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	Big Lost Creek Trail Located in TN. on the BMT. Less than six miles in and out. This
9AM	easy, mostly level hike follows Big Lost Creek. Beautiful gorge, high rock walls on each
B1	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	Hogpen Gap on Richard Russell Hwy to Low Gap Shelter and return. A round trip of 8.4
9AM	mi on the AT. Nice winter views. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-
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C3	1530 (voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 7	Leisure Hike - Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap & Return - This trek offers modest climbs
9AM	with high winter views through the leafless trees on a lovely AT section just south of
B3	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	Testnatee Gap to Wolf Laurel Top, back to Tesnatee Gap., 5.6 miles. Please call hike
9AM	leader Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
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Jan 12	Sawmill Gap on Bartram Trail to AT and up to Wayah Bald. Return same way.
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	Approximately 8 miles. Please call hike leader Marjorie Hornsby 828-415-1530
C3	(voicemail) or 850-322-8078 (text) if you plan to do this hike.
Jan 14	Leisure Hike - Start at Thunder Rock Campsite in TN and travel northward on the Benton
9AM	MacKaye Trail to Rock Creek Trail and return. An 0.2 mi. steep uphill engages you just
B3	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	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5.0 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray
9AM	Mt., the second highest point on the AT in GA. The trail passes Indian Grave Gap (3113)
В3	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	Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort. This 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an
9AM	elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. Please call hike leader
C3	Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 if you plan to do this hike.
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Jan 21 9AM	Leisure Hike - Gooch Gap west on Appalachian Trail - Trek to the Gooch Mountain
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B2	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	Jack's Gap Knob Trail from Jack's Gap to Chattahoohee River Headwaters is a 5.3 mile
B3	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	bottom of Jack's Gap. Please call hike leader Linda Hiles 954-445-4358 if you plan to do this hike. 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
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	hike.

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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

E3	Candy Retter 706-897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 16 9AM C4	Gahuti Trail at Ft. Mountain State Park. 10 mile loop trail. 8.2 mile loop hike on the Gahuti Trail with a few long, steep descents and a few short, very steep climbs. Great views. Hike the Old Fort trails and lunch at the ancient "Stone Wall" of prehistoric origin for an additional 1.8 miles. GA state park pass or Fee required. Please call hike leader Steve Dennison at 706-299-6825 if you plan to do this hike
Mar 18 9AM B1-2	Leisure Hike - NEW - Waterfall trails in the Lake Burton area - Visit Minnehaha Falls, Panther Falls, Angel Falls, and Hemlock Falls - four separate waterfalls at three locations with separate parking and just a few miles driving between each. Total hiking distance is just under 5 miles. Please call hike leader George Owen 706-374-4716 or email him if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 18	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Mar 23 9AM C3	Dockery Lake to AT and return. A 6.8 mile hike. Elevation gain 1,000 ft. going, 600 ft. returning. Trail noted for wild azaleas. Optional wildflower walk in Sosebee Cove. Meet at Choestoe. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Please text hike leader Kim Blankenship 770-880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 23 9AM D3	Hike Inn & Lower AT Approach Trail Loop - This moderate 10.1 mi. loop from Amicalola Falls State Park celebrates also the first spring hike of some distance. It also replaces the formerly published state park-to-Hike Inn and repeat return trek, adding only about a third mile. Lunch at the hike inn, but bring your own lunch - the inn serves no lunches. All climbs are moderate, and the only long uphill we hike down hill (on the Approach Trail). Your leader has extended attendance limit by two so he could invite two elderly friends of his: 1) the fellow who led the Sierra Club and others to oppose installation and building of the hike inn - against GA DNR, and 2) the guy who laid out and oversaw the construction of the Approach Trail on which you will be walking in the afternoon. So there will also be a sharing of a bit of history by these as we trek. Also, if you are newer in our club and have not been to the Len Foote Hike Inn, this will be your chance for acquaintance with this wonderful twenty-year-old hiker favorite. Please call hike leader George Owen or email him if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 25 9AM B3	Leisure Hike - Two loops of Coopers Creek area - Our day begins with the smaller 1.6 mi. loop of the Eyes on Wildlife Trail. Then we travel a few hundred yards to start the larger loop of 2.1 mi. composed of successively the Yellow Mountain, Cooper Creek Connector, and Mill Shoals Trails. With road walk to/from the parking area we will total out at about 4 miles. Please call or text hike leader Laurie Colombo 530-295-7639 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar 25	Trail Maintenance Day. Contact: Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167
Mar 30 9AM B4 Mar 30	B4 Bear Creek Loop. Hike 7 mile moderate loop in the Cohutta Mtns. and see the "famous" Gannett Poplar. Please call hike leader Ken Cissna 813-310-6084 if you plan to do this hike. Chunky Gal Trail to Tusquitee Bald and return. No shuttle required. Please call hike
9AM D4	leader Bronco Burnsworth 315-591-3167 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 Terrain / Footing: 1 = easy
B = 3 - 6 miles 2 = average

C = 6 - 8 miles D = 8 - 10 miles 3 = moderate 4 = strenuous

E = over 10 miles 5 = very strenuous