<u>Description:</u> This is a moderate 12.4 mile loop utilizing the Lindy Run Trail, Plantation Trail, Table Rock Trail and then CRL13 as the return leg. Lindy Run and Plantation Trails are quite pleasant with features discussed in the <u>Canaan Mountain Grand Circuit</u>. The photos linked to this hike are the same as those used for the hike described there. While CLR13 is a forest road much of what is hiked in this outing is not maintained and closed to regular traffic. It is quickly becoming overgrown. All in all, it provides a relatively easy and fast return leg to this loop. The views at the end of Table Rock Trail are outstanding. On clear days you can see Mozark, Shaver, Green, Backbone and several other unidentified mountains. Below you flows the drainage of Blackwater River, Otter Creek and the Dry Fork of the Cheat River. If time and stamina allow also check out the view from the Lindy Point Overlook at the start or end of the hike. It's a 1.2 mile round trip.

Directions from US219 and WV32:

- 1. Follow WV32 south through Thomas and into Davis.
- 2. Turn right onto Blackwater Falls Rd.
- 3. Follow signs to the Lodge.
- 4. Pass the Lodge entrances on the right and the Cabin road on the left.
- 5. Pass the Ski warming shed on the left. Park at the Lindy Point Overlook lot on the right just before CLR13 becomes gravel.

<u>Trail Notes:</u> From the Lindy Point Overlook parking area walk south on gravel CLR13. Soon pass the park boundary. Descend and cross Lindy Run. At 0.7 miles from the parking area turn left onto the Lindy Run Trail (TR109). The portion of the trail between here and the Plantation trail has been abandoned by the U.S.F.S. because the first 100 yards is owned by a lumber company. The trail is still in good shape but hard to spot from the road. It is up on a bank before CLR13 reaches the top of a short hill just a little past yje Lindy Run Crossing.

At 0.5 miles from joining Lindy Run Trail cross Lindy Run. This is usually a rock hop. In 0.7 miles from the stream crossing reach the intersection with Plantation Trail (TR101).

Turn right onto Plantation Trail. Cross Lindy Run again and climb a short hill. On the right is a meadow filled with Hay Scented Fern suitable for several tents. There is a fire ring in the middle. There are several spots along this segment of Plantation Trail under the bows of giant Hemlocks that would make great campsites but they are dry. If you intend to use them "water up" at the last Lindy Run crossing.

At about 1.3 miles from leaving Lindy Run reach the difficult-to-recognize juncture with unsigned Railroad Grade Trail. Stop here and study the trails. For about 30 yards both trails share the same tread. The Railroad Grade Trail bears slightly to the left through a trough and has a blue diamond blaze in eye sight while the Plantation trail climbs a rise on the right. The northbound leg of the Railroad Grade Trail is behind your right shoulder. Continue on the Plantation Trail to your right.

Descend through a mix of Hemlocks, Spruces and mixed hardwoods to a peat bog at about 1.4 miles from the last trail junction. Skirt the bog to the

right, climb slightly and descend to CLR13 in 0.5 more miles. Caution: this part of CLR13 is maintained and open to traffic but is lightly used.

Turn left on CLR13 and travel less than 0.1 miles to the Table Rock Trailhead. Turn right onto this trail. The trail is obvious in most places except through some rock screes. Luckily, the trail becomes evident at the end of the screes. Near the top of the slope the pace becomes slower as you negotiate a series of seeps.

As you reach the end, the trail splits. A lesser view is to the left. Bear right, passing through a nice but dry campsite, to see the real views. Retrace your steps to CLR13.

Turn left on CLR13 and follow it back to your car. At 0.1 miles pass Plantation Trail on the right. In another mile pass Mountain View Trail on your left. Somewhere beyond this point road maintenance ceases and will become quite apparent. In another 2.0 miles pass unsigned Railroad Grade Trail marked with a lone rusty post on the right. In another 1.38 miles arrive at the junction of Lindy Run Trail. From there walk another 0.7 miles back to the car.