**CDL Hike to Raven Rocks (on Appalachian Trail near Bluemont, Virginia)**

Saturday, October 5, 2019

(rain date: Saturday, November 2)

The hike begins at 10am (arrive 9:45am).

Meeting/parking place: Commuter lot at ridge on south side of VA Rt. 7 near and east of trailhead. (Do not try to park at the inadequate parking spaces at trailhead.)

Bring: Trail lunch, small day pack, hat, sunscreen, plenty of water & Gatorade, insect repellent.

footwear: Light-weight hiking boots recommended (can do it in athletic shoes). Parts of trail are rocky.

Driving time to trailhead: about 1:21 hours from UMBC (79 miles).

type of hike: out and back

length: 6.2 miles

difficulty: moderate

elevation gain: 1,791 ft

peak elevation: 1,454 ft

duration: ~5 hrs (~4hrs plus breaks and lunch), followed by snack at Mom’s Apple Pie on Rt 7 in Round Hill, VA

attractions: panoramic view of gateway to Blue Ridge Mountains

Note: There are several different Raven Rocks in the Mid-Atlantic area. This hike is known as the “roller-coaster section” of the Appalachian Trail because it ascends and descends three somewhat steep hills.

URLs:

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/virginia/raven-rocks-via-appalachian-trail>

<https://www.hikingupward.com/OVH/RavenRocks/>

<https://www.funinfairfaxva.com/raven-rocks-hike-virginia/>

<https://liveandlethike.com/2016/12/04/appalachian-trail-to-raven-rocks-north-blue-ridge-area-vawv/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MomsApplePieHillHigh/>

Friends and family welcome.

 