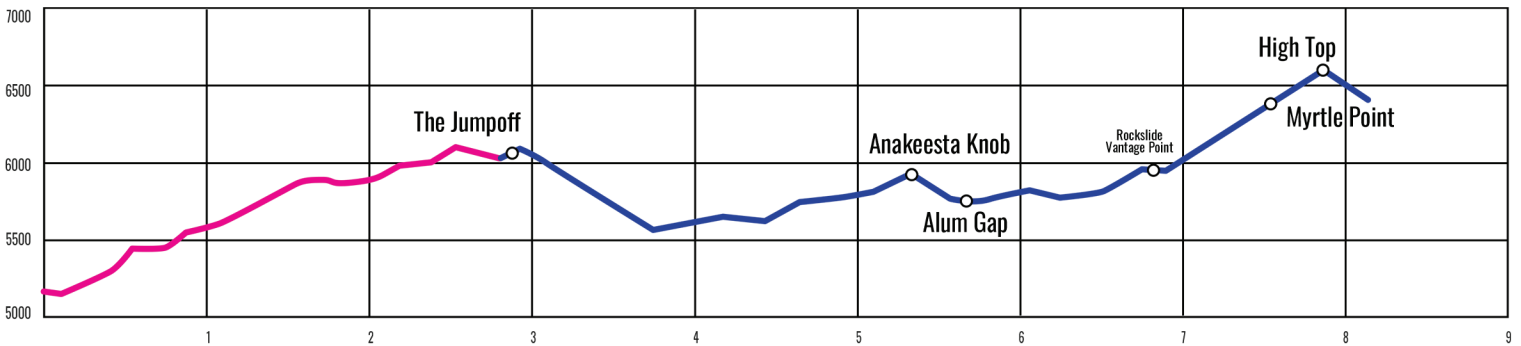


Appalachian Trail (2.7m) - Boulevard (5.4m)

16.2m R/T



Boulevard Trail

0.1 - the Jumpoff

0.8 - Walker Camp Prong; 16 year old scout Geoffrey Hague froze to death here in 1970

1.0 - Boulevard's crest overlook into Porters Creek Valley

2.5 - Anakeesta Knob: high point of Anakeesta Ridge - where geologists first defined the characteristics of Anakeesta; rust colored streaks in rock is iron pyrite (fool's gold)

2.7 - Alum Gap; look out for Myrtle Point from here on out

4.5 - 1970s rockslide

5.2 - Myrtle Point 0.2m spur trail

*many uprooted red spruce and fraser firs - check out their shallow root systems; landscape here doesn't allow for much depth, wind at this elevation often blows them down (Hurricane Opal 1995)

*small gray birds flutter suddenly from the ground near trail: junco

*the "blasted" area is actually from a 1970s rockslide (southwest flank, Huggins Hell area) that released so much sulfuric acid into Alum Cave Creek that trout couldn't live in it (what happens when iron sulfide - part of Anakeesta - is exposed to oxygen)

*blasting actually occurred at Anakeesta Knob (Lucinda and Earnest Ogle, 1920s)

