



**Seng Mountain  
Proposed National Scenic Area  
Smyth County**

The Seng Mountain Proposed National Scenic Area is a 6,455-acre tract in the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area in Smyth County. The topography is heavily dissected. There are numerous ridges: Bear Ridge, Seng Mountain, Chestnut Ridge, Pine Spur, Round Top and Double Top. These ridges are outliers of the Iron Mountain complex, and are capped by an extremely hard pebble quartzite of lower Cambrian age. The intervening hollows are well watered with streams flowing into the South Fork of the Holston River. At least two of them harbor native brook trout.

The forest was logged and burned during the late 1800's and early 1900's, but much of the canopy vegetation is more than 100 years old. It consists of hardwoods such as tulip tree, cucumber tree, basswood, red and sugar maple, and red and white oak.

Seng Mountain is served by a network of recreational trails. The major scenic attraction is the Rowland Creek Falls, a 45-foot cascading waterfall. Hurricane Campground and the Skulls Gap Picnic Area are nearby and serve as starting points for access. Much of the terrain is steep and rugged, providing excellent opportunities for primitive backcountry recreation.

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