

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR Winter 2016

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| Jan 5 9 AM C3 | Bear Paw and Chestnut Mountain loop trails opposite the Whitewater Center in the Ocoee Gorge, TN. A moderate 7.7 mile hike. Good winter views of gorge. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, Tn. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716 |
| Jan 5 9 AM D3 | Hike Inn Trail. 4.9 miles from Amicalola Falls State Park to Len Foote Hike Inn, 4.9 miles return. 9.8 mi total. Several moderate climbs. Option to return on the Approach Trail. Park and Ride in Blairsville Michael Pilvinsky 706-889-5254 |
| Jan 7 10 AM B2 | Leisure Hike: Helen to Unicoi State Park. A relatively easy 3 or 6-mile walk from Helen to the lodge at Unicoi. Option of return hike or leave cars at Unicoi for a 1-way hike. About 5.8 miles round trip. Lunch at the lodge or bring your own. Public parking lot in Helen Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657 |
| Jan 7 9:00 | NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Jan 12 9 AM C3 | Miller Trek This 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Some nice winter views of Lake Chatuge Trailhead parking at Brasstown Valley resort. Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Jan 12 9 AM D3 | Unicoi Gap on the AT to Indian Grave Gap, then back via the Rocky Mountain Trail. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee Mary Patrick 706-379-4170 |
| Jan 14 9:00 | NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Jan 19 9 AM D3 | Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. A 5 mile moderately strenuous round trip with 1,700 feet elevation gain. Trail is a combination of moderate and some steep and rocky sections. Stunning views! Unicoi Gap on Hwy. 75 south of Hiawassee Steve Dennison 706-253-3938 |
| Jan 19 9 AM C3 | Unicoi Gap to Chattahoochee Gap and return on the AT. A 8.8 mile hike. Some rough, rocky footing. Side trip to Blue Mt. Shelter. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 Mary Patrick 706-379-4170 |
| Jan 21 9:30 AM B2 | Leisure Hike: Brush Creek Loop from Hwy. 64 Parking south of Ducktown, TN. Easy 5 mile loop with some views of the Ocoee River along the way. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN Hank Baudet 706-455-5583 |
| Jan 21 9:00 | Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Jan 26 9 AM B2 | Big Lost Creek is located in TN. on the BMT. Less than six miles in and out. This 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. Giant icicles in winter make this a gorgeous winter hike. Piggly Wiggly Parking lot in Ducktown, Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439 |
| Jan 26 9 AM D3 | Hogpen Gap on Richard Russell Hwy to Low Gap Shelter and return. A round trip of 8.4 mi on the AT. Nice winter views. Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 Candy Retter 706-835-1344 |
| Jan 28 9:00 | NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Feb 2 9 AM B2 | Dally Gap to Jack's River. 5 mi. hike up Hemp Top Trail to intersection with the BMT at Spanish Oak Gap to Jacks River Trail to the river. Bring poles, river shoes if you want to cross the river. Home Depot in Blue Ridge Tom Sewell 706-669-6406 |
| Feb 2 9 AM | Trails of Tallulah Gorge State Park. Hike the North Rim Tr. with its views of several falls, go down Hurricane Falls staircase to the swinging bridge (approx 200 steps each way), then hike the |

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| C3 | High Bluff Loop, and maybe trek a portion of Stoneplace Tr..A moderate hike with no long climbs (except the steps) 6-8 miles depending on what the group decides. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee George Owen 706-897-3366 |
| Feb 4 10 AM B2 | Jack Rabbit Trail 5-6 miles of fairly east hiking on the edge of Lake Chatuge. Jack Rabbit parking lot on Jack Rabbit rd. off Hwy. 75 north of Hiawassee Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657 |
| Feb 4 9:00 | NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Feb 9 9 AM B3 | Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilsco Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3 mile section is constantly going up and down. Many of these short grades are steep. Shuttle required Park & Ride in Blairsville Judie Kean 706-745-4998 |
| Feb 9 9 AM C3 | Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 across Toonowee Mountain to the suspension bridge and return for 7.2 miles round trip. Elevation change 800 ft. in, 900 ft out. Park & Ride in Blairsville Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260 |
| Feb 11 9:00 | Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Feb 16 9 AM B3 | Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5.0 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., The trail passes Indian Grave Gap (3113 ft), a fabulous hillside of galax, the "cheese factory" turnoff, a viewpoint just before Tray Mt. (4430 ft). Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Bob and Sue Astley 404-702-0273 |
| Feb 16 9 AM C4 | Arkaquah Trail from Trackrock Gap to Brasstown Bald parking lot, then down to Jacks Gap for a total of 7.8 miles of strenuous hiking. Trail ascends 2100 ft. and descends 1400. Spectacular views. Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439 |
| Feb 18 9 AM B37 | Leisure Hike: 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. 3.9 miles to trailhead Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. |
| Feb 18 9:00 | NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Feb 23 9 AM C2 | Stanley Gap Trail from Deep Gap parking area on Aska Road to the intersection with the Benton MacKaye Trail and return. 4.5 miles round trip. Moderate climb to BMT and downhill on the return. Food Lion parking lot in Blue Ridge. Ken Cissna 706-636-1741 |
| Feb 23 9 AM C2 | Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on the AT. 7.5 miles round trip. A moderate hike with two nice viewpoints. Come see the new re-lo GATC and Konnarock did in 2014. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Candy Retter 706-835-1344 |
| Feb 25 9:00 | NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Mar 1 9 AM 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. Shuttle required. Very scenic hike with flame azaleas in spring Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Cathie Stallings 706-835-1639 |
| Mar 1 9 AM D4 | Panthers Creek Falls in the Cohuttas. The hike will start at the Three Forks area, proceed 2.3 miles on East Cowpen Tr., then turn onto Panther Cr Tr down to falls (another 2.3 miles) then back out the same way for 9.2 total miles. Blue Ridge Home Depot Ginnie Smith 706-258-8716 |
| Mar 1 6:00PM | Covered Dish Supper / Business Meeting Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Young Harris. Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com |
| Mar 3 9:00 | Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610 |
| Mar 8 9 AM C3 | BMT: Springer parking lot, up AT to Springer, then BMT to 3 Forks. 7 mi. mod hike. Southern terminus of the AT and the BMT with memorial marker for Benton MayKaye. Beautiful rock outcropping overlook. 3 Forks is the confluence of Stover, Chester and Long Creeks. Shorter |

