

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Spring 2021

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Apr 1 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Two Loops at Jackrabbit –Sneaking Creek Loop for 3.2 miles and the Upper Ridge Loop for 1.5 miles. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 1	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 6 9AM B2	Various loops of the Talking Rock Nature Preserve. These are new trails in very good condition and with the possibility of hikers spotting many wild flowers. 4-7 miles depending how many of the loops are completed. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 6 9AM E5	Fires Creek Rim Trail. Hike up Phillips Ridge Trail to the Rim Trail, then right to Rockhouse Creek Trail and follow it down to our cars. Views from the Rim trail in early spring are fantastic. Approx. 10 miles. Loop hike, no shuttle. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Apr 8 9AM B1 / B2	Leisure Hike - AT North of Hogpen Gap - This in-and-out hike on the Appalachian Trail southeast of Blairsville is pretty easy the first 1.5 mi.+ each way. Leader can add another 1.0-2.0 r.t. if adding going to/from the summit beyond, making this hike more of a B3 or B4. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 8	Trail Maintenance Day Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 13 9AM B2	Big Lost Creek Trail Located in TN. on the BMT. Less than six miles in and out. This easy, mostly level hike follows Big Lost Creek. Beautiful gorge, high rock walls on each side, and lots! of Spring Ephemerals. Cascading rapids, One significant stream crossing, bring poles. Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 13 9AM E4	Long Branch Trail to AT to Albert Mt. 10.5 mi. Up to the AT on Long Branch Trail, from the Backcountry Information Center, hike south on the AT to Albert Mt lookout tower and return. NEED HIKE LEADER
Apr 15 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - SPRING FLOWER HIKE - OLD SCENIC FAVORITE - Join us for one of the best hikes in the Southern Appalachians. Start at Betty Creek Gap, in 0.2 mi. take Appalachian Trail uphill a bit and then trek a mile along the ridge well above 4,000 ft. out to a magnificent bluff overlook viewing mountains up to about 30-40 miles away. Exactly 2.0 mi. each way, total 4.0 mi. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 15	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 20 9AM 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. Beautiful field of Pink Lady slippers at the start. Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 20 9AM	Fires Creek Area. Leatherwood Trail to intersection with Rim Trail (at Shortoff Knob). Back on FSR 6178. This moderate 9.5 mile hike offers many beautiful vistas. About

D3	2,200 ft of elevation. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Apr 22 9AM B2 / B3	Leisure Hike - SPRING FLOWER HIKE - PARTLY NEW - High Trails in TN off FS Rd. 221 - We enjoy the near-peak of the spring flower burst, leisurely strolling first the Quartz Loop, then take on a new segment off Rd. 221 - out on the Chestnut Mtn. Trail's westernmost flank to just past the Thunder Rock Express Tr. and return - total distance will be between 4.5 and 5.5 mi. Please call hike leader George Owen (706) 374-4716 or contact his email if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 22	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 27 9AM B2	Park Creek Trail with crossover to Park Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles with some stream crossings (~ 3:30 hrs.). A favorite spring hike because of beautiful wildflower display. Please text Kim Blankenship and leave your email for weather updates and meeting place and time. 770-880-8358.
Apr 27 9AM C3	The Miller Trek (Trail #46) at Brasstown Valley Resort. 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 29 9AM B1 / B2	Leisure Hike - ALMOST NEW: Yonah Preserve - This is only the second time this new, lovely, and easy preserve just north of Cleveland, GA has been scheduled. It's a great approximately 5 mi. hike around the reservoir lake in foothills, pretty easy. Please call hike leader Ray Lovett at 770-519-0210 if you plan to do this hike.
Apr 29	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 4 9AM B2	Amadahy Trail at Carters Lake. 5 miles easy. Carters Lake is west of Ellijay so it will be about an hours drive from Blairsville. We will meet up in Ellijay. Please call hike leader Mike Pilvinsky at 706-273-2086 if you plan to do this hike. Please leave a clear message as I don't answer unfamiliar phone numbers.
May 4 9AM D4	Andrews Cove to Tray Mountain. 9 mile in and out hike, 2,500 ft. elevation gain. Hike the Andrews Cove trail to Indian Grave Gap and then the AT to Tray Mtn. Return the same way. Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
May 6 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Brush Creek Trail Inner Loop - This 4-mi. jaunt loops in-and-out above the shores of a remote Ocoee River lake with views of the high mountains just beyond in the Cherokee National Forest. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
May 6	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 11 9AM B3	Five-Mile Round-Trip on AT South at Winding Stair Gap - Yes, no shuttle, and we have a gradual ascent over a 550-foot elevation gain in the first mile to 4,400 feet with views as we hike along the ridge. We drop just slightly to a trail "platform" created by a roadbed with wooden steps, turn around, and hike back out the same way. Please call hike leader Phyllis Jones 828-646-8925 if you plan to do this hike.
May 11 9AM 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. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
May13 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Portion of Park Creek Trail - We begin at the back country parking near Standing Indian Campground, then hike out Park Creek Trail to the foot bridge over Park Creek, and then just beyond past the cascades to the first multi-step climb. Turning around at the steps, we come back the same way - around 5 mi. round-tripper. NEED HIKE LEADER

May 13	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 18 9AM B3	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 and wildflowers. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
May 18 9AM D4	Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter, in and out on the AT. .Moderate with some steep climbs. 9 miles Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
May 20 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - NEW - Three Little Loops off GA 180 above Vogel SP - First we drive to Wolfpen Gap to trek the Duncan Ridge Trail (DRT) to Yellowhammer Gap and back (ca. 2.5 rt), then we drive a minute downhill on 180 to walk the.very short Sosebee Cove loop trail., Our morning is completed by driving downhill five minutes and trekking about a 1.5 mi. rt. in-and-out on the DRT our of Burnett Gap. All fairly easy hiking, with a starter half-mile modest grade uphill. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 or email him if you plan to do this hike.
May 20	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 25 9AM B3	Yellow Mountain in Coopers Creek area for a little over 7 miles. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
May 25 9AM E4	Byron Herbert Reece parking lot up to the AT at Flatrock Gap. (0.7miles), then turn north on the AT and hike through Neel Gap and to Cowrock Gap (4.7miles) and return for a total of 10.8 miles. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
May 27 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Old Copper Road Trail - Depart from parking near the Ocoee Whitewater Center and trek the 2.1 mi. Old Copper Road Trail, totaling 4.2 mi. Lunch across river in the picnic area and, time allowing, walk also briefly to the viewing platform on the Rhododendron Trail and back. Day's walking mileage: one side or other of 5 mi. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
May 27	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 1 9AM B3##	Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT. This is a 5 mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area. Year-round spectacular views. Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville 8:30am. Text Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358.
Jun 1 9AM D4	Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Ana Ruby Falls and return. A moderate/strenuous 9 mile hike (≈ 5 hrs.) with lunch at the falls. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Jun 3 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Some Trails of Hanging Dog - This North Carolina favorite area has the day start with hiking one of the valley loops, then taking the connecting trail uphill to do a loop on top and return to the start in the valley. Lunch at the valley lakeside picnic shelter, and visit the nearby cemetery. This trek will be probably just over five miles. Please call hike leader Evelin Yarns 919-530-9640 if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 3	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 8 9AM B3	Stanley Gap Trail from Rock Creek Road 0.9 miles west of Fall Branch Falls. Stanley Gap joins Benton Mackaye Trail with hike turnaround back to trail access point when Stanley Gap Trail turns toward Deep Gap. 6 miles moderate with brief strenuous sections. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.

Jun 8 9AM E4	Winfield Scott to Jarrad Gap to Freeman trail to Flatrock Gap over Blood Mtn to Slaughter Creek trail back to Winfield Scott. Please email hike leader Ted Shemella tshemella@yahoo.com if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 10 9AM B2/B3	Leisure Hike - Three Forks to Waterfall and Hickory Flats Cemetery, GA - The first 0.9 miles on the wide treadway is jointly Appalachian and Benton MacKaye trails, to a multi-trails intersection. Then we take the quick side trail to lovely Long Creek Falls, always a favorite. Afterwards it's another mile uphill on modest grade via the Appalachian Trail to Hickory Flats Cemetery. Here ride the fabulously fast whirl-a-gig and rest at the open-air shelter next to the cemetery whose old graves are well worth a visit. Return downhill the same way you came. Total mileage: 4.0 rt. Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 10	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 15 9AM B3	Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolf Creek Gap to Burnett Gap, with a possible side trail to a waterfall down Wolf Creek Rd. This is a moderate 4.6 hike with addition 1 mile possible. Possible wildflowers along this road. Please text Kim Blankenship and leave your email for weather updates and meeting place and time. 770-880-8358.
Jun 15 9AM D4	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? NEED HIKE LEADER
Jun 17 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - NEW - Lower Portions of the Big Frog Trail in TN - The high ridge Forest Service Road 221 in the Cherokee National Forest offers various trailhead hiking opportunities, and we take one of these this day. From the Big Frog Trailhead at Low Gap, 2,160 feet, we soon enter the Big Frog Wilderness on a winding but easy climb of only 300 feet to intersect the Rough Creek Trail at 2,460 ft. at mile 1.5. Continuing on Peavine Ridge, the Big Frog Trail reaches our turn-around point at 2.4 miles in a four-way trail junction at Low Gap, also 2,460 ft. From here we return the same path to our vehicles, the finished hike totaling 4.8 mi. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 or email him if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 17	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 22 9AM B2	Dally Gap to Jack's River. 5-6 mi. hike up Hemp Top Trail to intersection with the BMT at Spanish Oak Gap to Jacks River Trail to the river. Bring poles, river shoes if you want to cross the river. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 22 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! Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 24 9AM B2/B3	Leisure Hike - Piney Knob near Murphy, NC Casino - It may be near the new casino, but we don't plan to lose a dime on this lovely trek. This five-mile Gobbler Loop Trail we will hike is gradual and wide uphill the first two miles, then relatively flat about a mile, then a couple miles downhill. Because the walk from our vehicles to the start of the loop is just over 0.2 mi. each way, our total distance will be about 5.5 mi. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 24	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 29 9AM B2	Old Copper Road Trail along Ocoee River in TN. An easy 4.8 mile round trip beginning at the Ocoee Whitewater Center on the historic Old Copper Road, originally constructed in 1851. Follows the Ocoee River for 2.4 miles to TVA Dam No. 3. Four foot bridges and beautiful views of the river, old apple trees, stone foundations and hand-laid walls. Picnic tables and pit toilets at the 2.4 mile mark. \$3 parking fee. Please call hike leader Ken

	Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Jun 29 9AM D4	Beech Gap Trail to the AT. South on the AT to Standing Indian Mountain. Back to the campground on the Lower Ridge Trail. 10 miles. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.

Please contact the Hike Leader or visit 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 Terrain / Footing: 1 = easy
 B = 3 - 6 miles 2 = average
 C = 6 - 8 miles 3 = moderate
 D = 8 - 10 miles 4 = strenuous
 E = over 10 miles 5 = very strenuous