

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2025

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 2 B3	Leisure Hike. Learn about goldmining history in the area while hiking the Martin's Mine trail in Smithgall Woods State Park. There is a potential to also see bats and a small waterfall. Georgia State Park pass or entry fee required. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 2	Trail Maintenance. Coppers Creek Area. Yellow Mtn. Trail to Connector Down Mill Shoals and Nature Trail. Brush cutting and lopping for 5 miles. Easy. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
Oct 4 B1	Saturday Leisure Hike. Chatuge Dam Trail in Hayesville, NC, easy mostly flat trail on paved surface starting at the Lake Chatuge Dam down to the beach in the second campground and return for a total distance of approximately 4.5 miles. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 7 C4	A point-to-point hike from Woody Gap to Jarrard Gap Trail on the AT. Take the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail, then down to Lake Winfield Scott. Short shuttle required. Parking fee required at LWS. This hike is about 7.5 miles with 1400 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Candy Retter at 706-897-9538 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 7 B3	## Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap and down to the Backcountry Information Kiosk. This NC section of the AT has a steady but gentle uphill for the first mile, with roughly 800 ft of elevation gain. Reach and partially circle a beautiful gleam along the ridgetop for a mostly level section, then descend to the kiosk with a couple of shallow creek crossings. Short shuttle, 5 miles. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 9 B3	Leisure Hike. This trek begins with a spectacular 360-degree fall view at over 5,300 feet on Wayah Bald, then continues 4.2 miles to Wayah Gap, all on the AT. The first half of the hike undulates over high country, then drops mostly downhill on the second half. Shuttle. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 9	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Oct 14 C3	Hike to Swinging Bridge on the BMT from Hwy 60 and return. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft. of elevation gain and has climbs in both directions. Moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 14 B4	Deep Gap at Aska to Rocky Mountain in Fannin County. Total distance is 6 miles round trip, 3 miles uphill with 1300 ft of elevation gain. There is an option to adjust to 5 miles round trip. Please contact hike leader Pam Sullivan pams11@tds.net if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 16 B2	## Leisure Hike. Take in the fall vistas on the Picken's Nose Trail, with side trips to Laurel and Mooney Falls. Moderate hike of about 3 miles. Please text hike leader Michele Powell (843) 864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 16	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Oct 17 C3	Georgia Forest Watch Hike. For those who have been doing the Georgia Mountain Treasures Challenge, this will be a 6.2-mile hike on Springer Mountain, encompassing the Benton MacKaye and Appalachia

	Trails. This hike will be led by MHH member Ken Cissna, but to attend you must register with Georgia ForestWatch at https://gafw.org/get-involved/#outings This hike is co-sponsored by the Benton MacKaye Trail Association.
Oct 21 D3	Hike SOBO on the AT from Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap and return. This hike is about 9.5 miles with 1700 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Kelly Motter at 979-480-6413 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 21 B4	## Blood Mountain via the Byron Herbert Reece Trail and AT. A 5-mile round trip hike with 1,400 ft. of elevation change. Splendid views from the top. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Oct 23 B2	Leisure Hike. Boyd's Gap to Thunder Rock Campground, an easy hike of 6 miles mostly downhill or flat includes Boyd's Gap Trail, the Ocoee Upper Put-in Road, the Old Copper Road along the Ocoee River and the Rhododendron Trail to Thunder Rock. Requires a short shuttle. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson at 904-305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 23	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Oct 28 D3	Check out the fall colors! Hike NOBO on the AT from Winding Stair Gap in NC to Siler Bald. This hike is 9.5 miles with 1800 ft of gain. Spectacular views from the top! Please text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 28 B3	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the view from top is well worth the effort. A 4-mile round trip hike. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Oct 30 B3	Leisure Hike. Cooper Creek to the crossover trail, then back to the parking area, where we'll cross the road and do the Cooper Creek loop trail, also known as the Eyes on Wildlife trail. Moderate 4 miles with a steady uphill for the first mile. Please text hike leader Michele Powell (843) 864-3139 if you plan to do this hike.
Oct 30	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Nov 4 D3	## Hike Blood Mountain from Lake Winfield Scott. Hike up Slaughter Creek to the AT. Take the AT north up to Blood Mountain. Return southbound on the AT to Jarrard Gap Trail and return to LWS. Parking fee required at LWS. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain. Moderately strenuous. Please text hike leader Candy Retter at 706-897-9538 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 4 B3	## Arkequah Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot down. This is a moderate hike of about 5.5 miles, mostly downhill. Spectacular winter views. Some rough footing. Shuttle required. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson at 904-305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 6 B3	Leisure Hike. Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell (near Clayton) to the viewing platform at Martin Creek Falls. This scenic 4-mile hike also passes by Becky Creek Falls. Some hills. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 6	Trail Maintenance Chunky Gal; From Perry Gap to Tate Gap. This 2.1 mile mostly downhill with shuttle. Brush cutting, water diversions and lopping. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Hayesville Ingles (9:00 am)
Nov 8 B3	Saturday Leisure Hike in partnership with Georgia ForestWatch. Walk through the woods along High Shoals Creek to Blue Hole and High Shoals Falls. It's downhill to the falls, which means a climb on the way back with a 500 ft elevation gain, but the views of the falls are worth it.

	This hike will be led by MHH Hike Director Sherry Savrda, but to attend you must register with Georgia ForestWatch at https://gafw.org/get-involved/#outings This hike is part of the Georgia Mountain Treasures Challenge. Please note that the road in can be rough and parking is limited. If you plan on attending and would like to arrange for carpooling, please text the hike leader at (407) 924-1499.
Nov 11 D3	## Hike NOBO on the AT from Hogpen Gap to Sheep Rock and return. This hike is about 8 miles with 1500 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Nov 11 B3	Hike two of our most famous trails. Start at the Springer Mountain parking area on FS42, taking the AT up to its terminus. Then backtrack slightly to pick up the BMT, following it until it intersects the AT again, looping back to the parking area. Great views from Springer Mountain and Owen overlook. Total distance of about 4.6 miles. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 13 B2	Leisure Hike. Unicoi State Park to Helen. Start at the rear of the Unicoi Lodge and walk the Unicoi-Helen Trail for just over 3 miles and return for a total of about 6 miles. There are some gentle ups and downs on this moderate hike, with one hill and several stream crossings on bridges. Optional lunch in Helen after. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 13	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Nov 18 D3	## Hike to Blood Mountain from Vogel State Park using the Bear Hair Trail, Coosa Backcountry Trail, Duncan Ridge Trail, and the AT. Great views atop Blood Mountain! This hike is about 9.5 miles with 2300 ft of elevation gain. State Park pass or parking fee required. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 18 B3	## Tesnatee Gap on the Richard Russell Highway to Wolf Laurel Top and return. This is a 4.5-mile round trip hike with magnificent views from the rock outcrops. There is one long steady climb and one shorter, slightly steeper, but great winter views make it worth the effort. Please text hike leader Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 20 B3	Leisure Hike. Amadahy Trail outside of Ellijay, GA. Nice moderate loop of approximately 4.5 miles with views of Carter Lake and a side trip to a picnic peninsula overlooking the lake. Please contact hike leader Ken Cissna kcissna@usf.edu if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 20	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Nov 25 C3	❖❖ Hike the Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort. This 6.5-mile loop is moderately difficulty with an elevation change of 1,400 ft and some rough, rocky footing. Meet at the parking lot on the service road at the Resort. Contact hike leader Kim Blankenship at (770) 880-8358 if you are interested in this hike.
Nov 25 C3	Unicoi Turnpike Trail and BMT. Come walk some actual pieces of the famous Cherokee Trail of Tears, 7 miles total. The trip includes CCC camp site and side trip to Buck Bald's vista. Shuttle required. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Nov 27	No trail maintenance.
Nov 29 B1	Saturday Leisure Hike. River Walk in Murphy, NC easy 4-5 mile hike on very well-maintained trails. River views. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson at 904-305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 2 C4	Hike SOBO on the AT from Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and return. This hike is about 7.5 miles with 1700 ft of gain making it a moderately strenuous hike. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.

Dec 2 B4	Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. A 5-mile round trip with 1,700 feet elevation gain, you literally "climb a mountain". This shark-fin shaped mountain has a trail that is a combination of moderate and some steep and rocky sections. The area is used for military training. It has excellent views; can be icy in winter. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Dec 4 B3	Leisure Hike. Winding Stair Gap along Hwy. 64 east of Franklin, NC. Walk southbound along the AT for about 2.5 miles to the stairs and return. The first half mile has a gradual moderate incline with an elevation gain of 550 ft, but the payoff is great views to the west. Total distance of 5 miles. Please text hike leader Crystal Allan at (863) 414-6999 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 4	Trail Maintenance. Coleman River 1 mile easy, lopping, brushing. Leader: Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 sid50@etcmail.com Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)
Dec 9 D4	## Hike SOBO on the AT from Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mountain and return. This 9-mile hike is in a wilderness area with several long climbs making it a strenuous hike. Please text hike leader Kelly Motter at 979-480-6413 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 9 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. Elevation gain of 1,000 ft. with stunning views. Short shuttle required. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Dec 11 B2	Leisure Hike. Jackrabbit Mountain. Hike from the first parking lot on Jack Rabbit Rd. in Hayesville, NC, crossing the road and going approximately one mile to the Jack Rabbit Hiking Trail. Moderate incline on that trail to the top of the ridge and then downhill or flat the rest of the way back to the parking lot. Five miles with some pretty views of Lake Chatuge. Please contact hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 11	Trail Maintenance. Fires Creek. Little Fires Creek Trail for 3.7 miles, blowdowns, blazing, lopping. Leader: Kelly Motter (979) 480-6413 kellylee28@aol.com Ingles Hayesville (9:00 am)
Dec 16 D4	Hike SOBO on the AT from Dick's Creek Gap to Kelly Knob and back. This hike is about 9.5 miles with 2600 ft of elevation gain making it a strenuous hike. Please text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 16 C3	## Deep Gap (4,341 ft) to the top of Standing Indian Mountain (5,498 ft.) on the AT. This is a 5-mile round trip hike in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area. Year-round spectacular views. Please contact hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 18 B3	Leisure Hike. Martin's Mine Trail in Smithgall Woods for a moderate 5-mile hike. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 18	Trail Maintenance: OPEN
Dec 23 C3	Hike to Lake Blue Ridge from the Aska area. This hike is about 6 miles with 1100 ft of gain and is considered a moderate hike. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Dec 23 B3	Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3-mile section is constantly going up and down. Many of these short grades are steep. Shuttle required. Please text hike leader Steve Dennison (706) 299-6825 if you plan to do this hike.
Dec 23	Trail Maintenance: OPEN

Dec 27	Saturday Leisure Hike. John C Campbell Folk School hike, moderate 4 miles. Please text hike leader Ralph Collinson (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.
Dec 30 B2	## Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot down to the Tower Overlook and back for about 4 miles round trip. Outstanding views. Can add a trip to the top of the Bald for another mile. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.
Dec 30 C3	## Hike from Byron Reese parking area up to the AT. Take the AT northbound through Neel Gap and Mountain Crossings to Levelland Mountain. This hike is about 7 miles with 1700 ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. HIKE LEADER NEEDED.

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	3 = moderate
	D = 8 - 10 miles	4 = strenuous
	E = over 10 miles	5 = very strenuous