

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Spring 2016

April 5 9 AM B3##	Unicoi Gap to Indian Grave Gap on the AT and return on the Rocky Mountain Trail. A 5.5 mile hike with 1,000 ft. elevation gain going in, 500 ft returning. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee. Ginnie Smith 706-258-8716
April 5 9 AM A4	Bell Mountain. Bell Mountain was recently designated a Towns County park. Improvements to the top of the mountain are planned (paved road, walking path, viewing platform). This may be your last chance to see the mountain before it is "modernized". This hike will include several views along the way that are spectacular in themselves. The hiking distance is short BUT the climbs are difficult. The hike will be concluded with refreshments at the leader's house. Signing up in advance will let me know how much I need to have available. Macedonia Church east of Hiawassee Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
April 7 10 AM B2	Leisure Hike - Vogel State Park. We will hike out the Coosa Trail for about a mile and return, and go the other direction for about a mile and return. Also will do the 1-mile Nature Trail, on which we may find some lady slippers. Meet at the corner of 129 and 180 at 10:00 Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657
Apr 7 9:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
April 12 9 AM B3	Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3 mile section is constantly going up and down. Many of these short grades are steep. Shuttle required Park & Ride in Blairsville Candy Retter 706-835-1344
April 12 9 AM 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 onto Cowrock Gap (4.7miles) and return for a total of 10.8 miles. Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180
April 14 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
April 19 9 AM 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. Food Lion in Blue Ridge Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
April 19 9 AM 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! Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
April 21 9 AM	Leisure Hike - Hog Pen Gap to Wide Gap on the A.T. The hike will begin at Hog Pen Gap on the Richard Russell Highway, and go north to Wide Gap, about 2.5 miles and return to Hog Pen Gap. Or we might just go as far as Poor Mountain, about 1.9 miles. The terrain is easy to moderate, with a few hills Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy. 180 Carolyn and Tom Sewell 706-669-6406
April 21 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
April 26 9 AM B3	Raven Cliffs Trail. A scenic 5 mile round trip hike along a cascading mountain stream to towering cliffs with two waterfalls. Some difficult footing due to erosion Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy. 180 Candy Retter 706-835-1344
April 26 9 AM D4	Eagle Mountain, near Hiawassee. 10 miles in and out with some steep climbing. Come climb the mountain that along with Bell Mountain dominates the skyline from Hiawassee and Hayesville. We will do this MHH classic hike a little differently this year. We will start at the leader's house on Bell Mountain, hike around Bell Mountain on old Forest Service roads, and intersect the road we normally take. The hike will be concluded with refreshments at the leader's house. Signing up in advance will let me know how much I need to have available. Macedonia Church east of Hiawassee Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
Apr 28 9:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
April 28 9 AM	Chattanooga Bike Ride. Approximately 17-18 mile RT ride on paved paths, a few short, slight up hills from Chickamauga Dam to Big River Grille and Brewing Works for lunch. A couple of maintenance stations along the way. Limit 12 riders. Call with questions or to to reserve a spot Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Ginny Smith 706-258-8716

May 3 9 AM C3	River View Loop trail at Ocoee Whitewater Center. Good 6+ mile hike, starting at Whitewater Center, climbs the Bearpaw and Chestnut Mtn Trail to the River View loop Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
May 3 9 AM E3	Cohutta Wilderness – Wolf Ridge and Hemp Top Trails to Big Frog Mountain. A 12.8 mile hike up to and along the Tennessee Valley Divide. Return by the same route. Piggly Wiggly on Hwy 64 Ducktown, TN
May 5 10AM B	Leisure Hike - Woody Gap to Gooch Gap. We will look for wildflowers along the trail from Woody Gap to Gooch. A couple of climbs, but we will take it slowly. About 3.5 miles. Car shuttle required. Woody Gap Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657
May 5 8:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 10 9 AM C3	Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT, then down Dockery Lake Trail for a total of 6.4 miles. Short Shuttle. Very scenic hike, good views Flame azaleas in spring. Short steep climb to Preachers Rock. Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 George Owen 706-374-4716
May 10 9 AM D5	Standing Indian Area. Bearpen Trail over Albert Mountain to Backcountry Information. 9 mile hike, steep climbing on first half. Up the Bearpen Trail to the AT, north on AT over Albert Mountain to Glassmine Gap, then down the Long Branch Trail Hiking Albert Mountain from the south side is a real challenge! Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
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May 17 9 AM B3	Turtletown Creek Falls. 5 mi. moderate loop hike with two beautiful waterfalls, no shuttle. Piggly Wiggly on Hwy 64 Ducktown, TN Ken Cissna 706-636-1741
May 17 9 AM D3	Three Forks to Hightower Gap on the AT and Return. Lunch at Hawk Mountain shelter. An 8 mile hike with 800 ft. elevation change. See the new “camping area” 1 mile south of Hawk Mtn Shelter just built by GATC to relieve congestion at Hawk Mountain Shelter (30 new campsites and 2300 feet of side trail). Park & Ride in Blairsville. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
May 19 9 AM B37	Leisure Hike: Bear Hair Trail in Vogel State Park. Loop hike of about 4 miles with some moderate to steep climbs. Bring hiking sticks and State Park pass or \$5. 3.9 miles to trailhead Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
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May 24 9 AM C2	Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap - Slaughter Gap loop. This is a pleasant 6 mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. Great wildflowers (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott). Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 Carolyn and Tom Sewell 706-669-6406
May 24 8 AM E5	Tate City to Standing Indian. Return via AT and trail from Deep Gap. Hike will follow Beech Gap Trail to Case Knife Gap, then up(very steep for 1/2 mile) to the AT just north of Standing Indian summit, then south on AT to Deep Gap, and finally down the Deep Gap Trail back to our cars. None of these trails are maintained (except AT part), so blowdowns may be a problem. About 11 miles Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawasse Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
May 26 8:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 31 9 AM B2	Park Creek Trail with crossover to Park Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles with some stream crossings. A favorite spring hike because of beautiful wildflower display. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Sue and Bob Astley 404-702-0273
May 31 9 AM E3	Cohutta Wilderness. Hickory Creek Trail. An easy to moderate 12 mile hike through the wilderness to the Conasauga River. We will eat lunch on the bank of the river and return on the same trail. No river crossings unless you choose to get wet at lunch time. Food Lion in Ellijay Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Jun 2 10 AM	Wagon Train Trail from the parking lot at the top of Brasstown Bald down a couple of miles and back to the parking lot. Should be some interesting wildflowers.

B3	Parking lot at the top of Brasstown	Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657.
Jun 2 8:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
June 6 th 12:00 noon	Covered Dish Picnic / Business Meeting at Meeks Park Pavilion #1. Bring a covered dish for 8. Folks can come early and walk the 5 miles of trail for stay later and walk. There is a boat ramp for anyone who wants to kayak as well. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com	
Jun 7 9 AM C2	Bartram Trail from Russell Bridge on Hwy 28 east of Clayton to Licklog Falls. Return on fisherman trail along SC side of Chatooga River. 7.5 miles. A beautiful, more or less flat trail to walk. Good opportunity to dine out after the hike at Rumor Haz It in Clayton. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260	
June 7 9 AM D4	Park Creek Trail and Park Ridge Trail loop in Standing Indian area for a 9 mile hike. The hike will start at Park Gap, hike mainly down to Nantahala River for lunch, then follow the Nantahala river to Park Creek which we will follow up stream back to Park Gap. Ingles in Hayesville Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com	
Jun 9 8:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 14 9 AM B2	Emery Creek Falls. 5 miles in and out. A delightful walk in the Cohuttas which ends in a pair of waterfalls: The first is 40-50 ft high, the second is about 25 ft high. The walk is along Emery Creek and involves about 12 stream crossings, so bring poles – should be nice and cool down by the creek. Home Depot in Blue Ridge Pam & Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281	
June 14 8 AM E3	Tray Mountain Wilderness: The Tray Mtn Wilderness is a unique place, partially because the only access is at Tray Gap or Addis Gap. Do you know Steel Trap Gap, Young Lick Knob, Swag of the Blue Ridge, Round Top Mtn, Sassafras Gap, Sassafras Knob? We will explore each of these on this hike. The hike will start at Tray Gap and go north to Addis Gap, then return to Steel Trap Gap where we will follow a “secret maintainers trail” back to FS Rd 698 where a shuttle car will be left. About 11 miles total. Macedonia Church east of Hiwassee Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com	
Jun 16 9 AM B3	Leisure Hike: Raven Cliffs Trail. A scenic 5 mile round trip hike along a cascading mountain stream to towering cliffs with two waterfalls. Some difficult footing due to erosion. Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy. 180 Carolyn and Tom Sewell 706-669-6406	
Jun 16 8:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 21 9 AM B2	Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated average difficulty. Park & Ride in Blairsville. Steve Dennison 706-253-3938	
June 21 8 AM D4	Three Forks to Springer Mountain on the AT and return on the Benton MacKaye Trail. 10 mile loop hike. Moderate to strenuous hiking. Lunch on Springer Mountain, the southern terminus of the AT. Park & Ride in Blairsville Ken Cissna 706-636-1741	
Jun 23 8:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 28 9 AM C3	The Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort. This 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet. Trailhead Parking Lot on Service Road at Resort Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167	
June 28	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. Home Depot in Blue Ridge Judie Kean 706-745-4998	
Jun 30 8:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	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
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