

M. R. Hyker's Latest Adventure



04/05/2008 - [Bucktail Trail/Halfmoon Lookout](#): This is going to be a brief report. I'm behind a hike and am currently preparing for our first backpacking trip of '08. The weather turned out to be great - high 50s to low 60s with partially cloudy skies. I was joined by William, Treebeard, Indiana Moser, Hardcore, Shortstack, 16 Penny, Good Golly Miss Molly, Andromache, Pat and Ted E. Bear. We kept a pretty brisk pace throughout the hike slowing down only for the four crossings of Halfmoon Run and the steep climb up Mr. Wilson's Tr. That one always gets me. After the main climb we ran into Lee Manning and his PATC Stonewall Brigade who had just finished up some trail maintenance. After a brief conversation we completed our climb and took a nice lunch break at the top. William showed us another rock outcrop that offered more westerly views. We descended on the Halfmoon Trail and took a final break at another stream also named Halfmoon Run before completing the circuit using the Bucktail Cutoff Trail. We were back at the vehicles by 3:30. We changed our footwear, said our goodbyes and headed back to civilization.