

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Winter 2021

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jan 5 9AM 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 on each side. Cascading rapids, falls, and beautiful rock formations on one side. Giant icicles in winter make this a gorgeous winter hike. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 5 9AM C3	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. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 7 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap & Return - This trek offers modest climbs with high winter views through the leafless trees on a lovely AT section just south of NC's Wallace Gap - in-and-out for a total of 5.2 mi. Please text hike leader Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 7	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jan 12 9AM C3	Testnatee Gap to Wolf Laurel Top, back to Tesnatee Gap., 5.6 miles. Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 12 9AM C3	Sawmill Gap on Bartram Trail to AT and up to Wayah Bald. Return same way. Approximately 8 miles. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 14 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Start at Thunder Rock Campsite in TN and travel northward on the Benton MacKaye Trail to Rock Creek Trail and return. An 0.2 mi. steep uphill engages you just north of U.S. 64, but the rest is pretty easy - 4.2 mi. round-trip. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 14	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jan 19 9AM B3	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5.0 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., the second highest point on the AT in GA. 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).. Please call hike leader Charles Brown 912-682-4942 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 19 9AM C3	Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort. This 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Please call hike leader Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 21 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Gooch Gap west on Appalachian Trail - Trek to the Gooch Mountain Shelter, then Justus Creek and return - between 5-6 miles round-trip. Please call hike leader Cathie Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 21	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Jan 26 9AM C3	River View Loop at Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6 mile hike that starts and finishes at the Whitewater Center. From the center we climb the Bearpaw and Chestnut Mtn.trails to the River view loop, and then return on the other limb of the Bearpaw

	trail.. Federal fee area or Senior pass. Please call hike leader Anne Anderson 423-284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 26 9AM D4	Bartram Trail Northward from Warwoman Dell (3 miles east of Clayton) to Pinnacle Peak and Return No Shuttle. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Jan 28 9AM B1	Leisure Hike - Murphy River Walk - From the old train station this very delightful walk out to its end near Lowe's and back with a couple options along the way depending on recent weather is always easy and pleasant. Distance is between 4-5 mi., depending. Please call hike leader Harriet Hoke 727-804-3603 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 28	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Feb 2 9AM C3	Benton MacKaye Trail from Wilscot Gap to Brawley Fire tower, and then take the forest service road back to Wilscot Gap. Breath taking views of long range mountains along this road. 6.1 miles with a strenuous uphill to Tipton Mtn. (Views of Lake Blueridge), but moderate after. Please text Kim Blankenship and leave your email for weather updates and meeting place and time. 770-880-8358.
Feb 2 9AM C3	Benton MacKaye Trail from Bushy Head Gap, west of Blue Ridge, in and out for 7.6 miles. A moderate hike with 1,000 ft. elevation change. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 or email him if you plan to do this hike
Feb 4 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - TN trails near the Ocoee Whitewater Center - From the Thunder Rock Campground area we trek the Rhododendron Trail to the winter-closed Whitewater Center, then go uphill south of the river to hike the 1.5 mi. Bear Paw Loop Trail and return - total distance is about 5 mi. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 4	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Feb 9 9AM B3	Jack's Gap Knob Trail from Jack's Gap to Chattahoochee River Headwaters is a 5.3 mile out and back trail located near Brasstown Bald. Good for all skill levels. Meet at the bottom of Jack's Gap. Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 9 9AM D3	Classic Hike: Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx. 9 miles. Winter views outstanding. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 11 9AM B1-2	Leisure Hike - Vogel to Reese Farm and return - Take half the trail around Vogel State Park (Lake Trahlyta Trail), then the Reese Farm Trail to the poet's farm, and return to Vogel to conclude with the Trahlyta Falls and remainder of the Trahlyta Trail. Total distance is around four miles (steep paved trail downhill at Reese Farm end may be omitted). Please call hike leader Bob MacLean 727-254-8107 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 11	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Feb 16 9AM C3##	GA AT series 3. Woody Gap to Gooch Gap (in and out). 7.2 miles. Nice Views south. Trail passes Woody Gap (3150), Ramrock Mt. (B3200) high point, Gooch Gap (2784) low point. MHH "favorite". Please text hike leader Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 16 9AM D4	Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap to Sarvis Gap and return. An 8.2 mile strenuous hike. Excellent winter views. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Feb18 9AM	Leisure Hike - Piney Knob - We'll trek the 5-mile Gobbler Trail, a wonderful loop in this relatively new preserve just outside the casino area near Murphy, NC.

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Feb 18	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Feb 23 9AM B4	Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap east to Buckeye Gap and return. Moderate 5.2 miles. Duncan Ridge Trail has several steep sections. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Feb 23 9AM E4	Long Branch Trail to AT to Albert Mt. 10.5 mi. Up to the AT on Long Branch Trail, from the Backcountry Information Center, hike south on the AT to Albert Mt lookout tower and return. Please call hike leader Mike O'Brien 706-745-6260 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 25 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Upper loops at Ocoee Whitewater area - Hike the Quartz Loop then intersect the Quartz Loop Spur and 1330 Bypass trails, to return on the uppermost part of the Chestnut Mountain Loop Trail to our vehicles. This is a TN hike with winter vistas off to both lower country and higher surrounding viewing also. Please call hike leader Anne Anderson 423-284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb 25	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Mar 2 9AM C2##	Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Gap loop. This is a pleasant 6 mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott). Please call hike leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 2 9AM D4	Dicks Creek Gap to Kelly Knob. Start at Dicks Creek Gap and hike south over Powell Mountain, McClure Gap, Deep Gap and climb the north side of Kelly Knob. Great view from Kelly Summit. Return the same way. 9 miles total. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Mar 4 9AM B2	Leisure Hike - Two Helen area hikes - Begin with the Hardman Farm State Park almost 2-mile round-trip paved trail to Helen's southern outskirts, all along the tumbling Chattahoochee River. Then travel a few miles to Smithgall Woods State Park to trek the 1.6-mi. Laurel Ridge Trail with a fabulous view of distant Yonah Mountain from the ridge. Trip total mileage is about 3.5 mi. (And for anyone interested afterwards, we will throw in the hardier in-and-out trail of 2.4 mi. round-trip to awesome towering Dukes Creek Falls when homeward bound.) Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 or email him if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 4	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Mar 9 9AM B3	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in, but the 360 degree view from top is well worth the effort. A 4.2 mile round trip hike. Club favorite. Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 9 9AM D4	Black Rock Mt St Park Edmonds Backcountry Trail 7.2 and Tennessee Trail 2.2 miles. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Mar 11 9AM B2-3	Leisure Hike - NEW - Wine Spring Bald to Wayah Bald rt. - This one is a definitely high and different NC trip - with visits to two peaks that are both over 5,300 ft. Between the two peaks our in-and-out trek on the joint Appalachian and Bartram trails is high and scenic for a total distance of just over four miles. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 or email him if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 11	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Mar 16 9AM	Rock Gap to Winding Stair Gap. A 7.4 mile moderate hike on the AT with optional additional 1.4 mile round trip to Big Tree (Wasilik Poplar). Please call hike leader

