

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR
Winter 2014

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jan 7 B3## 9 AM	Dyer Gap to Watson Gap on the BMT. Located in the Cohutta Wilderness. Moderate 4.5 mile hike. Shuttle. Home Depot in Blue Ridge. George Owen 706-897-3366
Jan 7 E4## 9 AM	Unicoi Gap to Tray Mountain on the AT with return on the Rocky Mountain Trail. A 10.4 mile strenuous hike, 2400 ft. elevation gain. Great view from Tray Mountain. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawasee. Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Jan 9th 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 9 10 AM B2	Leisure hike: Long Creek Falls to Hickory Flats Cemetery in the Three Forks Area of the A.T. From the falls, we will continue up the AT to an old cemetery (Hickory Flats) for lunch, making a round trip of 4 miles. This is a gorgeous drive and hike deep in the forest of Fannin County. Meet at the Blue Ridge Home Depot near the Dairy Queen George Owen 706-897-3366
Jan 14 B-C2 9 AM	Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. Hike four loops of the Jack Rabbit Hike/ bike trail for 7.6 mi. 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. Do some or all of the loops. Great views of LakeChatuge Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead. Barbara & Roland Hardee 828-389-2359
Jan 14 C3 9 AM	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 & Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Jan 16th 9:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 21 B2 9 AM	Big Lost Creek 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 Gail Janney 706-258-2451
Jan 21 C4 9 AM	Rabun Bald from the Bartram Trail on Hale Ridge Road – begin this hike climbing Georgia's second highest peak, Rabun Bald (4,696 ft.), for an awesome three-state vista from the summit observation deck. Return eastward on the Three Forks Trail to Hale Ridge Road, for a hike total of 7.4 miles. Short Shuttle Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawasee. George Owen 706-897-3366
Jan 23rd 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
	One hike offered due to WWW. We can add another easier hike if anyone wants to lead it.
Jan 28 D4 9 AM	AT from Tellico Gap to Wesser. Go over Wesser Bald - approx 700 ft rise in a mile and a half then mostly level and downhill for 8+ mi. Shuttle Rest stop on 19/74 west of Andrews, NC Bronco Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Feb 4 C2 9 AM	Brush Creek Trail near the Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6.5 mile, an easy moderate hike without much elevation gain from Boyd Gap overlook with views of the lake. Short shuttle required. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, Tn. Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Feb 4 C3 9 AM	Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and back. A 7.4 mile moderate hike on AT. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Mary Patrick 706-379-4170

Feb 6th 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 11 B3 9 AM	Flat Creek Loop , a 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated an easy moderate. Blue Ridge Food Lion. Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Feb 11 E3❖❖ 9 AM	Chunky Gal from Glade Gap to Perry Gap and return 11 mile in and out. Hike 1300 ft elev. gain. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Feb 13th 9:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 14 B2 10 AM	Leisure hike: Vogel State Park Sampler. 1/2-mile Byron Reese nature trail, then go up the Coosa Backcountry to 180 - RT 2 miles, then go on to the Blood Mountain trail for a mile or so and return to the park down that old road bed. Total of approx. 4 miles. Vogel is a fee area. Choestoe Church Parking lot at 10 AM Nancy Shofner 706-745-1657
Feb 18 B3 9 AM	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt.. The trail passes Indian Grave Gap (3113 ft), a hillside of galax, the "cheese factory" turnoff, a viewpoint just before Tray Mt. (4430 ft). Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawasse Martha & Dayton Miller 706-835-1755
Feb 18 D3 ## 9 AM	Bear Hair Trail to AT via Coosa Backcountry and Slaughter Gap Trails. 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. Joe Boone 706-835-2269
Feb 25 B3 9 AM	Benton MacKaye Trail, Section 15 near Coker Creek, TN. Moderate 4.2 miles in and out, from Sandy Gap NC to Sixmile Gap, with the optional side trip up Waucheesi Mountain. The side trip will add @ 1.5 miles but includes GREAT 360° views. The main trail walks the ridge along the TN/NC line, with beautiful views in the winter, and a stone state line marker engraved in the 1821 state line survey. Total: 5.7 mi. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Cathie Stallings 706-835-1639
Feb 25 D4 9 AM	Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulky Gap to Sarvis Gap and return. An 8.2 mile strenuous hike. Great winter views Blairsville Park and Ride Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Feb 27th 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
March 4 B3 9 AM	Coosa Backcountry Trail from Wolfpen Gap to Barnett Gap. 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 Harold Dyer 706-745-2224
March 4 E4 9 AM	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 Nancy and Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Mar 6th 9:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
March 7 6:00 PM	Covered Dish Supper / Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call : Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com
March 11 C2 9 AM	Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Gap loop. This is a pleasant 6 mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. (\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass at Lake Winfield Scott). Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Janet Faist 706-781-2634
March 11 C3 9 AM	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 on the Benton MacKaye Trail. 7 miles total. The trip includes CCC camp site and grave marker. Shuttle. Piggly Wiggly near US 64/TN 68 Ducktown Pam & Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
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March 14 B2 10 AM	Leisure hike: Two scenic waterfalls. Desoto Falls is a roundtrip hike of less than 2 miles then on to Helton Creek Falls for an additional 1.5 miles. Relax and have lunch by the beautiful waterfall. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot at 10 AM Bev Stevens 703-380-4095
March 18 B3 9 AM	Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. A 5 mile moderately strenuous round trip with 1,700 feet elevation gain. Trail is a combination of moderate and some steep and rocky sections. Stunning views! Ranger office number to coordinate access is 706-864-3367. Unicoi Gap on Hwy. 75 south of Hiawassee Tom Shope 706-745-4072
March 18 D3## 9 AM	Woody Gap to Lake Winfield Scott via the AT. Woody Gap to Slaughter Gap, down the Slaughter Creek Trail to Lake Winfield Scott for 10 miles. Shuttle required. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Mar 20th 9:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Blairsville Park and Ride Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
March 25 C2 9 AM	Mulky Gap Ramble in the Coopers Creek Wildlife Management Area Blairsville Park and Ride Arty and Gene Hodgson 706-745-5603
March 25 D4 9 AM	TRAIL MAGIC. Come welcome the hoard of potential thru hikers as they start their big adventure. Bring a bag of goodies to give to hikers to let them know they are welcome in Georgia. This will be our version of „trail magic“. We will hike from Three Forks to Springer and return the same way for 8.6 mi. Blairsville Park n Ride Donna & John Papazian 706-970-9206
Mar 27th 9:00	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