

Wolf Rock/Chimney Rock Loop - is accessed or started from three different places. Access to this loop is off of Md. 77 from the parking lot in front of the National Park Service Headquarters-also known as Camp Peniel. There is an additional parking lot directly across from the Catoctin Mountain Park Headquarters. When parking at these parking lots, visitors will need to pick up the trailhead 20 ft west on Md. 77 on the right hand side of the road. The trailhead is marked by a sign that reads: **Chimney Rock 1.1 M / Wolf Rock 1.5 M**. The second place to begin this loop is from the parking lot at the Visitor Center. The trailhead starts at the end of the paved parking lot on the left. The Third place visitors can access this trailhead is 1.1 miles up Park Central Road from the Visitor Center at the Wolf Rock Parking Lot.

This loop is the most strenuous trail in our park as the trail is steep, narrow and at times can be slippery. The actual trail at times can be hard to identify so follow the map closely. A trail map and compass are advised. This trail features two of the most well known rock formations at Catoctin Mountain Park: Chimney Rock and Wolf Rock. Each of these rock formations are great places to stop and enjoy lunch or just take in the scenery.

Chimney Rock reaches a maximum elevation of 1419 ft and Wolf Rock has an elevation of 1401 ft. Great for a romantic hike for that offers opportunities to get back in touch with nature and time to reflect on nature's peacefulness and beauty.

From Parking Lot at Park Headquarters (off Md. 77)	Est. Time
0.2 M to Trailhead intersection (moderate incline)	10 minutes
1.1 M to Chimney Rock (steep, narrow incline)	35 minutes
0.5 M to Wolf Rock (moderate incline)	15 minutes
0.6 M to Wolf Rock Parking Lot (moderate incline)	25 minutes
<u>1.1 M</u> to Parking lot at HQ (steep downhill)	<u>35 minutes</u>
3.5 Miles	2 Hours

**From Wolf Rock Parking Lot it is 0.4 M to the Visitor Center and takes about 15 minutes. This loop can be shortened by walking to Chimney and/or Wolf Rock and back from either the HQ Parking Lot or the Wolf Rock Parking Lot.

***Wolf Rock can be exceptional dangerous when wet. Good, sturdy hiking boots are recommended.