

## MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Winter 2013

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

<u>Jan. 1</u> ( C2 ) 10:00	<b>Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail.</b> 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 Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead. <span style="float: right;">Kim Hulsey 770-720-9877</span>
Jan. 1 ( C3 ) 09:00	<b>Hanging Dog Recreation Area</b> near Murphy, NC. A moderate hike of 7 to 8 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. <span style="float: right;">Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260</span>
Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <span style="float: right;">Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</span>
<u>Jan 8</u> ( C3 ) ## 09:00	<b>Neels Gap to Wolf Laurel Top</b> and back on the AT. A 6.8 mile round trip. Great views from Wolf Laurel. Byron Reece Parking Area on Hwy. 129 <span style="float: right;">Candy Retter 706-835-1344</span>
Jan 8 ( D3 ) 09:00	<b>Bear Hair Trail to AT via Coosa Backcountry and Slaughter Gap Trails.</b> This moderate hike starts on Bear Hair Trail to Coosa Backcountry and up to the AT via Slaughter Gap Trail and back for a total of 8 miles. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 <span style="float: right;">Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260</span>
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <span style="float: right;">Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</span>
<u>Jan 15</u> (B3) 09:00	<b>Joint hike due to Wilderness Wildlife Week</b> <b>Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolfpen Gap to Barnett Gap.</b> At Calf Stomp Gap we will take FS road 108 down to Barnett Gap. 900 foot elevation climb at start of hike. 5.1 mi. Short shuttle. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 <span style="float: right;">Cathie Stallings 706 879 6924</span>
<u>Jan 22</u> (B2) 09:00	<b>Big Lost Creek</b> is located in TN. on the BMT. Less than six miles in and out. This mostly level hike follows Big Lost Creek. Beautiful gorge, high rock walls on each side. Cascading rapids, falls, and beautiful rock formations on one side. Giant icicles in winter make this a gorgeous winter hike. Piggly Wiggly Parking lot in Ducktown, TN <span style="float: right;">Linda &amp; Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836</span>
Jan 22 (C3) 09:00	<b>Dockery Lake to Woody Gap.</b> A 6.8 mile hike with a 1,000 foot elevation gain to the AT. Shuttle required. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 (Hike leader will meet hikers at Woody Gap) <span style="float: right;">Doug Hass 770-410-1738</span>
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:00	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot. <span style="float: right;">Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</span>
<u>Jan 29</u> ( C2 ) ## 09:00	<b>Woody Gap to Gooch Gap</b> on the AT. 7.2 miles round trip. A moderate hike with two nice viewpoints. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 <span style="float: right;">Ginny Smith 706-374-1553</span>
Jan 29 (C3) 9:00	<b>Rock Creek Tr and Dry Pond Lead Tr. in the Ocoee Gorge,</b> Tn.7.4 miles. Small Creek crossing. Short shuttle. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, Tn. <span style="float: right;">Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</span>
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <span style="float: right;">Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</span>
<u>Feb 5</u> ( B2 ) 09:00	<b>Flat Creek Loop,</b> a 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated an easy moderate. Blue Ridge Food Lion. <span style="float: right;">Nancy and Steve Dennison 706-253-3938</span>
Feb 5 ( E4 ) 09:00	<b>Unicoi Gap to Tray Mountain on the AT with return on the Rocky Mountain Trail.</b> A 10.4 mile strenuous hike, 2400 ft. elevation gain. Great view from Tray Mountain. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Unicoi Gap on Hwy. 75 south of Hiwassee. <span style="float: right;">John Dulude 706-219-2662</span>

<b>Feb 12</b> (B3) 09:00	<b>Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilsco Gap to Skeenah Gap.</b> This 5.3 mile section has many ups and downs, some short steep areas. Shuttle required. Park & Ride in Blairsville <b>Janet Faist 706-781-2634</b>
<b>Feb 12</b> (D4) 09:00	<b>Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap to Sarvis Gap and return.</b> An 8.2 mile strenuous hike. Great winter views Blairsville Park and Ride <b>Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260</b>
<b>Feb 19</b> ( C3 ) ## 09:00	<b>Unicoi Gap to Andrews Cove</b> north on the AT to a mile past Indian Grave, return to Indian Grave and out on the Andrews Cove Trail. 6 miles. Short car shuttle. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee <b>Nancy Shofner 404-281-9890</b>
<b>Feb 19</b> (E4) 09:00	<b>Long Branch Trail to AT to Albert Mt.</b> 10.5 mi, paced at 2+ mph. Up to the AT on Long Branch Trail, from the Backcountry Information Center, hike south on the AT to Albert Mt lookout tower and return. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. <b>Mary Patrick 706-379-4170</b>
<b>Feb 21<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
<b>Feb 26</b> ( B3 ) vv 09:00	<b>Chunky Gal Trail</b> from Glade Gap over the top of Shooting Creek Bald (Boteler Peak) back to Glade Gap on Hwy 64 in NC. 5.5 miles in and out hike due to road closing. Outstanding view from top Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. <b>Barbara and Roland Hardee 828-389-2359</b>
<b>Feb 26</b> ( D3 ) 09:00	<b>Sandy Gap to Unicoi Gap on the Benton MacKaye Trail.</b> This moderately difficult 8.3 mile section, has a beautiful ridgeline walk along the NC/TN state line, with added attractions of seeing an old engraved stone marker on the ridge marking the state line, and "old" Doc Watson's TB sanatorium, in ruins, with rock walls over 3 stories high still standing, and ends at the historic Unicoi Gap in TN. Shuttle. Old Brothers Parking lot west on Murphy on Hwy 64 <b>Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
<b>Feb 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot. <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
<b>Mar 5</b> ( C2 ) 09:00	<b>Brush Creek Trail</b> near the Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6.5 mile easy moderate from Boyd Gap overlook with good views of the lake. Short shuttle required. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown <b>Evelin and Doug Yarns 828-837-7237</b>
<b>Mar 5</b> (D4##) 09:00	<b>Panthers Creek Falls in the Cohuttas.</b> The hike will start at the Three Forks area, proceed 2.3 miles on East Cowpen Tr., then turn onto Panther Cr Tr down to falls (another 2.3 miles) then back out the same way for 9.2 total miles. Blue Ridge Home Depot <b>Steve &amp; Nancy Dennison 706-253-3938</b>
<b>Mar 12</b> ( C2 ) 09:00	<b>Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and back.</b> A 7.4 mile moderate hike on AT. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. <b>Virginia and Greg Lane 706-745-8058</b>
<b>Mar 12</b> D3 9:00	<b>Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Anna Ruby Falls and back.</b> A moderate 9 mile hike with some rocky footing. Lunch at Falls. State Park Pass or Fee. Unicoi Gap on Hwy. 75 south of Hiawassee. <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>
<b>Mar 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>
<b>Mar 15<sup>th</sup></b> 6:00pm	<b>Covered Dish Supper / Business Meeting</b> at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish for 8. <b>For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or <a href="mailto:candy.retter@gmail.com">candy.retter@gmail.com</a></b>
<b>Mar 19</b> ( B4 ) 09:00	<b>Jacks Gap to Chattahoochee Gap</b> on the Jacks Knob Trail. This 4.6 mile round trip hike has several moderate to strenuous grades both directions. Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 <b>Judie Kean 706-745-4998</b>
<b>Mar 19</b> ( E3 ) 08:00	<b>Hogs Pen to Jacks Gap via Chattahoochee Gap on the AT.</b> Great winter hike with eastern views of the Duncan Ridge. Moderate hike with total distance of 12.2 miles. Shuttle. <b>Note the earlier start time due to the distance.</b> Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 <b>Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610</b>
<b>Mar 21<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Young Harris Restaurant Parking lot. <b>Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281</b>

