

C-HIKES (6 TO 8 MILES)

✿✿ = Trails maintained by MHC

= Designated Wilderness Area

C4##

Addis Gap over Kelly Knob on the AT to Deep Gap Shelter and return on Forest Service road. 7 miles. Trail climbs 1,000 ft. in 1.1 miles. Side trip to spectacular waterfall. Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee.

C3

AT Three Forks to Hawk Mountain Shelter & Return - The in-and-out trip is 7.6 miles. Add 0.1 mi. each way to the cemetery just off the Appalachian Trail, and you have the merry good time to whiz around on the whirl-a-gig merry-go-round at the cemetery shelter, Also Long creek falls. Meet at Blairsville Park & Ride

C5✿✿##

Arkaquah Trail from Trackrock Gap to Brasstown Bald parking lot, then down to Jacks Gap for a total of 7.8 miles of strenuous hiking. Trail ascends 2,100 feet and descends 1,400 feet. Spectacular views. Shuttle
Meet at Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy. 180.

C4

Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge Rd to Rabun Bald: on Come see the great 360 degree 3-state view from the top, also a Waterfall thrown in. 4.2 miles on the Bartram to Rabun Bald, then 2.9 miles on Three forks trail to the cars total 7.1 miles. 3.5 mile shuttle
Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee.

C4

Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob and return for a 8 mile hike. The view from the top is worth the climb.
Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee

C3

Bartram Trail - Wayah Bald to Nantahala Lake - 8 miles. Starting at Wayah Bald in NC, Mostly downhill hiking, with views of Fires Creek area and Nantahala Lake. Shuttle
Meet at Rest Stop on 19/74 west of, Andrews, NC.

C4

Beech Creek Loop -Strenuous 7.9 mile hike with 1740 elevation gain begins on Tallulah River Road, just north of Tate City in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness. Great view of Beech Creek gorge, two waterfalls, and Standing Indian Mt. make this a great hike, plus it's a loop! Bring \$\$\$ in case you want to shop at Tate City Mall. Amazing wildflowers in spring
Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church in Hiwassee

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.
Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville.

C3

Benton MacKaye, Hemp Top, Jacks River trails. We will start hiking from Watson Gap, enter the Cohutta Wilderness on the BMT, then use the Hemp Top and Jack's River trails to complete a circle and return over a 2.6 repeat of the BMT to Watson Gap again. About 8.3 miles.

Meet at Home Depot parking lot in Blue Ridge, GA

C4

Benton MacKaye Trail from Highway 60 across Licklog Mountain to Skeenah Gap. A 6.3 mile hike with 1,800 foot elevation change in first 3.2 miles. Short shuttle required.

Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville.

C3

Benton MacKaye Trail from Wilscot Gap to Shallowford Bridge for 7.6 (or 7.1 without road walk) miles with a total of 4,100 feet of change in elevation before ending at Toccoa River. Good views in winter of Lake Blue Ridge. Shuttle or key swap.

Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville

C3

Benton MacKaye Trail from Bushy Head Gap, west of Blue Ridge, in and out for 7.6 miles. A moderate hike with 1,000 ft. elevation change.

Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville

C3

BMT: Springer parking lot, up AT to Springer, then BMT to 3 Forks. 7 mi. mod hike. Southern terminus of the AT and the BMT with memorial marker for Benton MayKaye. Beautiful rock outcropping overlook. 3 Forks is the confluence of Stover, Chester and Long Creeks. Shuttle

Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride

C4

Black Rock Mountain State Park near Clayton. Hike the James E. Edmonds Loop Trail for 7.2 moderate to strenuous miles. State park pass or current parking fee. Nice overlook of Clayton at the top

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee.

C2##

Blue Ridge Gap to Bly Gap at the NC border on the AT and return. 8 miles. Limited parking at Blue Ridge Gap trailhead. 800 ft. elevation gain going in.

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee.

C3Brush Creek Trail near the Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6.5 mile easy to moderate from Boyd Gap overlook with good views of the lake. Short shuttle required.

Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN

C4##

Byron Herbert Reece and Freeman Trails with return over Blood Mountain on the AT. A 6.5 mile loop hike. Elevation gain 1,400 feet. Rough, rocky footing.

Meet at Byron Herbert Reece parking lot on Hwy 129, close to Neels Gap.

C4-5##

Byron H. Reece Parking area to Woods Hole Shelter on the AT. Return on the Freeman Trail. 7.5 miles, 1,400 ft. climb. Rough, rocky footing.
Meet at Byron Herbert Reece parking lot on Hwy 129, close to Neels Gap.

C3##

Byron H. Reece area to Flatrock Gap on the AT and northbound to Swaim Gap and return. Scenic rock formations north of Flatrock Gap. 7.6 miles in and out.
Meet at Byron Herbert Reece parking lot on Hwy 129, close to Neels Gap

C3

Chestnut Mountain loop trails opposite the Whitewater Center in the Ocoee Gorge, TN. A moderate 7.7 mile hike. Good winter views of gorge.
Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN

C4***

Chunky Gal from the AT to Glade Gap. 7 miles strenuous hiking starting at Deep Gap. From Deep Gap we will hike on the old AT to the start of Chunky Gal and then down to Glade Gap. Long Shuttle.
Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville

C4**

Chunky Gal Trail from Bob Allison Campground to Tusquitee Bald. 7.5 strenuous miles round trip. 2,200 foot elevation gain. Scenic area with giant hickories and old growth hemlocks.
Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.

C3

Cooper Gap to Hightower Gap and return. A moderate 7.6 mile hike on the AT, hiking over Sassafras Mountain.
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C3

Coker Creek trail to BMT, then out to Hwy 68 - 7 miles, first 3 miles along a nice mountain stream with some waterfalls and cascades,
Meet at Old Brothers Restaurant on Hwy 64 / Hwy 129 west of Murphy

C4

Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolf Creek Road to Wolfpen Gap. Strenuous hike with 2,500 ft. el. gain and 2,100 ft. el. loss. 7.2 miles. Short shuttle.
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C4

Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolfpen Gap to Wolf Creek Road. Strenuous hike with 2,100 ft. el. gain and 2,500 ft. el. loss. 7.2 miles. Short shuttle.
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C3##

Deep Gap south on old AT. See aircraft crash site and Ravenrock Cliffs. This is a moderate round trip hike of 6.5 miles.
Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.

C4

Dicks Creek Gap south on the AT to Deep Gap Shelter and return for 7.6 miles. Elevation gain 1,200 feet. Nice scenic viewpoint.

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee.

C3##

Dockery Lake to AT and return. A 6.8 mile hike. Elevation gain 1,000 ft. going, 600 ft. returning. Trail noted for wild azaleas. Optional wildflower walk in Sosebee Cove.

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C4

Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap to Fish Gap for ≈6 miles round trip. This section has some moderate to strenuous ascents and descents.

Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville

C4##

Duncan Ridge Trail from Wolfpen Gap over Slaughter Mnt. and on the AT to Blood Mtn. and return. About 7 miles with lots of steep elevations.

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C4**

Fires Creek Park. Up Huskins Branch Trail for 2.5 miles, then right along FSR 6176 for 1.1 miles, right on Rim Trail for 0.4 miles, right on FSR 340 and back. ≈ 7 miles round trip. 1189 ft elev. change in 2 miles. Bear sanctuary. Shuttle

Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.

C4**

Fires Creek Rim Trail - FSR 6176 Loop. From Leatherwood Falls, follow Rim Trail for 2.2 miles, and 1,000+ ft. climb. Turn right and follow FSR 6176 for 4.4 miles. Turn left after crossing Leatherwood Creek onto unmarked trail. 7 mile loop.

Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville

C4 **

Fires Creek Rim Trail Series Hike #3. Up Shinbone Trail #80 2.3 miles to Rim to where Clay, Macon, and Cherokee Counties meet, 2 miles on the Rim passing Signal Bald, a short side trip on the Chunky Gal Trail thrown in for the vista at Tusquitee Bald and then back to the Rim Trail and down Far Bald Spring Trail #389 1.7 miles (park cars here for loop). 6.2 miles total. (Option: Side trip to Potrock Bald, adding .5 miles).

Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville

C4 **

Fires Creek Rim Trail Series Hike #4. Up Sassafras Trail 2.1 miles to Rim then 2.5 miles on the Rim passing Signal Bald, a short side trip on the Chunky Gal Trail thrown in for the vista at Tusquitee Bald and then back to the Rim Trail and down Far Bald Spring Trail #389 1.7 miles. 7 miles total.

Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville

C3##

GA AT series 3. Woody Gap to Gooch Gap (in and out). 7.2 miles. Nice Views south. Trail passes Woody Gap (3150), Ramrock Mt. (3200) high point, Gooch Gap (2784) low point. MHH "favorite".

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180.

C3##

GA AT series 5. Neels Gap to Hogpen Gap. Shuttle/key exchange. 6.4 miles. Moderate. Trail passes Neels Gap (3125), Levelland Mt. (3942), Cowrock Mt. (3842), Tesnatee Gap (3138), Trail to Whitley Gap Shelter, Hogpen Gap (3450).

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180.

C3##

GA AT series 7B. Jack's Gap to Unicoi Gap. 6.6 miles (shuttle/key exchange). Moderate. 4.4 miles on AT plus 2.2 miles on Jack's Knob trail. Trail passes Unicoi Gap (2949), Blue Mt. (4025), Blue Mt. Shelter trail (3800), Chattahoochee Gap (3500). Some rocky sections of trail.

Meet at Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee

C4##

GA AT series 10. Addis Gap to Dick's Creek Gap. 6.2 miles (shuttle/key exchange). Moderate. 5.3 miles on AT and .9 mile access to Addis Gap. Trail passes Addis Gap (3304), Kelly Knob (4276), Deep Gap shelter trail (3550), Dick's Creek Gap (2675). Kelly Knob is steep climb.

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee.

C2

Grassy Mountain Firetower and Lake Conasauga Loop. In the Cohutta's, 6.2 miles, great view from tower
Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge.

C3

Green Mtn. and Long Branch Trails in Fannin County off Aska Rd. south of Blue Ridge. Easy to moderate 6 miles. Views of Lake Blue Ridge.

Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge.

C3

Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County. A moderate round trip hike of 7 miles. Views of Lake Blue Ridge
Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge.

C3

Hemp Top: In the Cohuttas, this moderate 8 mile hike will start at Dally Gap, join the BMT at Spanish Oaks, and pass Penitentiary trail intersection on to Hemp top where we will return via same trail. Lunch at the ruins of old fire tower atop Hemp top Mt.

Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge.

C4##

Hogpen Gap to Neels Gap on the AT. Strenuous 6.4 miles. Shuttle required.

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180

C3##

Hogpen Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back to Tesnatee Gap. With a side trip to a beautiful overlook toward Whitley Gap Shelter 6.6 miles.

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180

C2

Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. 7.6 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, 1.5 miles on yellow blazed loop. Great views of Lake Chatuge and variety of hard woods. Meet at Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead.

C4***##

Jacks Gap to Brasstown Bald on the Jacks Knob and Summit Trail. This 6 mile round trip hike climbs 1800 feet to the top of Georgia's highest peak. Meet at Jacks Gap at the base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180

C4***##

Jacks Gap to Chimneytop at Brasstown Bald area. This 7 mile round trip hike climbs steeply to the Brasstown Bald parking area and then on to the boulders at Chimneytop for lunch. Hopefully we will see many pink lady slippers (in spring). Meet at Jacks Gap at the base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180

C4##

Jacks Gap to Unicoi Gap. A 6.8 mile trip to Chattahoochee Gap and then on the AT. Rough footing. Shuttle required. Meet at Jacks Gap at the base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180

C3

Kimsey Creek Trail from Back Country Information Center in Standing Indian area to Deep Gap and return. A moderate hike of appr. 7.5 miles up and along scenic creek. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville

C3##

Lake Winfield Scott, Jarrard Gap, up and down Blood Mountain, Duncan Ridge Trail to Wolfpen Gap on Hwy 180. 7.7 miles. Shuttle required. (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott) Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C2##

Lake Winfield Scott -Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Creek Trail loop for a 7 mile moderate hike. Lunch at Woods Hole Shelter. Option to climb Blood Mountain. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C2##

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). Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C3**

The Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort. This 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Meet at Trailhead parking lot on service road at the Resort.

C2##

Mooney Gap to Timber Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles on the AT plus 2.5 on the Timber Ridge for a total of 7.5 miles. Optional 1.2 miles to Big Laurel Falls. Shuttle required. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.

C4**

Mulky Gap to Wolfpen Gap on the Duncan Ridge Trail. This is 7.8 miles on Georgia's most challenging long trail. Ascents are strenuous; descents are steep. Long shuttle.

Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville.

C3##

Neels Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back on the AT. A 6.8 mile round trip. Great views from Wolf Laurel.

Meet at Byron Reece Parking Area on Hwy. 129

C3##

Ocoee Wilderness loop. 7.2 miles. Hike starts at Thundercreek Campground on the Benton McKaye trail to Quartz trail to Chestnut trail to Bear Paw trail to Rhododendron Trail. Lunch at the Whitewater Center and then walk the beautiful boardwalk along the river back to cars.

Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN

C4

Osage Mountain Overlook on Hwy. 106 in NC over Scaly Mountain to Jones Gap on the Bartram Trail. 7.2 miles with steep ascents and descents. Shuttle required. Spectacular view.

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee.

C3

Panther Creek Falls Trail. A 7 mile round trip hike along beautiful Panther Creek to spectacular waterfall off Hwy 441 south of Clayton. Some very difficult footing due to erosion. Rare spring wildflowers.

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee.

C3

Riverview Loop at Ocoee Whitewater center. 7.3 miles, go across upper bridge, do 1 limb of Bearpaw to Chestnut, then around the Riverview loop, then back to WW center.

Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN

C3##

Rock Creek Trail and Dry Pond Lead Trail in Ocoee Gorge ,TN. 7.4 miles. Stream crossing Short shuttle.

Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN

C2##

Summer Waterfalls Hike. We'll hike first to 250 ft. Dukes Creek Falls for an easy 2.2 miles. Then on to Raven Cliff Falls where we'll have lunch at the base of the cliffs. A total of 7.2 delightful miles.

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C3 ##

Trails of Tallulah Gorge State Park - This includes a visit to the Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretative Center displays and the excellent 20-minute movie on the gorge. Then we will hike the North Rim Trail with its views of several waterfalls; go down Hurricane Falls staircase to the swinging bridge (about 200 steps each way), hike the High Bluff Loop, and maybe trek a portion of the Stoneplace Trail. Moderate hike with no long climbs (except the steps) - distance is 6- 8 miles depending on how much the group decides to do.

Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee.

C3##

Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mountain on the AT and return. This 7.6 mile hike has spectacular views from Cowrock, Wolf Laurel Top and Levelland Mountains
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C3 ##

Trails of the Ocoee River. Good 7+ mile hike, beginning at Thunder Rock Campground, climbs the Benton MacKaye Trail moderately, then other trails to return to the Ocoee WW Center. Return to our vehicles via the Rhododendron Trail along the river. The rhododendron should be in full bloom in early June.
Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown

C3##

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. Short car shuttle.
Meet at Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee

C3

Unicoi Turnpike Trail and Benton MacKaye Trail. Come walk some actual pieces of the famous Cherokee Trail of Tears of 200 years ago, then the other half is the Benton MacKaye Trail. 7 miles total. 4:30 hrs. The trip includes CCC camp site and side trip to Buck Bald's vista.
Meet at Pigley Wigley Ducktown

C4##

Vogel State Park to Blood Mountain on the Coosa Backcountry Trail and AT, then down to Byron Reece parking area. Strenuous hike with 2,200 ft. ascent and 1,200 ft. descent. 6 miles. Short shuttle.
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.

C2***

Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot to Young Harris College. This is a 6.5 mile hike, but it's all down hill. Shuttle or key exchange required.
Meet at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church parking lot in Young Harris.

C4

Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob. 7.6 miles. Hike north on Bartram Trail into a dense mountain laurel and rhododendron forest. At 2.2 miles visit Martin Creek Falls, continue another 1.7 miles to Courthouse Gap and then take the 0.5 mile side trail to Pinnacle Knob for a spectacular rocky vista. Option for after hike refreshment on the porch of Rumor Haz-It.
Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church in Hiawassee

C3

Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and back. A 7.4 mile moderate hike on the AT with optional additional 1.4 mile round trip to Big Tree (Wasilik Poplar).
Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.

C3##

Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on the AT. 7.2 miles round trip. A moderate hike with two nice viewpoints.
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180

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. Very scenic hike with flame azaleas in spring
Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180

C3##

Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Jarrard Gap on the AT, then down to Lake Winfield Scott for a total of 6.3 miles, or continue on to Slaughter Creek Trail for a longer 9.5 mile walk. Shuttle required.

Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180

C3***

Yellow Mountain Trail in the Coosa Wildlife Management Area. 7 miles and 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 Campground. Relax with your feet in the beautiful creek at the end of the hike.

Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville.