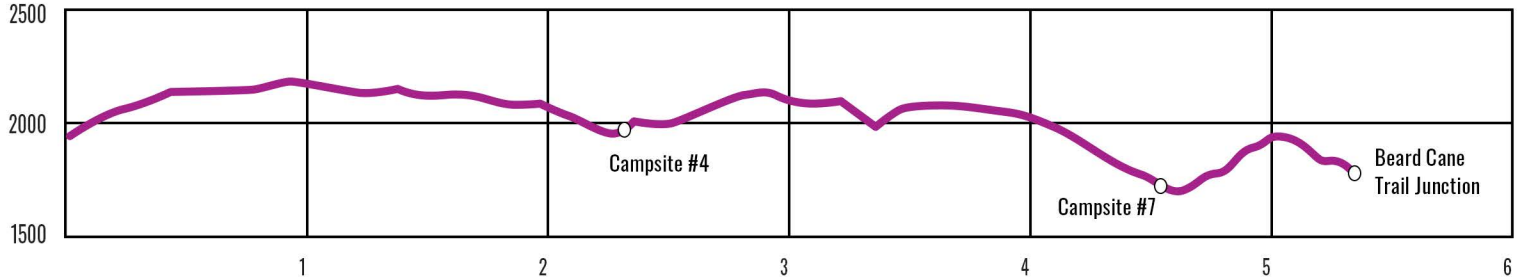


# Ace Gap Trail (5.4m/10.8 RT)



Trailhead: head south on US 321, turn left on Old Tuckaleechee Road (across from Little River Pub & Deli), turn on Old Cades Cove Road & go through Dry Valley, bear right at Davy Crocket Stables, several switchbacks just before the park boundary

sinkhole at the trailhead (fertile limestone)  
side trail to the left to Bull Cave - deepest cave in TN (924 ft) - special permits required

forest fire in 1987 burned upper slopes for the first mile - look white pine on the left with a lightning scar after burned area

2.3 - Kelly Gap & Campsite #4 (1,930 ft); look for lady slippers from here on out

4.5 - Ace Gap & Campsite #7 (1,680 ft); old railroad bed crosses here; "Ace Gap was named by timber cutters who gathered there to play cards in their free time. The company frowned on card playing in the mess hall and sleeping quarters because of property damage arising out of card game fights. Ace Gap was a peaceful site for cards."

trail continues on/near ridgeline of Hurricane Mountain - named from storm in early 19th century

