

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Summer Hikes 2011

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DRIVER FOR GAS MONEY

❖❖ Trails maintained by MH

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

July 05 (A1) 09:00	Dukes Creek Falls on the Richard Russell Scenic Highway. Hike 2.2 miles round trip to the 250 ft. cascading falls. Elevation change is 360 feet. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Bob Dalsemer 828-389-0218
July 05 (C4) 08:00	Byron Herbert Reece and Freeman Trails with return over Blood Mountain on the AT. A 6.5 mile loop hike (≈ 4:00 hrs). Elevation gain 1,400 feet. Rough, rocky footing. Meet at Byron Herbert Reece parking lot on Hwy 129, close to Neels Gap. George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
July 7th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
July 12 (B4) 09:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Highway 60 across Licklog Mountain to Skeenah Gap. A 6.3 mile (≈4 hrs) hike with 1,800 foot elevation change in first 3.2 miles. Some difficult footing. Short shuttle required. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville. George Owen 706-374-4716
July 12 (D3) 08:00	Cooper Gap to Woody Gap on the AT. This 8.4 mile hike has lots of ascents and descents. Several of them are steep. Shuttle required Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Kathleen Nolte 828-361-9584
July 19 (A2) *** 09:00	High Shoals Falls. A 2.5 mile round trip hike to view two beautiful waterfalls. This hike is rated moderate due to some climbing and descending. (≈ 2:45 hrs) Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Barbara & Roland Hardee 828-389-2359
July 19 (C3) 08:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Wilscot Gap to Shallowford Bridge for 7.7 miles with a total of 4,100 feet of change in elevation before ending at Toccoa River. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Candy Retter 706-835-1344
July 21 st 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
July 26 (C4) # 09:00	Jacks Gap to Unicoi Gap. A 6.8 mile trip to Chattahoochee Gap and then on the AT to Unicoi Gap. Rough footing. Shuttle required Meet at Jacks Gap at the base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
July 26 (D3) 08:00	Dicks Creek Gap north to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter, in and out on the AT. 9 miles (≈ 5hrs). 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. Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Aug. 02 (B4) 09:00	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 Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
Aug. 02 (D3) 08:00	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. 9.4 miles RT Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Aug 4th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug. 09 (C2) # 09:00	Emery Creek Falls. 5 miles in and out, 3 hours. A delightful walk in the Cohuttas which ends in a pair of waterfalls: The first is 40-50 ft high, the second is about 25 ft high. The walk is along Emery Creek and involves about 12 stream crossings, so bring poles – should be nice and cool down by the creek. Optional meal out in Blue Ridge. Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge. Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug. 09 (C2) 08:30	Dockery Lake to AT and return plus a loop around Dockery Lake. 7+ miles. Elevation gain 1000' going, 600' returning. Meet at Dockery Lake parking lot at 8:30 Doug Haas 770-410-1738
Aug. 16 (A1) 09:00	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. 2.3 miles to trail head Ben Kennedy 706-896-2669
Aug. 16 (C1) 09:00	Summer Easy Pleasure (Mostly Downhill) - Tanasi Bike Trails - This will be a fairly easy, shady, and rather pleasant hike for a very hot summer month. We'll start high after a short shuttle, beginning on the high spot on Forest Service Road 221 in Tenn. Then we'll hike somewhere between 5-7+ miles mostly downhill on the Tanasi Bike Trail system down to the Ocoee Whitewater Center. (This replaces the long, much uphill, briar-filled hike in the Appletree Campground area.) Meet at Piggley Wigley in Ducktown, TN. George Owen 706-374-4716

Aug 18th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug. 23 (C1) 09:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 across Toonowee Mountain to the suspension bridge and return for 7.2 miles (≈3:40 hrs) round trip. Elevation change 800 ft. in, 900 ft out. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville. 16.2 miles to trailhead Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
Aug. 23 (D3) 08:00	Kimsey Creek Tr. to Deep Gap then on the AT to Standing Indian summit. Return on Lower Ridge Tr. for 10 miles. Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
Aug. 30 (B2) ** 09:00	Arkaquah Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot. An easy in and out hike of about 3 miles (2 hrs). Spectacular views. Some rough footing. Meet at Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy. 180. Bev Stevens 703-380-4095
Aug. 30 (E4) 08:00	Long Branch Trl. from Standing Indian Backcountry Info. sign to the AT to Albert Mt. Lookout Tower and return for 10.5 miles. Meet at Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville. Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Sept 1st 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Sept. 06 (B3) 09:00	Park Creek Trail with crossover to Park Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles with miles with some stream crossings (≈ 3:30 hrs). Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Sue Sorice 706-745-1225
Sept. 06 (C3) 08:00	Duncan Ridge Tr. from Mulkey Gap to Fish Gap for 6miles RT. This section has some mod. To strenuous ascents and descents (3:30 hrs) Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Candy Retter 706-835-1344
Sept 12th 9:00am	Club Picnic and Business Meeting at Vogel State Park Pavillion. Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call: Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com
Sept. 13 (C3) ** 09:00	The Miller Trek (Trail #46) 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 Brasstown Valley Resort afterwards. Meet at Trailhead parking lot on service road at the resort. Gene and Joyce Hall 706-781-9816
Sept. 13 (D3) ** 08:00	Chunky Gal Trail from Bob Allison Campground to Tusquitee Gap. 8 mile in and out hike, 1000 ft. elevation change. Moderate hike. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Phyllis Loman 706-896-5540
Sept.20 (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 to moderate. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
Sept.20 (C4) 08:00	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
Sept 22nd 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Sept.27 (B2) 09:00	Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolf Creek Road to Burnett Gap. This is an easy to moderate 4.6 mile (≈ 3.5 hrs) round trip Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Bob & Linda Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Sept.27 (D3) ** 08:00	Chunky Gal Trail: Deep Gap to Glade Gap. 8.1 Miles, shuttle hike. Strenuous ups and downs. From Deep Gap hike 3 miles on the AT. Turn right on Chunky Gal Trail and hike 5.1 miles to Glade Gap on Hwy 64 for a total of 8.1 miles. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. George Owen 706-374-4716

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