

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Winter Q1 2026

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jan 6 C4	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. Please contact hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 6 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. Elevation gain of 1,000 ft. with stunning views. Short shuttle required. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Jan 8 B2	Leisure Hike: Lower Trails of Hanging Dog in Murphy, NC. Moderate 4-5 miles. Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at eyarns@sprynet.com or (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 8	Trail Maintenance: Coopers Creek area. Yellow Mountain Trail to Connector, down Mill Shoals and Nature Trail. Brush cutting and lopping for 5 miles. Easy. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
Jan 13 C3	Gooch Gap to Woody Gap and back on the AT. This hike is about 7.5 miles with 1400 ft of elevation gain and great winter views. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 13 B3	Hike two of our most famous trails. Start at the Springer Mountain parking area on FS42, taking the AT up to its terminus. Then backtrack slightly to pick up the BMT, following it until it intersects the AT again, looping back to the parking area. Great views from Springer Mountain and Owen overlook. Total distance of about 4.6 miles. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 15 B2	Leisure Hike: Weather cancellation – rescheduled for Feb. 5. Piney Knob, Azalea Trail, Murphy, NC. Moderate 4.5 miles. Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at eyarns@sprynet.com or (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 15	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Jan 20 C3	Three Forks to Hawk Mtn shelter on the AT and return. This hike includes 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. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Jan 20 B2	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. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 22 B3	Leisure Hike: Weather cancellation; will reschedule later. Unicoi Lake Trail, Frog Pond Nature Trail and Bottoms Loop at Unicoi State Park in Helen, GA. Moderate 5 miles, great view of lake and a stream. Please

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Jan 22	Trail Maintenance: Miller Trek. Lopping, water diversions, brush cutting, blowdowns. 3 miles, all downhill. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
Jan 24 B2	Saturday Leisure Hike: Lake Nottley Tail and the Tailwaters hike at the Lake Nottley Dam in Blairsville, GA. Moderate 4 miles with great views of Lake Nottley and Nottley Dam. Contact hike leader Kim Blankenship at (770) 880-8358 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 27 C3	Hike on the AT from Hogpen Gap to Sheep Rock and back. This hike is about 8 miles with 1500 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Jan 27 B3	Flat Creek Loop in Aska Area, Blue Ridge, GA. Moderate 6 miles with elevation gain of 1023 ft. Trails are well maintained with some challenging terrain with rocks and roots. Please text hike leader Candy Retter at 706-897-9538 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 29 B2	Leisure Hike: FS Rd. 7131 Franklin, NC. Old Forest Service Rd at Winding Stair Gap that has been converted to a hiking and horseback trail. Moderate out and back of 4 miles. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Jan 29	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Feb 3 C3	Hike to the Swinging Bridge on the BMT from Hwy 60 and return. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft. of elevation gain and has climbs in both directions. Moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 3 B3	Rescheduled: Flat Creek Loop in Aska Area, Blue Ridge, GA. Moderate 6 miles with elevation gain of 1023 ft. Trails are well maintained with some challenging terrain with rocks and roots. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 5 B3	Leisure Hike: Piney Knob, Azalea Trail, Murphy, NC. Moderate 4.5 miles. Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at eyarns@sprynet.com or (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 5	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Feb 10 C3	Take the Byron Reese Trail to the AT, then NOBO on the AT to Levelland Mtn and back. See Neel Gap, Mountain Crossing Outfitters, and the Shoe Tree. All iconic AT landmarks! This hike is about 7 miles with 1600 ft of elevation gain and considered moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 10 B4	Lake Winfield Scott area. 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. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 12 B3	Leisure Hike: Bear Hair Gap at Vogel State Park. Moderate 4.1 miles with 1000 ft ascent. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 12	Trail Maintenance: OPEN

Feb 17 D3	Hike SOBO on the AT from Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap and return. This hike is about 9.3 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.
Feb 17 B4	Miller Trek near Young Harris, GA. This 6.5-mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride at 9 AM. Please contact hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at brincob55@yahoo.com if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 19 B3	Leisure Hike: Cathy Ellis Trail at Smithgall Woods State Park near Helen, GA. This trail is also called Chumabee Falls Trail. Moderate 6 miles with waterfall and some evidence of early gold mining activity. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 19	Trail Maintenance: Jacks Knob from Brasstown Bald parking lot. Easy 2.5 miles, all downhill. Water diversions and lopping. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
Feb 24 E4	Hike the Hike Inn trail from the top of the falls to the Hike Inn and return. This hike is 10 miles with about 1700 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Feb 24 B4	Wilscot Gap to the Brawley Mountain firetower. The return portion of the loop is along an old access road to the tower, but it still has some nice views. Round trip of 6.3 miles with 1300 ft of elevation gain. The first mile has a steady gain of 650 ft. Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride at 9 AM. Please contact hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at brincob55@yahoo.com if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 26 B3	Leisure Hike: Jack Rabbit Hayesville, NC. Moderate 5 miles with side trip to an island mostly on a trail only used for hiking. Please contact hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you are interested in this hike.
Feb 26	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Feb 28 B3	Saturday Leisure Hike: Chatuge Dam Lower Trail, Hayesville, NC. This is a new hike, not the traditional upper dam trail. Hike down below the dam and up to a lookout point above the dam, for a moderate 5-mile total. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 3 C3	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. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Mar 3 B4	## Blood Mountain via the Byron Herbert Reece Trail and AT. A 5-mile round trip hike with 1,400 ft. of elevation change. Splendid views from the top. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Mar 5 B3	Leisure Hike: Turtletown Creek Falls in Turtletown, TN. Two beautiful falls on a newly renovated trail. Moderate 5 miles with some moderate ups and downs. The road in has also been renovated. Please contact hike leader Tim Swan at tswan55555@gmail.com if you are interested in this hike.

Mar 5	Trail Maintenance: Arkaquah Trail from Brasstown Bald, approximately 1.5 miles. Lopping, trimming limbs and branches, and water diversion. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride 9:00 am
Mar 10 D3	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. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 10 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. The area is used for military training. It has excellent views. Please text hike leader Ines Klenke at (404) 210-6809 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 12 B3	Leisure Hike: High Shoals and Blue Hole Falls in Towns County, GA, outside of Hiawassee. Moderate 4 miles. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 12	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Mar 14 B2	Saturday Leisure Hike: Meeks Park Blairsville, GA. Moderate 3–5-mile hike on well-maintained trails. Trail will return to where cars are parked after 3 miles for those wanting a shorter hike. Hike will then continue across the highway to the dog park trails. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 17 C4	Hike on the BMT from Weaver Creek to Rocky Mountain and return. This hike is about 8 miles, has several steep climbs, and is considered strenuous. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Mar 17 B3	Multi-Trail loop at Fort Mtn. State Park. Start at the park entrance on the Gahutti Trail then on to the Goldmine Creek, Lake, and Big Rock trails, then back on the Gahutti Trail for a 5.3-mile loop. Variety of terrain, minor stream crossings, great views. Trail includes some ups and downs, with about 500 ft elevation gain. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 19 B3	Leisure Hike: Yonah Preserve in Cleveland, GA. Moderate 5 miles around lake on very well-maintained trails. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at ralphcollinson@aol.com or (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Mar 19	Trail Maintenance: Desoto Falls. 3-mile 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. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride 9:00 am
Mar 24 C3	Hike on the BMT from Wilscot Gap to the Brawley Mtn fire tower. Excellent winter views. Hike the FS road back to Wilscot Gap for a total of about 7 miles. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.

