

**MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR**  
**Fall 2023**

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

## Designated Wilderness Area (limit 10 hikers/group in NC, 12 hikers/group in GA)

<b>Oct. 3 C2</b>	Wagon Train Trail /Arkaquah Trail combo hike. We will start at Brasstown Bald parking area and hike out and back on the Wagon Train Trail about 2 miles to viewpoint then return to parking area and hike about 1.5 miles out and back on the Arkaquah trail. Total of about 7 miles. Wilderness area: group size rules apply. Parking fee required or Golden Age Pass. <b>Please contact Michelle and Frank Maloney if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 3 E5</b>	Unicoi Gap to Tray Mtn. on the AT. Then SOBO on the AT back to Indian Grave Gap. From IGG, take a short road walk to the Rocky Mountain Trail. Take the Rocky Mountain Trail back to the AT. Approximately 11 miles and 2800+ft. of elevation gain. Strenuous. <b>Please contact Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 5 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike - EARLY FALL COLOR - PART NEW - Start high - We trek the Albert Mountain Connector Tr., then hike the A.T. north quite level about a mile and return. There's a side trip of several tenths of a mile to the Albert Mtn. (5,250) fabulous bluff summit with fire tower for those wishing to take it. Then we drive downhill a bit to pick up the A.T again at the AT/Bearpen Tr. intersection, hiking southward from there 1.3 mi. to Mooney Gap and enjoying a colony of hundreds of bright red beegum near the gap Modest shuttle on first part. Trek is 4.3 mi. or a few tenths more for those climbing Albert Mtn. Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
<b>Oct. 10 C3</b>	Riverview at Ocoee Trails. Moderate trail, approx. 7 miles. Optional meal afterwards. <b>Please email Pam Sullivan (pams11@tds.net) if you plan to do this hike..</b>
<b>Oct. 10 D4</b>	Skeenah Creek at Hwy 60: hike SOBO on the BMT to the Swinging Bridge and return the same way. Elevation gain in both directions for a total of about 1800 ft. This hike is about 8.5 miles and considered moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 12 B3-4</b>	<b>Leisure Hike - Appalachian Trail in GA - Woody Gap to Gooch Gap - Mid-hike climb two little peaks for wonderful rock bluff vistas, all the while enjoying on-coming fall color. First climb up Ramrock Mtn. is a bit steep and rocky in places, but not that bad. Hike is 3.6 miles. Shuttle. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike</b>
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>Wagon Train Trail:</b> From the second overlook going towards Young Harris College. Heavy lopping and some saw work. 6 miles walk downhill. Contact: <b>Michael O'Brien (706) 994 -1569 obrienmap@gmail.com</b>
<b>Oct.17 C3</b>	Hike the AT from Deep Gap to Standing Indian and back. Great views at the top...fall colors should be beautiful. 5 miles roundtrip. <b>Please contact Marjorie Hornsby(850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 17 D4</b>	Hogpen Gap: Hike NOBO to Low Gap Shelter on the AT. Return the same way. Elevation gain in both directions; however, this hike is much easier now with the new re-route. This hike is about 9.5 miles and considered moderately strenuous. <b>Need hike leader.</b>
<b>Oct. 19 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike - This is now an AUTUMN TRADITION in NC always led by our club's current president. We slow drive the beautiful fall-colored Forest Service Rd. 67 several miles drinking in the autumn beauty all the way to Pickens Nose, where we complete an in-and-out hike to two awesome vistas over two miles. Returning on FS 67, we stop at</b>

	Mooney Gap to walk a few hundred feet to see a thick display of hundreds of bright red bee-balm wildflowers. Then on our further way back out we trek short trails in-out to two waterfalls: Mooney and Big Laurel. Total trekking is ca. 4 miles. <b>Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>OCT. 19</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
<b>Oct. 24 C3</b>	Glade Gap to Boteler Peak, no shuttle, two water crossings, color should be at or near peak. <b>Please contact Bronco Burnsworth(315) 591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct.24 D3</b>	Rock Gap: hike SOBO on the AT to Albert Mtn Fire Tower and return. This hike is about 11.5 miles with 1800 ft. of elevation gain. Great views from the fire tower. <b>Please contact Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 26 B1-2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike - Autumn high in TN - Start with the high 2-mile Quartz Loop, then do an upper part on the Benton MacKaye Trail, switch over briefly to the Chestnut Mountain Loop, and finally descend the Thunder Rock Express Trail to just outside Thunder Rock Campground - ca. 5 mi. total. Shuttle. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>Chunky Gal:</b> From Bob Allison Campground to the Big Buckeye. A short 1.5 mile trail that is along beautiful Big Tuni Creek (1.5 miles) Contact: <b>Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 <a href="mailto:sjd50@etcmail.com">sjd50@etcmail.com</a></b>
<b>Oct.31 B2</b>	In and out from Three forks to Long Creek Falls to hickory Flats cemetery for a 5 mile hike. <b>Please email Pam Sullivan (<a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a>) if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Oct. 31 D3</b>	Lake Winfield Scott: Take Slaughter Creek up to the AT. Head NOBO on the AT to Blood Mountain. Return SOBO on the AT, coming down Blood Mtn. to Jarrard Gap. Take Jarrard Gap Trail back to LWS. This hike is about 8 miles and 1800 ft. of elevation gain. <b>Need hike leader.</b>
<b>Nov. 2 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike - Autumn high in GA - From Dally Gap in the Cohuttas, hike north modestly climbing on the Hemptop Trail for 1.0 mi, turn southwest on the Benton MacKaye Trail 1.4 mi. along a ridge, then hike east 0.8 on the Jacks River Trail to Dally Gap completing a loop of 3.2 mi. - Need hike leader.</b>
<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
<b>Nov.7 B3</b>	In Cooper Creek Wildlife Management: Yellow Mtn Trail to Shope Gap to Mill Shoals for about 5 miles. Moderate difficulty. Optional meal afterwards. <b>Please email Pam Sullivan (<a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a>) if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Nov. 7 D4</b>	Wayah Crest to Waah Bald .8.4 miles... <b>Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Nov. 9 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike - NEW &amp; HIGH - Starting atop Wayah Bald (5,342) on a bluff with a viewing tower, we trek the Appalachian Trail southward taking in a short side trail to Wine Spring Bald atop which sits the East's small southernmost red spruce forest. Then we descend on downhill to Wayah Gap (4,180) on the A.T. Afterwards we drive a short way to enjoy the two-mile loop into Rufus Morgan Falls. Enjoy the later fall color - hiking distance overall ca. 5 mi. Modest shuttle on earlier Wayah Bald part. Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Coleman River:</b> 1 mile trail along the Coleman River. Brush cutting, lopping and possible bridge repair. Contact: <b>Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 <a href="mailto:broncob55@yahoo.com">broncob55@yahoo.com</a></b>
<b>Nov.14 C2</b>	Grassy Mountain Fire tower and Lake Conasauga Loop. In the Cohutta's, 6.2 miles, great view from tower Meeting: Home Depot in Blue Ridge. <b>Need hike leader.</b>

Nov. 14 D4	Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mtn. Hike SOBO on the AT to Levelland Mtn. Enjoy views from Cowrock Mtn. and Wolf Laurel. Return the same way. This hike is about 8.5 miles with 2300 ft. of elevation gain and considered strenuous. <b>Please contact Linda Hiles (954) 445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Nov. 16 B3	<b>Leisure Hike - PART NEW</b> - With later fall color - Rained out in summer quarter, we offer this hike again. Appalachian Trail in GA from Hogpen Gap north, part over new sidehill trail avoiding former climb and descent of Poor Mtn. This novel, longer route is made easier by sidehilling around the east side of Poor Mtn on new and just completed trail. In the gap between Poor Mtn. and Sheep Rock Top, we will turn around and head back. Round-trip distance = ca. 5 mi. <b>Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Nov. 16	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
Nov.21 C3	Deep Gap south on old and new AT. See aircraft crash site and Ravenrock Cliffs. This is a moderate round trip hike of 6.5 miles. Optional meal after... <b>Please email Pam Sullivan (<a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a>) if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Nov. 21 D4	Weaver Creek- hike SOBO on the BMT up to Rocky Mountain and return. About 8 miles and 2000 ft of elevation gain. A strenuous hike with climbing in both directions. <b>Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Nov. 23	<b>Thanksgiving – No Leisure Hike</b>
Nov. 23	<b>Trail Maintenance Happy Thanksgiving</b>
Nov. 28 B4	Fires Creek from Leatherwood Falls, then take Rim Access Trail for another 2 miles of steady ascent. Return down access trail and complete Leatherwood Falls loop for 5 miles (3.5 hours). Steep uphill section. <b>This hike is cancelled.</b>
Nov. 28 D5	Lake Winfield Scott: Slaughter Creek Trail to the AT. NOBO on the AT up and over Blood Mtn. to Freeman Trail. Take Freeman Trail back to the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail. Jarrard Gap Trail back to Lake Winfield Scott. Fee required at LWS. 10 miles. Very strenuous. About 2200 ft. of elevation gain. <b>Please contact Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Nov. 30 B2	<b>Leisure Hike - Boyd Gap to Thunder Rock Campground, TN</b> - A perpetual favorite, this hike scheduled in August, was rained out. So here's the chance again. Most of this trek is an overall modest downhill. It uses four different trails, the latter three alongside the Ocoee River - ca. 5 mi. <b>Please contact Darcy Douglas (404) 431-3614 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Nov. 30	<b>Fires Creek:</b> Bristol Cabin Trail to Carver Gap on the Rim Trail (1.1 miles). Lopping and brush cutting. Contact: <b>Mark Ward</b> 561-212-3775 <a href="mailto:mward87@att.net">mward87@att.net</a>
Dec. 5 B3	Coosa Backcountry trail from Wolf Creek to Burnett Gap and back, 4.6 miles. Optional waterfall adds ½ mile. Meet at 180/129 parking area. <b>Please contact Kim Blankenship via text only (770) 880-8358 if you plan to do this hike..</b>
Dec. 5 D4	Hike the BMT to Toccoa Swinging bridge and back from highway 60. Steep climbs both ways. <b>Please contact Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
Dec. 7 B2	<b>Leisure Hike - NEW</b> - Dally Gap loop using three trails, all in the Cohutta Wilderness, GA - Start with modest uphill for 1.0 mi on the Hemp Top Trail, then mostly walk a modestly undulating ridge back southwest 1.4 mi. on the Benton MacKaye Trail, then trek out on the Jacks River Trail 0.8 mi to complete the loop back to Dally Gap - total 3.2 mi. <b>This hike is cancelled.</b>
DEC. 7	<b>Trail Maintenance</b>



**C = 6 - 8 miles**  
**D = 8 - 10 miles**  
**E = over 10 miles**

**3 = moderate**  
**4 = strenuous**  
**5 = very strenuous**