

## MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

**Fall 2021**

### ❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

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| <b>Oct 5<br/>9AM<br/>B3</b>   | Springer Mountain via the Benton MacKaye Trail and return on the AT: 5 mile loop hike. Moderate hiking. Lunch on Springer Mountain, the southern terminus of the AT. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna at "Kcissna@usf.edu" if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Oct 5<br/>9AM<br/>D3</b>   | Chunky Gal Trail from Glade Gap to the summit of Boteler Peak which has perhaps the best views of any summit in the Nantahala's. Return the same way with NO SHUTTLE. 6 miles. <b>Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>Oct 7<br/>9AM<br/>B2-3</b> | Leisure Hike - BMT from Watson Gap to Jacks River Trail and return - This in-and-out trek on the Benton MacKaye Trail is part in U.S. Forest Service "general forest" and part in federal wilderness, for a total round-trip of 5.2 mi. with some moderate up-and-down. A substitute hike replaced this delightful trek last quarter. <b>Please call George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Oct 7</b>                  | <b>Trail Maintenance Day<br/>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>   |
| <b>Oct 12<br/>9AM<br/>??</b>  | Amadahy Trail near Carter's Lake outside Ellijay. <b>Please call hike leader Darcy Douglas at 404-431-3614 if you plan to do this hike</b>   |
| <b>Oct 12<br/>9AM<br/>C3</b>  | Bushy Head Gap on BMT for moderate 8 Mile roundtrip hike. <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike</b>  |
| <b>Oct 14<br/>9AM<br/>B2</b>  | Leisure Hike - First hike the Quartz Loop off FS 221 in Cherokee NF, then trek almost all downhill on the Benton MacKaye Trail to Thunder Rock Campground. Shuttle. 5.1 mi. total. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna at "Kcissna@usf.edu" if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
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| <b>Oct 19<br/>9AM<br/>B3</b>  | In Cooper Creek Yellow Mountain Trail to Bryant Creek return via Mill Shoals Total 7.2 miles. Moderate hike. <b>Please call Michael O'Brien at 706 994 1569 if you wish to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>Oct 19<br/>9AM<br/>E4</b>  | Long Branch Trail to Albert Mt. 10.5 miles. Up the Long Branch Trail to the AT and on to Albert Mt. and return. Start at Back Country Information center at Standing Indian. <b>Please call hike leader Candy Retter at 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Oct 21<br/>9AM<br/>B2</b>  | Leisure Hike - Third Annual Autumn Color Drive/Hike in NC high country - This is a favorite of the leader, and others. From the Backcountry Information Center near Standing Indian Campground we slowly drive the Forest Service Rd. 67 ever higher to three stops. First is the mile round-trip trek to Big Laurel Falls, Next comes the very brief walk into Mooney Falls. Finally the trip tops out with the walk out on high Pickens Nose to two awesome vistas. Total mileage - under 4 miles. <b>Please call George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b> |
| <b>Oct 21</b>                 | <b>Trail Maintenance Day<br/>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>   |
| <b>Oct 26<br/>9AM<br/>B3</b>  | Chunky Gal Trail. Hike from Bob Allison Campground along scenic Tuni Creek to the big buckeye tree and return. About 4 miles with 5 stream crossings (slippery footing) each way. Hiking sticks required. <b>Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at 315-</b>   |

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|                                | <b>591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>Oct 26<br/>9AM<br/>D4</b>   | Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx 9 miles. This is a MHH favorite at any season of the year. Lunch on the summit makes the walk up worth it! <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike</b>  |
| <b>Oct 28<br/>9AM<br/>B3</b>   | Leisure Hike - PART NEW: Sosebee Cove Loop (0.3 mi.), Lake Winfield Scott Loop (0.9 mi.), & Woody Gap to Gooch Gap (3.7 mi.), in GA - This is three high and lovely sites in fall color. First walk the short loop in giant trees at Sosebee Cove, then trek around beautiful Lake Winfield Scott. Finally there's the longer walk from Woody Gap to Gooch Gap that has three fairly short but steep climbs in it. Come for all or part of this. Total mileage if you complete all is 4.9 mi. There is some shuttling arrangement necessary, with full Covid vaccinations enforced. Fee area for L. Winfield Scott, reduced with federal pass. <b>Please call XXXXXXXXXXXX if you plan to do this hike. NEED HIKE LEADER</b> |
| <b>Oct 28</b>                  | <b>Trail Maintenance Day</b><br><b>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>   |
| <b>Nov 2<br/>9AM<br/>C3</b>    | BMT/AT Loop: Three Forks to Long Creek Falls to Hickory Flats on AT then FS road to No Name Bald rejoining the BMT back to Three Forks. Moderate 7.5 moderate miles. 1,000 ft elevation gain. <b>NEED HIKE LEADER</b>  |
| <b>Nov 2<br/>9AM<br/>D4</b>    | Dicks Creek Gap south on the AT to Kelly Knob and return. <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike</b>  |
| <b>Nov 4<br/>9AM<br/>B2-3</b>  | Leisure Hike - Back to NC on AT to fabulous vista! Trek Betty Creek Trail (very short), then use Appalachian Trail south to terrific vista from atop Little Ridgepole Mountain. Some modest uphill the first mile, then the rest of the hike is fairly flat or downhill. Fall color still in style. Total 4 mi. round-trip hike, in and out. <b>Please call George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>Nov 4</b>                   | <b>Trail Maintenance Day</b><br><b>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>   |
| <b>Nov 9<br/>9AM<br/>B3</b>    | Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap and back on AT. Moderate 6 Miles. <b>Please text Kim Blankenship and leave your email for weather updates and meeting place and time. 770-880-8358.</b>  |
| <b>Nov 9<br/>9AM<br/>D3</b>    | Standing Indian Area. Mooney Gap to Carter Gap Shelter on the AT and return for a 9.2 mile round trip hike. <b>Please call Michael O'Brien at 706 994 1569 if you wish to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Nov 11<br/>9AM<br/>B2-3</b> | Leisure Hike - Upper Springer Mountain loop - this 4.7 mi. loop on both the Appalachian Trail and Benton MacKaye Trail takes in two vistas, the Benton MacKaye memorial plaque, and three very shallow little creeks with rock crossings toward the end. <b>Please call George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>Nov 11</b>                  | <b>Trail Maintenance Day</b><br><b>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>   |
| <b>Nov 16<br/>9AM<br/>C3</b>   | Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mountain on the AT and return. This 7.6 mile hike has spectacular views from Cowrock, Wolf Laurel Top and Levelland Mountains. <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Nov 16<br/>9AM<br/>D4</b>   | The Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort. This 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Please contact hike leader for meeting location. <b>Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Nov 18<br/>9AM<br/>B2</b>   | Leisure Hike - Some Trails of Hanging Dog - This NC favorite above Murphy will feature some of the higher loops of this scenic Forest Service preserve above the lake. Choice of routes will be at the leader's discretion. Lunch at the valley lakeside picnic shelter afterwards, and maybe visit the nearby picnic area. Distance? Somewhere between  |

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|  | 3.5 and 4.9 mi. <b>Please call XXXXXXXXXX if you plan to do this hike. NEED HIKE LEADER</b>   |
| <b>Nov 18</b>                              | <b>Trail Maintenance Day</b><br><b>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>  |
| <b>Nov 23</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>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 (12) rules apply. Parking fee required or Golden Age Pass. <b>Please call hike leader Jerry Mason at 404-435-0989 if you plan to do this hike.</b>                               |
| <b>Nov 23</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>D4</b>   | Black Rock Mountain State Park near Clayton. Hike the James E. Edmonds Loop Trail for 7.2 moderate to strenuous miles. Then the Tennessee Rock Trail for 2.2 moderate miles. 9.4 miles total. State park pass or current parking fee. <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Nov 25</b>                              | <b>THANKSGIVING DAY - NO LEISURE HIKE SCHEDULED!</b>  |
| <b>Nov 25</b>                              | <b>THANKSGIVING DAY - NO TRAIL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULED!</b>   |
| <b>Nov 30</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>C3##</b> | Hogpen Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back to Tesnatee Gap. With a side trip to a beautiful overlook toward Whitley Gap Shelter 6.6 miles <b>Please email hike leader Ted Shemella <a href="mailto:tshemella@yahoo.com">tshemella@yahoo.com</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Nov 30</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>D3</b>   | Three Forks to Springer. Walk south for 4.3 miles to the start of the Appalachian Trail and return the same way. Maybe you will see a "south bound thru-hiker" just finishing his/her hike. <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Dec 2</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>B1-2</b>  | Leisure Hike - Brush Creek Trail 4-mile inner loop. - This popular hike with us is in the Ocoee Gorge area of TN with easy walking, partly just above and viewing TVA's Ocoee Number 3 Lake. <b>Please TEXT hike leaders Sue ( 404-702-0272 ) or Bob Astley (404-403-8425) if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>Dec 2</b>                               | <b>Trail Maintenance Day</b><br><b>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>  |
| <b>Dec 7</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>B3</b>    | Skeenah Gap on the BMTA and Duncan Ridge Trail, to Licklog Mtn. and return (5 miles. Some rocky, loose footing. Stop at Rhodes Mtn. Overlook. <b>Please text Kim Blankenship and leave your email for weather updates and meeting place and time. 770-880-8358.</b>   |
| <b>Dec 7</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>D4</b>    | Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter, in and out on the AT. 9 miles. Moderate with some steep climbs. Trail passes Dick's Creek Gap 2675 ft, Cowart Gap 2920 ft, Buzzard Knob 3760 ft, and Plum Orchard Gap 3090 ft. <b>Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Dec 9</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>B3</b>    | Leisure Hike - NEW: It's a new bike/hike trail at U.S. Forest Service's Jackrabbit area in NC. Labeled the Rabbit Ridge Trail, it's 4.7 miles of meandering loops above Lake Chatuge north of Hiawassee, GA. Yep, it has some ups and downs, none long and drawn out. In the our first trek on this new trail, you will be enjoying lake views in a loop above the waters. It is also closed to bicycles on Thursday. <b>Please call George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.</b> |
| <b>Dec 9</b>                               | <b>Trail Maintenance Day</b><br><b>Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</b>  |
| <b>Dec 14</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>C3</b>   | Gooch Gap to Woody Gap (in and out). 7.2 miles. Nice Views. <b>Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Dec 14</b><br><b>9AM</b><br><b>C3</b>   | Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 across Toonowee Mountain to the suspension bridge and return for 7.2 miles round trip. Elevation change 800 ft. in, 900 ft out. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna at "Kcissna@usf.edu" if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>Dec 16</b>                              | Leisure Hike - Yonah Preserve Trail. This is a great scenic one that we did the first time  |

