

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Summer 2021

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jul 1 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - PART NEW - Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Early on we begin in Tennessee's Ocoee whitewater area with first the 2.2 mi. Quartz Loop, and then proceed almost entirely downhill on a bit of the Chestnut Mountain Trail to conclude with the Thunder Rock Express Trail to Thunder Rock Campground parking. Total mileage ca. 4.7. Please call Michelle Powell at 843-864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 1	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 6 9AM C3##	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT, then down Dockery Lake Trail for a total of 6.4 miles. Very scenic hike with flame azaleas in spring. Please call Jerry Mason at 404-435-0989 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 6 9AM D4	Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald on the AT. Trail climbs from 4,188 ft. at Crest to 5,342 ft. at observation tower with some ups and downs in between. 8.4 miles round trip. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Jul 8 9AM B2-3	Leisure Hike - BMT from Watson Gap to Jacks River Trail and return - This in-and-out trek on the 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. Please call hike leader Doreen Sasso at 239-565-8482 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 8	Trail Maintenance Day Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 13 9AM B2	Turtletown Creek Falls 4+ mi. moderate loop hike with two beautiful waterfalls. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 13 9AM E4	Park Creek Trail and Park Ridge Trail loop in Standing Indian area for a 9 mile hike. Begin at Park Gap, take Park Ridge Trail to Nantahala River, then Park Creek Trail back to cars. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 15 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - NEW with high elevation views - Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Trek from Wayah Bald on the Appalachian Trail to Wine Spring Bald's summit to visit a southern-most red spruce forest, then journey downhill on the Bartram trail with some awesome vistas southward to Sawmill Gap - a little over four miles total. Hike in-out briefly at Appletree Campground on the Bartram Trail on the route home, time allowing. Eat at either an Andrews or Murphy restaurant afterwards. Please call hike leader George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 15	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 20 9AM B2	Dally Gap to Jack's River. 5-6 mi. hike up Hemp Top Trail to intersection with the BMT at Spanish Oak Gap to Jacks River Trail to the river. Bring poles, river shoes if you want to cross the river. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 20 9AM	Wildcat Creek to waterfall to Turner Trail. 7+ miles. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.

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Jul 22 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Brush Creek Trail 4-mile inner loop - This is in the Ocoee Gorge area with summer shade, easy, and always popular, with views of Ocoee Number 3 Lake along the way. Consider a Copperhill or McCaysville Restaurant afterwards. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 22	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 27 9AM B2	Unicoi Gap north on the AT to a mile past Indian Grave, return to Indian Grave and out on the Andrews Cove Trail. 6 miles. Covid short car shuttle. Please email hike leader Ted Shemella tshemella@yahoo.com if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 27 9AM D3	Rabun Bald. Hike on the Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge road to summit of Rabun Bald and return the same way. Approx. 10 miles. Moderate hike. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 29 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Go high in Georgia for summer cool - We here hike the Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald's parking lot out to the second vista where we enjoy an awesome view back to the tower center on Georgia's highest peak. Out and back just under four miles. Please call hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 29	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 3 9AM B3	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., the second highest point on the Appalachian Trail in GA. The trail passes Indian Grave Gap (3113 ft.), a fabulous hillside of galax, the "cheese factory" turnoff, a viewpoint just before Tray Mt. (4430 ft.). Please email hike leader Ted Shemella tshemella@yahoo.com if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 3 9AM E4	Deep Gap to Fall Branch Falls on the Stanley Gap and Benton MacKaye Trails in Fannin County. 10.4 mile in and out hike, 1,200 foot elevation change in both directions. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Aug 5 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Jackrabbit Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails - Trek the 3.1 mi. Central Loop and the 1.5 mi. Upper Ridge trails. Leader may throw in the High Point Trail if desired. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 5	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 10 9AM C2	Grassy Mountain Firetower and Lake Conasauga Loop. In the Cohutta's, 6.2 miles, great view from tower NEED HIKE LEADER
Aug 10 9AM E4	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Betty's Creek Gap to Beech Gap in the Standing Indian Area. 10.2 miles total. At Betty's Creek Gap, go southbound on the AT for 7.8 miles to Beech Gap, then down 2.4 miles on the Beech Gap Trail. Please call hike leader Michael O'Brien at 706-994-1569 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug12 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - This hike was changed on July 30 so if you previously signed up please RESIGN UP. Non shuttle hike - Old Cooper Road trail. This hike is 4.8 mile and follows the Ocoee River part of the way. Please call Michele Powell at 843-864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 12	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 17 9AM	Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT. This is a 5 mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area. Year-round

B3##	spectacular views. Note: FSR road #71 is often closed in winter. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 17 9AM C3	Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County. From Deep Gap trailhead on Aska Road over Green Mtn and down to Lake Blue Ridge and back. 7 miles, in and out, moderate. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 19 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - NEW - Project Chimps Hiking Trails - Come enjoy the new trail system at Project Chimps sanctuary in Fannin County near Morganton. You will be led by our own Candy Retter, a devoted volunteer at Project Chimps who is ready both to show you the wonderful multi-miles trail system and also to serve as a great information resource on Project Chimps which houses over 77 chimpanzees retired from research. Plan for a great combined hiking and learning experience. Please call hike leader Candy Retter at 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 19	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 24 9AM C3	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. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 24 9AM D3	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! Please email hike leader Ted Shemella tshemella@yahoo.com if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 26 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Murphy River Walk & Lunch - Trek from the old train station on a easy walk out to Lowe's and return with options - distance 4-5 miles, depending. Eat lunch afterwards with the group in nearby downtown Murphy. Please call hike leader Ralph Collinson at 904-305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 26	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 31 9AM D3	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3 mile section is constantly going up and down. Many of these short grades are steep. Covid short shuttle required. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike of about 4.6 mi.
Aug 31 9AM	Jacks River - Cohutta Wilderness Hike : This is a 9.2 mile hike with < 400 foot elevation change, going from Dally gap in the Cohutta's 4.6 miles down Jacks River Trail (one of the prettiest areas in the Cohutta's) to a beautiful lunch spot with a swimming hole, then back out. There will be 3 river crossing each way which are knee deep, so bring water shoes and poles. This will be a great escape from the summer heat. Plan on getting wet, so bring a change of clothes!! NEED HIKE LEADER
Sep 2 9AM B1-2	Leisure Hike - Fish Gap West on this newer/relocated/much flatter Duncan Ridge Trail section - This is a delightful and much improved trek, and we will go out and back far enough to between 4.5 and 5.5 mi. Please call hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 2	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 7 9AM C3	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Brush Creek Trail near the Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6.5 mile easy to moderate from Boyd Gap overlook with good views of the lake. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 7 9AM E4	Kimsey Creek trail to summit of Standing Indian Mountain, then return on the Lower Ridge trail. Approx 10 miles. NEED HIKE LEADER

D = 8 - 10 miles
E = over 10 miles

4 = strenuous
5 = very strenuous