MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Summer 2021

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jul 1 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - PART NEW - Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Early on we begin in Tennessee's Ocoee whitewater area with first the 2.2 mi. Quartz Loop, and then proceed almost entirely downhill on a bit of the Chestnut Mountain Trail to conclude with the Thunder Rock Express Trail to Thunder Rock Campground parking. Total mileage ca. 4.7. Please call Michelle Powell at 843-864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 1	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 6 9AM C3##	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT, then down Dockery Lake Trail for a total of 6.4 miles. Very scenic hike with flame azaleas in spring. Please call Jerry Mason at 404-435-0989 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 6 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. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Jul 8 9AM B2-3	Leisure Hike - BMT from Watson Gap to Jacks River Trail and return - This in-and-out trek on the on the Benton MacKaye Trail is part in U.S. Forest Service "general forest" and part in federal wilderness, for a total round-trip of 5.2 mi. with some moderate up-and-down. Please call hike leader Doreen Sasso at 239-565-8482 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 8	Trail Maintenance Day Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 13 9AM B2	Turtletown Creek Falls 4+ mi. moderate loop hike with two beautiful waterfalls. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 13 9AM E4	Park Creek Trail and Park Ridge Trail loop in Standing Indian area for a 9 mile hike. Begin at Park Gap, take Park Ridge Trail to Nantahala River, then Park Creek Trail back to cars. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 15 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - NEW with high elevation views - Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Trek from Wayah Bald on the Appalachian Trail to Wine Spring Bald's summit to visit a southern-most red spruce forest, then journey downhill on the Bartram trail with some awesome vistas southward to Sawmill Gap - a little over four miles total. Hike in-out briefly at Appletree Campground on the Bartram Trail on the route home, time allowing. Eat at either an Andrews or Murphy restaurant afterwards. Please call hike leader George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.

Jul 15	Trail Maintenance Day.
	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 20 9AM	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
B2	to cross the river. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 20 9AM	Wildcat Creek to waterfall to Turner Trail. 7+ miles. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.

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	Leisure Hike - Brush Creek Trail 4-mile inner loop - This is in the Ocoee Gorge area with
9AM	summer shade, easy, and always popular, with views of Ocoee Number 3 Lake along the
B1	way. Consider a Copperhill or McCaysville Restaurant afterwards. Please call or text
D1	hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
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Jul 22	Trail Maintenance Day.
	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jul 27	Unicoi Gap north on the AT to a mile past Indian Grave, return to Indian Grave and out
9AM	on the Andrews Cove Trail. 6 miles. Covid short car shuttle. Please email hike leader
B2	Ted Shemella <u>tshemella@yahoo.com</u> if you plan to do this hike.
Jul 27	Rabun Bald. Hike on the Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge road to summit of Rabun Bald
9AM	and return the same way. Approx. 10 miles. Moderate hike. Please call hike leader
D3	Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do
	this hike.
Jul 29	Leisure Hike - Go high in Georgia for summer cool - We here hike the Wagon Train Trail
9AM	from Brasstown Bald's parking lot out to the second vista where we enjoy an awesome
B2	view back to the tower center on Georgia's highest peak. Out and back just under four
	miles. Please call hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this
	hike.
Jul 29	Trail Maintenance Day.
Jul 25	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 3	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray
9AM	Mt., the second highest point on the Appalachian Trail in GA. The trail passes Indian
B3	Grave Gap (3113 ft.), a fabulous hillside of galax, the "cheese factory" turnoff, a
ВЗ	viewpoint just before Tray Mt. (4430 ft.). Please email hike leader Ted Shemella
Aug 2	tshemella@yahoo.com if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 3	Deep Gap to Fall Branch Falls on the Stanley Gap and Benton MacKaye Trails in Fannin
9AM	County. 10.4 mile in and out hike, 1,200 foot elevation change in both directions.
E4	Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Aug 5	Leisure Hike - Jackrabbit Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails - Trek the 3.1 mi. Central Loop
9AM	and the 1.5 mi. Upper Ridge trails. Leader may throw in the High Point Trail if desired.
B1	Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078
	(text) if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 5	Trail Maintenance Day.
	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 10	Grassy Mountain Firetower and Lake Conasauga Loop. In the Cohutta's, 6.2 miles, great
9AM	view from tower NEED HIKE LEADER
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Aug 10	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Betty's Creek Gap to Beech Gap in
9AM	the Standing Indian Area. 10.2 miles total. At Betty's Creek Gap, go southbound on the
E4	AT for 7.8 miles to Beech Gap, then down 2.4 miles on the Beech Gap Trail. Please call
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Aug 12	Trail Maintenance Day.
	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 17	Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT. This is
9AM	a 5 mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area. Year-round

B3##	spectacular views. Note: FSR road #71 is often closed in winter. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 17 9AM C3	Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County. From Deep Gap trailhead on Aska Road over Green Mtn and down to Lake Blue Ridge and back. 7 miles, in and out, moderate. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna at 706-636-1741 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 19 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - NEW - Project Chimps Hiking Trails - Come enjoy the new trail system at Project Chimps sanctuary in Fannin County near Morganton. You will be led by our own Candy Retter, a devoted volunteer at Project Chimps who is ready both to show you the wonderful multi-miles trail system and also to serve as a great information resource on Project Chimps which houses over 77 chimpanzees retired from research. Plan for a great combined hiking and learning experience. Please call hike leader Candy Retter at 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 19	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 24 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. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 24 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 email hike leader Ted Shemella <u>tshemella@yahoo.com</u> if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 26 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Murphy River Walk & Lunch - Trek from the old train station on a easy walk out to Lowe's and return with options - distance 4-5 miles, depending. Eat lunch afterwards with the group in nearby downtown Murphy. Please call hike leader Ralph
	Collinson at 904-305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
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Sep 14 9AM B3	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Fires Creek from Bristol Horse Camp on trail # 76 to Carver Gap. Rim trail to Leatherwood Falls. 3.7 miles, 800 ft. of elevation gain. Moderate to strenuous. Please call hike leader Michael O'Brien at 706-994-1569 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 14 9AM E3	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Woody Gap to Slaughter Gap on the AT, then down the Slaughter Creek Trail to Lake Winfield Scott. 10.6 miles. Please email hike leader Ted Shemella tshemella@yahoo.com if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 16 9AM B2-3	Leisure Hike - Piney Knob - Join us for a 5-mi. loop trek through a wonderful preserve near Murphy. The first couple miles have a modest climb, flat a ways, then all downhill the rest. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 16	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 21 9AM C3	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Bartram Trail – Wayah Bald to Nantahala Lake – 8 miles. Starting at Wayah Bald in NC, Mostly downhill hiking, with views of Fires Creek area and Nantahala Lake. NEED HIKE LEADER
Sep 21 9AM D4	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Standing Indian Area. Beech Gap Trail to the AT - south on the AT to Standing Indian Mountain and then down the Lower Ridge Trail to the campground. Approx 10 miles - modest to strenuous hike. NEED HIKE LEADER
Sep 23 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Start high in the Ocoee Gorge trails doing first just the start of the Quartz Loop Trail, then the Quartz Loop Spur, followed by the 1330 Bypass Trail, then awhile on the east side of the Chestnut Mtn. Trail, and conclude with part of the Bear Paw Trail to the Whitewater Center - all approx. 5 mi. Lunch at Copper Hill or McCaysville. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 23	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 28 9AM B3	Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - Chunky Gal Trail from Perry Gap over the top of Shooting Creek Bald (Boteler Peak) to Glade Gap on Hwy 64 in NC. 6.5 miles Outstanding view from top. Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 28 9AM D4	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 NEED HIKE LEADER
Sep 30 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Shuttle hike for Covid fully-vaccinated people only - PART NEW LEISURE HIKE - In the Great Smoky Mtns. Nat. Park near Bryson City - With a short shuttle out of Deep Creek Campground, we begin this hike on the Indian Creek Motor and Stone Pile Gap trails, then use others briefly to come down finally to the Deep Creek Trail back to another parking area. Enjoy late lunch afterwards at the Riverview Restaurant in Nantahala Gorge with a brief few minutes walk afterwards to a roaring waterfall and the start of Fontana Lake before heading home. Please call hike leader George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 30	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167

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

D = 8 - 10 miles E = over 10 miles 4 = strenuous

5 = very strenuous