

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR
Winter 2024

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jan. 2 B3	Piney Knob, Gobbler trail in Murphy. Good winter views. Approx. 6 mile loop. Please contact Kim Blankenship text (770) 880-8358 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 2 C3	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, with climbs in both directions. Moderately strenuous. Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 4 B1	Leisure Hike - Amadahy Loop Trail in GA. Four miles, mostly along Carter Lake, with an added half-mile side trip to a snack spot with a bit of uphill. Please contact Ken Cissna(kcissna@usf.edu) if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 4	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Jan. 9 B3	Jack's Knob Trail from Jack's Gap to Chattahoochee River Headwaters is a 5.3 mile out and back trail located near Hiawassee, GA that features a great forest setting and is good for all skill levels. Please contact Kathy Stallings (706) 897-6924 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 9 D4	Hike Leatherwood Falls loop trail in Fires Creek. First 1.5 miles steep, then 4.5 miles down the forest road. Plenty of views. Moderate to hard hike. Please contact Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 11 B3	Leisure Hike - Winding Stair Gap on Appalachian Trail to four steps and return in NC, ca. 5 mi. In & out. Please contact Marjorie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 11	Trail Maintenance: Lake Chatuge Trail. Lopping and removing small trees. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sjd50@ctemail.com Blairsville Park n Ride (8:30 am)
Jan. 16 C3	Wilscot Gap to Brawley Mtn. with shuttle go to Dial Rd (7mi) or at the Brawley Mtn fire tower we can walk down the forest service road back to Wilscot. 6.3 mile THIS HIKE IS CANCELLED.
Jan. 16 C4	Hike on the AT to Levelland Mtn. from Byron Reese. Take the Bryon Reese Trail up to the AT, then follow the AT northbound to Levelland Mtn. This hike is out and back, about 7.5 miles with 1700 ft. of elevation gain. Moderately strenuous. THIS HIKE IS CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF PROJECTED EXTREME COLD AND WINTRY PRECIPITATION.
Jan. 18 B1-2	Leisure Hike - TN FS Rd. 221 start - Traverse Benton MacKaye Trail, then bit of Chestnut Mtn. loop trail, out via Thunder Rock express to Thunder Rock Campground, for about total of ca. 4 mi. Please contact Anne Anderson (424) 284-7032 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 18	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Jan. 23 B3	Wagon Train Trail/Arkaquah Trail combo hike. We will start at Brasstown Bald parking area and hike the Wagon Train Trail about 1.5 miles to viewpoint and back. Mostly level, some sections rocky. We'll then hike about 1.5 miles out and back on the Arkaquah trail, along the ridgeline to a rocky overlook with views on both sides. Minimal net elevation change, but some ups and downs. Total of about 6 miles. Wilderness area: group size (12) rules apply. Parking fee required or Golden Age Pass. Please contact Sherry Savrda text (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 23 D3	Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap. Hike SOBO on the AT from Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap and return. This hike is about 9.6 miles, has about 1760 ft. of elevation gain, and is considered moderately strenuous. Please contact Susan Paul (407) 6634-4457 if you plan to do this hike.

Jan. 25 B1-2	Leisure Hike - NEW: Three GA trails off GA 180 with shuttles: Burnett Gap north on Coosa Backcountry Trail to Wolf Creek Rd., drive to Wildcat Gap and hike ca. 1.5 mi. to Wolfpen Gap, short loop around Lake Winfield Scott, totaling ca. 3.7-4.1 mi. Please contact George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 25	Trail Maintenance: Arkaquah Trail (Wilderness) from Track Rock to Buzzard Roost. 3 mile round trip with difficult 1.5 mile climb up to Buzzard Roost. Lopping and water diversion work. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 Kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park n Ride (8:30 am)
Jan. 30 C4	Byron Reese parking lot up to AT then NOBO to Levelland Mt. and return. 7.5 miles with 1625 ft elevation gain. Moderate to strenuous with expected 2.0 mph pace. Please contact Mary Frankis (505) 220-8706 if you plan to do this hike.
Jan. 30 D4	Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Ana Ruby Falls and return. A 10 mile moderate hike with lunch at the falls. State Park parking pass needed at Unicoi Trail access point. Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 1 B2	Leisure Hike – Winding Stair Gap to wood steps and back. In and out, 5 miles. Please contact Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 1	Trail Maintenance: Arkaquah Trail (Wilderness) from Brasstown Bald Parking, 2.25 miles past the Arkaquah overlook and back. Lopping and blowdowns. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825. Blairsville Park n Ride (9:00 am)
Feb.6 C3	Gooch Gap to Woody Gap (in and out). Moderate to some strenuous. 7.2 miles. Nice Views. Please contact Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 6 D4	Black Rock Mountain State Park near Clayton, GA. Edmonds Loop Trail for 7.2 moderate to strenuous miles. Then the Tennessee Rock Trail for 2.2 moderate miles. State Park pass required. Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 8 B1	Leisure Hike - Brush Creek Loop off U.S. 64 in TN over undulating trail and partly along a dammed-up lake of the Ocoee River for about 4 mi. Please contact Ken Cissna (kcissna@usf.edu) if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 8	Trail Maintenance: Jacks Knob from Brasstown Bald Parking Lot to 180. Easy 2.5 mile downhill. Water diversions and lopping. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 Kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park n Ride (8:30 am)
Feb. 13 B2	Aska Trails in Blue Ridge. Flat Creek Loop trail for approx. 5.8 miles. Please contact Ken Cissna (kcissna@usf.edu) if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 13 D4	Lake Winfield Scott (LWS) - Hike Slaughter Creek Trail to the AT, then northbound on the AT, up Blood Mtn. and return on the AT SOBO. Continue SOBO on the AT to Jarrard Gap to return to LWS. Take Jarrard Gap Trail back to LWS. This hike is about 8 miles and is considered moderately strenuous. Entrance fee required for LWS. Please contact Susan Paul (407) 6634-4457 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 15 B3	Leisure Hike - PARTLY NEW in GA From new Benton MacKaye Tr. parking lot on FS Rd. 42 we travel west 0.3 mi. moderate uphill to a fabulous vista, then return downhill all the way on the BMT to a loop of AT and BMT and then end at the Appalachian Trail parking lot - short shuttle. Please contact George Owen at 706-374-4716 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 15	Trail Maintenance: Arkaquah Trail (Wilderness) from Track Rock to Buzzard Roost. 3 mile round trip with difficult 1.5 mile climb up to Buzzard Roost. Lopping and water diversion work. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 Kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park n Ride (8:30 am)
Feb. 20 B3	Cooper Creek Rec Area. Yellow Mtn to Shope Game to Mill Shoals. This hike is considered moderate and is about 5 miles long. Please contact Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 20	Hike from Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap on the BMT and return. This hike is 10.6 miles,

D5	with about 2800 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. Please contact Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 22 B1	Leisure Hike - Murphy River Walk, NC - This ca. 4 mi. trek out and back is a favorite and rather flat walk alongside two rivers in Murphy. Possible lunch afterwards in downtown Murphy. Please contact Mary Neps (815)-481-5782 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 22	Trail Maintenance: Chunky Gal, wildlife area near Boetler Peak to Perry Gap. Lopping and brush cutting. Blowdown at peak. Leader: Michael O'Brien (706) 994-1569 obrienmap@gmail.com Ingles in Hayesville, NC (8:30 am)
Feb. 27 D4	Sandy Gap to Unicoi Gap on the Benton MacKaye Trail. It is an 8.3-mile section, with a beautiful ridgeline walk along the NC/TN state line, with added attractions of seeing an old engraved stone marker on the ridge marking the state line, and "old" Doc Watson's TB sanatorium, in ruins, with rock walls over 3 stories high still standing, and ending at the historic Unicoi Gap in TN. Shuttle. Meet at SE corner of Hwy. 64 and 19/129 in Murphy, NC. Please contact xxxx if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 27 D4	Hike the Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap to Sarvis Gap and return. This hike has several steep climbs, is about 8 miles and is considered strenuous. Please contact Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 29 B2	Leisure Hike - TN BMT trek - Off FS Rd. 221 , we first do the 2-mi. Quartz Loop Tr., then hike downhill to Thunder Rock Campground on the Benton MacKaye Trail - morning total of bit over 5 mi. Please contact Laurie Colombo text (530) 295-77359 if you plan to do this hike.
Feb. 29	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Mar. 5 C3	BMT/AT Loop: Three Forks to Long Creek Falls to Hickory Flats on AT then FS road to No Name Bald rejoining the BMT back to Three Forks. Moderate 7.5 moderate miles. 1,000 ft elevation gain. Please contact Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
Mar. 5 D4	Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mtn. Hike southbound on the AT from Tesnatee Gap and return. This hike is about 8.5 miles with 2300 ft. of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. Please contact Susan Paul (407) 6634-4457 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar. 7 B3	Leisure Hike - Cooper Ck. area , 4 trails. First hike the 1.6 mi. easy Cooper Creek Loop (also called "Eyes on Wildlife Trail"). The bigger loop then uses three trails: Yellow Mtn., 0.4 mi. crossover trail, and part of Mill Shoals back to start. All together total distance for the day is over 4 miles. Please contact Sherry Savrda text (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.
Mar. 7	Trail Maintenance: Tate Gap to Tesquittee Gap, 2.1 miles. Lopping and brush cutting; multiple blowdowns. LEADER NEEDED
Mar. 12 C3	Rocky Mtn: Deep Gap parking area in the Aska Rec Area to the Stanley Gap Trail to Rocky Mtn. on the BMT. Blue Ridge. Moderate, 6 miles with 3 miles uphill, 3 miles downhill. Optional meal out afterwards. Please contact Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you plan to do this hike.
Mar. 12 C3	Three Forks to Hawk Mountain Shelter. Hike northbound on the AT to Hawk Mountain Shelter and return with visits to the cemetery and Long Branch Falls. This hike is about 8 miles and is moderately strenuous. Please contact Ken Cissna (kcissna@usf.edu) if you plan to do this hike.
Mar. 14 B1-2	Leisure Hike - Trails of Hanging Dog, NC. The leader will choose on this one from several possible loops, all above a beautiful lake, 3.5 to 5 mi., depending on route choice. Please contact Evelyn Yarns (919) 530-9640 if you plan to do this hike
Mar. 14	Trail Maintenance: Raven Cliff Falls. Building steps (8-10) at entrance of trail. LEADER NEEDED.
Mar. 19	Opossum Creek Falls, SC: Well-maintained trail leading to spectacular falls. It is an out

