

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2014

Oct 2nd 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 6th 12 noon	Covered Dish Picnic / Business Meeting at Shope Palivion Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com
Oct 7 B2 09:00	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the 360 degree view from top is well worth the effort. A 3.8 mile round trip hike. Club favorite Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Oct 7 D3 9:00 AM	Dockery Lake Trail to Miller Gap on the Appalachian Trail (3.5 Miles), then about 1/2 mile north on the Appalachian Trail for lunch. Return for a total of 8 miles. Choestoe Baptist Church Parking Lot Marty Palmour 706-864-5161 (MEET hike leader, Marty Palmour, at entrance to Dockery Lake on Highway 60 south of Woody Gap)
Oct 14 C3 9:00AM	Unicoi Turnpike Trail and Benton MacKaye Trail. Come walk some actual pieces of the famous Cherokee Trail of Tears of 200 years ago, then the other half is the Benton MacKaye Trail. 7 miles total. The trip includes CCC camp site and side trip to Buck Bald's vista. 16 mile r/t shuttle. Piggley Wiggley Ducktown
Oct 14 C4 8:00AM (due to long drive)	Black Rock Mountain State Park near Clayton. Hike the James E. Edmonds Loop Trail for 7.2 moderate to strenuous miles. State park pass or current parking fee. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
Oct 16 9:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 21 B3 9 AM	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. Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville Judie Kean 706-745-4998
Oct 21 D4 9 AM	Wayah Crest to Wayah Bald on the AT. Trail climbs from 4,188 ft. at Crest to 5,342 ft. at observation tower with some ups and downs in between. 8.4 miles round trip. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Oct 23 9:00am	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 23 B3 09:00	Leisure Hike: Kimsey Creek Trail in Standing Indian area. Hike beside a beautiful stream for about 5 miles in and out. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Oct 28 C3 9 AM	Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County. A moderate round trip hike of 7 miles. Views of Lake Blue Ridge Food Lion Blue Ridge Candy Retter 706-835-1344
Oct 28 C3 9 AM	Classic Fall Hike: Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald and return. Approx 9 miles. Color at its peak? Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Oct 30 9:00am	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 4 C3 9 AM	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
Nov 4 D4	Big Frog Mt. – Via Big Frog and Wolf Ridge trails Summit up Big Frog trail (2k el gain) then down the southwest side on Wolf Ridge with beautiful views and fall colors for a 10 mile hike with short

9 AM	shuttle. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 11 B3 9 AM	Arkequah Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot down to Track Rock Gap. This is a moderate hike of about 5.5 miles, mostly downhill. Spectacular views. See the petroglyphs at the end. Some rough footing. Shuttle Blairsville Park and Ride	George Owen 706-897-3366
Nov 11 D5 8 AM (due to long drive)	Tate City to Standing Indian. Return via AT and trail from Deep Gap. Hike will follow Beech Gap Trail to Case Knife Gap, then UP to the AT just north of Standing Indian summit, then south on AT to Deep Gap, then down the Deep Gap Trail back to our cars. Approx 10 miles Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawassee.	Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
Nov 13 9:00am	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 18 C2 09:00	Bear Paw and Chestnut Mountain loop trails opposite the Whitewater Center in the Ocoee Gorge, TN. A moderate 7.7 mile hike. Good winter views of gorge. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN	Linda and Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Nov 18 D4 9 AM	Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter , 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	Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Nov 20 9:00am	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov. 20 B2 09:00	Leisure Hike: 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.	Wes Clonts 706-769-3234
Nov 25 B4 09:00	Jacks Gap to Chattahoochee Gap on the Jacks Knob Trail. This 4.6 mile round trip hike has several moderate to strenuous grades both directions. Pretty wildflowers in the spring. Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180.	Marty Palmour 706-864-5161
Nov 25 C4 9 AM	Andrews Cove to Tray Mountain. 9 mile in and out hike, 2,500 ft. elevation gain. Hike the Andrews Cove trail and the AT. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee	Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
Dec 2 C3 09:00	Kimsey Creek Trail from Back Country Information Center in Standing Indian area to Deep Gap and return. A moderate hike of appr. 7.5 miles up and along scenic creek. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Dec 2 D4. 9 AM	NEW HIKE: Springer parking lot across Springer, then across Black Mtn on AT, and Hike Inn Trail to the Inn for lunch. Return same way. About 10 miles. Blairsville Park and Ride.	Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Dec 4 9:00am	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 9 C3 09:00	Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT , then down Dockery Lake Trail for a total of 6.4 miles. Short Shuttle. Very scenic hike, good views Flame azaleas in spring. Short steep climb to Preachers Rock. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180	Virginia Lane 706-745-8058
Dec 9 E3 9 AM	Betty's Creek Gap to Beech Gap in the Standing Indian Area. 10.2 miles total. At Betty's Creek Gap, go southbound on the AT for 7.8 miles to Beech Gap, then down 2.4 miles on the Beech Gap Trail. Short shuttle required. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Dec 11 9:00am	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 11 th 6:00 pm	Covered Dish Supper / Christmas Party / Elections / Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. 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 candy.retter@gmail.com	
Dec 16 B2	Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated average difficulty.	

09:00	Food Lion Blue Ridge	Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Dec 16 D3 8 AM(due to long drive)	Rabun Bald. Hike on the Bartram Trail from Hale Ridge road to summit of Rabun Bald and return the same way. Approx 10 miles. Moderate hike. Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawassee	Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Dec 18 9:00am	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 18 B2 09:00	Leisure Hike: Turtletown Creek Falls, near Farner, TN. A moderate 4 mile round trip hike to two of the prettiest waterfalls in the area. Hiking sticks recommended. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN	Hank Baudet 706-4924318
Dec 23 C2 09:00	Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. 7.6 miles. Hike four loops of the Jack Rabbit Hike/ bike trail--3.1 miles on the white blazed loop, 2 miles on the blue blazed loop, 1 mile on the orange blazed trail, 1.5 miles on yellow blazed loop. Great views of Lake Chatuge and variety of hard woods. Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead.	Evelin and Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
Dec 23 E4 09:00	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. Food Lion in Blue Ridge	Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Dec 30 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.	George Owen 706-897-3366
Dec 30 D3 09:00	Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Ana Ruby Falls and return. A moderate 9 mile hike with lunch at the falls. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee	Virginia Smith 706-258-8716

**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