## **Latest Outing Critiques**



08-23 to 24-2008 - Neighbor Mt - Jeremys Run BP: We usually do this one as a long day hike early in the spring but I wanted to do an over-nighter close to home that would be a bit challenging on the first day. The climb up to Neighbor Mt fit the bill. I was joined by Judging Amy, Chuck, Shortstack and Everybody Loves Raymond. The weather was perfect both days although the last day was a bit more humid. Once on the ridge we were met by frequent cool breezes that made the hiking quite enjoyable. The views of the Three Sisters and Massanutten Mt during our descent were great. After 10 miles we set up camp at the largest (6 feet) waterfall and commenced to cooling off in the stream. This is a very large campsite and we had it all to ourselves.

The next day we broke camp and made the long gradual climb back to Elkwallow. We saw two bear cubs just before the first switchback. They were oblivious to our presence. I was sweating bullets by the time we reached the parking lot. We packed our gear and freshened up before heading to a fantastic brunch at the <a href="Thornton River Grille">Thornton River Grille</a> in Sperryville. The food was awesome. You need to put this stop on your itinerary the next time you visit SNP. I will post info on it on the Restaurant link soon.