

## MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2013

### ❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 1 B3 9 AM	<b>Wayah Bald (5,342 ft.) to Wayah Gap (4,180 ft.) on the AT.</b> This is 4.2 mostly downhill. Spectacular view from observation tower atop Wayah Bald. Shuttle required. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657
Oct 1 C3 ##❖❖ 9 AM	<b>Unicoi Gap to High Shoals Falls</b> via the AT, FS 283 (2.2 miles), and High Shoals Trail. Come walk the 177 steps built by Konnarock in the past two years. This is a 7.6 mile hike to see two beautiful waterfalls. We will leave cars at High Shoals for return. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
<b>Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>9:00</b>	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Oct 8 B3 9 AM	<b>Wayah Gap to Siler Bald</b> 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. Evelin and Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
Oct 8 C3 ## 9 AM	<b>Blue Ridge Gap to Bly Gap</b> at the NC border on the AT and return. 8 miles which includes a 2 mile round trip walk on FS 72 to the Blue Ridge Gap trailhead. 800 ft. elevation gain going in Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
<b>Oct 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00</b>	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Oct 15 C3 9 AM	<b>Springer Mt. parking lot to Three Forks.</b> 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 Home Depot in Blue Ridge. Virginia and Greg Lane 706-745-8058
Oct 15 E4 9 AM	<b>Deep Gap to Fall Branch Falls</b> 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. Food Lion in Blue Ridge Nancy and Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
<b>Oct 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00</b>	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Oct 22 C4 9 AM	<b>Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob</b> and return for a 7.6 mile hike. The last half mile is steep, but the view from the top is worth the climb. Optional meal out at RumorHazit Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Pam & Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 22 E4## 9 AM	<b>Woody Gap to Neel Gap</b> on the AT. 10.7 miles of ascending and descending including climbs over Big Cedar and Blood Mountains. Shuttle required. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180. Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
<b>Oct 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00</b>	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Oct 29 C2 ## 9 AM	<b>Little Frog Wilderness Hike on the BMT.</b> 6 miles from the Kimsey Highway down to the Ocoee River at Thunder Rock. Gorgeous fall hike. Shuttle required Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Linda and Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Oct 29 D3 9 AM	<b>Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald</b> on the AT. Return by Siler Bald Shelter. A 9.4 mile hike with 1,400 ft elevation change. Outstanding view from the top of the bald. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Tom Starrett 706-745-9705
<b>Oct 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>9:00</b>	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>

Nov 5 C3 9 AM	<b>Unicoi Turnpike Trail and BMT.</b> Come walk some actual pieces of the famous Cherokee Trail of Tears of 200 years ago, 7 miles total. The trip includes CCC camp site and side trip to Buck Bald's vista. Shuttle. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown George Owen 706-897-3366
Nov 5 E4 ## 9 AM	<b>Hogpen Gap to Chattahoochee Gap</b> on the AT. Then down to Jacks Gap on the Jacks Knob Trail. 11.6 miles shuttle hike with a number of ups and downs. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy. 180. Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
Nov 12 C3 9 AM	<b>Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60</b> 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. Nancy and Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Nov 12 D4 9 AM	<b>Black Rock Mountain State Park near Clayton.</b> Hike the James E. Edmonds Loop Trail for 7.2 moderate to strenuous miles. Then the Tennessee Rock Trail for 2.2 moderate miles. 9.4 miles total. State park pass or current parking fee. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
<b>Nov 14<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Nov 19 B3 9 AM	<b>Bear Hair Trail in Vogel State Park.</b> 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. Linda and Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Nov 19 D4 ## 9 AM	<b>Big Frog Wilderness Loop Hike.</b> We will begin this hike at the Big Frog Trail parking area, located 3 miles up FS 45 from Thunder Rock Campground, and 1/2 mile west on FS 221. We will hike up the Big Frog Trail, come down Fork Ridge Trail, then return to the Big Frog Trail by way of the Rough Creek Trail. The total hike distance will be 8.4 miles and includes moderate to strenuous segments. There is on stream crossing of Rough Creek West Fork that is usually a rock hop, unless preceded by heavy rains. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown. Phyllis and Ken Jones 706-896-5540
<b>Nov 21<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Nov 26 C3 ❖❖ 9 AM	<b>The Miller Trek at Brasstown Valley Resort.</b> 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. Nancy and Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Nov 26 D3 9 AM	<b>Park Creek Trail and Park Ridge Trail</b> loop in Standing Indian area for a 9 mile hike. Several stream crossings and lots of ups and downs. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Dec 3 B2 9 AM	<b>Helen to Unicoi State Park Lodge</b> via Frog Pond and Bottom Loop Trails and return. Easy 5.8 mile round trip. Lunch at Lodge. A club favorite, beautiful holiday decorations. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Dec 3 D4 9 AM	<b>Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter,</b> in and out on the AT. 9 miles. Moderate with some steep climbs. Trail passes Dick's Creek Gap 2675 ft, Cowart Gap 2920 ft, Buzzard Knob 3760 ft, and Plum Orchard Gap 3090 ft. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Frances Maney 706-896-9016
<b>Dec 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Dec 10 B3 9 AM	<b>Winding Stair Gap north to Panther Gap and back.</b> A 4 mile moderate hike on the AT Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Martha and Dayton Miller 706-835-1755
Dec 10 C3 9 AM	<b>Testatee Gap to Levelland Mt.</b> on the AT and return. This 7.6 mile hike has spectacular view from Cowrock, Wolf Laurel Top and Levelland Mts. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Candy Retter 706-835-1344
<b>Dec 12<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>

Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	<b>Covered Dish Supper / Christmas Party / Elections / Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.</b> There will be a guest Speaker!! Club will supply a Turkey and Ham....Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or <a href="mailto:candy.retter@gmail.com">candy.retter@gmail.com</a>
Dec 17 B3 ## ❖❖ 9 AM	<b>Arkequah Trail</b> from Brasstown Bald parking lot down. This is a moderate hike of about 5.5 miles, mostly downhill. Spectacular views. See the petro glyphs at the end. Some rough footing. Shuttle Blairsville Park and Ride Cathie Stallings 706-835-1639
Dec 17 D3 9 AM	<b>Hanging Dog Recreation Area near Murphy, NC.</b> A moderate hike of 8 to 9 miles with views of Lake Hiwassee. A few short, steep hills but mostly elevation changes of 200 to 300 feet. Park and Ride in Blairsville. Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:00	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
Dec 24 A1 9 AM	<b>Holiday hike: Chatuge Dam.</b> Easy hike across dam and on the new asphalt extension with beautiful view. Nice hike for company. Round trip distance about 3 miles. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>LEADER ?????</b>
Dec 31 C3## 9 AM	<b>Byron H. Reece area to Flatrock Gap on the AT</b> and northbound to Swaim Gap and return. Scenic rock formations north of Flatrock Gap. 7.6 miles in and out. Byron Herbert Reece parking lot Hwy 129, near Neels Gap Jan Stansell 706-747-5892
Dec 31 D3 9 AM	<b>Smith Creek Trail</b> from Unicoi State Park to Ana Ruby Falls and return. A moderate 9 mile hike with lunch at the falls. State Park Pass or \$5.00 Park Fee required. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiwassee. Judie Keene 706-745-4998

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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