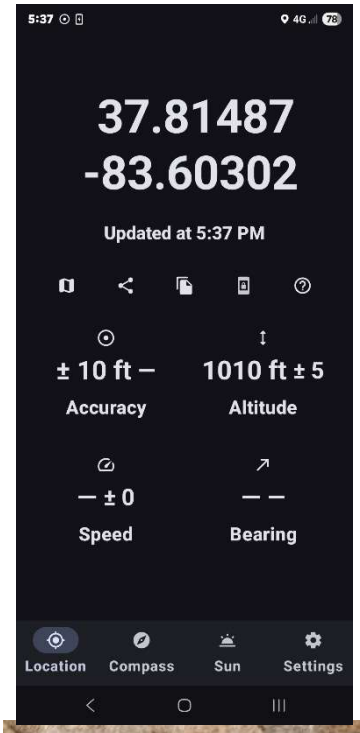
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You have now crossed over Friendship Arch and Friendship Tunnel. You must climb down here. It is an easy Class 2.0 scramble.



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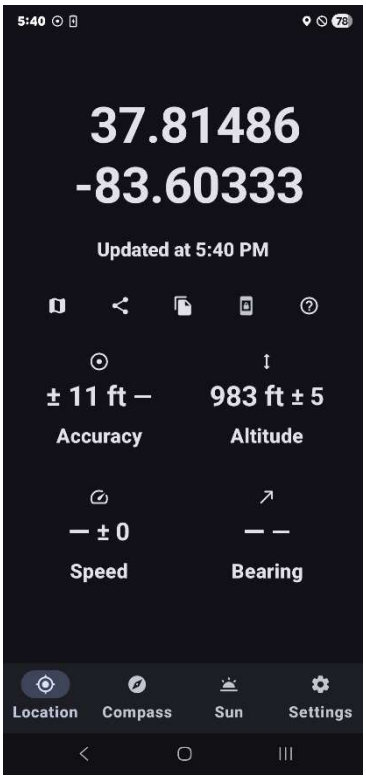


This is Friendship Tube



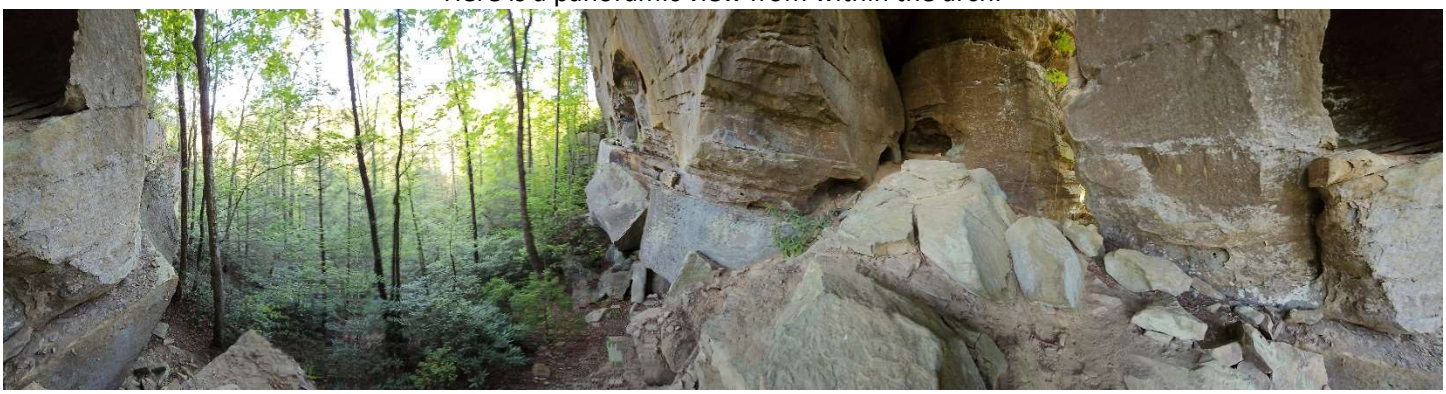
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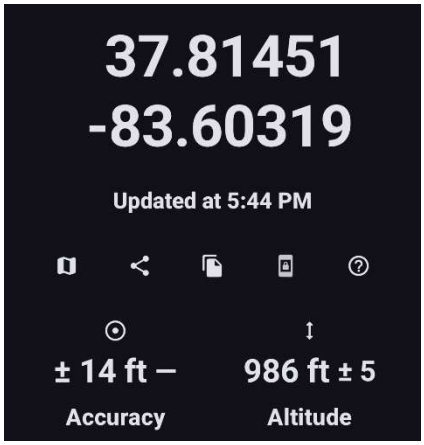
First view from below the arch.





Here is a panoramic view from within the arch.

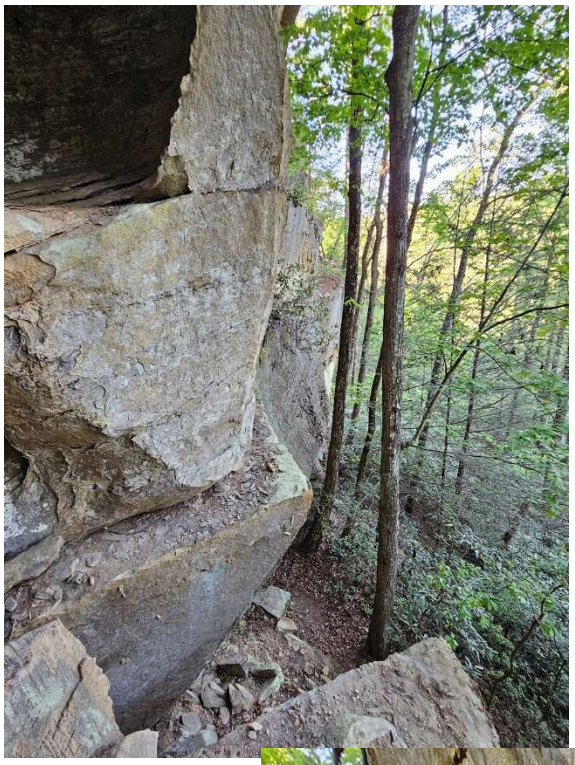


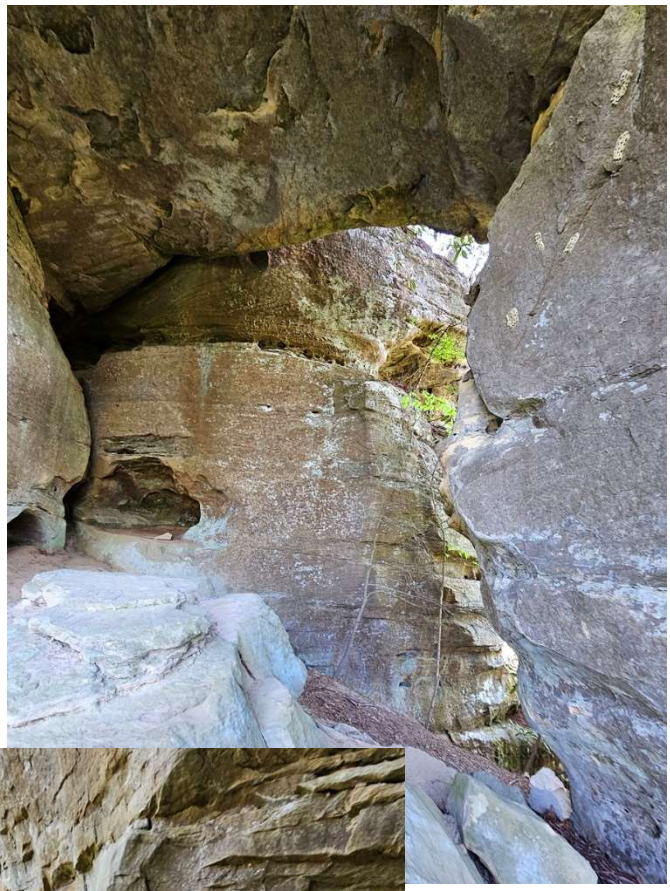


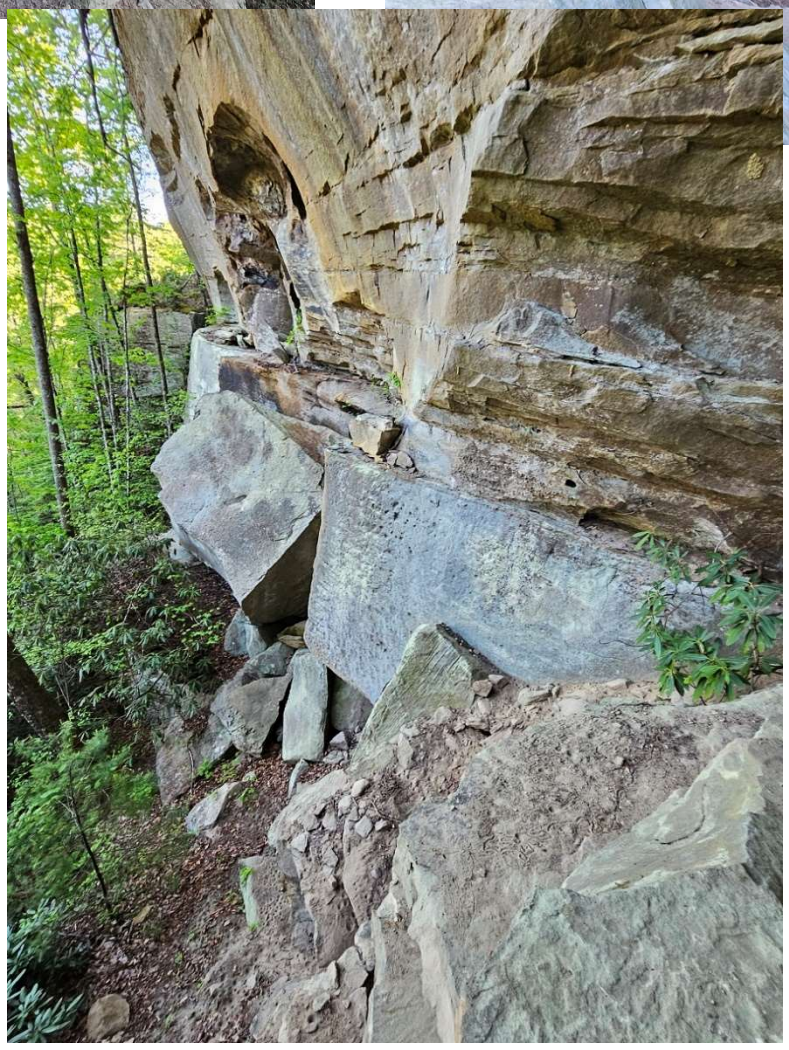
Here are my coordinates of the arch. I found that my phone is not always the most accurate, but it will get me close enough. If you have better coordinates, please share.

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This is the back side and view of Friendship Arch from the back side.

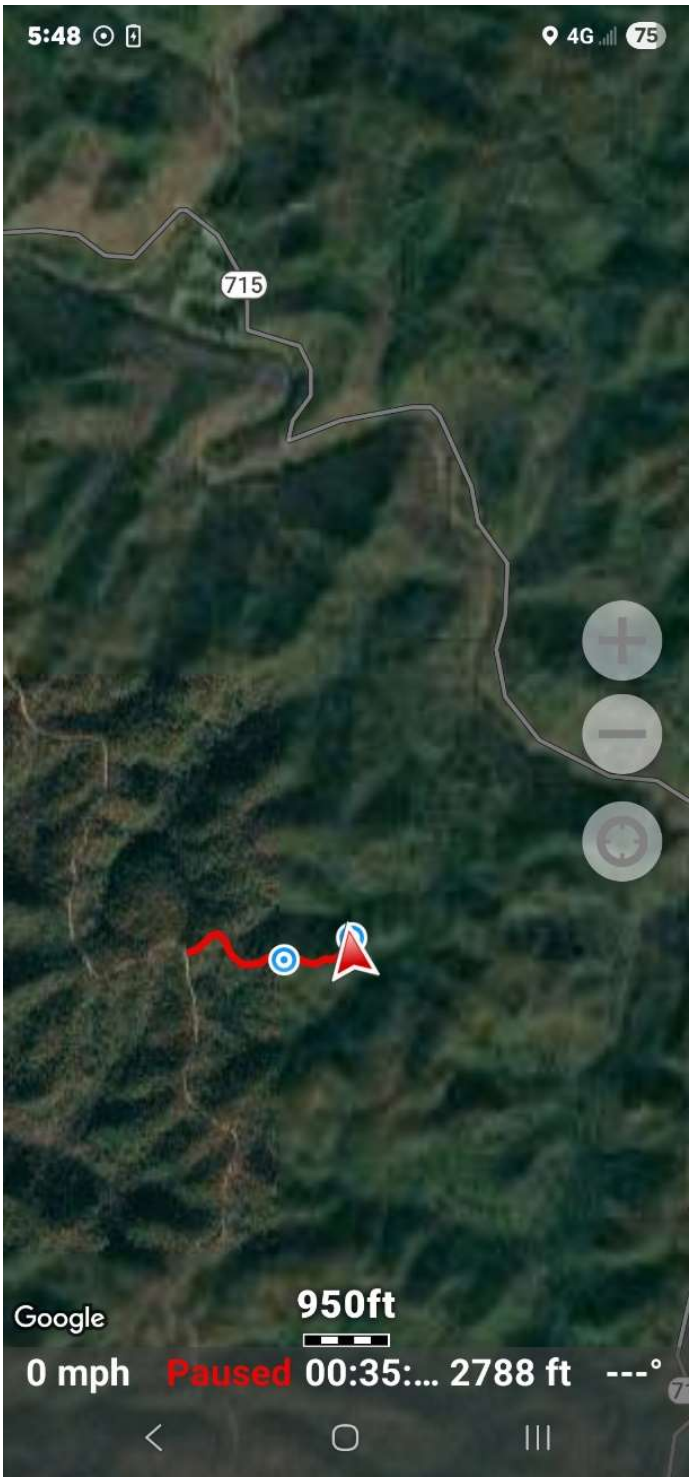


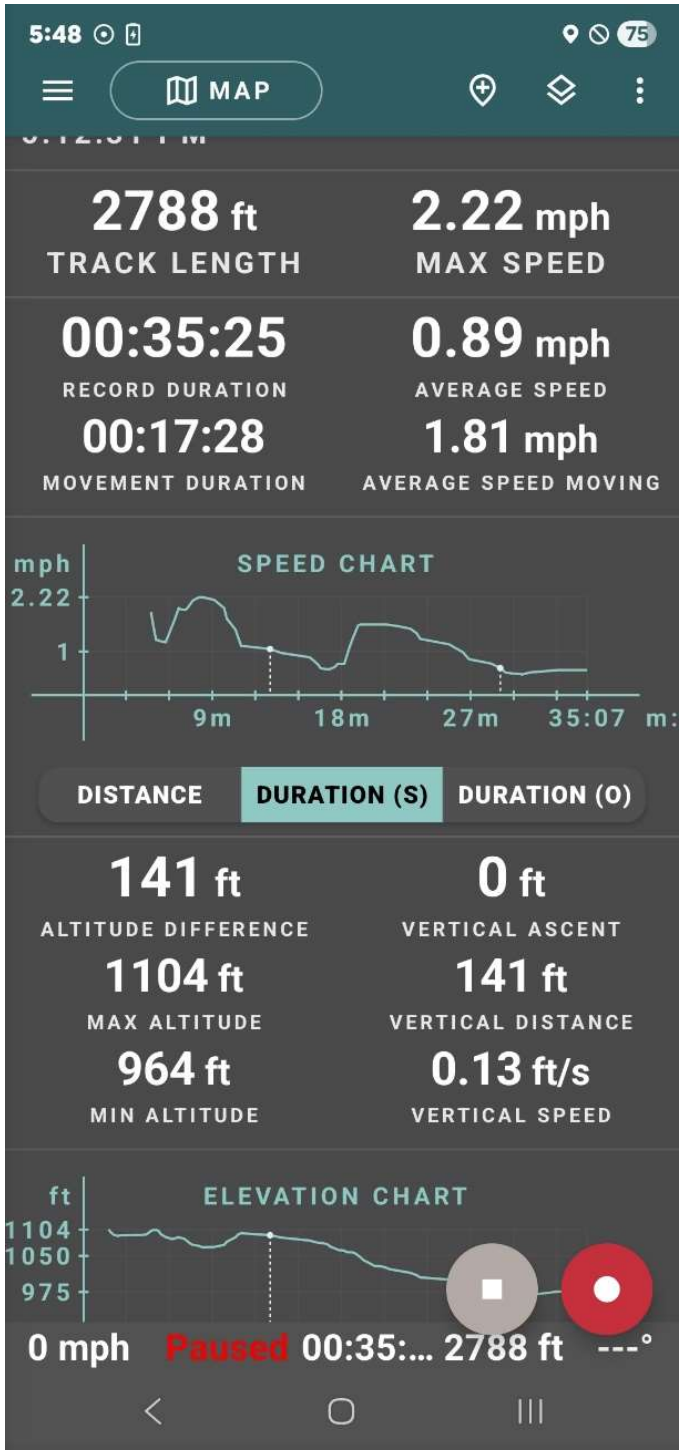




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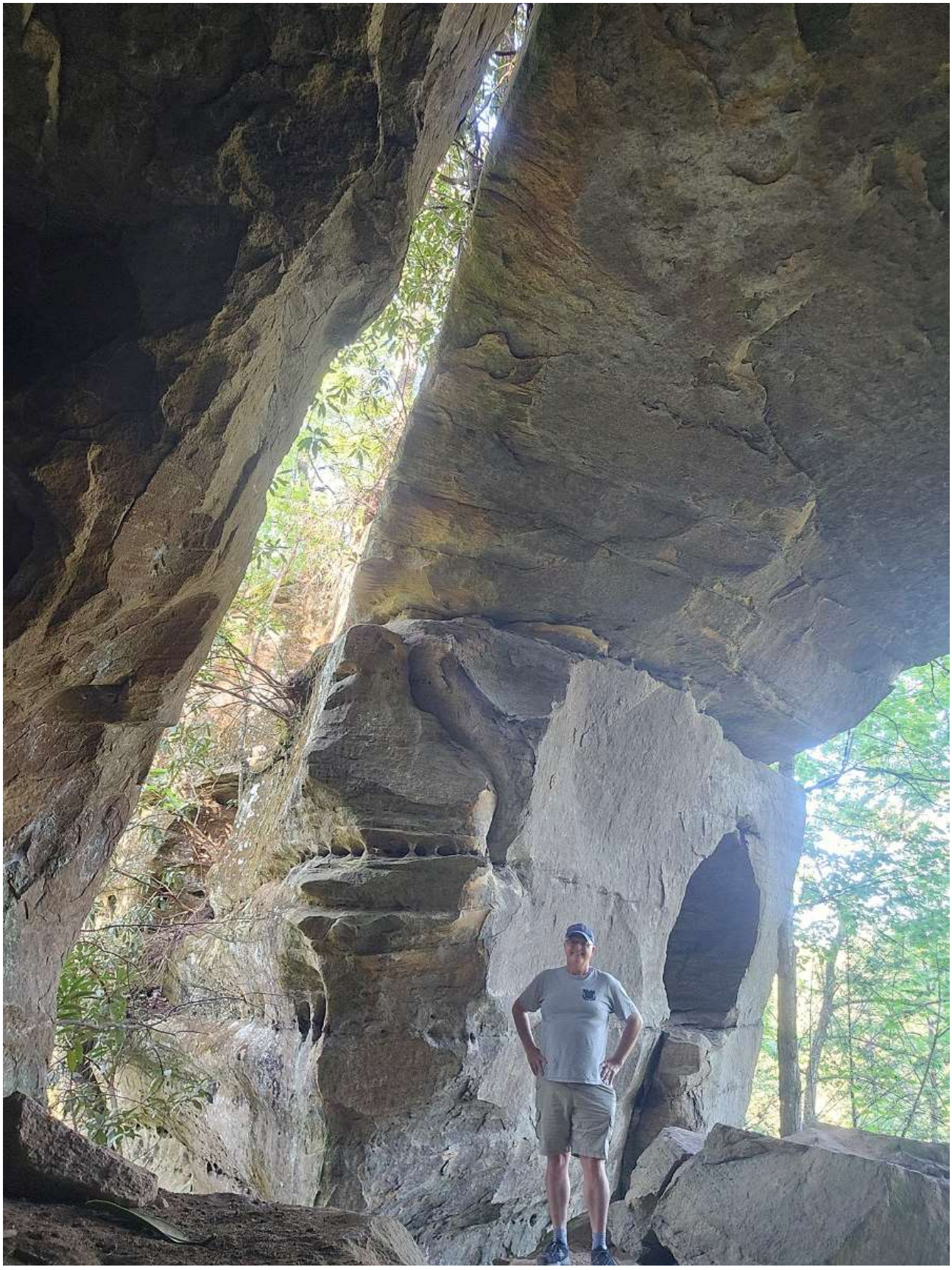
Total hike to Friendship Arch is 2,788 ft with a 141 foot change in elevation.





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Friendship Arch is a Grade A arch (Very large, great form arch)



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Is this a named arch? It's a Grade C arch on backside of Friendship Arch on way to Catspaw arch.

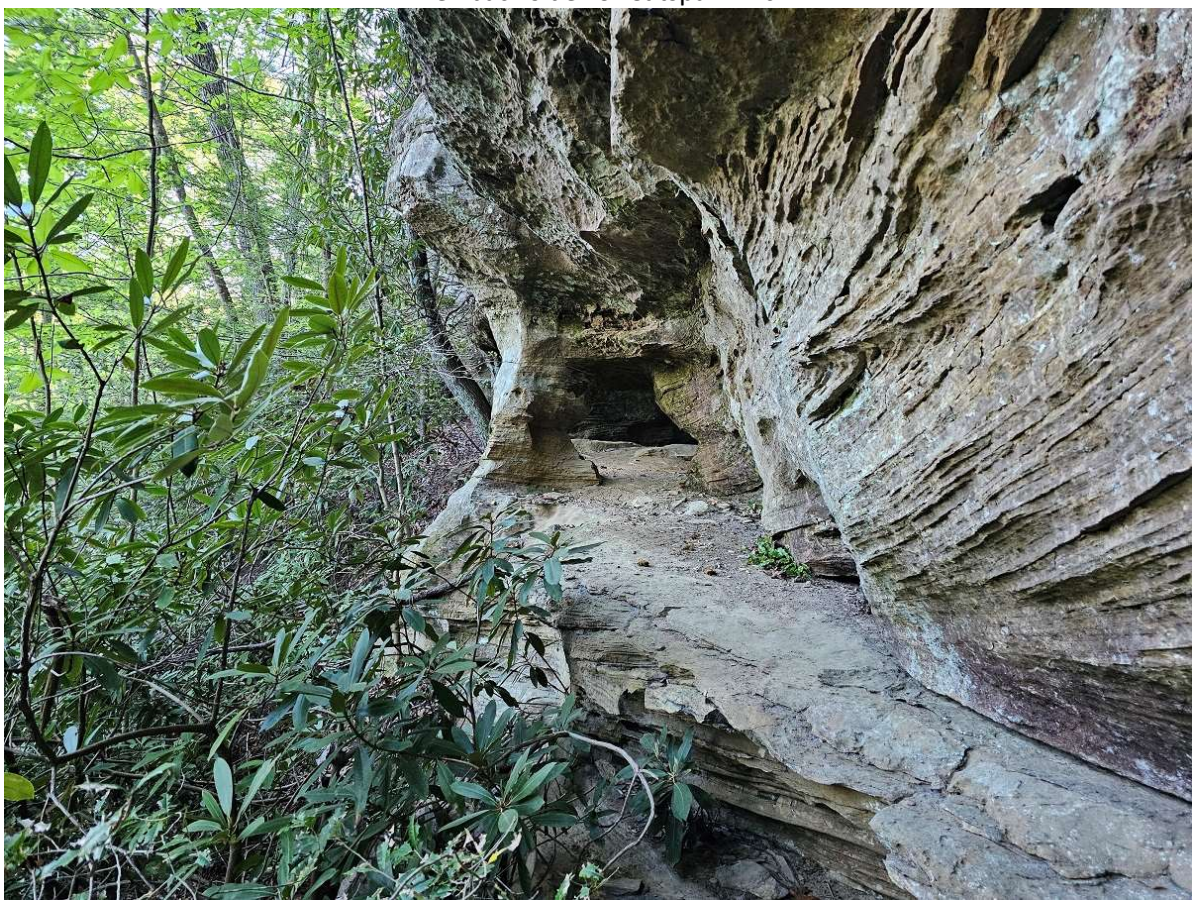


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This is the route on backside of Friendship Arch to way to Catspaw arch

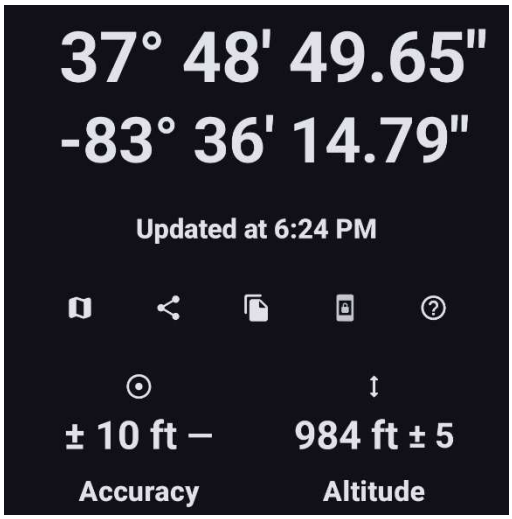


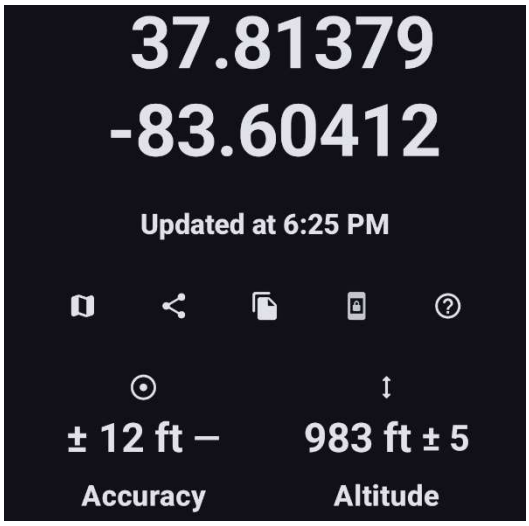
The “back side” of Catspaw Arch

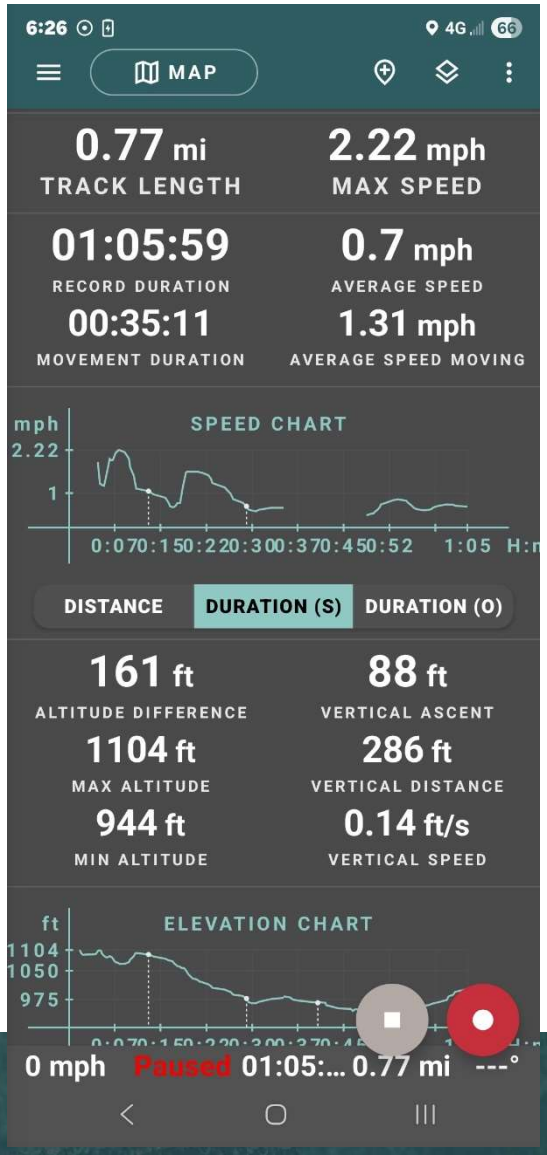


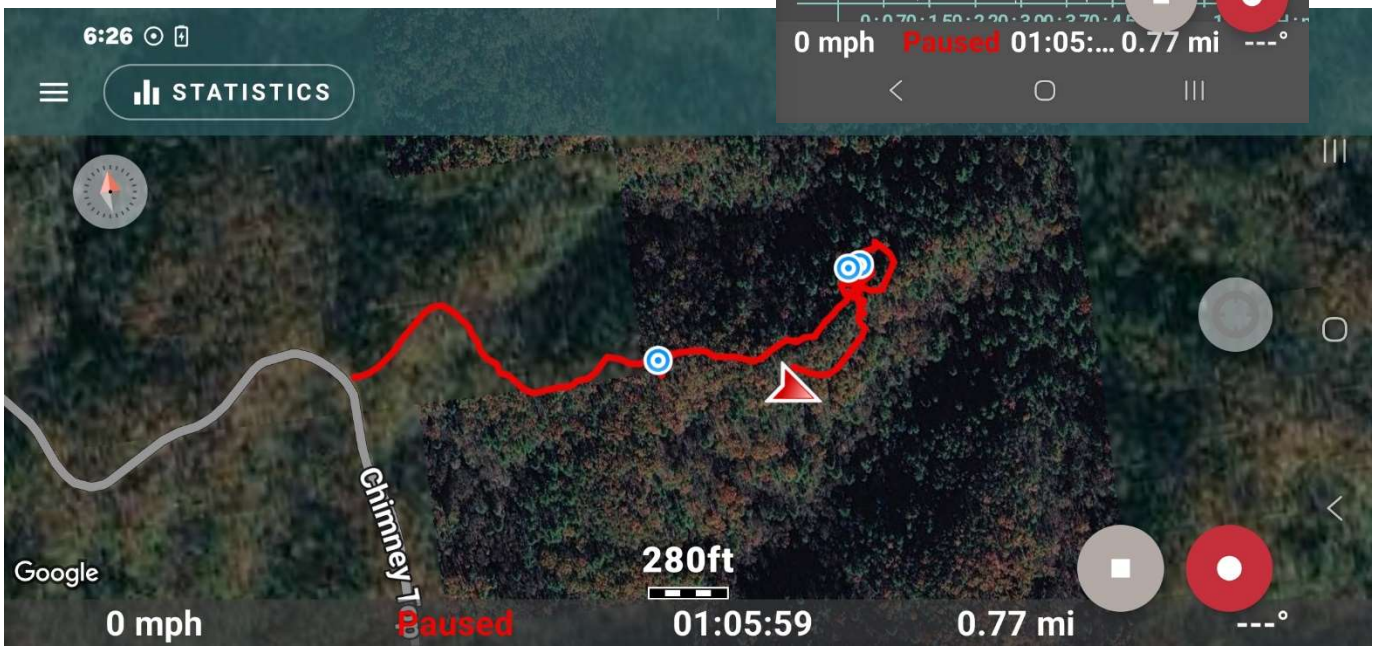
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Catspaw Arch Coordinates and total loop distance of 0.77 mile. 75 minutes total elapse time since start of hike.









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Catspaw Arch



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Catspaw Arch is a Grade B+ because less than 6ft opening, so it's a nice pillar arch, just a little small



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The “frontside” faces a very nice rock shelter.



And the happy hiker is sweating hard even during a ‘dry’ Kentucky spring day. 70° F dry bulb and 52° dew point. The hike from Catspaw to the ridge takes some effort.



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Day High & Low

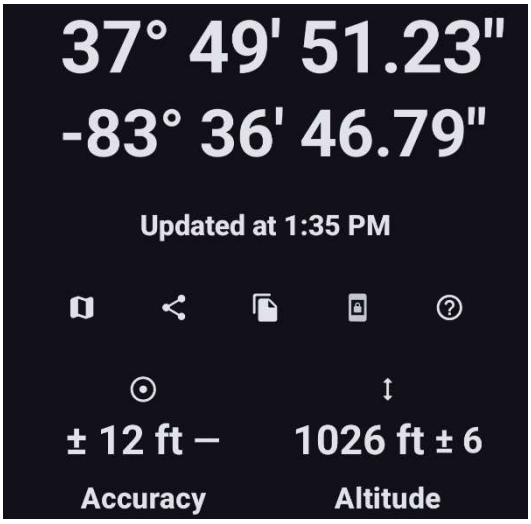
HIGH	LOW
72°F	54°F
at 4:35 PM	at 8:35 AM

Daily Observations

TIME	TEMPERATURE	DEW POINT	HUMIDITY	WIND	WIND SPEED	WIND GUST
11:35 PM	55 °F	46 °F	72 %	E	7 mph	16 mph
11:15 PM	55 °F	48 °F	77 %	E	12 mph	-
10:55 PM	57 °F	48 °F	72 %	CALM	0 mph	-
10:35 PM	59 °F	48 °F	67 %	E	8 mph	-
10:15 PM	59 °F	48 °F	67 %	CALM	0 mph	-
9:35 PM	61 °F	48 °F	63 %	CALM	0 mph	-
9:15 PM	61 °F	48 °F	63 %	CALM	0 mph	-
8:55 PM	63 °F	48 °F	59 %	CALM	0 mph	-
8:35 PM	63 °F	48 °F	59 %	CALM	0 mph	-
8:15 PM	64 °F	48 °F	56 %	CALM	0 mph	-
7:55 PM	66 °F	48 °F	52 %	E	10 mph	-
7:35 PM	68 °F	50 °F	52 %	E	8 mph	-
7:15 PM	68 °F	50 °F	52 %	CALM	0 mph	-
6:55 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	NNE	7 mph	-
6:35 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	NE	13 mph	-
6:15 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	CALM	0 mph	-
5:55 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	NNE	5 mph	-
5:35 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	NE	7 mph	-
5:15 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	NE	9 mph	-
4:55 PM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	NE	8 mph	-
4:35 PM	72 °F	52 °F	50 %	CALM	0 mph	-
4:15 PM	70 °F	50 °F	49 %	CALM	0 mph	-

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I spotted some Rock Windows (Grade C to C- arches) while my first search for Friendship Arch (a failed trip).







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Trail head





Even when you fail to find the arch, its great to see some sites.

Turn's out my math was wrong. +/- 0.00001 deg = 3.6 feet. So the difference between the two coordinates shown below is 0.00025° x 0.00678° or 90 feet south and 2,441 feet east, but I only went 244.1 feet east..

My location

37.81476
-83.60997

Arch location

37.81451
-83.60319