

**MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR**  
**Winter 2025**

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

<b>Jan. 2 B3</b>	❖❖ <b>Leisure Hike</b> Brasstown Resort, Young Harris, GA Blue Trail and Lower Section of Miller Trek Trail approximately five miles. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan on doing this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Chunk Gal Boteler Peak to Perry Gap. Mostly downhill 3.5 miles moderate trail. Some blowdowns reported. <b>Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 <a href="mailto:kellylee28@aol.com">kellylee28@aol.com</a></b> Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (9:00 am)
<b>Jan 7 C4</b>	Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. 6.5 miles. Hike four loops of the Jack Rabbit Hike/Bike trail: 3.1 miles on the white blazed loop, 2 miles on the blue blazed loop, 1 mile on the orange blazed trail. Great views of Lake Chatuge. Meet at the Jack Rabbit Hike/Bike trailhead parking area. <b>Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan 7 B3</b>	## Tesnatee Gap to Wolf Laurel Top, back to Tesnatee Gap. 5.6 miles. <b>Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan <a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan 9 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Forest Service Road at Winding Stair Gap, Franklin, NC. Old Forest Road turned into a hiking trail four miles very moderate. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan on doing this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance: OPEN</b>
<b>Jan. 14 D3</b>	Hike to Blood Mountain from Vogel State Park using the Bear Hair Trail, Coosa Backcountry Trail, Duncan Ridge Trail, and the AT. Great winter views atop Blood Mountain! This hike is about 9.5 miles with 2300 ft of elevation gain. State Park pass or parking fee required. <b>Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 14 B3</b>	Hike Jack's Gap up to the AT crossing at Chattahoochee Gap and return. Total distance is 5.2 miles. Meet at the parking lot on Hwy. 180 below the entrance to Brasstown Bald at 9:00. <b>Please contact hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 16 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Thunder Rock Campground Ocoee, TN. to Rhododendron Trail to Chestnut Ridge to Bear Paw and return approximately 5 miles with a ¼ mile of uphill in the middle. <b>Please contact hike leader George Owen, email at <a href="mailto:gowen2@tds.net">gowen2@tds.net</a> or call (706) 897-3366 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance: OPEN</b>
<b>Jan. 18 B3</b>	<b>Saturday Leisure Hike</b> Reece Farm, Blairsville, GA to Vogel Lake Trail to Nature Trail in Vogel State Park. Steep incline first 1/8 of a mile, waterfall and lake views 5 miles. Short shuttle. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan on going on this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 21 C3</b>	Three Forks to Hawk Mtn shelter on the AT and return, including two side quests to visit an old cemetery and Long Creek Falls. This hike is about 8 miles with 1500 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna <a href="mailto:kcissna@usf.edu">kcissna@usf.edu</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 21 B2</b>	Big Lost Creek, on the BMT in TN. This mostly level hike follows Big Lost Creek, less than six miles in and out. Beautiful gorge, high rock walls on

	each side, cascading rapids, falls, and beautiful rock formations on one side. Giant icicles in winter make this a gorgeous winter hike. Meet at Piggly Wiggly Parking lot in Ducktown, TN. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 23 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Rhodo Coaster trail, Piney Knob, outside of Murphy. Walk a well-maintained, undulating hike/bike trail for 5.5 miles. <b>Please contact hike leader Laurie Colombo (530) 295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Coleman River, 1 mile easy, lopping, brushing. Sosebee Cove, 1 mile easy, lopping, brushing. 10 blowdowns on trail; working with FS to help remove. <b>Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 <a href="mailto:kellylee28@aol.com">kellylee28@aol.com</a></b> Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (9:00 am)
<b>Jan. 28 E4</b>	<b>##</b> Tesnatee Gap to Neel Gap and back on the AT. Great views from Cow Rock, Wolf Laurel, and Levelland Mtn. Enjoy lunch at Neel Gap and Mountain Crossings, an iconic landmark on the AT. This hike is 11.5 miles with about 3000 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. <b>Text hike leader Kelly Motter at 979-480-6413 if you are interested in this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 28 C3</b>	From the Deep Gap trailhead up the Stanley Gap Trail to the Benton MacKaye Trail, continuing to Rocky Mountain and back. 6 miles, moderate. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna <a href="mailto:kcissna@usf.edu">kcissna@usf.edu</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 30 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Meeks Park Trails, Blairsville. Approximately 5 miles. <b>Please contact hike leader Mary Neps (815)-481-5782 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Jan. 30</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Fires Creek – Little Fires Creek Trail. 3.7 miles, blowdowns, blazing, lopping. Note: This is Thursday, to include Forest Service. <b>Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 <a href="mailto:Mward87@att.net">Mward87@att.net</a></b> Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (9:00 am)
<b>Feb. 4 D4</b>	Hike from GA 60 to Brawley Tower outbound and to Old Dial Rd on the return phase. Enjoy long range views walking back FS Rd 45 to GA 60. Moderately strenuous for a total distance of 10 miles. <b>Please contact hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 4 C4</b>	Hike the Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulkey Gap to Fish Gap for 6 miles, out and back. This hike has it all: a few strenuous ascents and descents, ridge walking, and great winter views. <b>Please contact hike leader Ann Sylvester (239) 543-9563 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 6 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Brush Creek Loop Ocoee, TN. very moderate along the shore of Ocoee Lake One. Approximately 5 miles. <b>Please contact hike leader George Owen, email at <a href="mailto:gowen2@tds.net">gowen2@tds.net</a> or call (706) 897-3366 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance: OPEN</b>
<b>Feb. 11 E5</b>	<b>##</b> Hogpen Gap to Chattahoochee Gap on the AT; then take Jacks Knob Trail down to Jacks Gap. This hike is 12 miles with 2200 ft of elevation gain and considered strenuous. A shuttle is required for this hike. <b>Text hike leader Kelly Motter at 979-480-6413 if you are interested in this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 11 B3</b>	<b>##</b> Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Gap loop. This is a pleasant 6-mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott) <b>Please contact hike leader Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Winding Stair Gap Franklin, NC to Five Stairs and return

<b>B3</b>	moderate incline first half mile 4 miles. <b>Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Jacks Knob from Brasstown Bald parking lot. Easy 2.5 miles, all downhill. Water diversions and lopping. <b>Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 <a href="mailto:sjd50@etcmail.com">sjd50@etcmail.com</a></b> Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
<b>Feb. 15 B2</b>	<b>Saturday Leisure Hike</b> Easy to moderate 4 to 4.5-mile hike on the paved dam trail for Valentine Day weekend. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan on doing this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 18 D3</b>	Hike SOBO on the AT from Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap and return. This hike is about 9.6 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. <b>Text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 18 C3</b>	Piney Knob, Gobbler Trail in Murphy. Good winter views, approximately 6-mile loop, good trail bed. <b>Please contact hike leader Laurie Colombo (530) 295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 20 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Woody Gap to Gooch Gap near Suches, GA. Four miles on the AT with some incline in the middle of the hike, great views, short shuttle. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan on doing this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance: OPEN</b>
<b>Feb. 22 B2</b>	<b>Saturday Leisure Hike</b> Young Harris College Trails in Young Harris, GA including Cupid Falls Trail for approximately 3 miles and then a short ride to the Lake Chatuge Recreation area in Hiawassee, GA for a 2 mile hike on the upper and lower trails for a total of 5 miles. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan on doing this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 25 C3</b>	Woody Gap to Gooch Gap and back on the AT. This hike is about 7.5 miles with 1400 ft of elevation gain and great views. <b>Please contact hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 25 B2</b>	BMT parking lot at Springer MTN to the cross trail, then back on the AT to the top of Springer Mtn. Lunch at Owen Overlook then back to parking lot for 5 miles total. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 27 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Experience Project Chimp. Follow the Yellow Trail for 2.5 miles and the mostly flat Nature Trail for 1.2 miles for a total of 3.7 miles. Yellow Trail has a steady uphill at the start, rising 450 ft over 1 mile, with some moderately steep sections, but there are switchbacks to ease the climb and benches for taking a break. We'll take it slow. <b>Please text Trish LeGros (407) 924-9898 or email <a href="mailto:patrish1020@yahoo.com">patrish1020@yahoo.com</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Desoto Falls - 3 miles round trip on moderate trail. Mostly water diversions and lopping. Helton Creek Falls – 1 mile round trip on moderate trail. Mostly water diversions and lopping. <b>Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 <a href="mailto:sjd50@etcmail.com">sjd50@etcmail.com</a></b> Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
<b>Mar. 4 E4</b>	Hike from Unicoi Gap to Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mtn on the AT. Return SOBO to Indian Grave Gap and walk on the forest service road to the Rocky Mountain Trail. Take the Rocky Mountain Trail back to the AT and Unicoi Gap. This hike is 10.5 miles with 3200 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. <b>Text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.</b>

<b>Mar. 4 C3</b>	Lake Winfield Scott. From LWS hike up Slaughter Creek Trail to the AT. Then take the AT southbound, returning to LWS on the Jarrad Gap Trail. This hike is about 6 miles with 1200 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderate. Parking fee is required at LWS. <b>Please contact hike leader Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 6 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Jack Rabbit, Hayesville, NC. Central loop plus Yolee's Run for a total of 4.6 miles. A few ups and downs, with great views of Lake Chatugue. <b>Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance: OPEN</b>
<b>Mar. 11 E5</b>	<b>## Rescheduled after previously cancelled due to bad weather.</b> Hogpen Gap to Chattahoochee Gap on the AT; then take Jacks Knob Trail down to Jacks Gap. This hike is 12 miles with 2200 ft of elevation gain and considered strenuous. A shuttle is required for this hike. <b>Text hike leader Kelly Motter at 979-480-6413 if you are interested in this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 11 B3</b>	Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3-mile section has many ups and downs, and some short steep areas. Shuttle required. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna <a href="mailto:kcissna@usf.edu">kcissna@usf.edu</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 13 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Mostly downhill from Boyd's Gap, Ocoee, TN to Upper Put-In Rd to Old Copper Road to Whitewater Center to Thunder Rock Campground on the Rhododendron Trail. Total distance is 6 miles. <b>Please text or call hike leader Laurie Colombo (530) 295-7639 if you plan on doing this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 14</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Lake Chatuge (1 mile) and Jack Rabbit Mtn (2.5 mile). Lopping, brushing. <b>Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 <a href="mailto:sid50@etcmail.com">sid50@etcmail.com</a></b> Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
<b>Mar. 18 D3</b>	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald. Hike NOBO on the AT and enjoy spectacular long-range views. This is a club favorite hike in every season. This hike is 9.5 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. <b>Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 18 B3</b>	❖❖ Yellow Mtn Trail to Shope Gap Trail to Mills Shoals Trail in the Coopers Creek Recreation Area. Steady moderate uphill for the first mile, 5 miles total. Bring poles for a small stream crossing. <b>Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 20 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Three Forks to Hickory Flats Cemetery and back with a side trip to Long Creek Falls. Total distance of 5 miles, moderate. <b>Please email hike leader Ken Cissna <a href="mailto:kcissna@usf.edu">kcissna@usf.edu</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 21</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance: OPEN</b>
<b>Mar. 22 B1</b>	<b>Saturday Leisure Hike</b> Murphy River Walk easy 4-5 mile hike at leader's discretion. <b>Please contact hike leader Mary Neps (815)-481-5782 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 25 D3</b>	Watson Gap to Dyer Gap and back on the BMT. This hike is 9 miles with about 1600 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 25 B3</b>	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet on the way there, but the 360-degree view from top is well worth the effort. A 4.2-mile round trip hike. <b>Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>

<b>Mar. 27 B3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Yonah Preserve, Cleveland, GA. A 5 mile hike on very well maintained trails, hike across dam with great views of Park Lake. <b>Please text or call hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance:</b> Arkaquah – From Brasstown Bald – approx. 1.5 miles. Lopping, trimming limbs and branches and water diversion. <b>Leader: Kelly Motter</b> (979) 480-6413 <a href="mailto:kellylee28@aol.com">kellylee28@aol.com</a> Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (9:00 am)

Please contact the Hike Leader or visit [www.mountainhighhikers.org](http://www.mountainhighhikers.org) for schedule changes. In order to accommodate different hiking levels, we might do “timed-in-and-out” hikes.

Hike Rating: Distance:	A =	up to 3 miles	Terrain / Footing:	1 =	easy
	B =	3 - 6 miles		2 =	average
	C =	6 - 8 miles		3 =	moderate
	D =	8 - 10 miles		4 =	strenuous
	E =	over 10 miles		5 =	very strenuous