MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Fall 2018

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 2	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the
9 AM	view from top is well worth the effort. A 3.8 mile round trip hike. Then a side trip to
B3	Rufus Morgan Falls for an additional 2 miles. Rufus Morgan Falls is located on SR1310
	toward Franklin then take Forest Service Road 388.
0-42	Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Candy Retter 706-897-9538
Oct 2	Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Ana Ruby Falls and return. A moderate 9 mile hike with lunch at the falls.
9 AM D3 **	
Oct 4 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 4	
9 AM	Park Creek Trail to Footbridge & Return - This rather flat river walk is peaceful and beautiful in deep forest. From the Standing Indian Backcountry Parking to the bridge over
B2	Park Creek just beyond its confluence with the Nantahala River is a truly leisure hike.
<u>D2</u>	This in and out hike is a little over two miles each way, giving a total of about 4.5 miles.
	Suggest that the group go past the Park Creek bridge a hundred yards for a great cascade
	that is virtually a small waterfall. Then advance another hundred yards to the steep stairs
	and turn around to retrace you steps.
	Meeting: Ingles at Hayesville Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Oct. 8	Covered Dish Picnic / Business Meeting at Tom & Betty Rose Shope Pavilion,
12 Noon	Blairsville.
Monday	Bring a covered dish for 8.
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	For info & Directions call: Candy Retter 706-897-9538 or cfretter4@gmail.com
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9 AM	Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 18	TN Benton MacKaye Trail from FS Rd. 221 to Thunder Rock Campground -
9 AM	Autumn color should be approaching toward peak as we partake of this mostly downhill
B1	trek. The upper part of this journey is through some rather large trees nearing or at old
	growth status. Mileage about 3.4; modest shuttle.
	Meeting: Old Piggly Wiggly parking lot, Ducktown Laurie Columbo 530-295-7639
Oct 23	Cherohala Skyway fall color hikes: plan to spend the day traveling from NC to TN along
9 AM B3##	43 miles of beautiful scenery, 5 mi. of hiking. Elevation gain is over 4000 ft. so expect lots of different fall color. We will stop at several overlooks (a couple with bathrooms)
DSππ	and eat at the Tellico Grains Bakery in Tellico Plains after hiking Huckleberry Bald with
	360 views for 2.4 miles RT, 364 ft. elevation gain and Fall Branch Falls for 2.6 miles RT,
	515 ft. elevation gain. This enchanted forest has gnarled old-growth trees tumbling down
	to a 70 ft. waterfall. The trail can be slippery in spots, difficult footing, very steep for 1/4
	mi.
	Meeting: Andrews Rest Area off HWY 64 Leader: Pam Sullivan - pams11@tds.net
Oct 23	Classic Fall Hike: Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx. 9 miles. Peak
9 AM	Color. Martin at In also Portion a lat in Have swills
D3	Meeting: Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Oct 25 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 25	Brasstown Bald Summit and Wagon Train Trail Two Miles Each Way - First we'll
9 AM	take the shuttle to the top of Brasstown at the observation deck to enjoy all it's fall glory -
B3	bring a little cash for the shuttle. Then we will walk down the paved trail to the Wagon
	Train Trail, turn left, and trek out this trail for almost two miles to the second vista, the
	one where finally you can look back up at the Brasstown summit with tower. Autumn
	should be about at peak. Our main uphill will be returning to the Brasstown parking lot,
	but it is a modest grade. Parking fee required or Golden Age/Senior Pass. Total miles,
	about 4.5. Mosting: Plainwille Park and Pide (on Jeekle Con et 0.20). NEEDS HIVE LEADED.
Oct 30	Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride (or Jack's Gap at 9:20) NEEDS HIKE LEADER Wagon Train Trail/Arkaquah Trail combo hike. We will start at Brasstown Bald
9 AM	parking area and hike out and back on the Wagon Train Trail about 2 miles to viewpoint
C2## *	then return to parking area and hike about 1.5 miles out and back on the Arkaquah trail.
	Total of about 7 miles. Wilderness area: group size rules apply. Parking fee required or
	Golden Age Pass.
	Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Evelin Yarns 828-837-7237
Oct 30	Chunky Gal Trail from Perry Gap to Glade Gap. We will start at Perry Gap and hike
8 AM C3 * *	south about two hours to the summit of Boteler Peak which has perhaps the best views of
C3 **	any summit in the Nantahala's. Then we continue walking south about another two hours to Glade Gap at Highway 64. 6 miles Short shuttle.
	Meeting: Ingles in Hayesville Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Nov 1	NC Trail Maintenance Day
9 AM	Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 1	Betty Creek Gap South on Appalachian Trail to Vista & Return - Again we exploit
9 AM	the wonders of autumn, perhaps starting to wane a bit at this elevation. Using the Betty
В3	Creek Gap Trail for 0.2 mi, then southward on the AT for exactly 2.0, we arrive at the
	stupendous Little Ridgepole vista of Pickens Nose, the Little Tennessee River Valley,
	Rabun Bald, Whiteside Mountain west of Highlands, and glorious other ridges and peaks.
	Wonderful! Then we return to our vehicles by the same route northward. Total hiking
	miles: 4.4.
	Meeting: Ingles in Hayesville NEEDS HIKE LEADER

Duncan Ridge trail from Hwy 180 to White Oak Stomp and back. B 4 approx. 6 miles strenuous up an down. First half mile is moderate. Great views from Coosa Bald along the way. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 near Richard B Russell Hwy. Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358 Nov 6 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. Wilderness area restrictions. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church lot on Hwy 180. Steve Dennison 706-299-6825 Nov 8 Nov 8 Nov 1 Trail Maintenance Day 9 AM Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 Nov 8 Benton MacKaye Trail from the Toccoa River Swinging Bridge to GA Hwy. 60-First will be our drive on Forest Service Rd. 816 to the bridge parking area, then a quick jaunt down to that fabulous 260-foot Toccoa River suspension bridge over the rushing argids. Then we turn north and hike up notor Tocnowee Mountain (ves. some climb, but moderate with nice breaks, then you travel along the ridge and come downhill the last mile. All very scenic; total mileage about 3.8. (Some shuttle at trip's end.) Andthe leader plans to tell a tittle history of how and when that swinging bridge came to be - the even watched it being built he's so ancient! Meeting: Blainswille Park & Ridge to trailhead parking on GA 60 at 9:30) Leader: George Owen 706-374-4716 Nov 13 9 AM B1 Nov 13 Nov 15 Nov 14 Hike Inn Trail. 4.9 miles from Amicalola Falls State Park to Len Foote Hike Inn. 4.9 miles return. 9.8 mil total. Several moderate climbs but slower paced hike. Meet at Blainsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 Nov 15 Nov 20 9 AM Meet: Blainsville Park and Ride Marjoric Hornsby 828-415-1530 Meet at Blainsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 Nov 20 9 AM Cohuttas: Gabutti Trail toop at Fort Mtn. State Park to Len Foote Hike Inn. 4.9 miles return. 9.8 mile trail last quanter, but we haven't done the shorter, easier new two-mile tra		
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Nov 27 9 AM D4	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob and return for a 8.4 mile hike. The climb to the top from the Bartram trail has a new trail section. This makes the trail a little longer but dramatically better. Meeting: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Nov 29	NC Trail Maintenance Day
9 AM	Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 29 9 AM B2	Three Georgia Waterfalls Along U.S. 19 - Start at Vogel State Park with the walk around the lake and visiting the Trahlyta Falls at the north end. Then we drive on to nearby Helton Creek Falls. The trip ends with the two falls available to the public at Desoto Falls Campground/Recreation Area. All three treks are loop or in-and-out - no shuttle. Hiking miles: Just under 4 miles. Vogel requires fee or state pass, and Desoto Falls requires fee or federal pass. Meet at intersection of U.S. 19 and GA 180 toward Brasstown Bald. NEEDS HIKE LEADER
Dec 4	Benton MacKaye Trail, Section 15 near Coker Creek, TN. Moderate 4.2 miles in and
9 AM B3##	out, from Sandy Gap NC to Sixmile Gap, with the optional side trip up Waucheesi Mountain. The side trip will add @ 1.5 miles but includes GREAT 360° views. The main trail walks the ridge along the TN/NC line, with beautiful views in the winter, and a stone state line marker engraved in the 1821 state line survey. Total: 5.7 mi. Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown TN
Dec 4	Please text if you plan to attend: Ken 423-506-8128 or Phyllis 828-646-8925 Hemp Top: this 8 mile hike will start at Dally Gap, join the BMT at Spanish Oaks, and
9 AM D3##	pass Penitentiary trail intersection on to Hemp top where we will return via same trail. May see ruins of old fire tower atop Hemp top Mtn. We will start hiking from Dally Gap. Shuttle 15 miles paved plus 4 miles dirt Meeting: Home Depot in Blue Ridge Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
Dec 6	NC Trail Maintenance Day
9 AM	Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 6 9 AM B2	Boyd Gap to Thunder Rock Campground - We begin this extreme southeastern corner of TN journey at Boyd Gap parking with its awesome vista of 4,224 Big Frog Mountain, highest point on the Benton MacKaye Trail in GA and TN until Whigg Meadow near the Cherohala Scenic Highway just before the BMT leaves TN. After drinking in the view of Big Frog and surrounding ridges, our journey is almost all modestly downhill until the trip's conclusion at Thunder Rock. Trails used will be the Boyd Gap, Old Copper Road, and Rhododendron and will include passing the U.S. Forest Service's Ocoee Whitewater Center that celebrates being the location of the 1996 Olympic whitewater events. Total mileage: Just one side or the other of 5 miles, but a most pleasant downhill overall. Meeting: Old Piggly Wiggly parking lot, Ducktown Evelin Yarns 828-837-7237
Dec 6th 6:00 pm	Covered Dish Supper / Christmas Party / Elections / Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Club will supply a TurkeyBring a covered dish for 8. For info call: Candy Retter 706-897-9538 or cfretter4@gmail.com
Dec 11	Fall Branch Falls parking lot on BMT to junction with Stanley Gap trail at Weaver
9 AM	Creek section and return. No shuttle. 6.4 miles.
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Dec 13	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.
9 AM	Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 13	PARTLY NEW: Some Trails of Tallulah Gorge State Park - This trip includes several
9 AM	trails at the state park, including one for the leisure hikes we don't believe has been done
B3	before. In the morning we will visit the north rim trail system overlooking several
	waterfalls and one modest backcountry trail. Close to noon we will eat at a nearby
	restaurant next to the state park. We will visit an old-time (over 100-years-old) store with
	great things to see and ice cream, then conclude the day hiking the 1.7 rail-to-trail paved
	but quite flat greenway with a great bridge (our new item for the day). Total hiking:
	Between 4.5 and 5.2 miles, depending. All this is a wonderful way to escape the
	Christmas rush! Fee or state park pass needed for vehicles. Short shuttle.
	Meet at the Lake Chatuge Park & Ride lot just east of Hiawassee
	Leader: George Owen 706-374-4716
Dec 18	Bartram Trail. Nantahala Gorge Duke Power Plant 1400 ft. elevation change to Jarett
9 AM	Mtn. 5.2 miles total. Partial old road hike with beautiful views. It's downhill on our
B3	return. Moderate Pace and frequent stops on the way to the top. Social time afterwards in
	Andrews for those wishing to join.
D 40	Meet: Murphy, NC Ingles Hwy 19 Tom & Carolyn Sewell 706-669-4916
Dec 18	BMT from Bushy Head Gap 7.6 miles in and out – fairly steep climb.
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C3	Meet Blue Ridge Home Depot. Steve Dennison 706-299-6825.
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