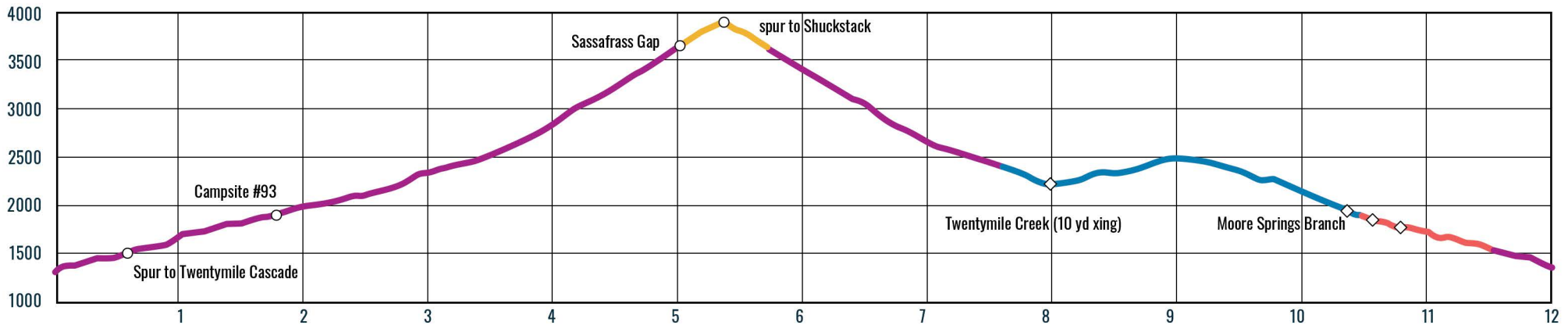


Twentymile Loop to Shuckstack Fire Tower (12 m) ^{5.3 up} _{6.7 down} Twentymile (5.0), AT (0.3, 0.3), Twentymile (1.9), Twentymile Loop (2.9), Wolf Ridge (1.1), Twentymile (0.5)



Parking available at 20m Ranger Station & up road from station at bunkhouse; go around locked gate at station to reach trailhead

Twentymile (5.0)

- Kitchens Lumber Company (1921) railroad stone walls near ranger station
- many bear sightings at upper reaches of trail; look for clawed trees

AT (0.3)

- turn right on the AT toward Fontana; Shuckstack Mtn: 4020'
- open overlook near Shuckstack peak; spur trail to Shuckstack tower (0.1 m)
- Tower constructed in 1934, 60 ft tall, 6 flights, 78 stairs
- views from tower: N skyline of Smokies, W Unicoi Mountains (prominent thrust of Hangover), S Snowbird & Nantahala Mtns (AT continues), SE Blue Ridge

Twentymile (1.9), Twentymile Loop Trail (2.9)

- recent blowdown (0.7 m) go thru it, not around (cleared)
- shaded by trees; look for lady slippers
- halfway look for 30" long dead American chestnut trunk
- both water crossings hazardous after lots of rain

Wolf Ridge Trail

- first 2 water xing require wading/rock hopping, next 3 bridged

***hiking groups say all significant crossings are bridged**

