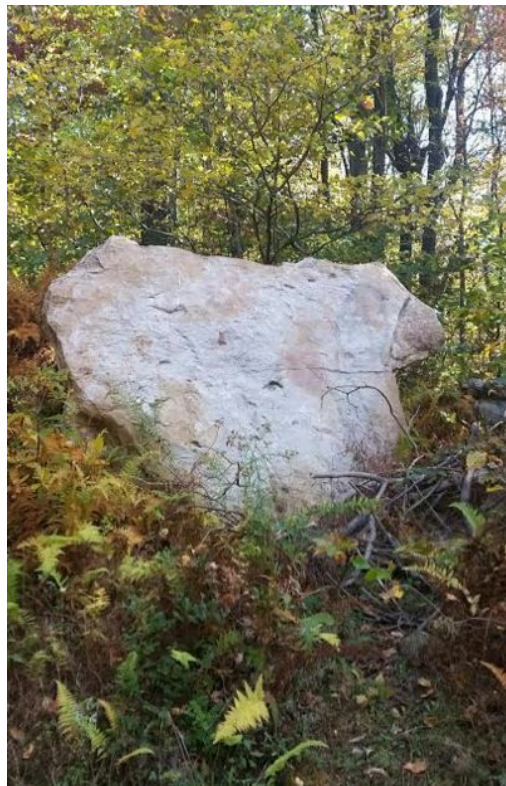


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Extra Credit #1

Appalachian Trail Hike to Pulpit Rock V-Trip

Back in October, my friends and I went on a hike of the Appalachian Trail outside of the Lehigh Valley. We hiked approximately 2 miles up the mountain terrain and increased our elevation by about 900 feet, according to the map located at the start of the trail. The map described that glaciers had moved through and formed and deposited rocks throughout the trail. At the end of the trail was Pulpit Rock, which was a huge rock formation at the top of the mountain that overlooked the valley. Below are some pictures from our hike to the rock!



This rock was right at the start of the trail. One can see that it looks somewhat out of place, as it is surrounded by trees and other foliage. Since it was a low elevation, it could have been pushed there by the glaciers that used to be in the location.



This rock caught my attention on the hike. It has a big crack in the top of it. A glacier appears to have chipped away at the rock and caused the crack.



It was very easy to notice this rock. The rock appears to be leaning against the trees. From first glance, the rock looked like it rolled down the mountain and stopped when it hit the tree. On the other hand, the rock could have balanced in that position and the trees grew around it.



This pile of rocks was near the peak. The large amount of rocks made it easy to conclude that the glacier pushed them to this spot.



These rocks caught my eye because it looks like someone dropped black paint onto them. Also, there is some moss growing in between the rocks.



This is my friends and I (in the middle in the purple pants) on Pulpit Rock. The picture doesn't quite do the view justice. The rock extends far to the left and right of us. And you could see for miles in all directions. It was absolutely beautiful! Thank you glaciers for putting this amazing rock at the peak of the mountain!

I would recommend driving out to this trail and seeing this view from Pulpit Rock for yourself! It is about a three hour drive from Penn State University Park. Make sure to wear layers and bring comfortable shoes, as it is very cold at the higher elevations! The trail is amazing and there are so many cool and interesting rocks to see on the way up! I hope to hike more portions of the Appalachian Trail and see many views much like this one!