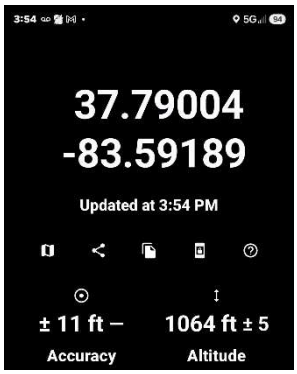
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Timmon’s Arch is a perfectly formed small arch, very similar to the Arch of Triumph in size and shape. The class 4.2 hard climb means this is a very difficult to climb, both up to the arch and back down. Do NOT attempt when ground is wet or possibility of rain.



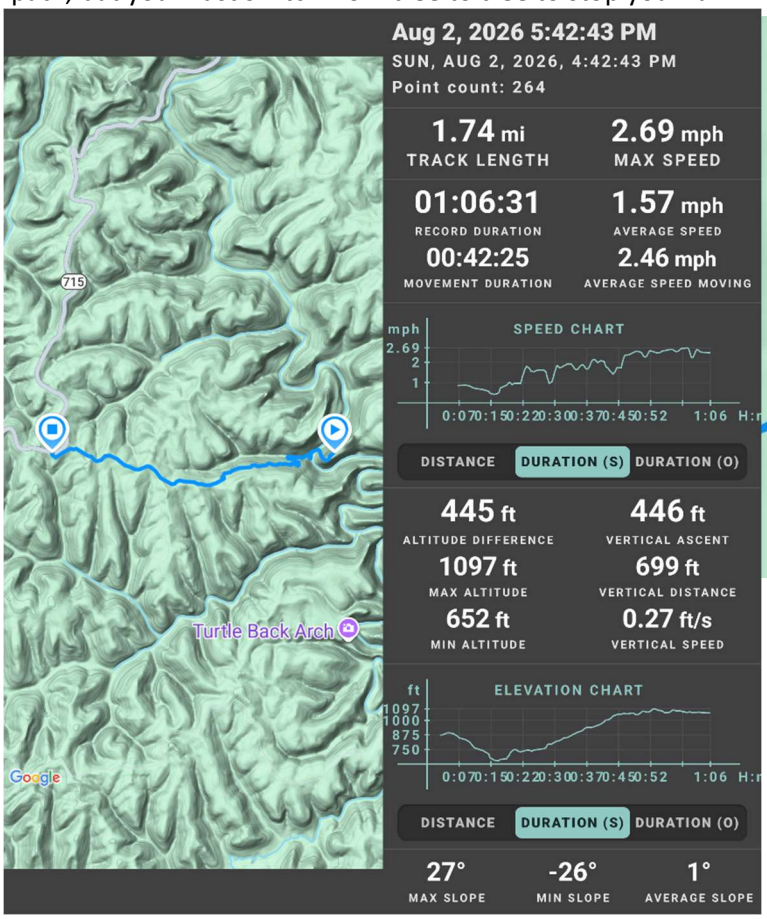
I parked on the road for a slightly shorter hike. Or you can park in Wildcat Parking lot, go across the road and start on Official Trail 228 and follow the road 1,650 ft until you get to where I started the trail.

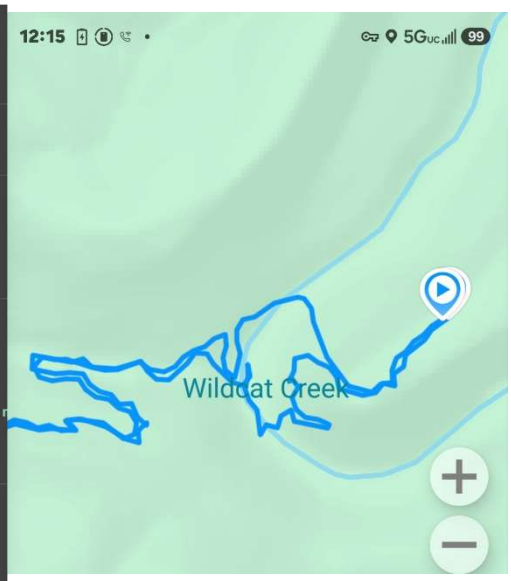




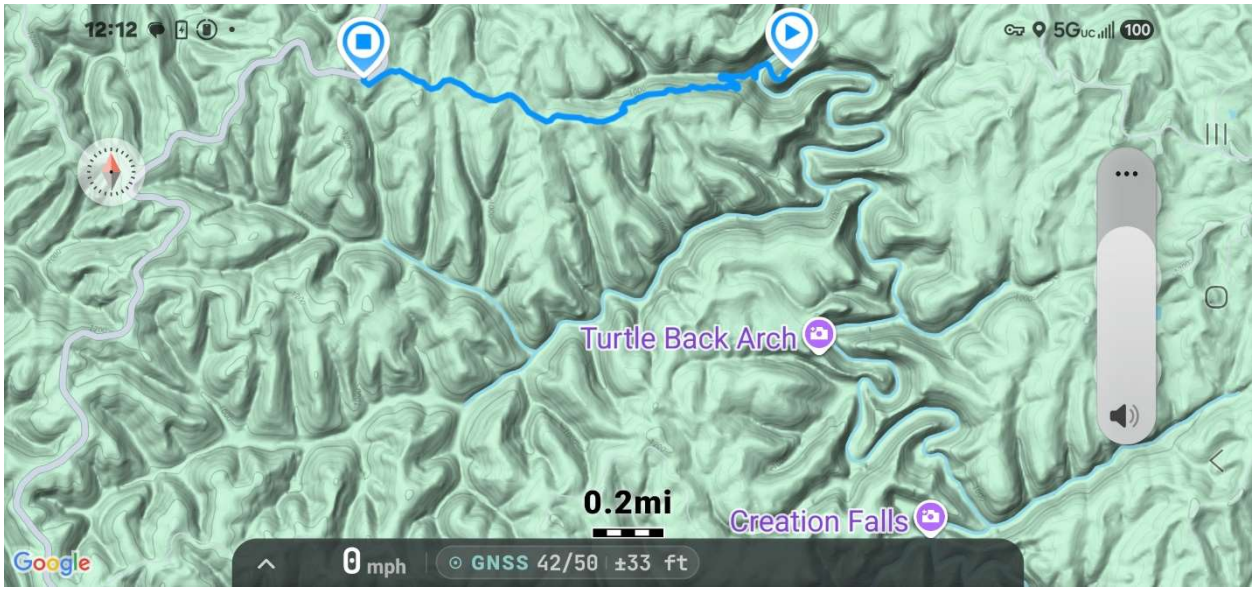
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This hiking profile on left is for a direct path from the arch (1-way). The profile on the right shows my climb up and the straight path back down. On the way up, I went the incorrect way up Swift creek, cross Swift creek, performed a ridiculously hard scramble though a lot of rhododendrons, and finally crossed the trail near the top. The trail down the hill is better in that at least you know you’re going the shortest path, but you must switch from tree to tree to stop your fall.

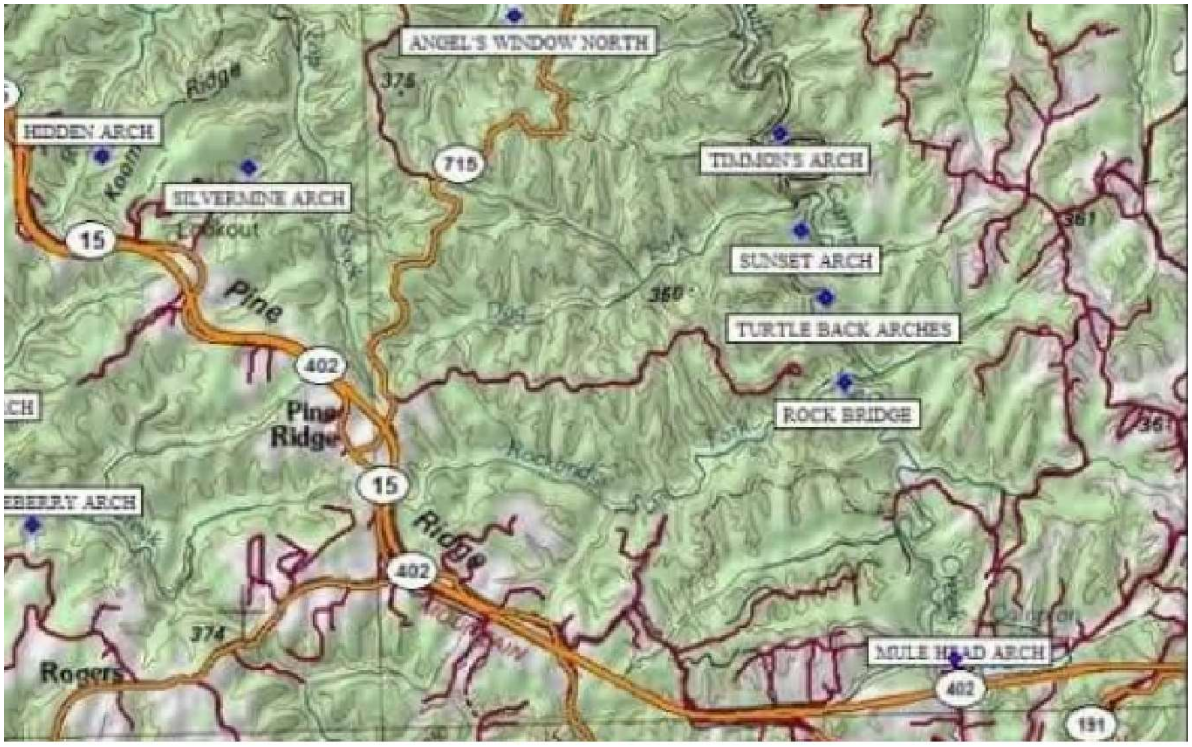



The map below shows Timmons Arch is close to Turtle Back Arch, Rock Bridge (not shown), Sun Set Arch (not shown) and Creation Falls.



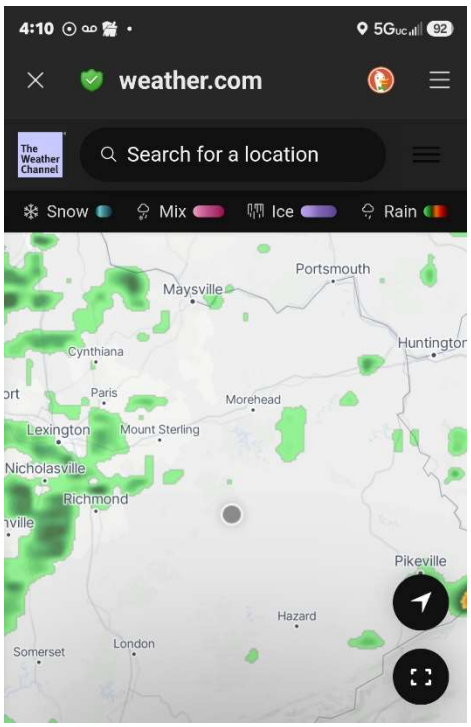
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68°F dew point means I’m going to be sweating as soon as I get out of the car. Which makes a hard climb a little tougher. The biggest problem with sweating intensely while hiking is ‘how do you dry your finger in order to work your phone’? All my clothing was wet and I had sweat pouring from my hat onto my phone.

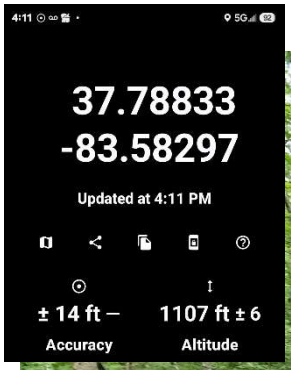



Does it really look like 12% chance of rain from the radar shown below?



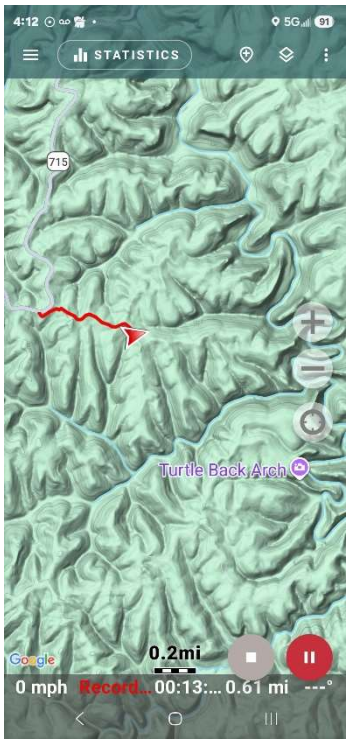



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The trail veers to the left; straight ahead is a campsite.






Veering to the left will drop you under the first bluff, as shown below.



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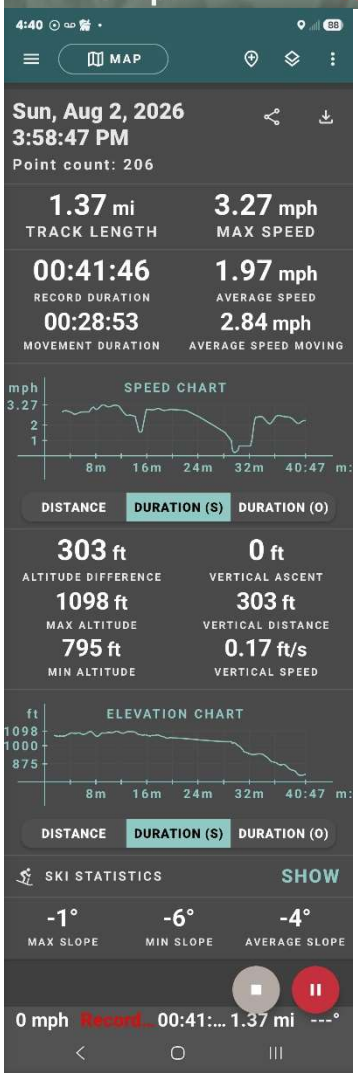
9 minutes after the bluffs you will come across this junction. The trail to the right will take you to Sun Set Arch. The trail to the left will take you to Swift Creek and Timmon’s Arch.

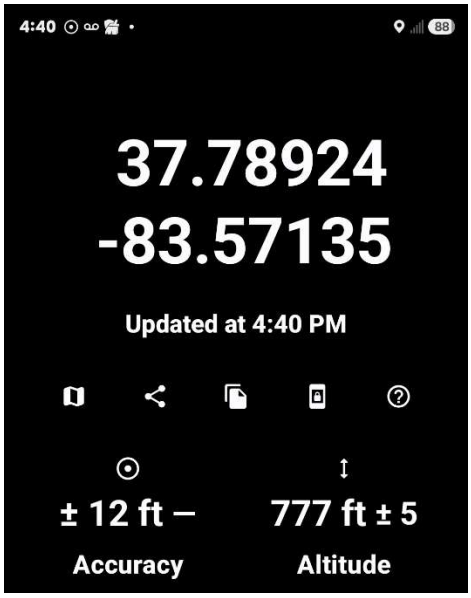


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At the junction, you have traveled 1.37 miles from where I park or 1.6 miles from Wildcat Parking lot.



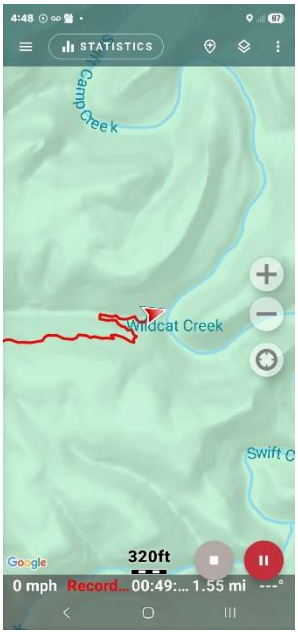



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Soon you will reach another junction, either one will take you to the same river crossing; the yellow route will go straight to the creek via a campsite, whereas the red route will route you around the campsite, sort of.



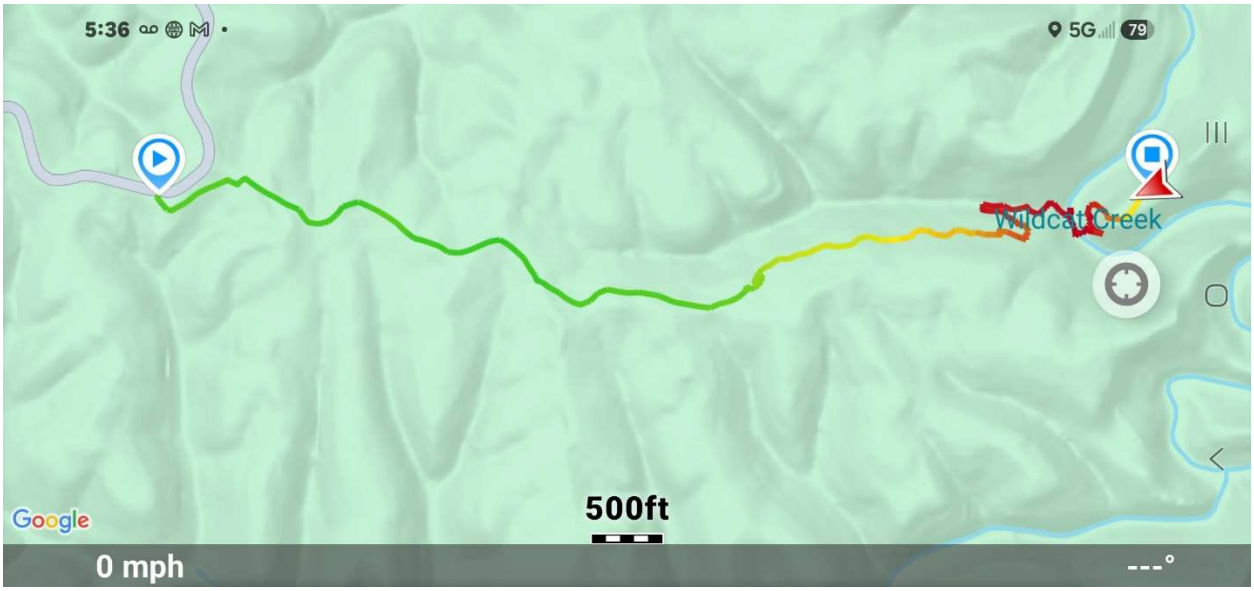




You reached Swift Creek 1.55 miles and 49 minutes into hike at these coordinates. Turn LEFT, go downstream and find a nice place to cross.



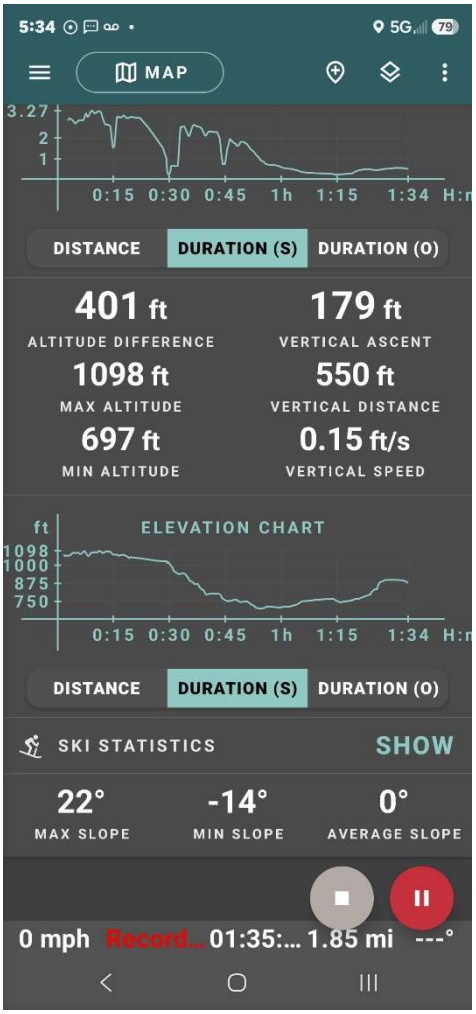
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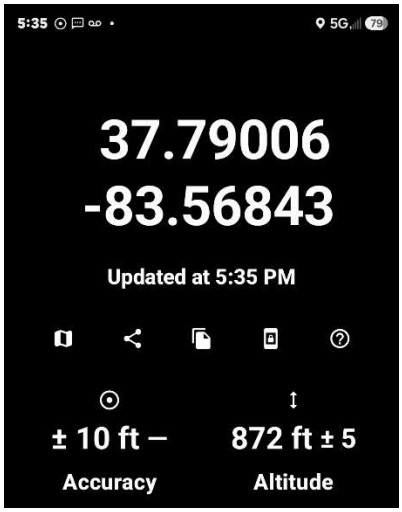
Once you get on top of the ridge, Timmon’s arch is still ~100 ft away and you must pass closely by very high cliff edges.












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You must pass very close to very high edges to get to the arch.





1.85 miles, 95 minutes from the car to arrive at the arch.

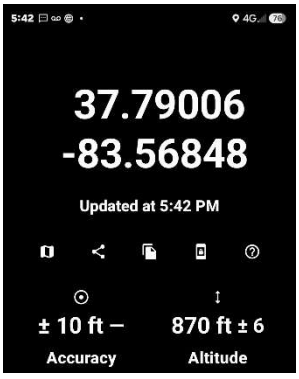


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This is why Timmon’s Arch isn’t a Grade A arch; you can’t walk under it.







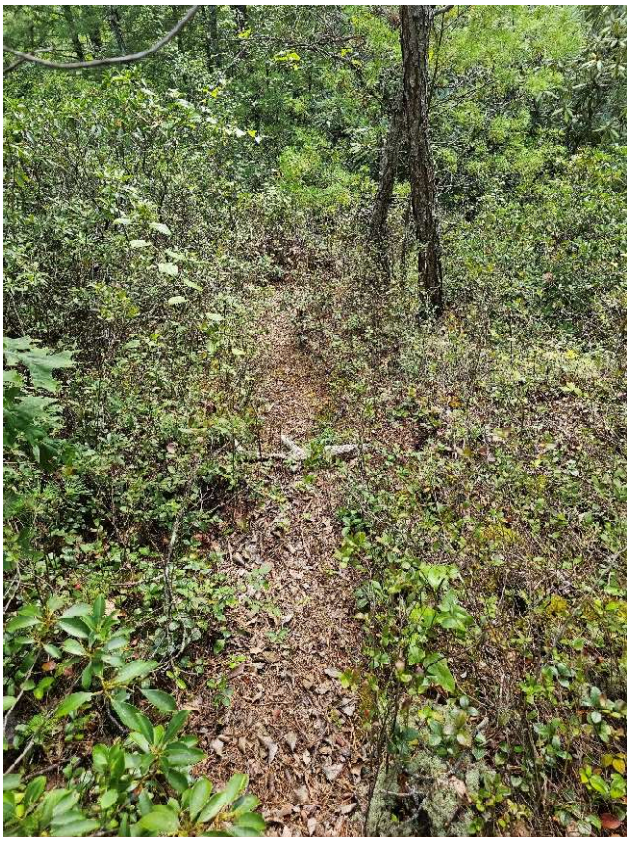
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Starting the climb down, doesn’t appear all that bad. Or maybe I wasn’t already spent from the hard scramble to find the trail and the climb up. You tell me.



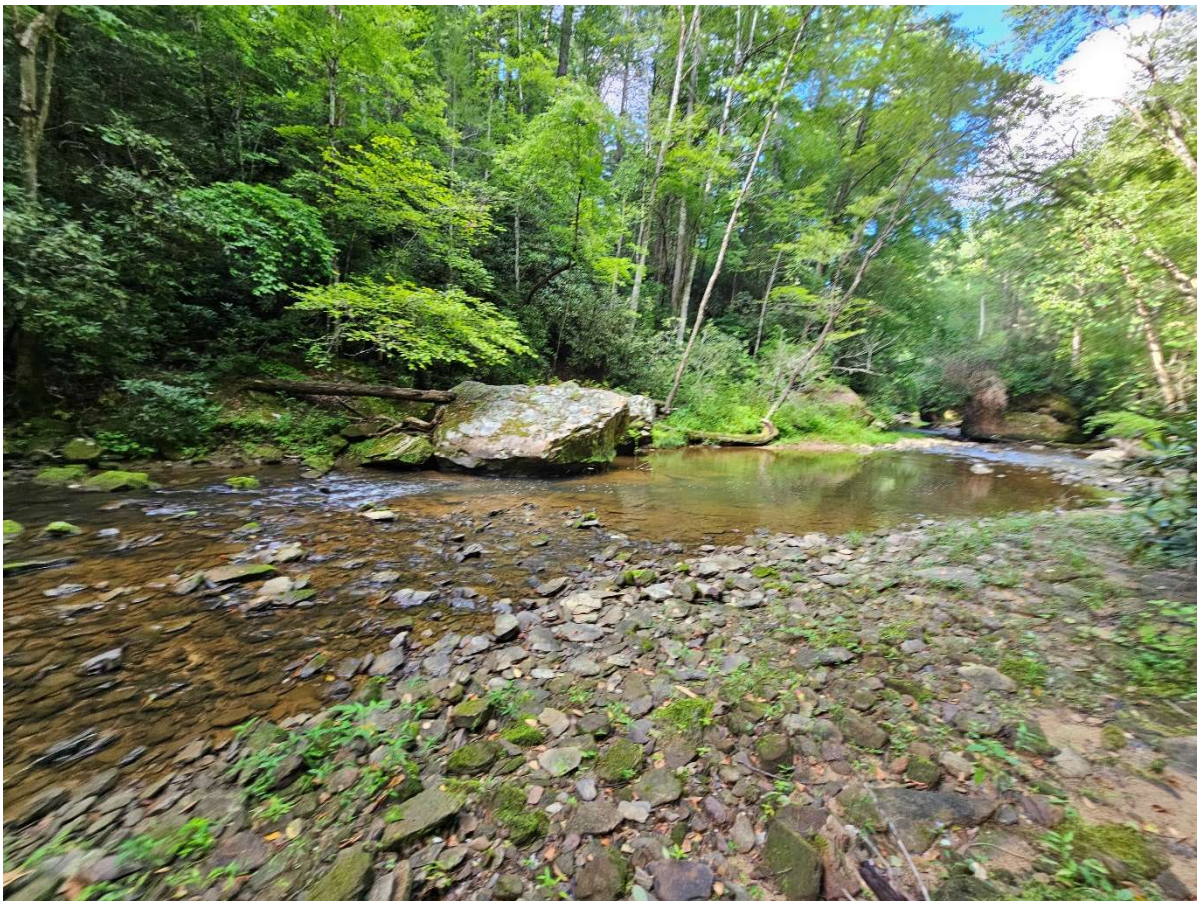


This picture is showing the start of the trail at the bottom.



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This is looking across Swift Creek at the bottom of the trail.





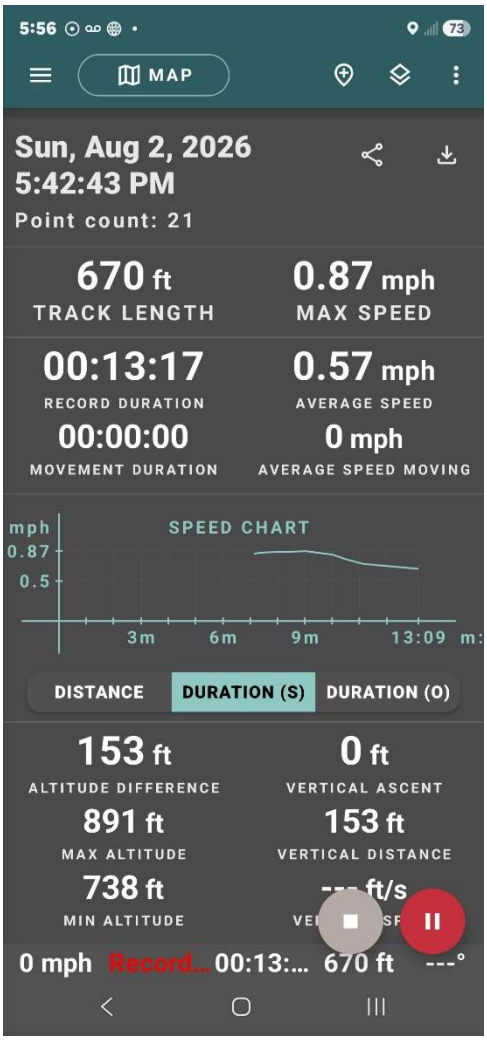
This is a view of the start of the climb up the trail from the creek.

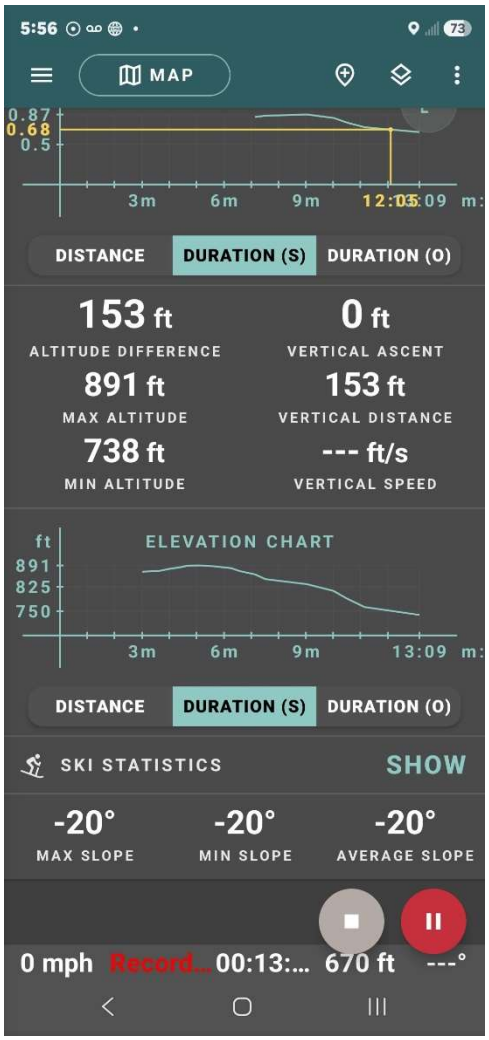





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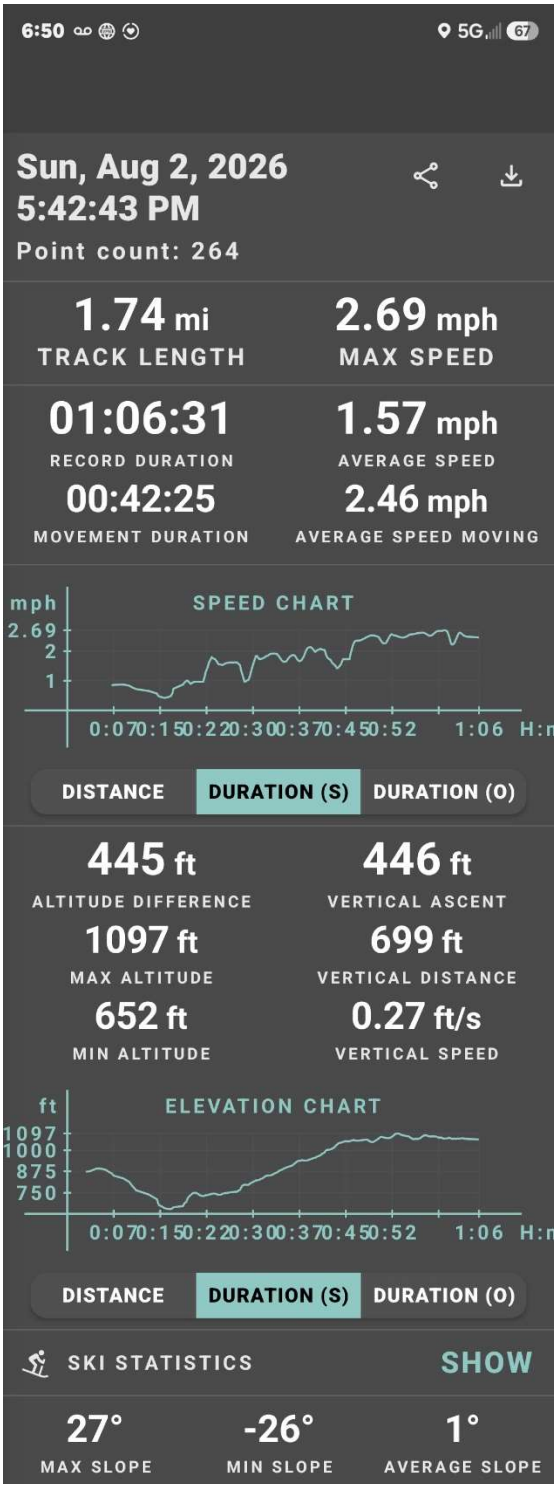
It took 12 minutes to go from Timmon’s Arch to Swift Creek. 12 minutes to go 670 feet with 153 feet descent on a 20° slope.

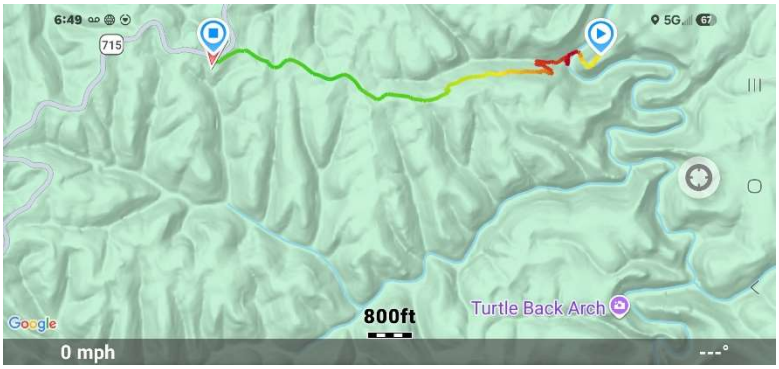


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You may have noticed that it took me 54 minutes to travel 1.7 miles back to the car at an average speed of 2.5 mph, that a clear sign that I won’t be scrambling over any more mountains looking for arches today.




Back at the car. Parking spot coordinates.

