

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2011

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DRIVER WHEN CARPOOLING

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 04 (D4) ** 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. Option of lunch at YHC afterwards Meet at Trailhead parking lot on service road at the Resort. Bert Kunze (706) 896-3601
Oct 4 th D4 9:00 Note time change	NC AT Series - Wayah Bald (el. 5,342 ft.) to Tellico gap (el. 3,850 ft.) on the AT. 9.3 miles. View mountains from Georgia to the Great Smokies from observation tower on Wayah. Shuttle Meet at Rest Stop on 19/74 west of, Andrews, NC Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 6th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 11 (C4) ** # 09:00	Jacks Gap to Brasstown Bald on the Jacks Knob and Summit Trail. This 6 mile round trip hike climbs 1800 feet to the top of Georgia's highest peak. Meet at Jacks Gap at the base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 Candy Retter 705-835-1344
Oct 11th C2** 9:00	Yellow Mt. Tr. in Coosa Wildlife Management Area. 7 miles and 800 ft. elevation change. The yellow Mt .Tr. to the top, then the Shope Gap Tr. To Duncan Ridge Rd.. Follow the road to the Mill Shoal Creek Tr., which will take us back to the campground Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride Harold Dyer 706-745-2224
Oct 13th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct. 18 C2 9:00	Two short hikes: AT from Tellico Gap to Wesser Bald and return for a 3 mile loop hike. We will climb the fire tower to get 360 views of fall colors, return to the parking lot and hike the AT south to Rocky Bald for a 3. 4 mile RT hike. Steep ascents on both short hikes but worth it for the great views! Meet at old Brothers Restaurant near corner of 129 & 64 west of Murphy. Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct 18 th E5 9:00	Wayah Bald to Franklin, NC on the Bartram Trail for a 10.8 mi. Start high at 5342' , Wayah Bald old Observation tower with commanding view from the Smokies to Albert Mt. Overall the hike is downhill but with some ups and downs you'll get a workout. Conclude just past a waterfall at the trailhead near Franklin Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. George Owen 706-374-4716
Oct 20th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Oct.25 (B2) 09:00	Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap. A 3.7 mile (≈2:15 hrs) moderate hike on the AT with optional additional 1.4 mile round trip to Big Tree (Wasilik Poplar). Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bob and Linda Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Oct 25 th C2 9:00	Testnatee Gap to Levelland Mt. On the AT and return. This 7.6 mile hike has spectacular view from Cowrock, Wolf Laurel Top and Levelland Mts. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Oct 27th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 1 B2 9:00	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. (4 hrs). Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Janice Boland 706-745-2798
Nov 1 st D4# 9:00	Big Frog Mt. – Wolf Ridge to Big Frog Summit then down the north face of Big Creek Tr. ,then all the way back on Big Creek Tr. for 9.9 mile hike with short shuttle (2500 ft gain) Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 3rd 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Nov 8 B3# 9:00	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. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Candy Retter 705-835-1344
Nov 8 th E3 9:00	Unicoi Gap to Tray Mt. on the AT with return on the Rocky Mt. Tr. A 10 mi. strenuous hike. 2400 ft. elevation gain. Great views from Tray Mt. Paced at 2+ mph. Meet at Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiwassee. Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
Nov 15 C4 9:00	Dicks Creek Gap south on the AT to Deep Gap Shelter and return for 7.6 miles. (≈ 3:30 hrs) Elevation gain 1,200 feet. Nice scenic viewpoint. 7.5 miles to trailhead Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee. Greg and Virginia Lane 706-745-8058

Nov 15 th D4** 9:00	Bob Allison Camp up to Tusquitee Bald then north along the Rim Tr., down the Old Road Gap Tr. to the parking area. 9 strenuous miles. Short shuttle along Tuni Gap Rd. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	John Ray 864-868-2749
Nov 22 D2 9:00	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. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville.	Bert Kunze (706) 896-3601
Nov 22 nd D4 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 parking Lot in Blue Ridge. Earlier meeting place Park and Ride in Blairsville at 8:30	Phyllis Loman 706-896-5540
Nov 29 B3 9:00	Tesnatee Gap to Wolf Laurel Top , in and out for approx. 5 mi. on the A.T. Meet at intersection of Hwy 128/19 and 180	Bob and Linda Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Nov 29 th C3 9:00	Mooney Gap to Timber Ridge Tr. In Standing Indian. 5 miles on the AT plus 2.5 on Timber Ridge for a total of 7.5 miles. Optional 1.2 miles to Big Laurel Falls. Shuttle required Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Dec 1st 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec.6 A1 9:00	Chatuge Dam. Easy hike across dam and on the new asphalt extension. Beautiful view. Round trip distance about 3 miles. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Ben Kennedy 706-896-2669
Dec 6 th C3** 9:00	Fires Creek Rim. 7.4 miles Total, Up Sassafras Ridge Trail to Rim (easiest way up to rim), 2 miles on the Rim passing Signal Bald, a short side trip on the Chunky Gal Trail thrown in for the vista at Tusquitee Bald and then back to the Rim Trail and down Far Bald Trail 1.7 miles. Long gravel FS road up to trailhead Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 13 B3 9:00	Kimsey Creek Trail in Standing Indian area. Hike beside a beautiful stream for about 5 miles in and out. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Barbara Hardee 828-389-2359
Dec 13 th 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	George Owen 706-374-4716
Dec 15th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris.	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 15th 6:00 PM	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 20 C2 9:00	Gooch Gap to to Justus Creek or thereabouts. About 6 miles round trip. We may take the old A.T. part of the way going in and check out the Gooch Mountain shelter on the way back. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 or Woody Gap 9:30	Nancy Shofner 404-881-6346
Dec 20 th D4 9:00	Gahuti Backcountry tr. In Fort Mt. State Park. An 8.2 mile mod to strenuous with good views. State Park pass or current parking fee. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville OR Marathon station 515/60 in Blue Ridge at 9:20	Ginny Smith 706-374-1553

Dec 22nd 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 27 B4 9:00	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the view from the top is well worth the effort. A 3.8 mile round trip hike. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Dec 27th D3 9:00	Hogpen Gap on the Richard Russell Hwy. To Low Gap Shelter and return. A mod. 8.4 mi. hike on the AT. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180.	Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Dec 29th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281

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
C = 6 - 8 miles
D = 8 - 10 miles
E = over 10 miles

2 = average
3 = moderate
4 = strenuous
5 = very strenuous