

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2012

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 2 (C3) 09:00	BMT: Springer Mt. parking lot to Three Forks. 7 mi. moderate hike where the AT and the BMT intersect. See the Benton MacKaye memorial marker, beautiful rock-outcropping overlook. Three Forks is the confluence of Stover, Chester and Long Creeks. Shuttle Blairsville Park and Ride Steve and Nancy Dennison 706-253-3938
Oct. 2 E3## 9:00	Unicoi Gap to Tray Mountain on the AT. This is a strenuous 10.4 mile round trip hike with elevation gain 2,400 feet going and 900 feet returning Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee Darlene Rothenay 706-379-3029
Oct 9 (B2) 09:00	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 3.8 mile round trip hike. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct. 9 D3 9:00	Three Forks to Springer Mountain. Hike on AT from Three Forks to Springer. Return via the Benton MacKaye Trail. About 9 miles. This may be your last chance to see HUGE hemlocks still alive. Park/Ride in Blairsville. Jerry Carnes 706 896-4690
Oct 11th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 16 (C3) 09:00	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob and return for a 7.6 mile hike. The last half mile is very steep, but the view from the top is worth the climb. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Oct. 16 C3 9:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Bushy Head Gap west of Blue Ridge, in and out for 7.6 miles. A moderate hike with 1000' elevation change. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Oct 18th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 23 (C3) 09:00	Wayah Bald (5,342 ft.) to Wayah Gap (4,180 ft.) on the AT. This is 4.2 miles mostly downhill. Spectacular view from observation tower atop Wayah Bald. Shuttle required. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Roland and Barbara Hardee 828-389-2359
Oct. 23 D3 9:00	Long Branch to Rock Gap. 2.0 miles up the Long Branch Trail in Standing Indian to Glassmine Gap on the AT. Turn left at this intersection and hike on the AT 2.6 miles to Rock Gap. Return for a total 9.2 mile hike in-and-out hike. Meet at Ingles in Hayesville. Mary Patrick 706-379- 4170
Oct 30 (B2) 09:00	Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated easy moderate. (~4 hrs) Park & Ride in Blairsville. Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
Oct. 30 E3 9:00	Big Frog Mt. - Via Big Frog and Wolf Ridge trails Summit up Big Frog tr (2k el gain) then down the southwest side on Wolf Ridge with beautiful views for a 10 mile hike with short shuttle. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 6 (B3) ## 09:00	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. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Janet Faist 706-781-2634
Nov. 6 E3 9:00	Park Creek Trail. Start at Back Country parking in Standing Indian; hike Park Creek Trail to Park Gap. Return on Park Ridge Trail. About 10 miles. Meet at Ingles in Hayesville. Jerry Carnes 706 896-4690
Nov 8th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 13 (C3) 09:00	Unicoi Turnpike Trail and BMT. Come walk some actual pieces of the famous Cherokee Trail of Tears of 200 years ago, 7 miles total. 4:30 hrs. The trip includes CCC camp site and side trip to Buck Bald's vista. Shuttle. Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN George Owen 706-374-4716
Nov. 13 E4 9:00	Deep Gap to Fall Branch Falls on the Stanley Gap and Benton MacKaye Trails in Fannin County. 10.4 mile in and out hike, 1,200 foot elevation change in both directions. Paced hike at 2+ mph.

	Meet at Blue Ridge Home Depot	Steve and Nancy Dennison 706-253-3938
Nov 15th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot.	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 20 (B2) 09:00	Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap east to Buckeye Gap and return. Moderate 5.2 miles Park & Ride in Blairsville.	Greg and Virginia Lane 706-745-8058
Nov. 20 E5 9:00	Chunky Gal Trail from Bob Allison Campground to Tusquitee Bald. 7.5 strenuous miles round trip. 2,200 foot elevation gain. Scenic area with giant hickories, old growth hemlocks and the Big Buckeye. 5 Creek Crossings Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 29th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 27 (B2##) 09:00	Raven Cliffs Trail. A scenic 5 mile round trip hike along a cascading mountain stream to towering cliffs with two waterfalls. Some difficult footing due to erosion. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180.	Cathie Stallings 706-835-1639
Nov. 27 D2 9:00	Three Forks to Hightower Gap on the AT and return. Lunch at Hawk Mountain shelter. An 8 mile 4 hour hike with 800 ft. elevation change. Park and Ride in Blairsville	George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Dec 4 (B2) 09:00	Helen to Unicoi State Park Lodge via Frog Pond and Bottom Loop Trails and return. Easy 5.8 mile (2.5 hrs) round trip. Lunch at Lodge. A club favorite, beautiful holiday decorations. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee	Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec. 4 D3 9:00	London Bald Trail (Approx. 8.4 miles total) Spectacular views of Tusquitees, Nantahalas, and Snowbird Mts. Short Shuttle. Andrews rest area on Hwy 74/19/129	Jim Morgan 828-835-9063
Dec 6th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 10th 6:00pm	Covered Dish Supper / Christmas Party / Elections / Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Club will supply a Turkey and Ham....Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com	
Dec 11 (C3) 09:00	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.	Judie Kean 706-745-4998
Dec. 11 D2 9:00	Benton MacKaye Tr. Hemp Top, Jacks River Tr.s. We will start hiking from Watson Gap; enter the Cohutta Wilderness on the BMT, then use the Hemp Top and Jacks River Tr. To complete a circle and return over a repeat of the BMT to Watson Gap again. About 8.3 miles Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge. Earlier meeting place Park and Ride in Blairsville at 8:30 Glen & Janice Boland 706-745-2798	
Dec 13th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 18 (B2) vv 09:00	The 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. Counter-clockwise is easier, more scenic. Optional meal out at Brasstown Valley Resort Trailhead parking lot on service road at the Resort.	Candy Retter 706-835-1344
Dec. 18 C3 9:00	Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mountain on the AT and return. This 7.6 mile hike has spectacular views from Cowrock, Wolf Laurel Top and Levelland Mountains. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.	Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Dec 20th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot.	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 25 (A1) 2:00 p Late start	Holiday hike: Chatuge Dam. Need to burn off some calories? Family driving you crazy? Want something to do with your family? Easy hike across dam and on the new asphalt extension. Beautiful view. Round trip distance about 3 miles. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Nancy Shofner 404-881-6346
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas	
Dec 27th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281

Sept 17th, 2012

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