



Mount Rogers NRA, photo by Virginia Mooney

Stay Safe: Downed Trees pt. 1

- **Bring a map & compass (and know how to use them together), and extra food and supplies.**
- **Turn around if you come to an impassable section rather than trying to climb through.**
- **Check the weather before your hike or before you leave town for fire conditions. Be extra cautious if it has been dry or windy, and/or there are burn bans or red flag warnings in place. Do not have a campfire.**
- **Check ahead for side trails and roads to use as escape routes in case of wildfire.**
- **Pack sunscreen and wear sun-protective clothing and a wide-brimmed hat.**