

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2020

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 1 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Unicoi Turnpike Trail ("Trail of Tears") and brief BMT portions - This extreme southeastern TN trek features first doing an in-out portion of the "Cherokee Trail of Tears" followed by two in-out sections of the Benton MacKaye Trail (BMT) nearby. We also conclude with the little drive beyond the BMT to the lovely 360-degree vista across three states atop Buck Bald. Hiking distance is over 4 mi, and mostly easy except for a couple short moderate climbs. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 1	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 6 9AM B3	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the view from top is well worth the effort. A 3.8 mile round trip hike. Then a side trip to Rufus Morgan Falls for an additional 2 miles. Rufus Morgan Falls is located on SR1310 toward Franklin then take Forest Service Road 388. Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 6 9AM D4	Dicks Creek Gap to Kelly Knob. Start at Dicks Creek Gap and hike south over Powell Mountain, McClure Gap, Deep Gap and climb the north side of Kelly Knob. Great view from Kelly Summit. Return the same way. 9 miles total. NO SHUTTLE. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 8 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Springer Mountain upper AT, BMT loop, GA - Fall colors are starting, and this 4.2 mi. moderately easy loop features using two of the Southeast's premier trails - starting off and finishing with the Appalachian Trail and utilizing the Benton MacKaye Trail for much of the trek's middle portion. This trek features two great vistas, one each atop Springer Mtn. and the other on the BMT. This is a favorite and often used loop of the Mtn. High Hikers. Please call hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 8 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 13 9AM B2	Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated easy moderate. Please call hike leader Frank Sacco 954-290-5805 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 13 9AM D3	Chunky Gal Trail from Glade Gap to the summit of Boteler Peak which has perhaps the best views of any summit in the Nantahala's. Return the same way with NO SHUTTLE. 6 miles. Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 15 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - NEW - Amadahy Trail - This first-time leisure hike southwest several miles of Ellijay, GA is a wonderful loop of about 4 miles with much of it in wonderful views on a peninsula of large Carter Lake. (There is a tie here to the story/movie "Deliverance.") A side trail for great early lunch views brings total distance to almost five miles. Please call hike leader Darcy Douglas 404-431-3614 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 15 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 20 9AM B3	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., the second highest point in GA. 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). Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you

	plan to do this hike.
Oct 20 9AM D4	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. NO SHUTTLE. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 22 9AM B2/B3	Leisure Hike - Third annual autumn color ride/hike to Pickens Nose, NC - Our short little car train will again for the third straight year travel slowly the quite good U.S. Forest Service road from Standing Indian backcountry parking, drinking in one of the finest areas of fall color display. Along the way we have a couple waterfall short in-out walks and top it all off with the mile each way in-out hike on Pickens Nose to two fabulous overlooks. Total walking miles is about four, with one steep uphill a short distance at Pickens Nose for a quarter mile. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 22 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Oct 27 9AM B3	Bartram Trail. Nantahala Gorge Duke Power Plant 1400 ft. elevation change to Jarett Mtn. 5.2 miles total. Partial old road hike with beautiful views. It's downhill on our return. Moderate Pace and frequent stops on the way to the top. NEED HIKE LEADER
Oct 27 9AM E4	Long Branch Trail to Albert Mt. 10.5 miles. Up the Long Branch Trail tom the AT and on to Albert Mt. and return. Start at Back Country Information center at Standing Indian. NO SHUTTLE! Please call hike leader Don Muhleman 210-316-6614 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 29 9AM B2/B3	Leisure Hike - Wagon Train Trail to second overlook - Enjoy more fall color venture atop Georgia's Brasstown Bald's northern ridge. Trek out to the second overlook and back on a walk a little over 4 miles. It's a wonderful high autumn hike, with intermittent modest uphill parts of the 2+ miles back. Another old MHH favorite. Please call hike leader Evelin Yarns 919-530-9640 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 29 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 3 9AM B3	Fires Creek. From recreation area pass by Leatherwood Falls, then take Rim Access Trail for another 2 miles of steady ascent. Return down access trail and complete Leatherwood Falls loop for 5 miles (3.5 hours). Steep uphill section. Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 3 9AM 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. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 5 9AM B3/B4	Leisure Hike - PART NEW - Scaly and Chinguapin Mountains - An "Awesome balsam" hike with multiple vistas, great autumn viewing! Don't tell area chambers of commerce, but with global warming our part of the country usually has fall peak viewing tops now in early November! Expect it here! We start out in-out with the Hickory Knut Trail (yes, that's with a "k") to the Bartram Trail and multiple vistas off 4,804' Scaly Mtn. Then we drive a very short distance to "The Mountain" resort center nearby atop Little Scaly Mtn. to trek to nearby Chinguapin Mtn. for more wonderful vistas close together. Total hike mileage will be a bit over five miles but it's worth it, and at a slow pace on the ups and downs, for a wonderful day trip that's special! Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
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Nov 10 9AM B3	Dally Gap to Spanish Oaks on the BMT then down to Jacks River Trail and back to Dally Gap. Approx 6 miles. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 10 9AM D3	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx 9 miles. This is a MHH favorite at any season of the year. Lunch on the summit makes the walk up worth it! No shuttle. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Nov12 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Upper Ocoee River trail system double loop in TN - Quartz Loop, 1330 Bypass, and Chestnut Mountain trails back to start at FS Rd. 221/BMT intersection. It's about five miles altogether, and a relatively easy hike in the wonderful Cherokee National Forest. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 12 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 17 9AM 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. Excellent views. Icy in winter. Used for military maneuvers: ranger office number to coordinate access is 706-864-3367. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Nov 17 9AM D3##	Lake Winfield Scott- Slaughter Gap-Jarrard Gap loop with lunch at Woods Hole Shelter. Climb Blood Mountain. A moderate 9 mile hike. Please call or text hike leader Ann Sylvester at 239-543-9563 if you plan to do this hike
Nov 19 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Three Forks east toward Hawk Mountain to FS Rd. 251 and return - This GA trek includes Long Creek Falls on the way and reaches FS Rd. 251 in 1.9 mi. A little side walk into the nearby cemetery shelter features the wonder whirlagig type of merry-go-round to play on. Total mileage including the side trip into the cemetery gives us four-mile in-and-out. Modest uphill on the Appalachian Trail is spread over the trek going in, and thus mostly downhill the almost two miles coming out. Please call hike leader Evelin Yarns 919-530-9640 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 19 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Nov 24 9AM C3##	Deep Gap south on old and new AT. See aircraft crash site and Ravenrock Cliffs. This is a moderate round trip hike of 6.5 miles. (4:30 hrs) Please text hike leader Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 24 9AM D4	Hike Inn, A.T. Connecting, and Appalachian Approach Trails. This is a 10.2-mile loop hike starting out atop Amicalola Falls, taking the pleasant Hike Inn Trail to the Hike Inn, then continuing a mile on the connector trail to the Appalachian Approach Trail, the latter upon which we will return full circle back to our vehicles parked near the top of the falls. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 26	Thanksgiving – No hike today.
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Dec 1 9AM B3	Cohuttas: Gahutti Trail loop at Fort Mtn. State Park. Start at park entrance Gahutti to Goldmine Trail to Lake Trail to Rock Trail and back on Gahutti Trail, 5.3 mile. Variety of terrain, minor stream crossings, great views. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 1 9AM D3	Standing Indian Area. Mooney Gap to Carter Gap Shelter on the AT for a 9.2 mile round trip hike. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 3	Leisure Hike - NEW - Yonah Preserve Trail - This combination bike/hike trails around a

9AM B1	lovely reservoir north of Cleveland, GA is rather new and close to U.S. 19 south of Neels Gap. We will hike part of the trails in this new area - rather easy. Distance covered to be announced later. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 3 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 8 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. Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 8 9AM C4	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob and return for a 7.6 mile hike. The last half mile is very steep, but the view from the top is worth the climb. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 10 9AM B1/B2	Leisure Hike - NEW COMBINATION - We begin the morning with the 2.5 miles loop of the Lake Nottely trail. Then we travel to the small but lovely wooded Mineral Springs Park double loop trail in Blue Ridge for a short walk. We conclude with another short drive in Blue Ridge to the two also easy trails totalling about 2 mi. on a U.S. Forest Service peninsula on the northwest shore of Lake Blue Ridge. Total walks' distance - just under 5 miles. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 10 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 15 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. NEED HIKE LEADER
Dec 15 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? NO SHUTTLE! Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 17 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Some trails of Chilhowee Mountain - In this lovely rather flat mountaintop area of southeastern Tennessee we start out from the Ocoee River Gorge, and on our way up the Oswald Dome Rd. from U.S. 64 and Parksville Lake, still in our vehicles, we stop at some beautiful vistas for the views. From the mountaintop lake we first hike out to Benton Falls. On the way back we take one or two short loops to complete our trip, arriving back at our vehicles after 4-5 miles, distance and loops at the discretion of the hike leader. Please call hike leader Anne Anderson 423-284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 17 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Dec 22 9AM A3##	Jacks Gap on the Jacks Knob Trail up to Brasstown Bald. This 2.4 mile hike with some strenuous switchbacks ascent descent of 1,400 feet. Please text hike leader Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 22 9AM D3	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. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Dec 24 9AM	Leisure Hike - Two trails of Jackrabbit Mountain bike/hiking trails - This NC trek overlooking Lake Chatuge includes two loops totaling 4.6 miles - the 3.1 Central Loop

