

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Spring 2019

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Apr 2 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. Meet: Ellijay park and ride in front of Poole's Bar-b-que. Leader: Ken Cissna 813-310-6084
Apr 2 8AM D4	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. Trail maintained by MHH. Approx. 10 miles. Loop hike; no shuttle. Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Apr 4 9AM B1	Leisure Hike Scenic Spur trail to Clemmer Falls, a scenic 4 mile hike in the Chilhowee Recreation Area. Wet stream crossing, descent to falls can be slick so bring poles and wear shoes with good treads. Meet at Piggly Wiggly parking, Ducktown, TN Leader: Pam Sullivan @pams11@tds.net
Apr 4 9AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 9 9AM B2	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell (3 miles east of Clayton) to the viewing platform at Martin Creek Falls. This scenic (4 mile≈2:30 hrs) round trip also passes by Becky Creek Falls. Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee. Leader: Richard Sullivan rjsullivan@tds.net
Apr 9 9AM E3	Hike along the Big Frog Trail to the summit of Big Frog then down to BMT to Rough Creek back up to Big Frog trail and back to trailhead. 11-12 miles. Meet: Piggly Wiggly on Hwy 64 Ducktown, TN Leader: Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
Apr 11 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Betty Creek Gap south on the Appalachian Trail to overlook and back, 2 miles each way. There's a little climb of a few hundred feet in the first mile. Meet at Ingles, Hayesville Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
Apr 11 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 16 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. Cascading rapids, One significant stream crossing, bring poles Meet: Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN Leader: Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358
Apr 16 8AM D3	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. Trail maintained by MHH. 6.5 miles. Short shuttle. Meet: Ingles in Hayesville Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Apr 18 10AM	Leisure Hike - Benton MacKaye Trail on Sisson Property - Hike from Craddock Center to Indian Rock and back, includes a small waterfall, lake, chapel, and only shelter on

B2 or B3	BMT south of the Smokies. About 4 miles. Meet at Home Depot lot nearest Dairy Queen, Blue Ridge Leader: Pam Sullivan @pams11@tds.net
Apr 18 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 23 9AM 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. Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Leader: Candy Retter 706-897-9538
Apr 23 8AM C4	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. Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot Hiawassee Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Apr 25 9AM B1 or B2	NEW Leisure Hike - White Twister Hike below Clayton, Ga. It is a 5.5 mile hike, easy with the Stonewall Falls at the end. This is a very nice hike! Meet: Ingles in Clayton GA Leader Ray Lovett 770-519-0210
Apr 25 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Apr 30 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. Meet: Food Lion in Blue Ridge Leader: Ken Cissna 813-310-6084
Apr 30 8AM 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. Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
May 2 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Boyd Gap to Whitewater Center in TN. This is a quite easy hike of about three miles, mostly downhill very modestly. Very short shuttle. Meet at Piggly Wiggly parking, Ducktown, TN Leader: Laurie Columbo 530-295-7639
May 2 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 3 10 AM <i>Bike Ride</i>	Chattanooga Bike Ride: Mileage for biking and lunch spot TBD closer to date. Meeting at 10AM at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, Tn. Leader: Pam & Richard Sullivan @pams11@tds.net
May 7 9AM B4	Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. 5 miles. A 5 mile round trip with 1,700 feet elevation gain. Trail is a combination of moderate and some steep and rocky sections. Stunning views! Meet at trailhead. Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
May 7 8AM 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. Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
May 9	Leisure Hike - Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on AT - This three-mile hike does have two

9AM B3	moderate climbs up knobs mid-hike, with great vistas atop both. Moderate shuttle. Meet at U.S. 19 and GA 180 south of Blairsville Leader: Cathie Stallings 706-897-6924
May 9 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 14 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 (3.5 hours) in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area. Year-round spectacular views. Meet: Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
May 14 9AM C4	Byron H. Reece Parking area to Woods Hole Shelter on the AT. Return on the Freeman Trail. (7.5 miles) 1,400 ft. climb. Rough, rocky footing in designated wilderness area. Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
May 16 9AM B2	PART NEW Leisure Hike - Smithgall Woods State Park - With the park's nature guide leading us, we'll do the 1.6 mi. Laurel Ridge Trail, 1.0 mi. r.t. Chunanee Falls trail, and the 0.9 Martin's Mine Trail. We'll also tour the nature center, and lunch along one of Georgia's best trout streams. Meet at U.S. 19 and GA 180 south of Blairsville or at 9:30 at the park nature center. Leader: George Owen
May 16 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 21 9AM B1	Wildflower hikes: Coleman River Trail. One of the prettiest trails in North Georgia featuring cascades, old growth forest and huge boulders. This 2 mile round trip hike is rated moderate. Moccasin Creek SP Trails. Scenic 2-3 mile hikes along a creek with several waterfalls and interpretive trail. Pass required for SP. Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Leader: Carolyn & Tom Sewell 706-669-4916
May 21 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! Meet: Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville Leader: Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
May 23 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Piney Knob Shorter Loop & First Part of Murphy River Walk with Lunch - We'll do that shorter loop at Piney Knob near Murphy's casino first, then travel to the old L&N Depot trailhead in Murphy to do the first part of the Murphy River Walk, get off at street to downtown restaurants, eat lunch, then return to the river walk to walk the slightly longer walk out by the Valley and Hiawassee rivers on the Confluence Loop and lower river trail by pond cypresses back to the L&N trailhead. Distance - about five miles. Meet: Back side of Ingles parking in Murphy off U.S. 74/129. Leader: Laurie Columbo 530-295-7639
May 23 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
May 28 9AM B4	Hike in Eagles Nest Park at the summit of Mt. Oglethorpe, the original terminus for the Appalachian Trail in Georgia. Spectacular views to Amicalola Lodge to the North, and to Stone Mountain, the Atlanta Skyline, and Kennesaw Mountain to the South. 2 mile moderate hike with 500 feet ascent in ~2 miles. Afterwards, as an option, travel 20 minutes to Burnt Mountain Preserve and hike the Champions Creek trail for 2 miles with 800 foot ascent. Meet at Ellijay park and ride Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825

May 28 8AM 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. Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
May 30 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Unicoi Gap to TN 68 on the BMT & Buck Bald - This 4.7 mi. section of the TN Benton MacKaye Trail is rather easy except for a brief 0.2 mi. climb at the start - most the rest is slightly undulating and then all downhill the last part. Added is a visit to the NEARBY 360-degree vista of the Cherokee National Forest at hike's end up a Forest Service road to Buck Bald summit. Also learn a bit about the Cherokee late 1830s "Trail of Tears" in this area from the leader on this jaunt. Fairly long shuttle. Meet: Piggly Wiggly, Ducktown, TN Leader: George Owen
May 30 9 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meet: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jun 4 9AM B3	Bear Hair Trail in Vogel State Park. Loop hike of about 4 miles (≈ 3:00 hrs) with some moderate to steep climbs. Bring hiking sticks and State Park pass or \$5. Meet: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Leader: Ken Cissna 813-310-6084
Jun 4 8AM 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. Meet: Ingles in Hayesville Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Jun 6 9AM B1 or B2	Leisure Hike - Chatuge Dam and Trail into County Park - This out-and-back walk has a trailhead quite near our meeting place, and can vary from under three miles to over four, depending on the leader's choice. Not done in some years, it may be new to many. Meet: Ingles at Hayesville Leader: Jo Hubbard 727-743-3372
Jun 6 9 AM	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Meet: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
June 7 12 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 or stay later and walk. There is a boat ramp for anyone who wants to kayak as well. For info contact : Tim Holby holbytim@gmail.com
Jun 11 9AM B3 or B4	Hike Wildcat Tract loop trails. No shuttle, no water crossing, one waterfall. We'll start at Wildcat Campground off Steve Tate Hwy beginning with Wildcat Creek Trail, then Rocky Ford Trail, Windy Ridge Trail, and Turner Trail back to Wildcat Campground. A few brief steep climbs. MHH members Mike Pilvinsky, Ken Cissna, and Steve Dennison recently checked these trails out. Meet: Ellijay Park & Ride in front of Poole's BBQ approximately 30 minute drive to Wildcat Campground Leader: Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
Jun 11 8AM 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? Meet: Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawassee Leader: Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Jun 13 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Three Trails of Tanasi Trail System - Start high on Forest Service Rd. 221 and go low on easy trails - Chestnut Mtn., 1330 Bypass, Chestnut Mtn. again, and conclude via part of the Bear Paw Loop to the Ocoee Whitewater Center. Distance:

E = over 10 miles

5 = very strenuous