

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Spring Q2 2026

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

Apr 2 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. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 7 E4	Hike northbound on the AT from Unicoi Gap to Tray Mtn. On the return trip, we will hike on the FS road from Indian Grave Gap to the Rocky Mtn Trail, then hike up Rocky Mtn back to the AT, then SOBO on the AT back to Unicoi Gap. This hike is strenuous at 10.5 miles and 3200 ft of elevation gain. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 7 C3	Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot to Young Harris College. 6.5 miles. Great views, mostly downhill, some of it steep. Shuttle required. Please contact hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at brincob55@yahoo.com if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 9 B3	Boyd's Gap in Ducktown, TN. A 6-mile hike in the Ocoee Area along Boyd's Gap. Upper Put In Road, Old Copper Rd and the Rhododendron Trail to Thunder Rock Campground. One of the only trails in our area where you can walk 6 miles either downhill or on flat terrain. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 9	Trail Maintenance: Miller Trek in Young Harris, GA. Easy trip downhill. Brush cutting, lopping and water diversion work. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sid50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride 8:30 am
Apr 14 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 contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 14 B3	Big Lost Creek in TN on the BMT. Less than 6 miles without much elevation change. Nice wildflowers, one significant stream crossing, and beautiful rock formations along a colorful creek. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 16 B3	Unicoi State Park in Helen, GA. A 5 mile moderate hike that includes Unicoi Lake, Frog Pond Nature trail and the Bottoms Loop. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 16	Trail Maintenance: OPEN

Apr 18 B2	Park Creek Trail, Standing Indian Campground near Franklin, NC. Moderate mostly flat 4-mile in and out. There are usually hundreds (thousands!) of trillium and other wildflowers this time of year. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda at (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 21 D4	Hike SOBO on the AT from Dick's Creek Gap to Kelly Knob and back. This hike is about 9.5 miles with 2600 ft of elevation gain making it a strenuous hike. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 21 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. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 23 B3	The Gobbler in Murphy, NC. at Piney Knob a 5.5 moderate hike on very well-maintained trails, and there should be a good spring wildflower display. Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 23	Trail Maintenance: Boetler Peak, FS Rd to Hwy 64. Downhill, lopping, possible blowdowns, water diversions. Leader needed.
Apr 28 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 has some great views. Please contact hike leader Linda Smith via text at (541) 604-5091 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 28 B3	Kimsey Creek Trail in the Standing Indian area. Hiking in for 2.5 miles and back for a total distance of 5 miles. Pretty views along the creek, and there should be spring flowers. There is a possibility of wet areas, especially if there has been recent rain. Please text hike leader Ines Klenke at (404) 210-6809 if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 30 B3	Raven Cliff Falls on the Russell Parkway in Cleveland, Georgia. Moderate 5-mile trail with one stream crossing where you might get your feet wet. Please text hike leader Marsha Shuford at mbdshu@gmail.com if you are interested in this hike.
Apr 30	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 5 D3	A club favorite in every season! Hike NOBO on the AT from Winding Stair Gap in NC to S Bald and return. This hike is 9.5 miles with 1800 ft of gain. Spectacular views from the top! Please contact hike leader Ann Sylvester at (239) 543-9563 if you are interested in this hike.
May 5 B3	Yellow Mountain Trail in the Coosa Wildlife Management Area. 4.7 miles with an 800 foot elevation change. The Yellow Mountain Trail to the top, then the Shope Gap Trail to the Duncan Ridge Road, follow the road to the Mill Shoal Creek Trail which will take us back to the road to close the loop. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
May 7 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 near Ducktown, 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. Meeting at the old Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN at 8:30. Please text hike leader Tim Swan (760) 617-5580 if you plan to do this hike.
May 7	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 9 B4	Saturday Adventure Hike in partnership with Georgia ForestWatch. The first of the 2026 Georgia Mountain Treasures outings is in our area. Starting from the parking area at the bottom of the Brasstown Bald access road, hike uphill to Wolfpen Ridge and back. It is a moderate hike, gaining 1,575 ft over 2 miles. To attend you must register with Georgia ForestWatch at https://gafw.org/get-involved/#outings This hike is part of the Georgia Mountain Treasures Challenge.
May 12 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 contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.
May 12 C2	Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. About 6 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 and a variety of hard woods. Meet at Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead at 9 AM. Please contact hike leader Kerry Whalen at kerrywhalen@yahoo.com if you are interested in this hike.
May 14 B3	Picken's Nose in Franklin, NC. This is a 5-mile hike in and out on the AT to a great overlook. Please contact hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you are interested in this hike.
May 14	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 19 D3	Hike NOBO on the AT from Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald Tower and back. Incredible views from the top! This hike is considered strenuous at 9 miles with about 2100 ft of elevation gain. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
May 19 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 year-round spectacular views. Please contact hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you are interested in this hike.
May 21 B3	Ash Creek Loop and Wetlands Loop at Smithgall Woods State Park near Helen GA. Moderate 5-mile hike with one stream crossing which will get your feet wet. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
May 21	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 23	Saturday hike at Murphy River Walk in Murphy NC. Easy 4-mile hike on well-maintained trail. Please contact hike leader Laurie Colombo at (530) 295-7639 if you are interested in this hike.
May 26 D3	Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap. 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. CANCELLED.

May 26 C3	Near Blue Ridge; Rocky Mountain via the Stanley Gap Trail. Moderately strenuous uphill, with 1,400 ft of steady elevation gain over 3 miles; can be rocky. Round-trip distance of almost 6 miles. Please contact hike leader Ken Cissna at kcissna@usf.edu if you are interested in this hike.
May 28 B3	Trails at Hanging Dog in Murphy NC. Moderate 4-5 mile hike. Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.
May 28	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
June 2 D3	Hike Blood Mountain from Lake Winfield Scott. Hike up Slaughter Creek to the AT. Take the AT north up to Blood Mountain. Return southbound on the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail and return to LWS. Parking fee required at LWS. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain. Moderately strenuous. Text hike leader Susan Paul at (407) 663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
June 2 C3	Lake Conasauga Loop and Grassy Mountain. In the Cohuttas, a lovely hike that starts by covering one side of the lake, then a steady climb up Grassy Mountain to an old fire tower. Lots of wild phlox and butterflies. Coming back down, skirt a beaver pond and end by walking the other side of the lake for a 6.2-mile loop. Road in can be rough. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
June 4 B3	Preachers Rock in Suches,GA . A 4-mile moderate hike on the AT with a great overlook at Preachers Rock. Please contact Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
June 4	Trail Maintenance: Raven Cliff Falls Wilderness, for 1.25 miles along Dukes Creek and return. Moderate up at the beginning and creek crossing. Level but rough trail with moderate up at the end. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride 8:30 am
June 9 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. Moderately strenuous. Please contact hike leader Ann Sylvester at (239) 543-9563 if you are interested in this hike.
June 9 B4	Tesnatee Gap on the Richard Russell Highway to Wolf Laurel Top and return. Some steep areas. This is a 5-mile round trip hike with magnificent views from the Rock outcrops. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
June 11 B3	Brush Creek Loop near Ducktown TN. Moderate 5-mile loop hike along the Ocoee River and Ocoee Lake #1. Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.
June 11	Trail Maintenance: Fires Creek. Leatherwood Falls Loop Trail. Easy 2 miles. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride 8:30 am
June 16 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. Please contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.
June 16 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 contact hike leader Ken Cissna at kcissna@usf.edu if you are interested in this hike.
June 18 B3	Trails around Vogel State Park. A moderate 5-mile hike from Burnett Gap at FS Rd 107 to Unicoi State Park's Byron Reece Nature trail to Lake Trahlyta Loop and Falls. Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
June 18	Trail Maintenance: Wagon Train Trail (Wilderness area), from Brasstown Bald Parking Lot, 1.5 miles in and back. Easy climb on return. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride 8:30 am
June 20	Saturday Hike at Lake Chatuge Dam. A moderate hike on a paved trail along the shores of Lake Chatuge. Please contact Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
June 23 C4	## Hike the Chunky Gal trail over Boetler Peak and down to Glade Gap. Shuttle required. The trail has a steep uphill, 6.5 miles total distance, but there are excellent views and late wildflowers. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
June 23 B2	Benton Falls, Red Leaf, Arbutus and Azalea Trails for a total of about 5 miles in the Chilhowee Recreation Area in east Tennessee. This is a mostly flat loop, with a few mild ups and downs, except for the stairs down to the falls. But it's a short distance down (and back up) and the view is well worth the effort! There are some beautiful overlooks on the road up, so if the weather cooperates, we'll stop at those along the way. Please contact hike leader Sherry Savrda at (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
June 25 B2	(Reschedule from rain cancellation in February.) A hike at Jack Rabbit Trails in Hayesville, NC. Moderate 5 miles with side trip to an island mostly on a trail only used for hiking. Please contact hike leader Steven Ethridge at (828) 371-2239 if you are interested in this hike.
June 25	Trail Maintenance: Trails of Fires Creek. Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 Mward87@att.net Ingles Hayesville, 8:30 am
June 30 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.
June 30 B3	Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap on the AT, passing through a lovely open glade and a view towards Franklin. From Glassmine Gap take the Longbranch Trail down to the Backcountry Information Center. There are some minor stream crossings, and one with a chance to get your feet wet. Moderate 4.5-mile trip. Very short shuttle. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.

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