

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

SUMMER 2017

July 4 9 AM	No Club Hikes planned for today.	
July 6 9 AM B2	<p>Leisure Hike - NEW!! Smithgall Woods - For our first-time leisure hike here so far as we know, we will first gather on arrival at the nature center for a staff-led brief orientation...then it's to the trails, including the Laurel Ridge and Wetland Loop Trail and the road connecting the two that is closed to all traffic. Come enjoy this state preserve of over 5,500 acres. Our trekking distance will be about five miles. State park pass or \$5 required per car.</p> <p>Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church south of Blairsville 374-4716</p>	George Owen 706-374-4716
July 6 8 AM	<p>GA Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride</p>	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
July 11 9 AM B3	<p>Bald River Falls, Tellico Plains, TN. We will hike 3-4 miles out and back. This hike starts at Bald River Falls on FS 210 and follows the river, passing through forest and over numerous rock embankments and cascades. 30 minute carpool from visitor's center.</p> <p>Meeting: Cherochala Visitor Center in Tellico Plains 9AM.</p>	Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639
July 11 8 AM E4	<p>Kimsey Creek Trail from Back Country Information Center in Standing Indian area to Deep Gap then climbs Standing Indian, then returns on the Lower Ridge Trail. A hike of appr. 11 miles</p> <p>Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville 8716</p>	Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
July 13 9 AM B3	<p>Leisure Hike - Some Trails of Young Harris College & Brasstown Valley - First we will do the loop hike around the athletic fields of Young Harris College, then journey to the Miller Trail parking at Brasstown Valley Resort for a combined hike of Miller Trek up to the first crossover, then down to do the Bottoms Trail, back by the lodge and to our vehicles. Total of about four miles. Lunch at Brasstown Valley Lodge for those so desiring.</p> <p>Meeting: Young Harris College trail parking lot Hwy. 515 & Timberline Dr. which is beyond the Tennis courts and adjacent to the new Blue Ridge Mtn. EMC.</p>	Sue & Bob Astley 404-702-0273 or 404-403-8425
July 13 8 AM	<p>NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>	
July 18 9 AM B2	<p>Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolf Creek Road to Burnett Gap. This is an easy to moderate 4.6 mile round trip. Approx. 5 mi. to trailhead.</p> <p>Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church south of Blairsville</p>	Evelin & Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
July 18 9 AM C3	<p>Mooney Gap to Timber Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles on the AT plus 2.5 on the Timber Ridge for a total of 7.5 miles. Optional 1.2 miles to Big Laurel Falls. Shuttle required.</p> <p>Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.</p>	Michael O'Brian 706-745-6260
July 20 9AM B4	<p>Leisure Hike - Woody Gap Both Ways on A.T. to Great Vistas - This hike is rated strenuous for a short distance at two points for great views. We'll take those climbs slowly with "breathers." First we will hike north from the gap to "Preacher Rock" and soak in the view, then return to the gap and trek south to Ramrock Mtn. vista and return - total mileage exactly 5 miles.</p>	

	Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church parking on Hwy. 180	Jan Stansell 706-747-5892
July 20 8 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville 3167	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-
July 25 9 AM B1	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. Cascading rapids, falls, and beautiful rock formations on one side. Meeting: Ducktown Piggly Wiggly	Phyllis & Ken Jones 706-896-5540
July 25 9 AM D4	Standing Indian Area. Beech Gap to AT to Timber Ridge Trail. 8.3 mile modest to strenuous hike. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
July 27 9 AM B1 & B2	Leisure Hike - NEW! Some Special trails of the Blue Ridge Area - Twice canceled this year because of weather, we'll try again. We begin with a new trail in a Blue Ridge city park. Then we drive to the west side of Lake Blue Ridge (NOT Morganton Point) to walk just 2.1 miles of Forest Service trails and learn about some special recreational projects under study in this area. Finally we travel a short distance on Weaver Creek Rd. to hike a mile each way (fairly flat) on a little-used part of the Benton MacKaye Trail. Total mileage: just under 5 miles. Meeting: Food Lion in Blue Ridge 374-4716	George Owen 706-374-4716
July 27 8 AM	GA Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride 3167	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-
Aug. 1 9 AM B3	Chunky Gal Trail. Hike from Bob Allison Campground along scenic Tuni Creek to the big buckeye tree and return. About 4 miles with 5 stream crossings (slippery footing) each way. Hiking sticks required. Trail maintained by MHH Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Michael O'Brian 706-745-6260
Aug. 1 9 AM D3	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. Return by Siler Bald Shelter. A 9.4 mile hike with 1,400 ft. elevation change. Outstanding view from the top of the bald. 2.5-3 mph paced hike. Fast hike ~4.5 hrs. Total hiking time. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
Aug. 3 9 AM B2	Leisure Hike - AT/BMT Springer Mountain Upper Loop - Always popular and pleasant, we hike from the Springer Mtn. parking lot up the Appalachian Trail to the Springer Mountain summit for the view, visit the AT shelter area, then return via the Benton MacKaye Trail to the MacKaye Memorial and another vista, several easy stream crossings, and the final 0.2 mi. on the A.T. to our waiting vehicles. Total 4.8 mi. Meeting: Ellijay Food Lion 310-6084	Ken Cissna 813-
AUG. 3 8 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville 3167	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-
Aug. 8 8 AM B3	Kimsey Creek Trail in Standing Indian area. Hike beside a beautiful stream for about 5 miles in and out. After hike the hike leader will meet those wishing to sample in Franklin. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Carpool to meet Hike Leader at Trailhead 8:34 am. Backcountry Kiosk. 770-519-0210	Ray Lovett
Aug. 8	Standing Indian Area. Rock Gap to Albert Mountain on the AT. A 12 mile in and out hike. Some of the best views in Standing Indian area at the fire tower. Lunch on the summit.	

8 AM E4	Meeting: Ingles Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville 970-9822	Irene Reiner 706-
Aug. 10 9 AM B2	Leisure Hike - Jackrabbit Bike/Hiking Trails Loop - We'll include the Central Loop, Burrell Cove, SABA Beach, and connector for total mileage of a bit under 6 miles of hiking. A significant portion is lakeside hiking. Meeting: Jackrabbit Bike/Hiking Trails Parking Wes Clonts 706-769-3234	
Aug. 10 8 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Burnsworth 315-591-3167	Bronco
Aug. 15 9 AM B3	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. Meeting: Ellijay Food Lion Pilvinsky 706-273-2086	Mike
Aug. 15 8 AM 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. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Irene Reiner 706-970-9822
Aug. 17 9 AM B1	Leisure Hike - Murphy Greenway - We begin beside the Hiwassee River at the old train depot, trek to where the Valley River joins the Hiwassee, then on to Konehete park, trail's end, and return. Leader and others can decide whether to make the three-mile trek each way or shorten it a bit. This is a partly new, recently completed urban trail mostly in woods beside two rivers. Meeting: old L&N depot on Hiwassee St. in Murphy (directions online: "Murphy River Walk & Canoe Trail"). Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639	
Aug. 17 8 AM	GA Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug. 22 9 AM C2	Summer Waterfalls Hike. We'll hike first to 250 ft. Dukes Creek Falls for an easy 2.2 miles. Then on to Raven Cliff Falls where we'll have lunch at the base of the cliffs. A total of 7.2 delightful miles. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church south of Blairsville Candy Retter 706-897-9538	
Aug. 22 9 AM E3	Betty's Creek Gap to Beech Gap in the Standing Indian Area. 10.2 miles total. At Betty's Creek Gap, go southbound on the AT for 7.8 miles to Beech Gap, then down 2.4 miles on the Beech Gap Trail. Short shuttle required. Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Jerry Carnes, rockkicker48@gmail.com
Aug. 24 9 AM B2	Leisure Hike - Unicoi State Park Area Trails - Our day begins with visiting the Anna Ruby Falls Pat Thomas Visitors Center and taking the 1.2-mi. r.t. hike to the falls. Then it's on to the state park to do the Bottoms Loop including the Frog Pond Nature Trail and then the Lakeside Trail. Somewhere in the midst of all these we can lunch at either the Unicoi Lodge, German Bakery or Big Daddy's in Helen. That afternoon we receive a brief tour at fairly new Hardman Farm State Historic Site one mile south of Helen, part of historic Nacoochee Valley. Total hiking mileage: bit under 6 miles. Our vehicles will need both federal and state passes or pay small admission fees. Admission to Hardeman site is in addition to the park fee. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church south of Blairsville 689-7012	Larry Jarkovsky 386-

Aug. 24 8 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug. 29 9 AM B2	Turtletown Creek Falls, near Farner, TN. A moderate 4 mile round trip hike to two of the prettiest waterfalls in the area. Hiking sticks recommended. Meeting: Ducktown Piggly Wiggly 7237	Evelin & Doug Yarns 828-837-
Aug. 29 9 AM D3	Long Branch Trail to AT to Winding Stair Gap in Standing Indian area. This 8.2 mile moderate hike begins at the Back Country Information Center. Shuttle required Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Aug. 31 9 AM B3	Leisure Hike - Toccoa R. Swinging Bridge North to Hwy. 60 - We leave some vehicles at Skeenah Creek Gap on Hwy. 60 and drive the rest southward to the swinging bridge parking. First we go to the famous 360-ft. swinging bridge over the Toccoa River, then we hike back 3.5 mi. over Toonowee Mountain (climb is easier on this end of the ridge) to Hwy. 60. Total mileage: 3.8 Shuttle round-trip of just over 3 miles on FS gravel road. Meeting: Blue Ridge Food Lion 813-310-6084	Ken Cissna
Aug. 31 8 AM	NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep. 5 9 AM A2	New Hike: Mt. Oglethorpe, the original terminus for the Appalachian Trail in Georgia. Eagle's Rest, 3 different trails have been, picnic areas and viewing platform. Trails length ~3.5 miles. http://www.mtoglethorpe.org/eagles-rest.html Meeting: Ellijay Food Lion	Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
Sep. 5 9 AM E3	Woody Gap to Slaughter Gap on the AT, then down the Slaughter Creek Trail to Lake Winfield Scott. 10.6 miles. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot. 9538	Candy Retter 706-897-
Sep. 7 9 AM A3 or B3	Leisure Hike - AT off Hogpen Gap - First we will travel south on AT & Whitley Gap Shelter Trail to vistas along the crest of Wildcat Mtn., but turning around at the rocky high point before the descent to the shelter, return to the AT, and head to another vista and the big drop to Tesnatee Gap. Total is just under 3 miles. The leader/group, after the Shuttle back to Hogpen Gap, can decide about adding another approximately 3 miles by traveling north about 1.5 mi. to the start of the first significant climb and returning. Very short shuttle involved Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church south of Blairsville 745-8058	Virginia Lane 706-
Sep. 7 8 AM	GA Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep. 12 9 AM B4	Tobacco Pouch to Wildcat Campground in Jasper. This is a 5.1 adventure hike with a steep climb at the beginning (3.5 hrs.), High water stream crossings with ropes and a shuttle. The payoff? A beautiful waterfall and pretty terrain along Wildcat Creek. Good hiking/ water shoes and poles recommended. Pace of hike would be 2 to 2.5 miles per hour including breaks. Home Depot in Blue Ridge (meet hike leaders at Wildcat Campground)	Steve Dennison 706-299-6825
Sep. 12 9 AM D3	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. Meeting: Ingles parking lot Hayesville rockkicker48@gmail.com	Jerry Carnes,

Sep. 14 9 AM B3	<p>Leisure Hike - Southern Nantahala AT Vista and Waterfalls - Starting at Betty Creek Gap, the hike leaves FS Rd. 83, and travels a connecting trail 0.2 mi. to the AT, turns south, and climbs gradually awhile and then runs along a ridge to a wonderful sweeping bluff vista. Return the same way for a total of 4.4 miles. Add a little over a mile if so wish by turning homeward in the vehicles and stopping twice for short hikes to Mooney and Big Laurel Falls, still keeping total trip mileage under 6 miles. Carpool for after hike trip into Franklin for??</p> <p>Meeting: Ingles in Hayesville Carolyn & Tom Sewell 706-669-4916</p>
Sep. 14 8 AM	<p>NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
Sep. 19 9 AM C2	<p>Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Gap loop. This is a pleasant 6 mile (~3:30 hr.) hike with moderate ascents and descents. (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott). Wilderness area. 10 mile ride to trailhead. Meeting: Choestoe Baptist Church S of Blairsville Sue & Bob Astley 404-702-0273 or 404-403-8425</p>
Sep. 19 8 AM E4	<p>Brasstown Bald Challenge: Up the Jacks Knob Trail to Brasstown Bald parking lot and down the Arkequah Trail to parking lot. Trails maintained by MHH. Total of 7.8 strenuous miles. Trail ascends 1,400 ft. & descends 2,100 ft. Spectacular views. Shuttle to Parking lot Jacks Knob Trailhead at the base of Brasstown Bald Hwy 180. Meeting: Parking lot at Arkequah trailhead / Trackrock Irene Reiner 706-970-9822</p>
Sep. 21 9AM B2	<p>Leisure Hike - NEW! Interlocking Trails in SE TN off FS 221 near Ocoee Whitewater - Celebrate the last day of summer! This is almost a full-trekking loop with just a very short shuttle between two trailheads. Go uphill 1.5 on the Big Frog Trail, climbing only about 200 feet, turn left onto the Rough Creek Trail for 0.9 of modest undulating walking, and then hike 2.6 miles back to FS 221 on the Benton MacKaye Trail. About half of the trip you will be in Big Frog Federal Wildness Area. The group could hike other nearby trails a bit or visit the famous Ocoee River 1996 Olympic Whitewater Center nearby.</p> <p>Meeting: Piggly Wiggly at Ducktown George Owen 706-374-4716</p>
Sep. 21 8 AM	<p>NC Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>
Sep. 26 9 AM B2	<p>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. Meeting: Piggly Wiggly at Ducktown Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639</p>
Sep. 26 9 AM C5	<p>Chunky Gal Trail from Bob Allison Campground to Tusquitee Bald. 7.5 strenuous miles round trip. 2,200 foot elevation gain. Scenic area with giant hickories and the "Big" Buckeye tree. 5 wet stream crossings in the first 1.5 miles, so bring poles Meeting: Ingles in Hayesville. Michael O'Brian 706-745-6260</p>
Sep. 28 9 AM B3 or B4	<p>Leisure Hike - Trails of Vogel State Park - We celebrate our first autumn leisure hike close to home at Vogel. Treks include: Nature Trail, Coosa Backcountry to Hwy 180 and back, and some of Bear Hair Trail short way up and off back through the campgrounds, and concludes with the mile walk around the lake with the waterfall thrown in. Total: Something close to 5 miles. State Park pass or \$5 fee per vehicle.</p> <p>Meeting: Vogel State Park parking lot in front of visitors center Wes Clonts 706-769-3234</p>
Sep. 28 8 AM	<p>GA Trail Maintenance Day Meeting: Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167</p>

Oct 9th

Covered Dish Picnic / Business Meeting at Shope Pavillion.

Bring a covered dish for 8.

12:00

noon

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