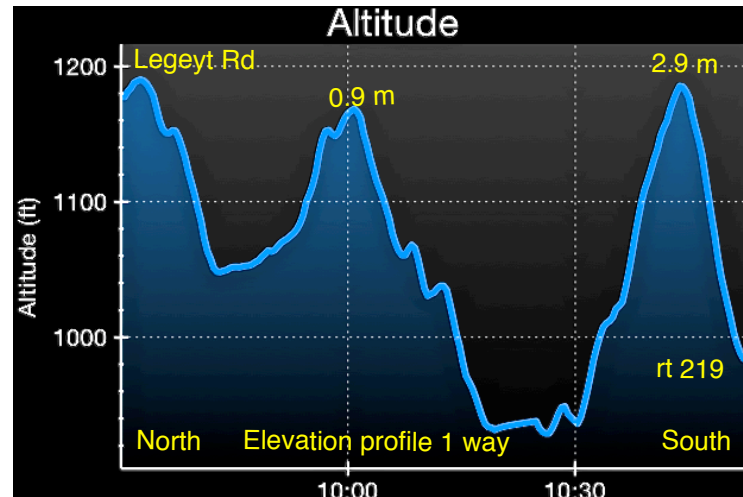


## Tunxis Trail- center section 4.8 miles, 2,000' vertical, 3.0 hours



stone foundation next to cave



The Tunxis Trail center section has 2 hiking options: The complete “out & back” from rt 219 is 4.8 miles & 2,000'. If you use 2 cars, it becomes 3.2 miles & 1,060'. The Indian Council Caves is a very large rock outcropping with cave-like pockets. It is a fun place to explore. Native American artifacts have been found here, but it is unknown if it was an actual council site.

The 2 potential parking locations are: On rt. 219 ( 41° 55' 34.42" N 72° 55' 30.17" W) there is small lot 100 feet west of the junction with Hillcrest Drive . Another is on rt. 179 (41° 57' 9.43" N 72° 54' 54.89" W) opposite the junction with Legeyt Rd.

The complete “out & back” from rt 219: Head north across rt 219 following the blue blazed Tunxis Trail. At 2.3 miles you reach the overlook above the Indian Council Caves. Carefully descend on the blue trail to reach several old stone foundations along a wide dirt road. At 2.4 miles, the Tunxis Trail turns left and away from this road. At this junction, turn around & retrace your steps back to your car at 4.8 miles.

The 2 car alternative heading south. Head west past the gate opposite Legeyt Rd on a wide dirt/gravel road which passes a pond at 0.6 and merges with the blue blazed Tunxis Trail at 0.7. Follow the Tunxis Trail south passing a number of stone foundations to reach the caves at 0.8. Ascend steeply to the view point above the caves at 0.9. Continue on the Tunxis Trail heading south to reach your car at rt 219 at 3.2 miles.

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Mileage one way summary going south:  
Hike west on dirt/gravel road to 0.7 > turn left onto B trail >  
hike over the Indian Council Caves at 0.9 >  
continue south on B to rt. 219 at 3.2.