

Moses Creek Falls



- Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 35.326913, -83.102060
- Route Type: Out-and-back
- Mileage Hiked: 3.0 miles
- Trailhead Temp: 70°F
- Min. Elevation: 2,720'
- Total Vertical Gain: 600'
- Difficulty: MODERATE (at high water) (easy dry)
- Hike Duration: 1:20
- Trail Traffic: None!
- Max. Elevation: 3,200'
- Avg. Elevation Gain / Mile: 400'



Forest Road 4651 Trailhead

The route to Moses Creek Falls begins on the outside of a sharp right switchback on F.R. 4651 a few miles off Caney Fork Road. A light rain had begun at this point so there was a sense of urgency for reaching the falls as I knew things were only going to get wetter as the day went on. Too bad this was also the longest hike of the day. The path begins by hopping over a couple dirt mounds on the outside of the curve on F.R. 4651. With the surrounding forest now dripping with moisture I set out on the 1.5-mile trek to the falls... Around a half-mile in I reached the wide, shallow ford of Moses Creek. It wasn't a problem on this day due to all the recent dry weather but I imagine after a good rain this spot would be tricky... About a quarter mile in I passed a nice little cascade to my left. If I wasn't racing the rain I might have stopped and scrambled down to the creek for a better shot... Around a half-mile in I reached the wide, shallow ford of Moses Creek. It wasn't a problem on this day due to all the recent dry weather, but I imagine after a good rain this spot would be tricky... Though this shot does not really show it the trail gets briefly steep just following the ford of the creek. Thankfully, it didn't last long... After passing the steep section of path I was once again along the noisy waters of Moses Creek... There were what looked to be many scenic cascades along this stretch of the creek. In better weather I might have made a couple extra stops for pictures of them... Diving into a small grove of rhododendron I reached the West Fork of Moses Creek. The falls is a short distance upstream from here. I'd cross the fork and take a side path to the left in the field just beyond... Entering the field just beyond the crossing of West Fork Moses Creek. The spur trail to the base of the falls breaks left just after entering the field. A warning...it was hard to spot... After only a minute or two of walking I once again arrived alongside the creek with the falls just upstream... Moses Creek Falls is in fact over 100' high but you can only see the lower 20'-or-so from the base. I had intentions of continuing the addition quarter mile up the trail to the upper portion, but the clouds decided to finally open up upon my arrival.