

**MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR**  
**Fall 2022**

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

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| <b>OCT 4<br/>B3</b>  | In Cooper Creek Yellow Mountain Trail to Bryant Creek return via Mill Shoals Total 7.2 miles. Moderate hike. <b>Please contact Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>OCT 4<br/>D4</b>  | Weaver Creek – hike SOBO on the BMT up to Rocky Mountain and return. 8.5 miles Strenuous, elevation gain in both directions. <b>Please contact Linda Hiles (954) 445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>OCT 6<br/>B2</b>  | <b>Leisure Hike -</b> Chatuge Dam, Clay County Rec area. It's about 4 miles round-trip and it's flat. coordinates 35.0181° N, 83.7910° W. <b>Please contact Jo Hubbard (727) 743-3372 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>OCT 6</b>         | <b>Trail Maintenance:</b><br><b>Fires Creek -</b> Big Stamp to Will King Gap down Phillip Ridge. Brush cutting, lopping and chain saw work for 5.6 miles. Moderate. <b>Please contact Michael O'Brien (706) 994 1569 if you wish to join us.</b>   |
| <b>OCT 11<br/>C3</b> | Standing Indian Area - Mooney Gap to Carter Gap Shelter and return. Approx 8 miles in and out, no shuttle. <b>Please contact Marjorie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>OCT 11<br/>D4</b> | Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald...Beautiful 360 views from the top. 8.2 miles on the AT. <b>Please contact Mary Frankis (505) 220-8706 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>OCT 13<br/>B2</b> | <b>Leisure Hike - NEW -</b> Upper Arkaquah Trail out of Brasstown Bald parking lot in GA - Out west fairly easy summit trail to "Copperhead Rock" and Brasstown tower view and return, the short uphill from parking on the Jacks Gap trail to first summit and return - under 4 mi. Wilderness, twelve limit. <b>Please contact Mary Neps (<a href="mailto:mjneps@gmail.com">mjneps@gmail.com</a>) or (815) 481-5782 if you plan to do this hike.</b> |
| <b>OCT 13</b>        | <b>Trail Maintenance</b><br><b>Yonah Mtn Rock Step Work</b> Building new rock steps on steep section on Yonah Mtn Trail. <b>Please contact Bronco Burnsworth (315) 591-3167 if you wish to join us.</b>  |
| <b>OCT 18<br/>C3</b> | 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. <b>Please contact Bronco Burnsworth (315) 591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.</b>                  |
| <b>OCT 18<br/>D4</b> | BMT- hike SOBO on the BMT to the Swinging Bridge and return. Elevation gain in both directions for a total of about 1800 ft. This hike is about 8.2 miles and moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>OCT 20<br/>B3</b> | <b>Leisure Hike -</b> Third Annual Fall Color Slow Drive to Pickens Nose and Waterfalls, NC - Enjoy an easy-paced drive from the Standing Indian area backcountry parking all the way to Pickens Nose, trek out the nose ridge a mile to two fantastic vistas, then return driving downhill to visit two waterfalls with short trails - ca. 3.5 mi. <b>Please contact Michele Powell (843) 864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>                   |
| <b>OCT 20</b>        | <b>Trail Maintenance:</b><br><b>OPEN</b>   |
| <b>OCT 25<br/>B3</b> | Testnatee Gap, 5 miles in and out on the AT. Nice views. Optional meal out at El Manzanillo in Blairsville. <b>Please email Pam Sullivan (<a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a>) if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |

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| OCT 25<br>E5   | Rock Gap: hike SOBO on the AT to Albert Mtn Fire Tower and return. 12 miles. <b>Please contact Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| OCT 27<br>B3   | <b>Leisure Hike - Hogpen Gap to Whitley Gap Shelter to Tesnatee Gap, GA - Shorter hike than most leisure hikes - great vistas with a short first climb and a longer one out from the shelter. 3.3 total miles. Wilderness, twelve limit. Very short shuttle. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| OCT 27         | <b>Trail Maintenance .<br/>Fires Creek - Chainsaw work Carver Gap to Leatherwood and water diversion work on Bristol Cabin Trail. Please contact Bronco Burnsworth (315) 591-3167 if you wish to join us.</b>  |
| NOV 1<br>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). <b>Please contact Jerry Mason (404) 435-0989 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| NOV 1<br>D4    | Watson Gap Loop: Hike the BMT to Jack's River to BMT to Hemp Top Trail to Dally Gap. Jack's River Trail back to the BMT and back to Watson Gap. Several creek crossings, you may get wet. Poles highly recommended. 8.8 miles, about 1700 ft. of elevation gain. <b>Please contact Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| NOV 3<br>B1    | <b>Leisure Hike - Leisure Hike - Chestnut Mountain Loop on FS. Rd. 221 to parking near Whitewater Center in TN - From the high gap of the Chestnut Mt. Loop on 221, head east, take the 1330 Bypass Tr. for 0.9 mi. back into the Chestnut Mtn. Loop, then the latter trail to the longer way around on the Bear Paw Loop, all the way to the Whitewater Center and parking. Over 4.5 mi. Shuttle. Please contact Doreen Sasso (239) 565-8482 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| NOV 3          | <b>Trail Maintenance<br/>High Shoals – Lopping and water diversion work. 3 miles round trip. Please contact Bill Johnston (954) 931-1947 if you wish to join us.</b>   |
| NOV 8<br>B4    | 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. <b>Please email Ted Shemella (tshemella@yahoo.com) if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| NOV 8<br>E5    | Woody Gap- hike NOBO on the AT to Slaughter Creek Trail. Descend on Slaughter Creek Trail to Lake Winfield Scott. Short shuttle required. Entrance fee at LWS. Strenuous hike at 10.5 miles. <b>Please contact Ann Sylvester (239) 543-9563 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| NOV 10<br>B1   | <b>Leisure Hike - Leisure Hike - High abandoned Hwy. 64 and easy backcountry parking trail bits - This is a very easy hike with our president leading again after two months recovery from double surgery. We first do walks along streams on the old abandoned U.S 64 on the high plateau near Glade Gap. Then we move to Standing Indian backcountry parking to roam bits of two or more trails near the campground. Our leader so looks forward to being with MHH hikers again. Please come out. Please contact George Owen at 706-374-4716 or his email if you plan to do this hike.</b> |
| NOV 10         | <b>Trail Maintenance .<br/>Late Chatuge Trail Reroute This short reroute is in place to get around lake erosion. Please contact Bronco Burnsworth (315) 591-3167 if you wish to join us.</b>   |
| NOV 15         | Springer Mountain via the Benton MacKaye Trail and return on the AT: 5 mile loop hike. Moderate to strenuous hiking. Lunch on Springer Mountain, the southern terminus of the AT. <b>Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| NOV 15<br>D5   | Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. Everyone's favorite long hike. Great views on top of Siler Bald. 9.6 miles. Strenuous. <b>Please contact Marjorie Hornsby at (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| NOV 17         | <b>Leisure Hike - Leisure Hike - NEW - Wildcat Gap to Coosa Bald and back to GA Hwy.</b>   |

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| <b>B3-4</b>          | 180 in GA - Start out west on the Duncan Ridge Trail from the Forest Service road on Wildcat Gap. The uphill for a good part of a mile is steep, unusually so for most leisure hikes. But we'll take it slow with stops. then finally we reach the rocky top of Coosa Bald with views through the few trees and well over 4,000 feet. Then we repeat the downhill to Wildcat Gap but continue on with winding, more gradual downhill to GA Hwy. 180 at Wolfpen Gap. All this trekking time you are in the Coosa Bald Scenic Area whose thousands of acres were preserved in the waning years of the 20th century. Bit under 4 mi. with short shuttle. <b>Please contact Anne Anderson 423-284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.</b> |
| <b>NOV 17</b>        | <b>Trail Maintenance:<br/>OPEN</b>  |
| <b>NOV 22<br/>C3</b> | Piney Knob trails in Murphy, The Gobbler for pre thanksgiving hike approx. 6+ miles. Moderate difficulty. <b>Please contact Laurie Colombo (530) 295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>NOV 22<br/>D5</b> | Lake Winfield Scott: Slaughter Creek Trail to the AT. NOBO on the AT up and over Blood Mtn. to Freeman Trail. Take Freeman Trail back to the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail. Jarrard Gap Trail back to Lake Winfield Scott. Fee required at LWS. 10 miles. Very strenuous. About 2200 ft. of elevation gain. <b>Please contact Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>NOV 24</b>        | <b>NO Leisure Hike - Thanksgiving</b>   |
| <b>NOV 24</b>        | <b>Trail Maintenance:<br/>Happy Thanksgiving to all!!</b>   |
| <b>NOV 29<br/>B3</b> | 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. <b>Please contact Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>NOV 29<br/>D5</b> | Beech Gap Trail in the Standing Indian area to the AT. NOBO on the AT to Timber Ridge Trail. Timber Ridge Trail down to the road. Short road walk. 8.5 miles. Moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Marjorie Hornsby at (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>DEC 1<br/>B3</b>  | <b>Leisure Hike - Wesser Bald, AT, &amp; Bartram Trail in NC – This is an awesome NC trek with great views. - Start at Tellico Gap, climb 1.4 mile to the wonderful 360 degree vista of the southern Appalachians including full length of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Lake Fontana from a great viewing tower, then return over the shorter, steeper route to Tellico Gap. Then drive to take a flat walk nearby for over a mile on the Nantahala riverside trail that is part of the Bartram Trail. (Here a tragedy occurred two years ago that the leader will expose.) Total hiking: almost 4 mi. <b>Please contact George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike..</b></b>                              |
| <b>DEC 1</b>         | <b>Trail Maintenance<br/>Jack Rabbit Mtn Trail - Lopping and water diversion work. 2.5 miles <b>Please contact Michael O'Brien (706) 994 1569 if you wish to join us.</b></b>   |
| <b>DEC 6<br/>C3</b>  | 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 Chestnut Mtn. trails to the River View loop, then return on the other limb of Bearpaw Trail. Federal fee area or senior pass needed. <b>Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 6<br/>E5</b>  | Aska area: Deep Gap- take the Stanley Gap trail to BMT to Branch Falls and return 11.6 miles. About 1400 ft of elevation gain in both directions, for a total of about 2800 ft. Very strenuous. <b>Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 8</b>         | <b>Leisure Hike - Leisure Hike not done in years - Rock Gap, Glassmine Gap, Backcountry</b>   |

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| <b>B3</b>               | Parking, NC - We have a moderate but steady climb the first mile, then flat a bit, and finally downward to Glassmine Gap, all 2.6 mi. on the Appalachian Trail. Then it's downhill for 2 miles on the Long Branch Tr. to the official Forest Service Backcountry Parking. Total: 4.6 mi. Modest shuttle. <b>Please contact Marjorie Hornsby at (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 8</b>            | <b>Trail Maintenance</b>  |
|                         | <b>Jacks Knob Trail</b> - From Brasstown Bald Parking lot to Hwy 180. Lopping and water diversion work. 2.5 miles downhill. <b>Please contact Bill Johnston (954) 931-1947 if you wish to join us.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 13<br/>C3</b>    | Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap to Fish Gap and return. 6.2 mile sometimes strenuous hike. <b>Please contact Linda Hiles (954) 445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 13<br/>E4</b>    | Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap on the BMT and return. A strenuous 10.6 miles with elevation gain in both directions for a total of about 2800 ft. <b>Please contact Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 15<br/>B1</b>    | <b>Leisure Hike</b> - Four Trails from FS Rd. 221 to Ocoee River parking, TN - Start on the Benton MacKaye Trail at Forest Service Rd. 221, then pick up part of the west side of the Chestnut Mountain Loop Tr., go down the Thunder Rock Express Tr., and end up walking the Rhododendron Trail along the Ocoee River to our cars. Just over 4 miles. Shuttle. <b>Please contact Doreen Sasso (239) 565-8482 if you plan to do this hike.</b> |
| <b>DEC 15</b>           | <b>Trail Maintenance</b>  |
|                         | <b>Jack Rabbit Mtn Trail.</b> Water diversion and lopping. Easy 2.5 mile walk. <b>Please contact Steve Dennison at (706) 299-6825 if you wish to help us out.</b>   |
| <b>DEC 20<br/>B4</b>    | Fires Creek , from Bristol Horse Camp on trail # 76 to Carver Gap. Rim trail to Leatherwood Falls. 3.7 miles, strenuous 800 ft. of elevation gain. Short shuttle required. <b>Please contact Kim Blankenship (770) 880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 20<br/>D5</b>    | Vogel State Park to Blood Mountain via Bear Hair Trail to Coosa Backcountry Trail to Duncan Ridge Trail to the AT. NOBO on the AT to Blood Mtn. Return the same way. 10 miles, strenuous. About 2400 ft of elevation gain. <b>Please contact Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>DEC 22<br/>B1-2</b>  | <b>Leisure Hike</b> - Nottely Lake Trail, GA - Enjoy this fairly easy and partly-lakeside trail at the winter holidays peak. 2.5 on the main trail, then 1-1.5 on the trails bits across and below the dam. <b>Please contact Michele Powell (843) 864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 22</b>           | <b>Trail Maintenance</b><br><b>Happy Holidays</b>   |
| <b>DEC 27<br/>C3 ##</b> | Neels Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back on the AT. A 6.8 mile round trip. Great views from Wolf Laurel. Hike is in wilderness area limit 12 hikers. <b>Please contact Linda Hiles (954) 445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>DEC 27<br/>D4</b>    | Mulky Gap- Duncan Ridge Trail through Fish Gap and on to Sarvis Gap and return. Strenuous 8.5 miles <b>Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>  |
| <b>DEC 29<br/>B1-2</b>  | <b>Leisure Hike</b> - Benton MacKaye Trail south from Watson Gap, GA - Trek south on the BMT from Watson Gap 4.5 mi. to Dyer Gap. There's a few tenths mile side trip to a little waterfall for those desiring the addition. Shuttle. <b>Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>   |
| <b>DEC 29</b>           | <b>Trail Maintenance:</b><br><b>OPEN</b>  |

Please contact the Hike Leader or visit [www.mountainhighhikers.org](http://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