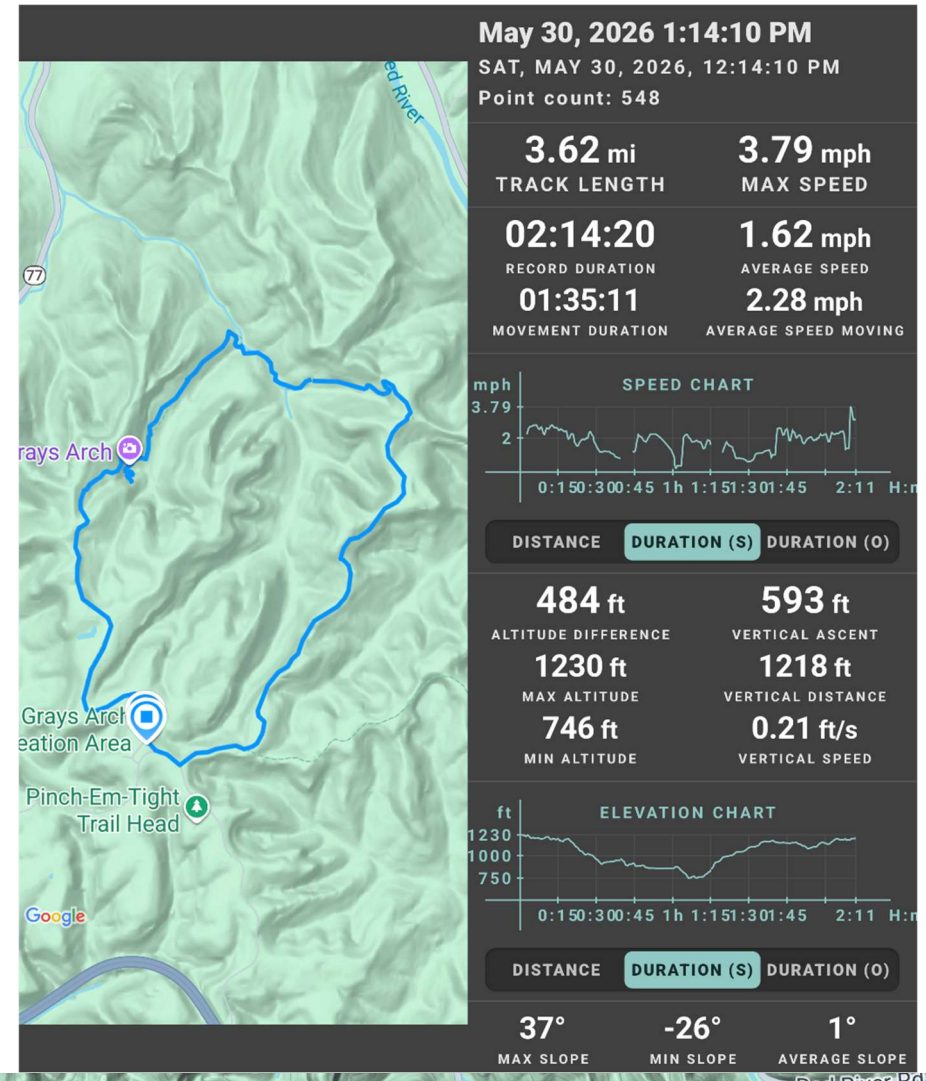
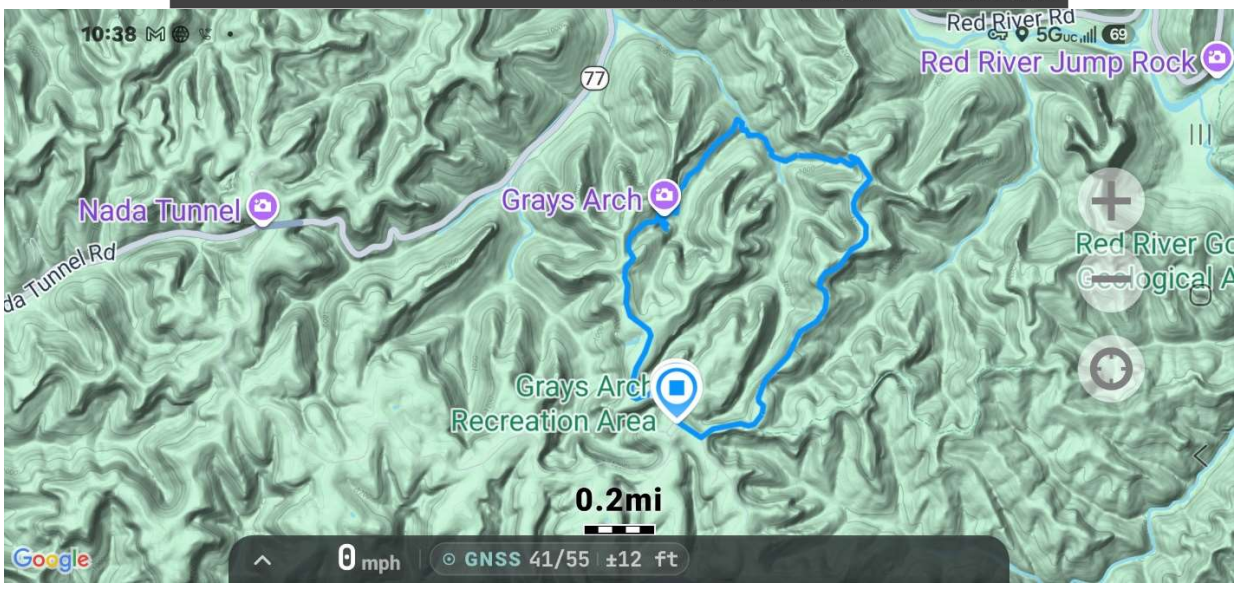
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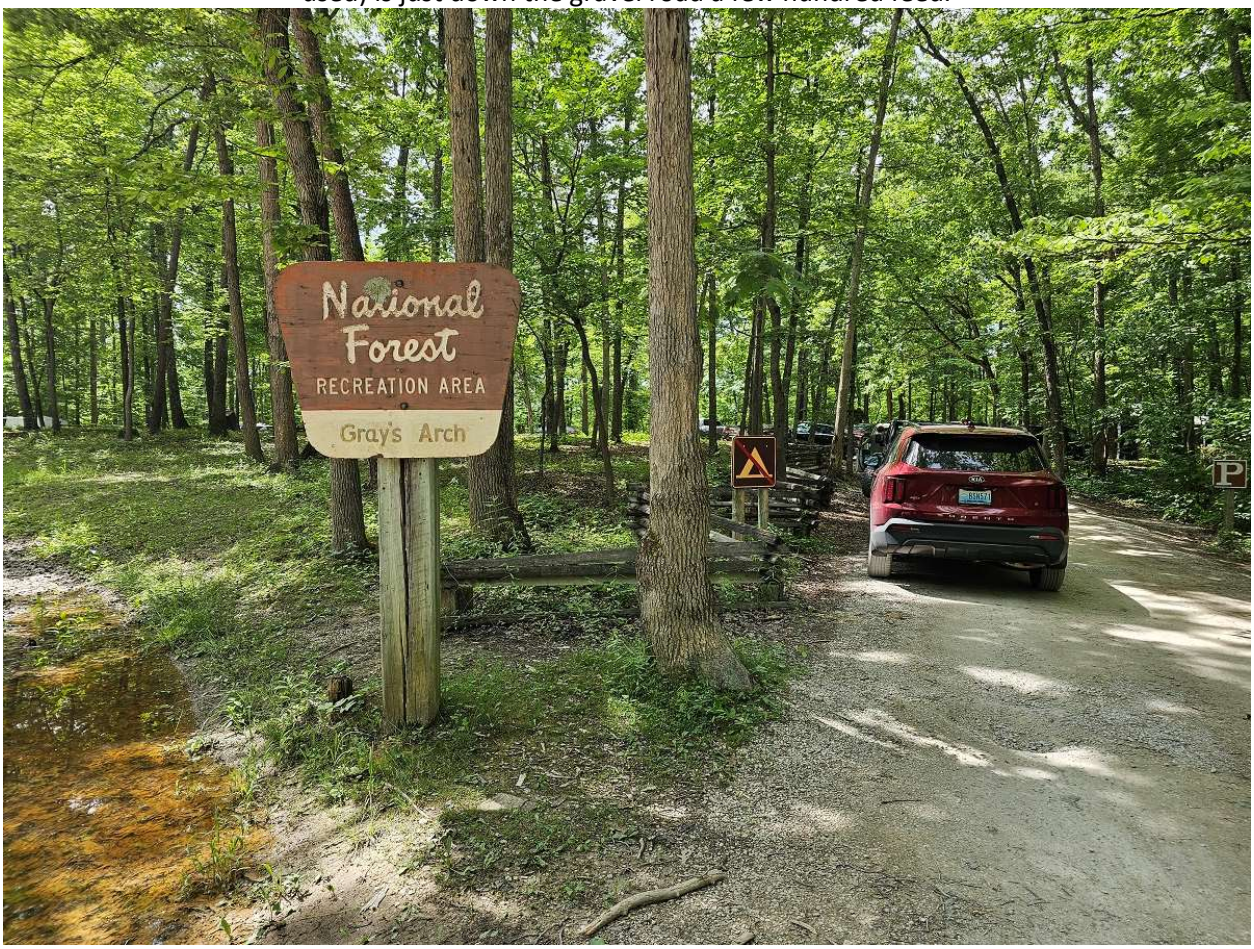
Gray's Arch is an enormous, perfect arch and gets a Grade A+ rating as a result.



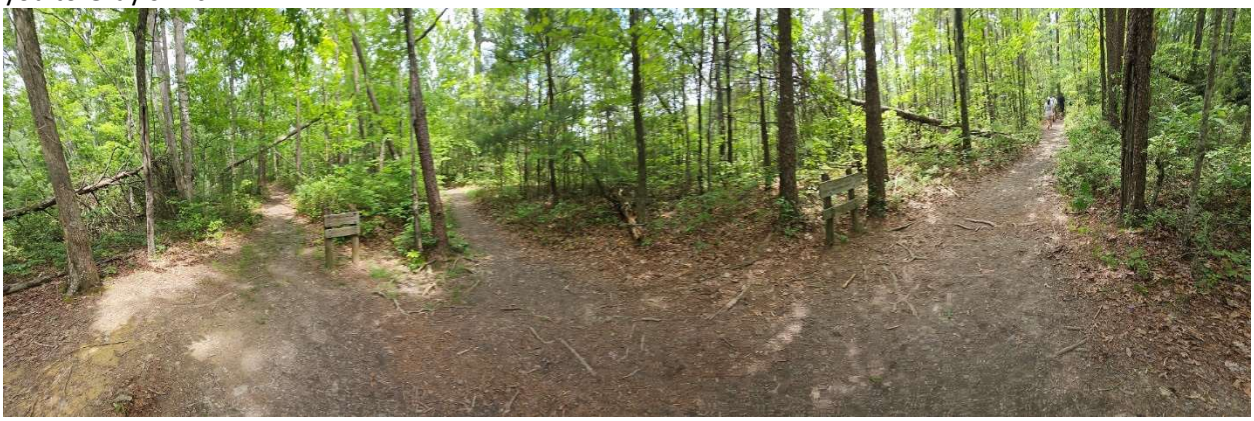


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Gray's Arch has its own parking lot that is usually full. Fortunately, Archive Parking lot (which is rarely used) is just down the gravel road a few hundred feed.



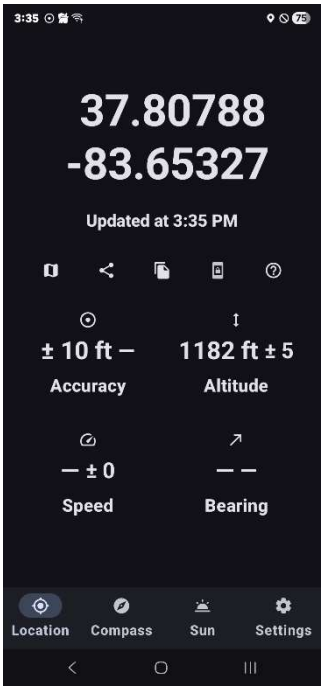
Trail Head – Several trails lead out of the parking lot. The one on the right (with people on it) will take you to Gray's Arch.



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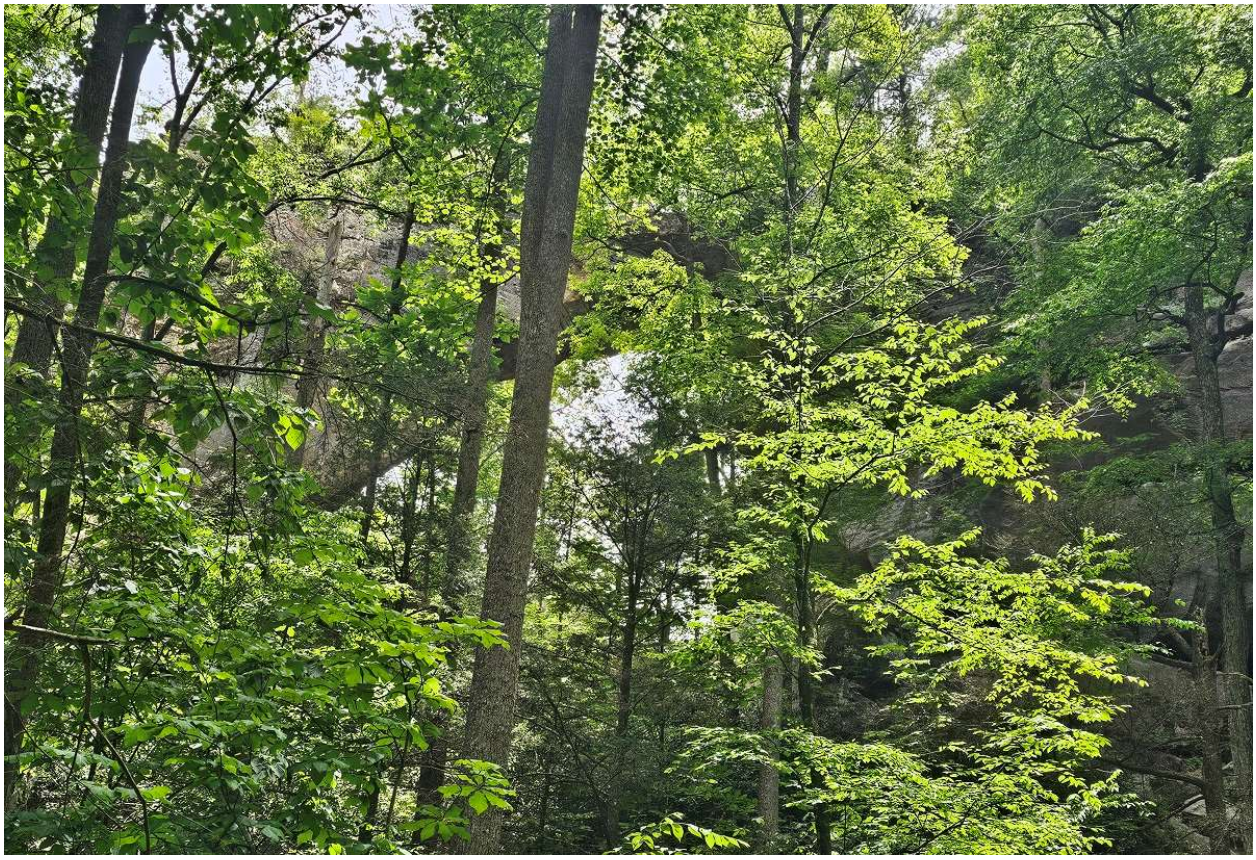
Be sure to get on the correct trail



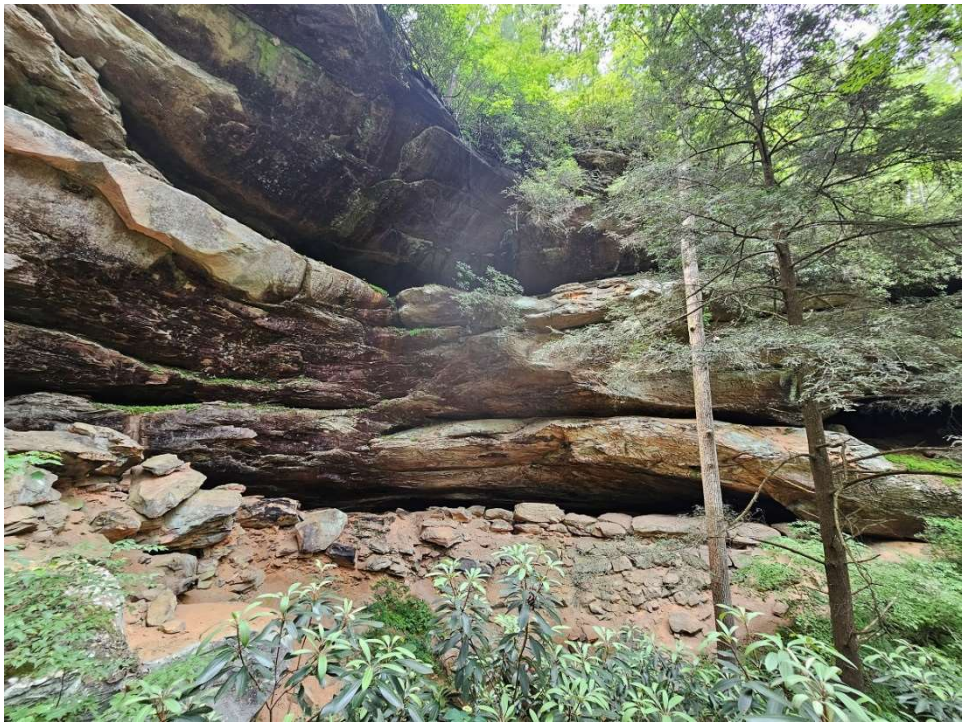


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First sight of arch and you're still a ways to go.



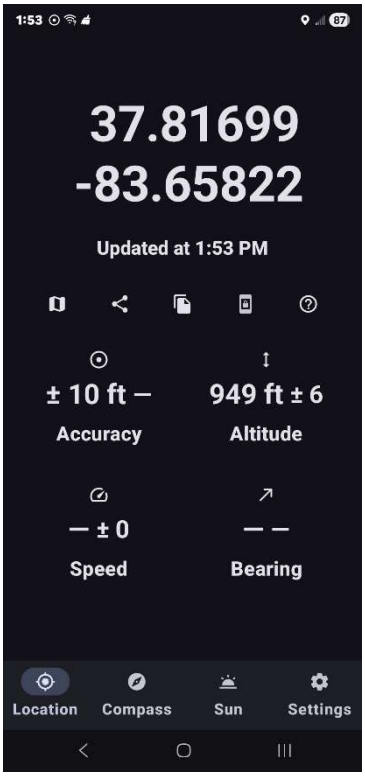
Pass by a large rock shelter before the climb (class 1.1 – very minor rock climbing) to the arch.



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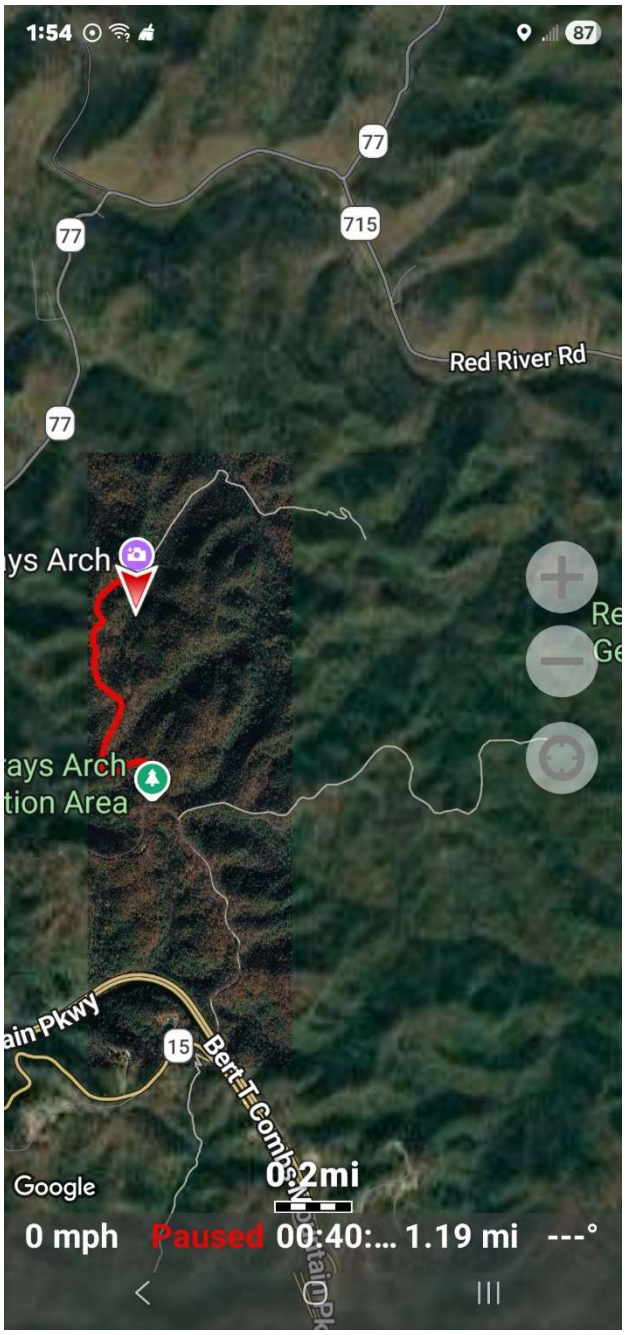
Panorama shot from under the arch with the arch coordinates.





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This is the hike profile to Gray's Arch. 1.19 mile hike with a drop in elevation of 323 feet.





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On the hike away from Gray's Arch, you pass by this trail, which continues on to Rush Branch.



Nice rock formations





No matter how long you watch these tree roots, they will not move.



Crossing the creek on the way to Rush Branch



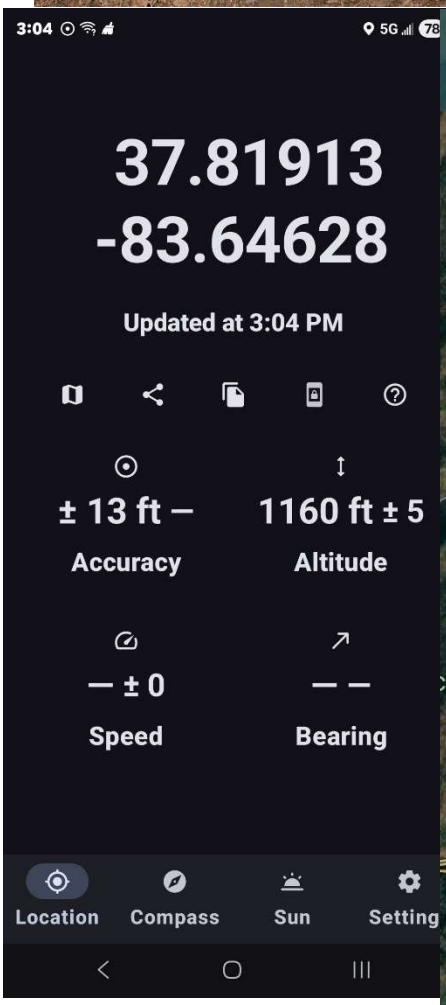
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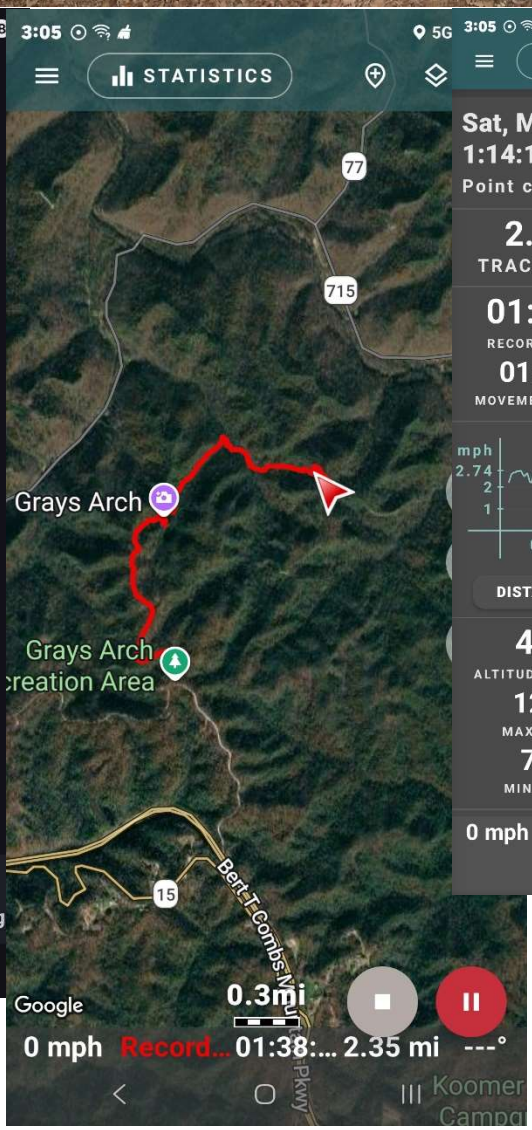


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At this junction, (you have traveled 2.35 miles) you can continue on to Henson's point or turn to the right and go along Rush Branch ridge.









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Below is one scene from Bill Patrick's 15 volume of CD's of the 1,500 arches in the Red River Gorge that he has categorized. It shows there are 12 arches along Rush Branch Ridge and he provides the coordinates, photos, and trail map for every arch in verbal format. BTW: I'm not affiliated with Bill Patrick; his work provides arch locations, my intent is to show trails to arches, waterfalls, and such.

