

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2019

<p>Oct 1 9 AM B2</p>	<p>Earl's Ford to Dicks Creek on the Bartram Trail. 6 mile in and out relative easy hike to a large sandy area on the Chattooga River near Clayton, GA. Good wading or swimming if the weather permits. Meet at Macedonia Church east of Hiawassee Hike Leaders: Tom and Carolyn Sewell 706-669-6406</p>
<p>Oct 1 9 AM D3</p>	<p>Hogpen Gap on the Richard Russell Hwy. To Low Gap Shelter and return. A mod. 8.4 mi. hike on the AT. Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180. Leader: Art Rosenberg 352-573-1960</p>
<p>Oct 3 9AM B2</p>	<p>Lake Chatuge Dam - 4 miles - very easy and senic Meeting: Ingles in Hayesville Leader: Jo Hubbard 727-743-3372</p>
<p>Oct 3 9AM</p>	<p>NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
<p>Oct 8 9AM B3</p>	<p>Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., . The trail passes Indian Grave Gap (3113 ft), a fabulous hillside of galax, the "cheese factory" turnoff, a viewpoint just before Tray Mt. (4430 ft). Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church Leader: Candy Retter 706-897-9538</p>
<p>Oct 8 9AM D3</p>	<p>Three Forks to Springer. Walk south for 4.3 miles to the start of the Appalachian Trail and return the same way. Maybe you will see a "south bound thru-hiker" just finishing his/her hike. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville. Leader: Ken Cissna 813-310-6084</p>
<p>Oct 10 9AM B2</p>	<p>Leisure Hike - 5 miles worth of Brush Creek Trail, in and out from the lot on 64. Views of the Ocoee Lake along the way. Meet: Piggly Wiggly Parking lot in Ducktown, TN Leader: Tim Holby 828-361-4205</p>
<p>Oct 10 9AM</p>	<p>NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
<p>Oct 15 9AM B2-3</p>	<p>Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated easy moderate. Meet: Food Lion in Blue Ridge Leader: Candy Retter 706-897-9538</p>
<p>Oct 15 9AM C3❖❖</p>	<p>Chunky Gal Trail from Perry Gap to Glade Gap. We will start at Perry Gap and hike south about two hours to the summit of Boteler Peak which has perhaps the best views of 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 Leader: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
<p>Oct 17 9AM A2</p>	<p>Leisure Hike - Autumn Drive/Hike to Pickens Nose Vistas & Falls with Late Lunch - This is a fall color event the leader initiated last year. We drive slowly up Forest Service Rd. 67 from the Standing Indian Mtn. Backcountry Information Parking to Pickens Nose parking, hopefully drinking in the forest ablaze with some color. Hike in and out on the Pickens Nose Trail (0.7 mi. ea. way) to two fabulous overlooks on rock bluffs. We return on this good gravel road to also take in short walks to two waterfalls, Mooney and Big Laurel. Total trek in entire hikes: 2.6. Eat at Hayesville restaurant on</p>

	<p>return. Meet at Ingles, Hayesville or at 9:30 in Standing Indian backcountry parking with prior arrangement with leader Leader: George Owen</p>
Oct 17 9AM	<p>NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
Oct 22 9AM C3	<p>Rabun Bald to Hale Ridge Road on the Bartram Trail - This trek of about 6 miles total begins with a stout climb up Rabun Bald from Beegum gap. Atop that summit we enjoy the observation tower viewing deck for a good 360-degree vista. Then we trek 4.2 miles on the Bartram Trail to Hale Ridge Road to end our jaunt. (Consider possibility of meal together afterwards in Clayton.) Shuttle. Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Leader: Pam & Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</p>
Oct 22 9AM D3	<p>Classic Hike: Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx. 9 miles. Winter views outstanding. Wilderness area: group size rules apply. Meet: Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Pat Hill 513-405-0211</p>
Oct 24 9AM B2-3	<p>Leisure Hike - Three Forks to Meadow Vista on BMT - Enjoy both a waterfall and peak-top meadow on this trek. Hike from Three Forks on joint AT/BMT to Long Creek Falls, then onward on the Benton MacKaye Trail to a mountain summit vista of Springer Mountain to the southwest. Return the same way. Modest climb the first mile, then steep climb the last quarter mile of the second mile - take it slow and easy. Mostly downhill in return. Round-trip mileage = 4.2. Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride or at Three Forks parking at 9:40. Leader: Frank & Michelle Maloney 706-745-9211</p>
Oct 24 9AM	<p>NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
Oct 29 9AM C3	<p>Chestnut Mountain Loop Trail . This is a 7.7 mile moderate hike opposite the Ocoee Whitewater Center in TN. Much of the trail is along an old logging road with early fall color. Good hike in winter with lower elevation, views. Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Leader: Laurie Columbo 530-295-7639</p>
Oct 29 9AM C3	<p>Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob and return for a 8 mile hike. The last half mile is steep, but the view from the top is worth the climb. Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Leader: Pat Hill 513-405-0211</p>
Oct 31 9AM B3	<p>Two loops of the Jack Rabbit Trails. We'll do the Central Loop for 3.1 miles and the Burrell Cove Trail for 1.7 miles for a total of 4.8 easy miles. Wear your best Halloween apparel. Maybe lunch afterward in Hayesville. Meet at first Jack Rabbit hike/bike trails parking on left just past Baptist Church off NC 175. Leader: Margie Hornsby 828-415-1530</p>
Oct 31 9AM	<p>NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
Nov 5 9AM## B3	<p>Dally Gap to Spanish Oaks then down to Watson Gap on the Benton MacKaye Trail. Approximately 5 miles with a 4.5 mile shuttle. Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge Hike Leaders: Tom and Carolyn Sewell 706-669-6406</p>
Nov 5 9AM## D3	<p>Hike Inn Trail. 4.9 miles from Amicalola Falls State Park to Len Foote Hike Inn, 4.9 miles return. 9.8 mi total. Several moderate climbs but slower paced hike. Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride</p>

	Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Nov 7 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - NEW: Some High Trails of Black Rock Mtn. State Park - This includes the high and spectacular vistas of the upper Tennessee Rocke Loop Trail and one or two other short jaunts. Fairly short steep climb mid-hike of about quarter mile. Total mileage between 3.5 and 4 mi. Lunch afterwards at a really good restaurant in Dillard Meet at Lake Chatuge Park and Ride east of downtown Hiawassee, GA. Leader: George Owen 706-374-4716
Nov 7 9AM	NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 12 9AM C3	Fall Branch Falls parking lot on BMT to junction with Stanley Gap trail at Weaver Creek section and return. No shuttle. 6.4 miles. Meet at Food Lion in Blue Ridge Leader: Ken Cissna 813-310-6084
Nov 12 9AM E3	Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald on the AT. Trail climbs from 4,188 ft. at Crest to 5,342 ft. at observation tower with some ups and downs in between. 8.4 miles round trip. Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Leader:Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Nov14 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - NEW: Albert Mountain Parking Area north to Long Branch Shelter and Return - Starting in the parking lot, we take the 0.2-mi. blue blaze trail to the Appalachian Trail, turning north on this for 2.3 miles to reach the Long Branch AT shelter. Built in 2011, this facility replaced one closer to Albert Mtn. Then we return the same way, with a slowly-taken quarter-mile uphill until it begins to level off the rest of the way. That gives us 5.0 miles. Anyone wishing may also take the steep side trek to Albert's summit view and return. Meet at Ingles, Hayesville, NC. Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Nov 14 9AM	NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 19 9AM B2-3	Cooper Gap to Gooch Gap on AT. Hike north on the AT back to Gooch Gap, stopping at Gooch Gap Shelter for lunch. 5 miles total. Easy hike with mild ups and downs. We will drive to Gooch Gap then shuttle to Coopers Gap on FS 42 (about 7 miles) Meet: Hwy 129/180 Blairsville parking lot @ 9:00 or Hwy 180/60 Suches Gas Station @ 9:30 Leader: Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924
Nov 19 9AM C3	Standing Indian Area - Mooney Gap to Carter Gap Shelter and return. Approx 8 miles in and out, no shuttle. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Nov 21 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Watson Gap to Dyer Gap on BMT - We first do the 3+ mi. ea. way shuttle to avoid the long uphill near Watson Gap, and instead start hiking at Watson Gap. Then it's a long downhill to the Jacks River to course along that, consider a 0.2 mi. each way side trip to a waterfall, then return the much shorter uphill to Dyer Gap to complete the hike. Total hike, either 4.5 mi. or 5.0 mi., depending on taking in side visit to waterfall. Meet at back of Home Depot near Dairy Queen in Blue Ridge. Leader: Evelin Yarns 828-837-7237
Nov 21 9AM	NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 26 9AM C3	Piney Knob trails in Murphy, The Gobbler for pre thanksgiving hike approx. 6+ miles. Moderate difficulty. Meet at 9 AM, Comfort Grub parking lot on US 64 or at trailhead at 9:15 Leader: Pam Sullivan, pams11@tds.net

Nov 26 9AM D3	Rabun Bald. Hike on the Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge road to summit of Rabun Bald and return the same way. Approx. 10 miles. Moderate hike. Plan on dinner in Clayton afterwards? Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawassee Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Nov 28	NO HIKE TODAY
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Dec 3 10 AM C3	River View Loop at Ocoee Whitewater Center - This is a good 6+-mile hike, starting and finishing at the Whitewater Center. From that center we first climb the Bearpaw and Chstnut Mtn. trails to the River View loop, then return on the other limb of Bearpaw Trail. Federal fee area or senior pass needed. Meet at Piggly Wiggly, Ducktown, TN Leader: Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 3 9AM C3	BMT from Bushy Head Gap 7.6 miles in and out – fairly steep climb. Meet Blue Ridge Home Depot. Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
Dec 5 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Hardeman Farm & Helen Trail, Lunch & Smithgall Woods - Start the day at Georgia's new Hardeman Farm State Park with the 10 a.m. guided tour of home and adjacent facilities. Then walk both ways the one-mile-long Hardeman-Farm-to-Helen ADA accessible paved trail along the Chattahoochee River (2 mi. total walk). Briefly journey later noon hour to lunch at Helen's Hofer's German Restaurant. After lunch walk off your lunch on the way home at nearby Smithgall Woods State Park, where we will take the mild 1.6 mi. Laurel Ridge Trail with about 275-ft. gradual climb in the first mile to the summit's newly-reopened grand vista of Yonah Mountain several miles away. Total mileage for day - a little under 4.0 including Hardeman Farm walking. Meet at U.S. 19 and GA 180 toward Brasstown Bald at 9:00 or Hardeman Farm parking lot at 9:30. NOTE: There is a \$5 fee per person for the Hardeman Farm guided tour. Leader: George Owen 706-374-4716
Dec 6th 6:00 pm	Covered Dish Supper / Christmas Party / Elections / Business Meeting at First United Methodist Church - 938 Highway 515 Blairsville GA. Club will supply a TurkeyBring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Tim Holby 828-361-4205
Dec 5 9AM	NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 10 9AM## B4	Benton MacKaye Trail, Section 15 near Coker Creek, TN. Moderate 4.2 miles in and 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: Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Leader: Pam & Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 10 9AM D3	Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter , in and out on the AT. 9 miles. Moderate with some steep climbs. Trail passes Dick's Creek Gap 2675 ft, Cowart Gap 2920 ft, Buzzard Knob 3760 ft, and Plum Orchard Gap 3090 ft. Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
Dec 12 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - PARTLY NEW: Tanasi Trails System Using Quartz Loop, Benton MacKaye, Chestnut Mtn., & Thunder Rock Trails to Ocoee River - Wow! Parts of lotta trails here! After the Quartz Loop Spur (2.2 mi.), which varies little in elevation, the rest of our trekking, about 3 mi., is mostly downhill. Come and get away from all the holiday traffic, noise, and shopping to enjoy the

	woods on a total hike of about five miles, plus or minus. It's new to us, start high and end low at TVA powerhouse #3 and Thunder Rock Campground parking. Meet at old Piggly Wiggly parking, Ducktown, TN. Leader: George Owen 706-374-4716
Dec 12 9AM	NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 17 9AM C2	Brush Creek Trail near the Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6.5 mile easy to moderate hike from Boyd Gap overlook with good views of the lake. Short shuttle required. Meet: Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Leader: Evelin Yarns 828-837-7237
Dec 17 9AM## C3	Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Gap loop. This is a pleasant 6 mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Leader: Jerry Mason 404-435-0989
Dec 19 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Winding Stair Gap on AT South to Old Log Steps & Return - Begin with a 550-ft. climb gradually to 4,400 ft. in first mile, turn around as serious downhill is about to begin at the old log steps at abandoned logging roadbed and return. Total is exactly 5.0 miles round-trip. Two little side trails along ridge top lead to part vistas. Meet at Ingles, Hayesville. Leader: Evelin Yarns 828-837-7237
Dec 19 9AM	NC / GA Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 24	Christmas Eve! No hike today!
Dec 26 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Trails of Lake Nottely - Dec. 26 may be the start of Kwanzaa, but Hanukkah (Dec. 23) and Christmas (Dec. 25) are past, and so is the start of winter and the solstice (Dec. 21), and it's time to start hiking again. This pleasant little jaunt first takes in the 2.5-mi. new Lake Nottely Trail on the lake's northwest side with this loop trail's parking lot just off GA Hwy. 325 near the fire station and Loving Rd. terminus. Then we drive across the dam to take in two short trails there along the Nottely River. All together we can get in about four miles. Meet at Blairsville Park & Ridge @ 9:00 to share ride. Hike leader will meet you at trailhead parking closest to Loving Rd. at 9:15. Leader: Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358
Dec 26	No Trail Maintenance Today.
Dec 31 9AM B3	Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolfpen Gap to Barnett Gap. At Calf Stomp Gap we will take FS road 108 down to Burnett Gap. 900 foot elevation climb at start of hike. 5.1 mi. Short shuttle. ^[1] _[SEP] Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Leader: Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358
Dec 31 9AM 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: Park & Ride in Blairsville or meet hike leader at 9:30 at trailhead. Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825