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Today, Saturday, 04/03, I lead a GNHA hike to Looking Glass Rock in Pisgah. The other hikers were Peter Taylor, Paul Serridge, Barbara Serridge, Ron Howitz, Pete Cleveland, Fran Spicer and Bokson Miller. The weather was great. It was a little cool at the beginning but warmed up nicely and was very comfortable most of the way. The only negative was the gnats. They were out in force and considered us their Easter meal.

We stopped at the helicopter pad look off. The view there is terrific and I consider that stop a must on a Looking Glass Rock hike. Today it was a little hazy but still great. You have Cedar Rock, Pilot Mountain, and the other mountains on the Art Loeb Trail laid out in front of you and John Rock below. You can probably see most of the Art Loeb Mountains but they are hard to identify at that distance. We then went on up the mountain to the look off at the end of the trail which, of course, is also great. There we ate our lunch with the gnats who apparently did not bring lunch.

It was 6.2 miles round trip according to the map. I think the total climbing was about 1800 ft. Left GPS at home because it is out of whack. About 50 mile drive one way and took about an hour and a half. The hike was about 4 hours including liberal stops.

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