

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Spring 2025

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

Apr 1 D3	## Hike to Blood Mountain from Vogel State Park using the Bear Hair Trail, Coosa Backcountry Trail, Duncan Ridge Trail, and the AT. Great views atop Blood Mountain! This hike is about 9.5 miles with 2300 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. State Park pass or parking fee required. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 1 B4	Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. A 5-mile round trip with 1,700 feet elevation gain; you literally "climb a mountain". This shark-fin shaped mountain has a trail that is a combination of moderate and some steep and rocky sections; used for military maneuvers. Excellent views with early wildflowers. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 3 B3	## Leisure Hike: Betty Creek Gap southward to bluff vista in NC. A club favorite for spring, we trek southward from the gap, climbing awhile, steadily but easily, then run along the ridge a mile to a magnificent rock bluff vista on the Appalachian Trail, viewing mountain range after range. It's a perfect 4.0-mile hike, two miles each way in and out, and nearing the peak of the wildflower blooming season. It's also the peak of the AT thru-hike season, so possibly meet thru-hikers starting for Maine. Please contact hike leader George Owen (706) 374-4716 or gowen2@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 4	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Apr 8 C4	Hike on the BMT from Hwy 60 at Skeenah Creek to the Swinging Bridge and back. This hike is about 7.5 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. Please contact hike leader Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 8 B3	Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap & return. This NC portion of the AT has a steady but gentle uphill for the first mile, with roughly 800 ft of elevation gain. Reach and partially circle a beautiful glen along the ridge top for a mostly level section, descend shortly and gently to Glassmine Gap and return to Rock Gap, total of 5.2 miles round-trip. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 10 B3	Leisure Hike: Winding Stair Gap. 5 miles in and out on AT near Franklin, NC moderate uphill in the first half mile (B-3). Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 11	Trail Maintenance: Miller Trek, Young Harris, GA. Easy trip downhill. Brush cutting, lopping and water diversion work. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
Apr 15 C2	Bridge on Kimsey Creek Trail is out. Replacement hike: Starting from Winding Stair Gap, we'll hike along old FS Rd 7131. The trail is easy walking, mostly level or gentle ups and downs, with many grassy areas.

	We'll skirt around Rattlesnake Knob and Angel Mountain, for about 3 miles and return for a total distance of about 6 miles. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 17 B3	Leisure Hike: New! Hike first in NC along a very easy portion of long-abandoned high old US 64, with trees growing in it, tumbling streams alongside and wonderful wildflowers. Then drive a few miles to Perry Gap and trek a bit over 2 miles roundtrip from Perry Gap to Tate Gap on a gated old Forest Service roadbed with wonderful views of the Nantahala Range, just before the leaves come back but wildflowers flourish. Please contact hike leader George Owen (706) 374-4716 or gowen2@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 18	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Apr 19 B2	Saturday Leisure Hike: Meeks Park. Easy to moderate 3-5 miles. We will return to the location where the cars are parked after three miles, then continue on to the other side of the park for an additional 2 miles. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 22 C3	Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot to Young Harris College. 6.5 miles. Great views, mostly downhill. Shuttle. Please contact hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 24 B3	## Leisure Hike. Raven Cliffs Trail. Scenic 5-mile round trip hike along a cascading mountain stream to towering cliffs with two waterfalls. Please text hike leader Michele Powell (843) 864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 25	Trail Maintenance: Chunky Gal Trail; Tuni Gap Road going all the way to Tusquittee Gap. 2.0 miles. Multiple Blowdowns. We may just start at one end and leap frog as many blowdowns as we can get done in a day. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (8:30 am)
Apr 29 C4	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. Moderately strenuous. Please contact hike leader Ken Cissna kcissna@usf.edu if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 29 B3	Park Creek Trail with crossover to Park Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area, 5 miles with some stream crossings. A favorite spring hike because of the beautiful wildflower display. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
May 1 B3	Leisure Hike. Jack Rabbit Mountain. 5 mile loop in Hayesville, NC on trails shared by hikers and bikers with moderate incline. Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
May 2	Trail Maintenance: Arkaquah Trail (Wilderness from Track Rock to Buzzard Roost. 3 mile round trip with difficult 1.5 mile climb up to Buzzard Roost. Lopping and water diversion work. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
May 6 C4	## From Lake Winfield Scott hike up Slaughter Creek Trail to the AT. Take the AT northbound up to Blood Mountain and then return SOBO on the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail. Take Jarrard Gap Trail to return to LWS. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain and is considered

	moderately strenuous. Parking fee is required at LWS. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
May 6 B3	## Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT to see some unusual wildflowers. This is a 5-mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area with spectacular year-round views. Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
May 8 B3	Leisure Hike. Quartz Loop and BMT from FS Rd. 221 in TN. First trek the easy 2.0 mile Quartz Loop Trail around a mountaintop, then it's 3.1 miles nearly all downhill on the Benton MacKaye Trail to the Ocoee River. Shuttle. Please contact hike leader George Owen at (706) 374-4716 or gowen2@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
May 9	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 10 B1	Saturday Leisure Hike. Murphy River Walk. 5 mile in and out easy, mostly flat walk on very well-maintained trails. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
May 13 B3	Glade Gap to Boteler Peak and return for 5.5 miles total on the Chunky Gal Trail. Uphill, with 1400 ft of elevation gain, but we won't be in a rush. One of the best views in the Nantahalas from the top and beautiful spring wildflower displays. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
May 15 B3	Leisure Hike. Turtletown Creek Falls. Come and see the new road into the falls with a new bridge at the stream crossing just before the parking lot in Turtletown, TN. The trail has also been refurbished in recent months and should provide a great hiking experience. The hike is approximately 5 miles and moderate on a very well-maintained trail. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike
May 16	Trail Maintenance: Ravens Cliff Falls (Wilderness) 1.25 miles along Dukes Creek and return. Moderate up at beginning and creek crossing. Level but rough trail with moderate up at the end. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
May 20 D4	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Hike NOBO on the AT and enjoy spectacular long-range views from the bald. A favorite hike in every season. This hike is 9.5 miles with about 2000 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
May 20 B3	## Lake Winfield Scott - Jarrad Gap - Slaughter Gap Loop. This is a pleasant 6-mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. Nice wildflowers (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott). Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
May 22 B2	Leisure Hike Park Creek Trail NC. In and out along the Nantahala River and Park Creek to a bridge over the creek and to the falls just beyond, a round trip of about 5 miles that is easy, shady, and mostly flat. Limited to 20 hikers. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda at (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
May 23	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 27	Hike on the BMT from Bushyhead Gap to McKenny Gap and return. This

C4	hike is about 8 miles with 1400 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
May 27 B3	## Tesnatee Gap on the AT to Wolf Laurel Top and return. Some steep areas. This is a 5-mile round trip hike with magnificent views from the rock outcrops. Nice flame azaleas. Please contact hike leader Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
May 29 B3	Jack's Knob Starting from the Brasstown Bald parking area, hike almost entirely downhill on a pleasant, well-maintained trail for 2.5 miles to the parking area at the entrance on Hwy 180. For those who are interested, if the weather is clear we can hike the steep but paved 0.6 mile trail to the tower for 360° views of the surrounding mountains. That option will add an additional 1.2 miles to the total. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda at (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
May 30	Trail Maintenance: Wagon Train Trail (Wilderness) From Brasstown Bald Parking Lot 1.5 miles in and back. Easy climb on return. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sid50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
June 3 D3	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. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
June 3 C3	## Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT, then down Dockery Lake Trail for a total of 6.4 miles. Shuttle required. This is a stunningly beautiful hike in late spring, with views of mountains and a lake, old wagon trail trails and lots of mountain laurel. It is not an easy hike though, so it is not for inexperienced hikers. There is a steep uphill for about a mile to Preacher's Rock, then 4 miles downhill or flat on uneven ground, and finally a gradual climb for the last mile out to Dockery Lake. Limited to 12 hikers. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
June 5 B3-4	Leisure Hike. Great Smoky Mountain National Park near Bryson City, NC. Enjoy a lovely part of America's most visited traditional-sized national park. In the Deep Creek area, we'll hike the Deep Creek, Indian Creek, and Loop Trail circular trek while visiting three lovely waterfalls. In the middle of the hike we'll have a constant climb for 0.5 mile, but we'll take it slow with breaks. Eat a late lunch at the Nantahala Outdoor Center and see another waterfall on a very short walk on the way homeward. About 5 miles total. Please contact hike leader George Owen at (706) 374-4716 or gowen2@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
June 7 (Sat)	Trail Maintenance: National Trails Day Coopers Creek Area. Yellow Mtn. Trail to connector, down Mill Shoals. Possible additional trails. Brush cutting and lopping for 5 miles. Easy. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
June 10 D4	Dick Creek Gap to Kelly Knob, out and back, on the AT. This hike is about 9 miles with 2600 ft of gain and is considered strenuous. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike. if you plan to do this hike.

June 10 B3	Thunder Rock Express Trail. From Thunder Rock Campground heading up the Thunder Rock Express Trail to the Chestnut Mountain Trail, then down the Benton MacKaye Trail 5.3 miles, moderate, with one steep section. Please contact hike leader Ken Cissna kcissna@usf.edu if you plan to do this hike.
June 12 B3	Leisure Hike. Winding Stair Gap to Panther Gap. A 5 mile moderate hike on AT near Franklin, NC. Please text hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
June 13	Trail Maintenance: Fires Creek, Leatherwood Falls Loop Trail. Easy 2 miles. Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 Mward87@att.net Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (8:30 am)
June 17 D4	Hike northbound on the AT from Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald Fire Tower. This hike is about 9 miles with 2200 ft of elevation and gain and is considered strenuous. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
June 17 B3	Flat Creek Loop Trail in the Aska Trail System, in Fannin County. This 5.8-mile moderate loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road. Please text hike leader Tim Swan (760) 617-5580 if you plan to do this hike.
June 19 B2	Leisure Hike. Lost Creek. Flat 5 mile in and out on the Benton MacKaye Trail near Reliance, TN. Very scenic hike along Lost Creek with one stream crossing. Please contact hike leader Marsha Shuford mbdshu@gmail.com if you plan to do this hike.
June 20	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
June 21 B3	Saturday Leisure Hike. Coosa Backcountry Trail at Highway 180 to Vogel State Park Nature Trail and Trahlyta Lake Trail with waterfall. This is a moderate 5-mile hike in Blairsville, GA on well-maintained trails, all within the state park. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
June 24 C3	Long Creek Falls in the Three Forks Area of the A.T. From the falls, we will continue up the AT to an old cemetery (Hickory Flats) and hike until we hit approx. 3 miles, making a round trip of 6 miles. This is a gorgeous drive and hike deep in the forest of Fannin County. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
June 24 B3	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. Please contact Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
June 26 B3	Leisure Hike. Unicoi State Park to Helen and back. In and out hike of 6 miles, moderate with some change in elevation. Optional meal out at Spice 55 after the hike. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
June 27	Trail Maintenance: Shortoff Trail, blowdowns, brush cut. Approx 2 miles. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Meet at Ingles in Hayesville NC (8:30 am)

Please contact the Hike Leader or visit 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
B = 3 - 6 miles
C = 6 - 8 miles
D = 8 - 10 miles
E = over 10 miles

Terrain / Footing:

1 = easy
2 = average
3 = moderate
4 = strenuous
5 = very strenuous