

## MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Summer 2024

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

<b>July 2 C3</b>	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. Moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Ann Sylvester (239) 543-9563 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 2 C4</b>	Boteler Peak on the Chunky Gal Trail❖❖, Perry Gap to Glade Gap. Shuttle, 6 miles. Late wildflowers, good views. <b>Please contact Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 4 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Two loops at Brasstown Valley Resort & Lake Chatuge Recreation Area loop, GA. Avoid the 4th holiday crowds on these three trails. First hike the lower loop of the Miller Trek❖❖, then the lower "bottoms" blue-blazed loop. Both trails are out of the lodge parking. Then travel a short distance to the Lake Chatuge Recreation Area trail lakeside loop. Altogether it's about four miles, quite shady, and two of the three trails are MHH maintained. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
<b>July 9 D4</b>	Hike southbound on the Appalachian Trail from Dick's Creek Gap to Kelly Knob and return. This hike is just over 9 miles and is considered strenuous with 2700 ft of elevation gain. <b>Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 9 B2</b>	Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8-mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road. <b>Please contact Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 11 B1</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Park Creek Trail NC. In and out along the Nantahala River and Park Creek to a bridge over the creek and to the falls just beyond, a round trip of about 5 miles that is easy, shady, and mostly flat. Also visit the shady campground on the way back. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please email Marsha Shuford <a href="mailto:mbdshu@gmail.com">mbdshu@gmail.com</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>0July 11</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
<b>July 16 C3</b>	## Hike from Byron Reese parking area up to the AT. Hike northbound on the AT, passing through Neel Gap, to Levelland Mountain and return. This hike is about 7 miles with 1700 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. <b>Please text Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 16 B3</b>	## Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT in the Standing Indian area. This is a 5-mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area. Year-round spectacular views. <b>Please text Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 18 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> NEW multi-trail hike on the Tanasi Trail System in the Ocoee Whitewater Center area, TN. Start at the bridge next to the Whitewater Center, up part of the Bear Paw Trail, and then connect to the

	Chestnut Mountain Trail. Now comes the new part: right on the Chestnut Mtn. Trail for several undulating miles. Conclude by just over 1.5 mi. down the Thunder Rock Express Tr. to Thunder Rock Campground. Short shuttle required. Total is a bit over the usual 5 miles or less for leisure hikes, but it's new and moderate enough. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact Laurie Colombo (530) 295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 18</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> Fires Creek. Trails to be determined based on accessibility to Forest Service roads. <b>Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 <a href="mailto:Mward87@att.net">Mward87@att.net</a></b> Ingles, Hayesville (8:30 am)
<b>July 23 C4</b>	Hike from Woody Gap to Gooch Gap and back on the AT. This hike is 7.5 miles with 1400 ft of elevation gain. Moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 23 B3</b>	<b>##</b> 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. <b>Limited to 12 hikers. Please text Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 25 B1-2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Waterfall tour south of Blairsville, GA. We journey to Trahlyta Falls at Vogel SP, Helton Creek Falls** (2 of them), and DeSoto Falls (also 2 of them), all just off U.S. 19 south of Blairsville, trekking about 3.5 miles in all. Both GA state parks and federal passes needed for vehicles or pay cash. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please text Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> Wagon Train Trail (Wilderness). From Brasstown Bald parking lot, 1.5 miles in and back. Easy climb on return. <b>Leader: Bill Johnston 954-931-1947 <a href="mailto:woodyj820@gmail.com">woodyj820@gmail.com</a></b> Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
<b>July 30 C4</b>	Hike on the AT from Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and return. This hike is 7 miles and is moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>July 30 B2</b>	Turtletown Creek Falls, near Farner, TN. A moderate 4-mile round trip hike to two of the prettiest waterfalls in the area. Rough road going in; carpool drivers should have 4-wheel or all-wheel drive. NOTE: Forest Service crews are working on this trail during the summer and fall. Currently the trail is scheduled to be open on this date, but the hike leader will be monitoring Forest Service news to be sure. <b>Limited to 15 hikers because of limited parking. Please contact Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 1 B3-4</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Winding Stair Gap to Five Steps, NC. Travel south on the Appalachian Trail. The first half-mile is uphill but modestly so. Then you have an in-and-out along a shady ridge with great views eastward, with a couple places at over 4,000 ft, for a total distance of 5 miles. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please text Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> Ravens Cliff Falls (Wilderness) 1.25 miles along Dukes Creek and return. Moderate up at beginning and creek crossing. Level but rough trail with moderate up at the end. <b>Leader: Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 <a href="mailto:Kellylee28@aol.com">Kellylee28@aol.com</a></b> Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)

<b>Aug 6 C3</b>	Hike from Three Forks to Hawk Mountain Shelter on the AT northbound and return. Visit Long Creek Falls and an old cemetery. This hike is 7.5 miles and is moderately strenuous. <b>Limited to 14 hikers. Please email Mike Pilvinsky, <a href="mailto:oldsoldier67@gmail.com">oldsoldier67@gmail.com</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 6 B3</b>	<b>##</b> Winding Stair Gap to Panther Gap and return. Approximately 5 miles north on the AT, with the option to go farther if the group chooses. The area stays cooler in summer. <b>Please text Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 8 B1</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Brushy Creek inner loop, TN. This is a years'-long favorite and easy. Start at a paved parking area on left just west of the Cherokee Nat. Forest entrance and hike a loop that includes a section beside remote Ocoee Lake No. 3. Total distance of 4 miles. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> Fires Creek Rock Gap <b>Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 <a href="mailto:Mward87@att.net">Mward87@att.net</a></b> Ingles, Hayesville (8:30 am)
<b>Aug 13 C2</b>	Hike to Lake Blue Ridge via the Long Branch Trail to Green Mountain Connector to Green Mountain Trail to the lake and return. This hike is 6+ miles with about 1200 ft of elevation gain and is considered a moderate hike. <b>Limited to 14 hikers. Please contact email Ken Cissna, <a href="mailto:kcissna@usf.edu">kcissna@usf.edu</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 13 B2</b>	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell (3 miles east of Clayton) to the viewing platform at Martin Creek Falls. This scenic (4 mile) round trip also passes by Becky Creek Falls. Optional dine out in Clayton. <b>Please email Pam Sullivan <a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 15 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> BMT from Watson Gap to Dyer Gap. This section of the Benton MacKaye Trail, 4.5 miles long, is in a remote part of the Cohutta Range northwest of Blue Ridge, GA. A bit of a moderate climb at the beginning and end, but mostly gentle rolling through beautiful forest, partly along the Jacks River. Passes the start of the Pinhoti Trail in GA and includes an optional short side trip to a modest waterfall. Three mile shuttle required. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance Special! Tool Cleaning (Sharpening) Party (Drinks and Food AFTER we finish) Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 <a href="mailto:Kellylee23@aol.com">Kellylee23@aol.com</a></b> At the Tool Shed – Details to Follow
<b>Aug 20 E4</b>	Rock Gap to Albert Mountain Fire Tower on the AT, out and back. This hike is 12 miles with about 2100 ft of elevation gain and is strenuous. <b>Please text Kelly Motter 979-480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 20 B2</b>	Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap on the AT and down the Long Branch trail to the Standing Indian backcountry information kiosk for 5 miles, short shuttle. The first part of the hike is a gentle but steady uphill, followed by a mostly level section around an open wood, and finally downhill to the road. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please text Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 22 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Betty Creek Gap to Little Ridge Post overlook on the AT in the Standing Indian area. In and out for a total distance of 4 miles. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please text Margie Hornsby (850) 322-</b>

	<b>8078 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> Jackrabbit Mtn trail. Easy 2.3-mile trail. <b>Leader: Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 <a href="mailto:obrienmap@gmail.com">obrienmap@gmail.com</a></b> Blairsville Park and Ride (8:30 am)
<b>Aug 27 D3</b>	<b>##</b> Hike on the AT from Hogpen Gap to Sheep Rock. This hike is 8 miles with 1500 ft of elevation gain and is moderately strenuous. <b>Please text Susan Paul (407) 663-4457 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 27 B2</b>	Gobbler Trail at Piney Knob in Murphy. 6-mile loop, good trail bed. <b>Please contact Laurie Colombo (530) 295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 29 B2-3</b>	<b>## Leisure Hike</b> BMT from Thunder Rock Campground north & back in TN. This trek from the campground north on the Benton MacKaye Trail to the Rock Creek Trail intersection totals 4.4 mi. round-trip, in-and-out. There is a 0.2 mi. steep uphill just north of the Ocoee River/U.S. 64 at the start that we will take slow, but the rest is pretty easy. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance OPEN</b>
<b>Sept 3 D4</b>	<b>##</b> Hike up Slaughter Creek to the AT in the Lake Winfield Scott area. Take the AT north up to Blood Mountain. Return southbound on the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail and return to LWS. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain and is moderately strenuous. <b>Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Sept 3 B2</b>	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, falls, and beautiful rock formations on one side. <b>Limited to 14 hikers. Please email Ken Cissna, <a href="mailto:kcissna@usf.edu">kcissna@usf.edu</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Sept 5 B2</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Hike at Smithgall Woods State Park, GA. We will start out on the Tsalaki Trail and walk along the river to the Ash Creek Trail, with a side trip to Dukes Creek and back for a moderate 4.5 – 5-mile hike. Optional lunch in Helen and the conclusion of the hike. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>Trail Maintenance</b> Wagon Train Trail (Wilderness). From Brasstown Bald parking lot 1.5 miles in and back. Easy climb on return. <b>Leader Needed.</b>
<b>Sept 10 D4</b>	Hike on the BMT from Weaver Creek to Rocky Mountain and return. This hike is 8 miles with climbs in both directions. Strenuous. <b>Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Sept 10 B2</b>	Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County, Aska area. A moderate hike of about 5 miles near Lake Blue Ridge. <b>Please email Pam Sullivan <a href="mailto:pams11@tds.net">pams11@tds.net</a> if you plan to do this hike.</b>
<b>Sept 12 B2-3</b>	<b>Leisure Hike</b> Albert Mtn. north over mile, then south to Mooney Gap, NC. High late summer hike. Start at Albert Mtn. parking, take short trail to Appalachian Trail, then the AT over a mile north, back to Albert Mtn. and vehicles, drive down to Bear Pen Gap, and take the AT again to Mooney Gap. A side trip to atop Albert Mtn. for fabulous vista will be offered for those wishing to take it. A bit over 4 miles total. <b>Limited to 20 hikers. Please contact George Owen (706-374-4716) if you plan to do</b>

