

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR
Spring 2024

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

April 2 B4	Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. A 5-mile round trip with 1,700 feet elevation gain; you literally "climb a mountain". This shark-fin shaped mountain has a trail that is a combination of moderate and some steep and rocky sections; used for military maneuvers. Excellent views with early wildflowers. Meet at Unicoi Gap on Hwy. 75 south of Hiawassee. Please contact Pam Sullivan pamsullivan@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
April 2 D4	Hike on the BMT from Skeenah Gap Rd to Walallah Mtn. and return. This hike is about 9 miles with about 2500 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
April 4 B3-4	Leisure Hike: Woody Gap to Gooch Gap, GA. Meet Appalachian Trail thru-hikers heading to Maine at peak thru-hiker season. Mid-hike, climb two little peaks for wonderful rock bluff vistas. The climbs to the two vistas are fairly steep but short. Spring flowers should be starting to bloom along the way. Hike is 3.6 miles; shuttle required. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
April 4	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
April 9 B3	Hike Jack's Gap up to the AT crossing at Chattahoochee Gap and return. Total distance is 5.2 miles. Meet at the parking lot on Hwy. 180 below the entrance to Brasstown Bald at 9:00. Please contact Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
April 9 C3	Hike to the Swinging Bridge on the BMT from Hwy 60 and return. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft. of elevation gain and has climbs in both directions. Moderately strenuous. Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
April 11 B1-2	Leisure Hike: NEW Fightingtown Creek in GA. Yes, at last we enter the new Fightingtown Creek Nature Park northwest a few miles from Blue Ridge, GA for a new loop to creek side and back. Just retired BMTA President Ken Cissna leads us on this new trail in a special preserve now hosting several trails. Come hike one just completed, 3.3 mi. Please contact Ken Cissna, email kcissna@usf.edu if you plan to do this hike.
April 11	Trail Maintenance: Chunky Gal, wildlife area near Boetler Peak to Perry Gap. Lopping and brush cutting. Blowdown at peak. Leader: Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 obrienmap@gmail.com Ingles in Hayesville, NC (8:30 am).
April 16 C4	Wildcat Creek WMA, GA. Wildcat Creek Trail uphill to enjoy some lady slippers, then return to the intersection of Turner Trail at the bridge. On Turner Trail there will be a side trip up Rocky Ford Trail to the cascades. The hike then returns down Rocky Ford Trail and resumes for the final leg of Turner Trail. Mostly moderate terrain, with a couple of steep sections, about 1 mile of the total distance of about 6 miles. GA hunting, fishing or Lands Pass required. About a 0.4 mile walk from parking area to trailhead. Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
April 16 D4	Coosa Backcountry Trail. Starts at Vogel State Park, 14.3 miles with 3700 ft elevation gain. Meet at Vogel SP; Georgia State Park pass or \$5 entrance fee required. Please contact Kelly Motter text only (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.
April 18 B3	Leisure Hike: Betty Creek Gap southward to rock vista, NC. This club favorite is two miles each way two an awesome vista, with the leader pointing out some prime high peaks areas in the distance. To arrive at the vista, you'll travel the 0.2 mi. Betty Creek Trail then hike the remainder 1.8 mi. on the Appalachian Trail. Wildflowers should be around peak season, and we'll greet AT thru-hikers starting for Maine. Total 4.0 mi. out and back. Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.

April 18	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
April 23 B2	Kimsey Creek Trail in the Standing Indian area. Hiking in for 2.5 miles and back for a total distance of 5 miles. Please contact Michelle Maloney maloneyfm@gmail.com if you plan to do this hike.
April 23 D4	Hike from Dick's Creek Gap northbound on the AT to the Plumorchard Shelter and return for a 9-mile hike. Strenuous, with 2800 ft of elevation gain. Please contact Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.
April 25 B2	Leisure Hike: Quartz Loop and BMT from FS Rd. 221 in TN. Just barely over 5 miles, first we loop on a fairly easy 2.0 mi. trek around a mountaintop, then down for 3.1 miles on the Benton MacKaye Trail to the Ocoee River. Shuttle. (NOTE: This hike is re-scheduled from Feb. 29 when leader's illness forced cancellation). Please contact Ken Cissna, email kcissna@usf.edu if you plan to do this hike.
April 25	Trail Maintenance: Fires Creek, Leatherwood Falls Loop Trail, easy 2 miles. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd@etcmail.com Ingles in Hayesville, NC (9:00 am).
April 30 B3	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 the beautiful wildflower display. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Please contact Sherry Savrda text (407) 924-1499 if you plan on doing this hike.
April 30 B3	Green Mountain Trail from Deep Gap to Lake Blue Ridge. Moderate, 4 miles total. CANCELLED; will be rescheduled.
May 2 B1	Leisure Hike: NEW Three GA trails off GA 180 with shuttles. Burnett Gap north on Coosa Backcountry Trail to Wolf Creek Rd, drive to Wildcat Gap and hike about 1.5 miles to Wolfpen Gap, then a short loop around Lake Winfield Scott, totaling 3.7-4.1 miles. Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
May 2	Chunky Gal from AT to Glade Gap Hwy 64. This involves an ATV ride provided by FS personnel to get us to near the AT down to Hwy. 64. Moderate to difficult 5.1 miles. (SKY) Leader: Kelly Motter text (979) 480-6413 Kellylee28@aol.com Ingles in Hayesville, NC (9:00 AM)
May 7 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 Nantahalas. Then we continue walking south about another two hours to Glade Gap at Hwy. 64. Beautiful wildflower displays. Please text Kim Blankenship (770) 880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
May 7 D4	Hike from Vogel State Park to Blood Mtn and back using Bear Hair Gap Trail, Coosa Backcountry Trail, Duncan Ridge Trail, and the AT. This hike is about 10 miles with 2400 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. Please contact Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.
May 9 B3	Leisure Hike: Vogel State Park trail sampler. We'll start at the Reece Farm Heritage Center and travel the Reece Farm Heritage Trail to Vogel State Park. We'll take in the dam spillway for Trahlyta Lake, then travel around the lake to the Byron Herbert Reece Nature Trail. A couple of short climbs/descents; total length about 3.5 miles. Short shuttle. Georgia Park Pass or entrance fee required. Please contact Sherry Savrda text (407) 924-1499 if you plan on doing this hike.
May 9	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 14 B3	Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT to see some unusual wildflowers. This is a 5-mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area with year-round spectacular views. Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. CANCELLED because of weather.
May 14 E4	Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap and back on the BMT. This hike is 10.6 miles with 2800 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. A great workout! Please contact Kelly Motter text only (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.

May 16 B3-4	Leisure Hike: Wayah Bald to Windspring Bald to parking area above Wayah Gap. This hike is just under 5 miles and has high scenery, in which you twice have views above a mile over sea level. You will also visit the southernmost fir forest atop Windspring with later spring wildflowers. Shuttle. Please contact George Owen (706) 374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
May 16	Trail Maintenance: Miller Trek, Young Harris, GA. Easy trip downhill. Brush cutting, lopping and water diversion work. LEADER NEEDED.
May 21 C3	Woody Gap to Lake Winfield Scott via Jarrad Gap, for a total of 6.3 miles. Meet at the Lake Winfield Scott Trail parking area; details sent to those who register. Please contact Ann Sylvester text 239-543-9563 if you plan to do this hike.
May 21 B2-3	Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap & return. This NC portion of the AT has a steady but gentle uphill for the first mile, with roughly 800 ft of elevation gain. Reach and partially circle a beautiful glen along the ridge top for a mostly level section, descend shortly and gently to Glassmine Gap and return to Rock Gap, total of 5.2 miles round-trip. Please contact Marsha Shuford mbdshu@gmail.com if you plan to do this hike.
May 23 B2	Leisure Hike: Chilhowee Trail System, TN. Hike to lovely Benton Falls and do alternate trails coming back out to the trailhead. Please contact Anne Anderson (423) 284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.
May 23	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
May 28 C2	Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. About 6 miles. Hike four loops of the Jack Rabbit Hike/bike trail: 3.1 miles on the white blazed loop, 2 miles on the blue blazed loop, 1 mile on the orange blazed trail. Great views of Lake Chatuge and a variety of hard woods. Meet at Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead at 9 AM. Please contact Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
May 28 B3	Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT to see some unusual wildflowers. This is a 5-mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area with year-round spectacular views. Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. Please contact Margie Hornsby, text (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
May 30 B3	Leisure Hike: Gooch Gap West. Trek in Georgia west on the Appalachian Trail from Gooch Gap to the Gooch Mountain Shelter, then to Justus Creek and return, bit over 5 miles. Please contact Margie Hornsby, text (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
May 30	Trail Maintenance: Cooper Creek area. Yellow Mountain Trail to connector down Mill Shoals Trail. Brush cutting and lopping for an easy 5 miles. LEADER NEEDED.
June 4 C3	Rocky Mtn, on the BMT. Deep Gap parking Area to the Stanley Gap Trail to Rocky Mtn. and return. Moderate hike of approximately 6 miles; 3 miles uphill, 3 miles downhill. Wild azaleas. Meet at Food Lion in Blue Ridge. Please contact Pam Sullivan pamsullivan@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
June 4 C3	Three Forks to Hawk Mountain Shelter. Hike northbound on the AT to Hawk Mountain Shelter and return with visits to the cemetery and Long Branch Falls. This hike is about 7.5 miles and is moderately strenuous. LEADER NEEDED.
June 6 B2-3	Leisure Hike: NEW Forest Service Rd. 7131 in Nantahala National Forest. From the parking area in Winding Stair Cap, NC, we take an old Forest Service road northward. This old roadbed is now closed to vehicles and designated a hiking trail. This route provides an easy-to-moderate grassy trail; 4 miles round trip. We will visit a small waterfall near the hike's start. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.
June 6	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
June 11 B3	Tesnatee Gap on the Richard Russell Highway to Wolf Laurel Top and return. Some steep areas. This is a 5-mile round trip hike with magnificent views from the Rock outcrops. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Please contact

