MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Summer 2020

** Trails maintained by MHH

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

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Aug 4	Fall Branch Falls parking lot on BMT to junction with Stanley Gap trail at Weaver Creek
9AM	section and return. No shuttle. 6.4 miles.
C3	Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Aug 4	Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald on the AT. Trail climbs from 4,188 ft. at Crest to 5,342 ft.
9AM	at observation tower with some ups and downs in between. 8.4 miles round trip.
D4	Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (no text) if you plan to do
	this hike.
Aug 6	Leisure Hike - Winding Stair Gap on AT South to Old Log Steps and Return - Begin with
9AM	a 550-ft. gradually to 4,400 ft. in first miles, turn around at serious downhill is about to
B2	begin at the old log steps at abandoned logging roadbed and return. Total: exactly 5.0 mi.,
	with two ridge top side trails to limited vistas.
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	this hike.
Aug 6	Trail Maintenance Day.
9 AM	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Aug 11	Turtletown Creek Falls, near Farner, TN. A moderate 4 mile round trip hike to two of the
9AM	prettiest waterfalls in the area. Hiking sticks recommended. ($\approx 3 \text{ hrs}$).
B2	Please call hike leader Evelin Yarns 919-530-9640 if you plan to do this hike.
	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx 9 miles. This is a MHH favorite at
Aug 11	
9AM	any season of the year. Lunch on the summit makes the walk up worth it!
D3	Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug13	Leisure Hike - Jackrabbit on Lake Chatuge, NC Double Loop - Combining the 3.1 mi.
9AM	main loop and the 1.5 upper loop, this is an easy 4.6 mi. hike.
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9AM	Appalachian Trail southward from Woody Gap to Ramrock Mtn. and then the next peak
B3/4	after that - both little summits have great rock-bluff vistas. On the second little peak begin
	your hike back to Woody Gap - great little 4-plus-mi. hike with some climbing mid-trek.
	Please call hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Aug 27	Trail Maintenance Day.
9 AM	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 1 9AM	Cooper Creek Sampler. Begin at the Cooper Creek Parking Area and hike the 1.7 mile Eye on Wildlife trail back to Parking Lot. From there we will continue hiking over to the
B2	Yellow Mountain Trail to Shope Gap Trail and back to Parking Lot for another 3.2 mile
	hike. If we have time, we'll go over to Sea Creek Falls. This is a very scenic area around
	Coopers Creek and features easy to moderate hiking.
	Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 1	Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter, in and out on the AT. 9 miles .
9AM	Moderate with some steep climbs. Trail passes Dick's Creek Gap 2675 ft, Cowart Gap
D4	2920 ft, Buzzard Knob 3760 ft, and Plum Orchard Gap 3090 ft. Please call hike leader
Sep 3	Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike. Leisure Hike - NEW: Hanging Dog north of Murphy, NC - We hike about five miles on
9AM	the upper bluff loops with lunch back down at the lakeside pavilion.
B2	Please call hike leader Evelin Yarns 919-530-9640 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 3	Trail Maintenance Day.
9 AM	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 8	Bear Hair Trail in Vogel State Park. Loop hike of about 4 miles (≈ 3:00 hrs) with some
9AM	moderate to steep climbs. Bring hiking sticks and State Park pass or \$5.
B3	Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 8 9AM	The Miller Trek (Trail #46) at Brasstown Valley Resort. 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Pace will
C3	be slow so we can look for wildflowers.
	Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 10	Leisure Hike - Upper Ocoee trails off FS Rd. 221 - Quartz Loop, 1330 Bypass Tr.,
9AM	Chestnut Mountain Trail back to start - ca. 5 mi.
B2	Please call hike leader Evelin Yarns 919-530-9640 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 10 9 AM	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 15	Big Frog Wilderness loop. 7.2 miles. Hike starts at Thunder Rock Campgound on the
9AM	Benton McKaye trail to West fork trail to 1330 bypass to Bear Paw trail to Rhododendron
C3	Trail. Lunch at the Whitewater Center and then walk the beautiful boardwalk along the
	river back to cars.
0 15	Please call hike leader Anne Anderson 423-284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 15 8AM	Rabun Bald. Hike on the Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge road to summit of Rabun Bald
D3	and return the same way. Approx. 10 miles. Moderate hike. Plan on dinner in Clayton afterwards? NO SHUTTLE!
	Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (no text) if you plan to do
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Sep 17	Leisure Hike - Some trails of Fannin County - First is the 2.6 mi. Lake Nottely Trail.
9AM	Then we drive to the city park downtown Blue Ridge for an easy quarter-mile woods
B1	walk. Finally we drive to the Forest Service two loops on the northwest side of Lake Blue Ridge for about another 2 miles total on two looping trails.
	Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 17	Trail Maintenance Day.
9 AM	Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Sep 22	Grassy Mountain Firetower and Lake Conasauga Loop. In the Cohutta's, 6.2 miles, great
9AM	view from tower.
C2	Leader: NEED HIKE LEADER

Sep 22 9AM D3	Chunky Gal Trail from Glade Gap to the summit of Boteler Peak which has perhaps the best views of any summit in the Nantahala's. Return the same way with NO SHUTTLE. 6 miles. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (no text) if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 24 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - FIRST FALL LEISURE HIKE - Piney Knob main 5-mile loop near Murphy Casino. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
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Sep 29 9AM C3	Trails of Tallulah Gorge State Park – This includes a visit to the Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretative Center displays and the excellent 20-minute movie on the gorge. Then we will hike the North Rim Trail with its views of several waterfalls; go down Hurricane Falls staircase to the swinging bridge (about 200 steps each way), hike the High Bluff Loop, and maybe trek a portion of the Stoneplace Trail. Moderate hike with no long climbs (except the steps) – distance is 6-8 miles depending on how much the group decides to do. Please call hike leader Laurie Colombo 828-398-1506 or text 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Sep 29 9AM E4	Kimsey Creek trail to Standing Indian Mountain, then return the same way. A hike of appr. 12 miles. No Shuttle Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (no text) if you plan to do this hike.

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