

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Summer 2012

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jul 3 A2❖❖ 9:00	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. Rough road approach. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Kim Blankenship 770-720-9877
July 3 D4 8:00	Wesser Creek Trail up to the AT then Loop to NOC. 9.3 mile shuttle hike. Hike up the easier old AT route to Wesser Bald Shelter with optional .8 mile side trip to the Wesser Fire Tower with great views, and return via current AT (2900 ft. elevation descent). Short seven minute shuttle. Andrews Rest Area on Hwy 19/129 near Andrews, NC Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
Jul 10 B1 09:00	Dukes Creek Falls and Smithgall Woods. Hike 2.2 miles round trip to the 250 ft. cascade. Have lunch at Smithgall Woods and then hike the 1.5 mile Laurel Ridge Interpretive Trail. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Nancy Shofner 404-881-6346
July 10 D2## 8:00	Lake Winfield Scott- Slaughter Gap-Jarrard Gap loop with lunch at Woods Hole Shelter. Climb Blood Mountain. A moderate 9 mile hike. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180. Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
July 12 th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jul 17 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. Candy Retter 706-835-1344
July 17 D2 8:00	Bartram Trail from Russell Bridge to Licklog Falls. 8 mile in and out hike, easy elevation gain. Hike from Russell bridge on Hwy 28 east of Clayton along SC side of the Chattooga River to Licklog Falls and return. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jul 24 B2 9:00	Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell (3 miles east of Clayton) to the viewing platform at Martin Creek Falls. This scenic round trip also passes by Becky Creek Falls. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Gary Bryant 828-655-0107
July 24 D3 8:00	Beech Gap Trail to Standing Indian. Hike Beech Gap Trail to AT at Beech Gap, then South on AT to Standing Indian Summit. 10 miles. Meet at Ingles in Hayesville. Jerry Carnes 706 896-4690
July 26 th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jul 31 B1 09:00	Emery Creek Falls. 5 miles in and out. 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. Home Depot in Blue Ridge Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
July 31 D3 8:00	Hanging Dog Recreation Area near Murphy, NC. 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. Appalachian Outfitters in Murphy, NC. Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Aug 2 nd 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug 7 B2❖❖ 09:00	Two scenic waterfalls. Desoto Falls: round trip distance is 1.9 miles. Helton Creek Falls: side trip down FS road for a short hike, then relax by beautiful, cool waterfalls. 1.5 miles. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180. Barbara & Roland Hardee 828-389-2359
Aug. 7 C2## 8:00	Benton MacKaye, Hemp Top, Jacks River trails. We will start hiking from Watson Gap, enter the Cohutta Wilderness on the BMT, then use the Hemp Top and Jack's River trails to complete a circle and return over a 2.6 repeat of the BMT to Watson Gap again. About 8.3 miles Home Depot parking lot in Blue Ridge, GA. Earlier meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville at 7:30.

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	Glen & Janice Boland 706-745-2798	
Aug 9th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug 14 C2## 09:00	Mooney Gap to Timber Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles on the AT plus 2.5 on the Timber Ridge for a total of 7.5 miles. Shuttle required. This area usually stays cooler in the summer. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Brian Blue 706-994-7629
Aug 14 E3## 8:00	Standing Indian area - From the Backcountry Information sign, up the Long Branch Trail (2 miles) to the A.T., right on the A.T. and 3.4 miles to summit of Albert Mt. and return for a total 10.8 miles. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville.	Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Aug 16th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot.	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug 21 B2## 09:00	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. Usually cooler in summer. Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville.	Greg & Virginia Lane 706-745-8058
Aug.21 D3## 8:00	Kimsey Creek to Deep Gap, then on the AT to Standing Indian Summit. Return on Lower Ridge Trail for a total of 10 miles Ingles Parking lot in Hayesville	Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
Aug 23rd 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Aug 28 B2## 09:00	Dally Gap to Jack's River. 5-6 mi. hike up Hemp Top Trail to intersection with the BMT at Spanish Oak Gap to Jacks River Trail to the river. Bring poles, river shoes if you want to cross the river. Home Depot in Blue Ridge	Doug & Evelin Yarns 423-496-4757
Aug. 28 D2❖❖ 8:00	Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Anna Ruby Falls and return. A moderate 9 mile hike with lunch at the falls. State Park Pass or \$3.00 Park Fee required. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee.	Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Aug 30th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Sep 4 B2 - C2 09:00	Sneaking Creek at Jackrabbit: the newest trail (tan blaze). 3.2 mi. in length. Hike leader can easily add 3.1 mi. with the easy white blaze trail Jackrabbit Trailhead	Gail Janney 706-258-2451
Sept. 4 E3## 8:00	Jacks River - Cohutta Wilderness Hike : This is a 9.2 mile hike with < 400 foot elevation change, going from Dally gap in the Cohutta's 4.6 miles down Jacks River Trail (one of the prettiest areas in the Cohutta's) to a beautiful lunch spot with a swimming hole, then back out. There will be 3 river crossing each way which are knee deep, so bring water shoes and poles. This will be a great escape from the summer heat. Plan on getting wet, so bring a change of clothes!! Home Depot on 515 in Blue Ridge	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Sept 6th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Sep 11 B3 09:00	Turtletown Creek Falls, near Fanner, TN. A moderate 4 mile round trip hike to two of the prettiest waterfalls in the area. Hiking sticks recommended. Old Brothers Restaurant on Hwy 64 West of 19/129 junction	Doug & Evelin Yarns 423-496-4757
Sept. 11 D2 8:00	Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County. 10 mile in and out hike with moderate elevation gain. Includes the Green Mountain Trail for 7 miles and the connector to Long Branch Loop for an additional 3 miles. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Park & Ride in Blairsville	Candy Retter 706-835-1344

Sept 13 th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Sept 18 th 9:00	Covered Dish Picnic / Business Meeting at Ocoee Whitewater Center Bring a covered dish for 8. We will have a hike leaving at 9am, picnic lunch to follow hike For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com
Sep 18 B2/3 ## 09:00	Brasstown Bald to Jacks Gap, with optional continuation up to/toward Chattahoochee Gap/A.T. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on 180 Sue Sorice 706-745-1225
Sept. 18 D4## 8:00	Cohuttas/Conasauga River hike. We will hike down the Chestnut Lead Trail (1.8 miles) to the Conasauga River and follow the trail downstream 2.2 miles for a riverside lunch and return. Many tricky rocks and 38 water crossings - bring poles and wear hiking boots. Total 10.2 miles. Home Depot in Blue Ridge, or at the Food Lion in East Ellijay at 08:30 Doug Haas 404-213-4958
Sep 25 B1 09:00	Benton Falls, Red Leaf, Arbutus, Azalea, Clear Creek Trails in the Chilhowee Recreation Area in east Tennessee. 4.8 mile easy trail. Fee area or bring pass. There is a modest and very scenic 22-mile drive to the trailhead from the meeting place. Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown George Owen 706-374-4716
Sept. 25 E3 8:00	Gahuti Trail at Ft. Mountain State Park. 10 mile loop trail. 8.2 mile loop hike on the Gahuti Trail with a few long, steep descents and a few short, very steep climbs. Great views. Hike the Old Fort trails and lunch at the ancient "Stone Wall" of prehistoric origin for an additional 1.8 miles. GA state park pass or Fee required. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Park & Ride in Blairsville Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Sept 27 th 08:00	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 2 = average
C = 6 - 8 miles 3 = moderate
D = 8 - 10 miles 4 = strenuous
E = over 10 miles 5 = very strenuous

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