



CANAAN VALLEY – DOLLY SODS WILDERNESS WEST VIRGINIA TRIP

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OK – let's try this again! Regretfully I had to cancel last fall's trip but this year we are going for sure! Get out your hiking boots and poles -- serious hiking awaits us in the West Virginia backcountry of Monongahela National Forest and at Canaan Valley and Blackwater Falls. This Park is approximately a 5 hour drive from Akron (270 miles).

Please call Canaan Valley at (304) 866-4121 or reserve online at www.canaanresort.com. There is a Senior Savvy Rate (10% off) for lodge rooms if you are over 60 years old. Lodge rooms begin at \$129.99 for one king bed and \$139.99 for two queen beds. Microwaves and mini fridges are available in each room. Two, three and four-bedroom cabins are also available.

Trails here range from easy to very difficult. We'll do a variety. The first morning I would like to get out there and tough it up to the top of Bald Knob for amazing views. We'll take this hike slow as the trail elevation is 1000 feet. Some of you may want to take the ski chair lift down (if it's open and running). Canaan Valley is only eight miles away from another great West Virginia park – Blackwater Falls - and one day we will hike from one park to the other on the Allegheny Trail. Canaan is also right next to the Dolly Sods wilderness area which has some outstanding backpacking trails. I've scheduled a whole day to explore this beautiful national forest. After you make your reservation please let me know so I can add your name to the list of attendees.

I'm really looking forward to the autumn scenery and the great hiking. Hoping we don't have much rain (flashback to Letchworth State Park NY) and will have great weather and lots of sun! There is a little town of Davis, West Virginia nearby with shops and restaurants we can also check out. I know I am looking forward to traveling somewhere! Stay safe everyone and see you in West Virginia!

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