

OUR FAVORITE HIKES - No. 8

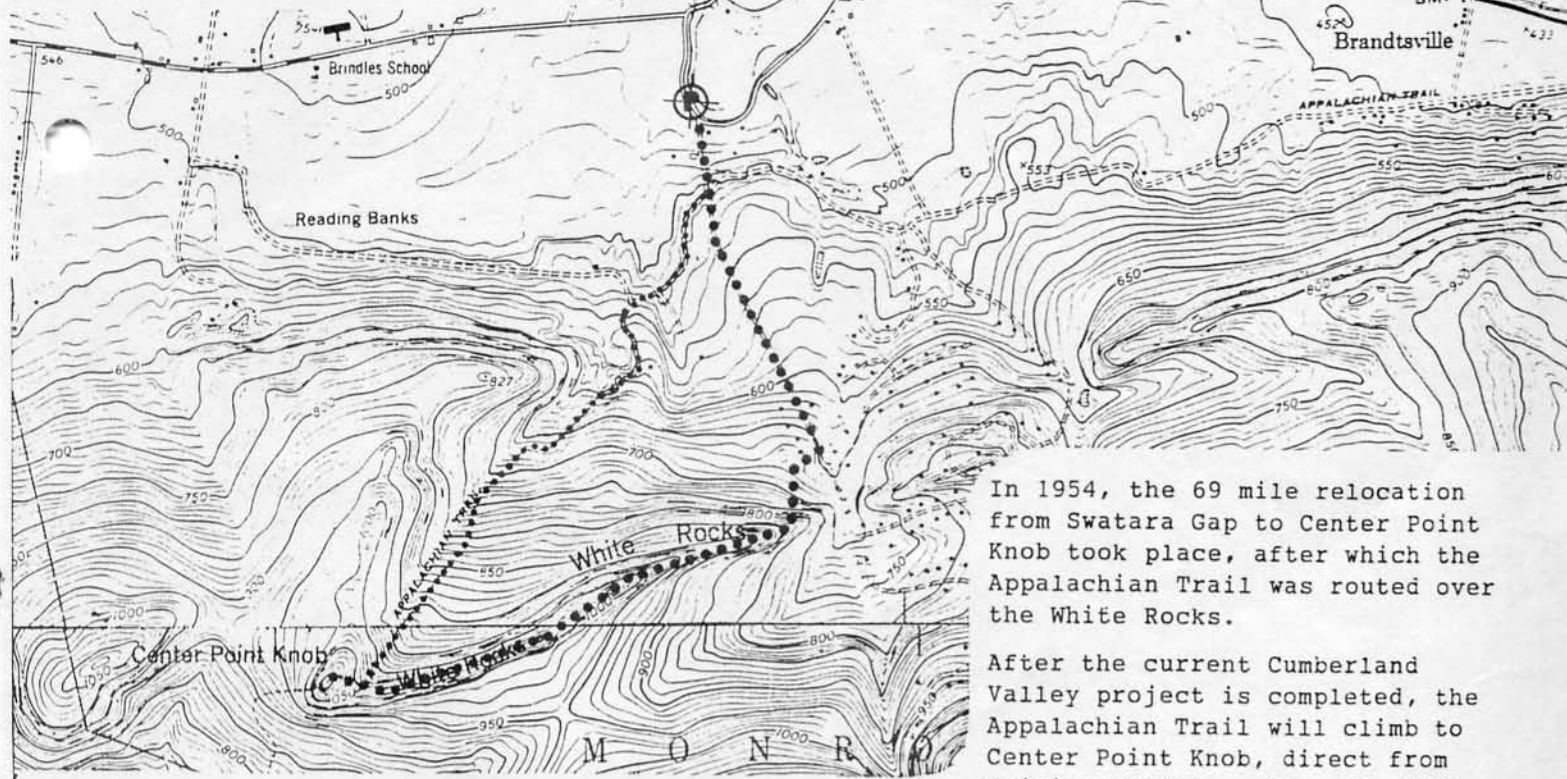
WHITE ROCKS CIRCLE HIKE

B+ - About $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles

Time: About 2 - $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours

This hike was always a great favorite with the Club. It was lifted from a large group of hikes furnished by Allen Zerfoss, from the series of hikes when he was President.

Park along the road that parallels the Yellow Breeches Creek, near an ancient buttonwood tree. Walk south along the road, following the white Appalachian Trail blazes. In about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a mile, the trail cuts right into the woods, and climbs to the picturesque White Rocks. The Appalachian Trail in this area, goes right over the rocks. The rocks constitute about a mile of the Trail. After leaving the rocks, follow the Trail about .15 mile to Center Point Knob, so called because it used to be the mid-point on the



In 1954, the 69 mile relocation from Swatara Gap to Center Point Knob took place, after which the Appalachian Trail was routed over the White Rocks.

After the current Cumberland Valley project is completed, the Appalachian Trail will climb to Center Point Knob, direct from Boiling Springs. Then the White

Rocks will, once again, become a blue blazed side trail.

The White Rocks are of Antietam Quartzite, which dates back some 600,000,000 [6×10^8] years. Being that old, they contain no fossils, as the only animals of the period were a few "tube worms."

Trail. Retrace your steps for about .1 mile, and take the old wood road to your left. Follow this down the mountain. In about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, you will again come to the Appalachian Trail. Turn left, and return to your cars in about .2 mile.

On looking at the map, you will see the Appalachian Trail indicated. This was the Appalachian Trail prior to 1954.