

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2016

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Oct. 4 9 AM C3	Unicoi Turnpike Trail and BMT. Come walk some actual pieces of the famous Cherokee Trail of Tears of 200 years ago, 7 miles total. The trip includes CCC camp site and side trip to Buck Bald vista. Shuttle. Meeting: Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Ken & Phyllis Jones 423-506-8128
Oct. 4 9 AM D3 ##	Hogpen Gap on the Richard Russell Hwy. To Low Gap Shelter and return. A mod. 8.4 mi. hike on the AT. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180. Needs a Hike Leader
Oct. 6 9 AM B1	Leisure Hike: Two Loops at Jackrabbit - As we begin fall, join us for two easy loops at Jackrabbit with very little elevation change: Central Loop at 3.1 mi. and Upper Ridge Loop at 1.5 mi., for a pleasurable total of 4.6 miles. Meeting: Trailhead at Jackrabbit Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails parking lot north of Hiawassee (Hwy 75, 3.5 miles N of Hiawassee, just over the state line in NC, follow signs to campground and 1 st trail parking lot) Wes Clonts 706-769-3234
Oct. 6 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct. 11 9 AM B3	Springer Mountain via the Benton MacKaye Trail and return on the AT: 5 mile loop hike. Moderate to strenuous hiking. Lunch on Springer Mountain, the southern terminus of the AT. Meeting: Food Lion in Blue Ridge Mike Pilvinsky 706-273-2086
Oct. 11 9 AM D3 ##	Rabun Bald. Hike on the Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge road to summit of Rabun Bald and return the same way. Approx. 9 miles. Moderate hike. Meeting: Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawassee Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
	Chattanooga Bike Ride. Approximately 17-18 mile RT ride on paved paths, a few short, slight up hills from Chickamauga Dam to Big River Grille and Brewing Works for lunch. A couple of maintenance stations along the way. Limit 12 riders. Call with questions or to reserve a spot Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
Oct. 13 9 AM	MHH Trail Maintenance Celebration and Picnic at Coopers Creek Recreation Area. See MHH Web Page for details. Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct.18 9 AM C3 ##	Little Frog Wilderness Hike on the BMT. 6 miles from the Kimsey Highway down to the Ocoee River at Thunder Rock. Gorgeous fall hike. Shuttle required. Meeting: Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Michael O'Brian 706-745-6260
Oct.18 9 AM E4	Long Branch Trail to AT to Albert Mt. 10.5 mi. Up to the AT on Long Branch Trail, from the Backcountry Information Center, hike south on the AT to Albert Mt lookout tower and return. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Oct. 20 9AM A3	Leisure Hike: Woody Gap to Gooch Gap - This section of the Appalachian Trail has been shortened by a mile from 3.6 to 2.6 be a very delightful and easier reroute. It portends to be a great time to see the fall color ripening toward peak. There are two short but somewhat steep climbs to overlooks on two little peaks along the way, and we will leisurely sit and enjoy those overlooks. A moderate shuttle is involved. Meeting: Park & Ride in Blairsville George Owen 706-374-4716
Oct. 20 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct.25 9 AM D4	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob and return for a 8.4 mile hike. The climb to the top from the Bartram trail has a new trail section. This makes the trail a little longer but dramatically better. Meeting: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Ray Lovett 770-519-0210

Oct.25 9 AM C3	Classic Fall Hike: Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx. 9 miles. Color at its peak? Meeting: Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville Steve Dennison 706-253-3938 sjd50@etcm.com
Oct. 27 9 AM B3 ##	Leisure Hike: Wagon Train Trail from the parking lot at the top of Brasstown Bald down a couple of miles and back to the parking lot. Should be peak colors and beautiful views. Meeting: Parking lot at the top of Brasstown Evelin & Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
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Nov.1 9 AM C3	Byron H. Reece area to Flatrock Gap on the AT and northbound to Swaim Gap and return. Scenic rock formations north of Flatrock Gap. 7.6 miles in and out. Meeting: Byron Herbert Reece parking lot Candy Retter 706-897-5938
Nov.1 9 AM D3	Long Branch Trail to AT to Winding Stair Gap in Standing Indian area. This 8.2 mile moderate hike begins at the Back Country Information Center. Shuttle required Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Cathie Stallings 706-835-1639
Nov. 3 9 AM B2	Leisure Hike: Benton MacKaye Trail to Whitewater Center - We will drive into extreme southeastern TN for this one. The hike starts on a ridge crossing of the BMT on Forest Service Rd. 221, and from there it is a mostly steady but pleasant downhill on the BMT to Thunder Rock Campground and TVA Powerhouse #3. The last part is the 1.5-mile rather flat riverside trek to the Ocoee Whitewater Center, where we can lunch along the Ocoee River on tables while enjoying the view. This is also great for later fall color. Meeting: Home Depot in Blue Ridge Ken Cissna 813-310-6084
NOV. 3 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov.8 9 AM B2	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the view from top is well worth the effort. A 3.8 mile round trip hike. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Bob & Sue Astley 404-702-0273
Nov.8 9 AM D3	Hike Inn Trail. 4.9 miles from Amicalola Falls State Park to Len Foote Hike Inn, 4.9 miles return. 9.8 mi total. Several moderate climbs. Meeting: Food Lion in Blue Ridge. Judie Kean 706-745-4998
Nov. 10 9 AM B2	Leisure Hike: River Walk in Murphy. 4.5 flat miles out and back along the Valley and Hiwassee rivers. Meeting: L&N Depot on Hiwassee Street in Murphy Paul McCord epaulmccord@yahoo.com
Nov.15 9 AM C3 ##	Testnatee Gap to Levelland Mt. on the AT and return. This 7.6 mile hike has spectacular view from Cowrock, Wolf Laurel Top and Levelland Mts. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Candy Retter 706-897-5938
Nov.15 9 AM D3	Hemp Top: this 8 mile hike will start at Dally Gap, join the BMT at Spanish Oaks, and pass Penitentiary trail intersection on to Hemp top where we will return via same trail. May see ruins of old fire tower atop Hemp top Mtn. We will start hiking from Dally Gap. Shuttle 15 miles paved plus 4 miles dirt Meeting: Home Depot in Blue Ridge. Carolyn & Tom Sewell 706-669-6406 or SewellTom@yahoo.com
Nov. 17 9 AM A1	Leisure Hike NEW - Trails of Lake Blue Ridge (also known as Green Creek or Dry Branch) and Blue Ridge City Park - This is an entirely new one of any hikes for Mountain High Hikers. First we will drive to the Green Creek/Dry Branch Forest Service area on the west side of Lake Blue Ridge for two trails, one paved, one not - both loops. Then we will drive a few short minutes to just off downtown Blue Ridge to the Blue Ridge City Park for a new looping trail there. Total distance is either 2.9 or 3.0 mi. - all easy. Meeting: Ingles in Blue Ridge, back portion nearest 515. George Owen 706-374-4716
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Nov. 22 9 AM B3 ##	Arkequah Trail: from Brasstown Bald parking lot down. This is a moderate hike of about 5.5 miles, mostly downhill. Spectacular views. See the petroglyphs at the end. Some rough footing. Shuttle Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride Ray Lovett 770-519-0210
Nov.22 9 AM C4	Dicks Creek Gap south on the AT to Deep Gap Shelter and return for 7 miles. Elevation gain 1,200 feet. Nice scenic viewpoint. Meeting: Macedonia Church east of Hiawassee. Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
Nov. 24	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. No maintenance today Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Feast Recovery Hike! (anyone wish to lead such?, Family friendly hike such as Jack Rabbit Trails or Vogel State Park Trails) Needs a Hike Leader
Nov. 29 9 AM C3##	Neels Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back on the AT. A 6.8 mile round trip. Great views from Wolf Laurel. Hike is in wilderness area limit 12 hikers. Meeting: Byron Reece Parking Area on Hwy. 129 Candy Retter 706-897-5938
Nov. 29 9 AM C3	Blue Ridge Gap to Bly Gap at the NC border on the AT and return. 6.2 miles 800 ft. elevation gain going in. Four wheel drive needed to drive to Blue Ridge Gap. Meeting: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Ray Lovett 770-519-0210
Dec. 1 9 AM A1	Leisure Hike: Hogpen Gap on the Richard Russell Highway. Hike the AT north to Poor Mt. for approximately 4 miles in and out. Wilderness area. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Evelin & Doug Yarns 828-837-723
Dec. 1 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec. 6 9 AM B3	Winding Stair Gap north to Panther Gap and back. A 4 mile moderate hike on the AT. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Virginia Lane 706-745-8058
Dec. 6 9 AM C4	Dicks Creek Gap north on AT to rock outcropping just before the long drop into Plumorchard Gap, in and out on the AT. 7 miles. Moderate with some steep climbs. Meeting: Macedonia Baptist Church park lot east of Hiawassee Darlene Rothenay 706-770-2029
Dec. 8 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec. 12 6 PM	Covered Dish Supper / Christmas Party / Elections / Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Club will supply a TurkeyBring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com
Dec. 13 9 AM B2	Wayah Bald (5,342 ft.) to Wayah Gap (4,180 ft.) on the AT. This is 4.2 miles (≈ 3:15hrs) mostly downhill. Spectacular view from observation tower atop Wayah Bald. Shuttle required. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716 C
Dec. 13 9 AM D4	Eagle Mountain, near Hiawassee: 9 mile loop with some steep climbing. About 4:30 hrs. Come climb the mountain that along with Bell Mountain dominates the skyline from Hiawassee and Hayesville. Up close views of Bell Mountain; great views of Lake Chatuge. The route follows old logging roads and receives no maintenance, so hopefully the weeds will have been killed by winter freeze. Meeting: Macedonia Church east of Hiawassee Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
Dec. 15 9 AM B2	Leisure hike NEW FOR LEISURE HIKES - Trails of Lake Notteley (Near Dam) - Much of this is a looping trail system opened in TVA woods near the dam earlier this year. Our trip will also include some trail area across the dam on the northeast side. Distance can vary between about three to five-plus miles. We'll probably do about four miles - some short, moderate climbs are involved. Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride Ken Cissna 813-310-6084
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