

§41 Brushy Mountain (VA-16) to Dickey Gap (VA-16)

SB	NB	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
0.0	14.6	VA-16 [Sugar Grove Highway]	36.81154	-81.42128
4.1	10.5	VA-601 [Pugh Mountain Road]	36.78666	-81.47169
7.9	6.7	VA-670 [Teas Road]	36.76319	-81.49314
9.2	5.4	VA-672 [Slab Town Road]	36.75652	-81.49118
14.6	0.0	VA-650 [Comers Creek Road]	36.72034	-81.46151

§§ Mp 0.0/14.6: VA-16 [Sugar Grove Highway]

Orient: The AT crosses VA-16 in Marion at the Pat Jennings Visitors Center of the Mt Rogers National Recreation Area. From I-81 at exit 45: follow VA-16 southeast for 6 mi to visitors center.

Park: Room for a half dozen cars in pull-off on north side of road opposite the entrance to the visitors center. Parking is also allowed at the visitors center during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM; weekends from Memorial Day through October, 9 AM to 4 PM); get free but required permit from office. Lot is gated when visitors center is closed.

§§ Mp 4.1/10.5: VA-601 [Pugh Mountain Road]

Orient: The AT crosses dirt VA-601 in Marion 2.8 mi northwest of VA-670 [VA Highlander Road] in Sugar Grove and 2.5 mi southeast of VA-16 [Sugar Grove Highway] in Marion. From I-81 exit 45 in Marion: follow VA-16 southeast for 2.8 mi to right onto VA-671 [Currin Valley Road]; follow VA-671 for 0.2 mi to left onto VA-601; continue on VA-601 for 2.3 mi to crossing.

Park: Room for 3–4 cars along wide shoulder on west side of road at crossing; signed "VA-601" and marked with a blaze post.

Note: The Stackpole guide describes this road as "windy, rut-ridden".

§§ Mp 7.9/6.7: VA-670 [Teas Road]

Orient: The AT crosses VA-670 in Rye Valley 5.1 mi west of the road's east terminus at VA-16 [Sugar Grove Highway] and 0.7 mi east of the road's west terminus at the intersection of VA-650 [S Fork Road], VA-672 [Slab Town Road], and Buller Hatchery Road. From I-81 exit 45 in Marion: follow VA-16 southeast for 9.2 mi to right fork onto VA-670; continue on VA-670 for 5.1 mi to parking on left (south) side of road.

Park: Room for 2–3 cars in pull-off on south side of road, adjacent to footbridge over South Fork of Holston River; signed.

§§ Mp 9.2/5.4: VA-672 [Slab Town Road]

Orient: The AT crosses VA-672 (paved) in Rye Valley 2.8 mi west of the road's east terminus at VA-670 [Teas Road] and 1.0 mi east of the road's west terminus at VA-670. From I-81 exit 45 in Marion: follow VA-16 [Sugar Grove Highway] southeast for 9.2 mi to right fork onto Teas Road; follow Teas Road for 2.4 mi to left onto VA-672; continue on VA-672 for 2.8 mi.

Park: Room for a half dozen cars along south shoulder at crossing; signed.

§§ Mp 14.6/0.0: VA-650 [Comers Creek Road]

Orient: The AT crosses VA-650 in Dickey Gap adjacent to the road's terminus at VA-16 [Sugar Grove Highway], 14.5 mi southeast of I-81 at exit 45 in Marion and 9.4 mi northwest of US-58 [Highlands Parkway] in Mouth of Wilson.

Park: Room for 8–10 cars in lot at T-intersection of VA-650 and VA-16; look for split-rail fence; signed "Welcome to Dickey Gap Trailhead Parking and Visitor Information".

Note: The trail crossing is close to the border between Smyth County to the north and Grayson County to the south. In Smyth County, VA-16 is named Sugar Grove Highway; in Grayson County, VA-16 is called both Buchanan Highway and Troutdale Highway.