

# MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

## Winter 2015

Jan 6 B3 9 AM	<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. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
Jan 6 E4 9 AM	<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. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Francis Maney 706-896-9016
Jan 8 9 AM	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Jan 13 B1 9 AM	<b>Big Lost Creek Trail Located in TN. on the BMT.</b> Less than six miles in and out. This easy, 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 in Ducktown, TN Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 13 C2 9 AM	<b>Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on the AT. 7.5 miles round trip.</b> A moderate hike with two nice viewpoints. Come see the new re-lo GATC and Konnarock did in 2014. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Steve Denison 706-253-3938
Jan 15 9 AM	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Jan 20 B3 9 AM	<b>Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap.</b> This 5.3 mile section is constantly going up and down. Many of these short grades are steep. Shuttle required Park & Ride in Blairsville Candy Retter 706-835-1344
Jan 20 E4 9 AM	<b>Long Branch Trail to AT to Albert Mt. 10.5 mi.</b> 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 Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Jan 22 9 AM	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Jan 22 B3## 9 AM	<b>Leisure Hike: Bear Hair Trail in Vogel State Park. Loop hike of about 4 miles with some moderate to steep climbs.</b> Bring hiking sticks and State Park pass or \$5. 3.9 miles to trailhead Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Virginia Smith 706-258-8716
Jan 27 C3 9 AM	<b>Brush Creek Trail near the Ocoee Whitewater Center.</b> 6.5 mile easy to moderate from Boyd Gap overlook with good views of the lake. Short shuttle required. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN Evelin & Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
Jan 27 D4 9 AM	<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 Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Feb 3 B3 9 AM	<b>Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back.</b> 5.0 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., The trail passes Indian Grave Gap (3113 ft), a fabulous hillside of galax, the "cheese factory" turnoff, a viewpoint just before Tray Mt. (4430 ft). Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Virginia and Greg Lane 706-745-8058
Feb 3 E4 9 AM	<b>Chunky Gal from Glade Gap to Perry Gap and return 11 mile in and out.</b> Hike 1300 ft elev. gain. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Feb 5 9 AM	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Feb 10 C2 9 AM	<b>Bear Paw and Chestnut Mountain loop trails opposite the Whitewater Center in the Ocoee Gorge, TN.</b> A moderate 7.7 mile hike. Good winter views of gorge. Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN Evelin and Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
Feb 10 D3	<b>Killum Valley to Cowrock.</b> The first mile is very gradual with many beautiful waterfalls. The second mile is very steep. In Tim Homan's book he says the last 0.3 to Testnatee Gap is "one of

9 AM	the most rugged sections of trail in Georgia " From Testnatee to Cowrock on the AT is about another mile. One way the hike is a little under 3 miles with 2,200 elevation gain. Meet at 9:00 on the corner of 180 and 129 or at Turner's Corner (at the corner of Rts 19 & 129) Jon Dulude 706-219-2662
Feb 12 9 AM	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Feb 17 B3## 9 AM	<b>Dyer Gap to Watson Gap on the BMT. Located in the Cohutta Wilderness.</b> Moderate 4.5 mile hike. Shuttle. Home Depot in Blue Ridge Virginia Smith 706-258-8716
Feb 17 C4 9 AM	<b>Arkaquah Trail from Trackrock Gap to Brasstown Bald parking lot, then down to Jacks Gap for a total of 7.8 miles of strenuous hiking.</b> Trail ascends 2100 ft. and descends 1400. Spectacular views Meet at Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Feb 19 9 AM	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Feb 19 B2 9 AM	<b>Leisure Hike: Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County.</b> This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated average difficulty. Home Depot Blue Ridge Evelin Yarns 828-837-7237
Feb 24 C3## 9 AM	<b>Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on the AT</b> 7.2 miles round trip. A moderate hike with two nice viewpoints. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Steve Dennison 706-253-3938
Feb 24 D4 9 AM	<b>Woody Gap to Neels Gap.</b> Shuttle/key exchange. 9.9 miles. Moderately strenuous with climb up Blood Mt. (highest point on the GA AT) but with good switchbacks. Elevations from 3150 to 4461 to 3125. Trail passes Woody Gap (3150), Dockery Lake trail, Jarrard Gap(3250), Bird Gap (3650), Freeman Trail, Slaughter Creek Trail, Blood Mountain (4461) high point, Flatrock Gap (3452), Neels Gap (3125). Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180. Jon Dulude 706-219-2662
Feb 26 9 AM	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Mar 3 C2## 9 AM	<b>Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap- Slaughter Gap loop.</b> 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. Candy Retter 706-835-1344
Mar 3 D3 9 AM	<b>Hike Inn Trail.</b> 4.9 miles from Amicalola Falls State Park to Len Foote Hike Inn, 4.9 miles return. 9.8 mi total. Several moderate climbs. Option to return on the Approach Trail. Food Lion Ellijay Dave Werkheiser 706-669-8439
Mar 5 9 AM	<b>Georgia Trail Maintenance Day.</b> Blairsville Park and Ride Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Mar 10 B3 9 AM	<b>Stanley Gap Trail</b> from Deep Gap parking area on Aska Road to the intersection with the Benton MacKaye Trail and return. 4.5 miles round trip. Moderate climb to BMT and downhill on the return. Food Lion parking lot in Blue Ridge Evelin & Doug Yarns 828-837-7237
Mar 10 D3 9 AM	<b>Sandy Ford Road to Warwoman Dell</b> near Clayton on the Bartram Trail. Trail is constantly undulating with several steep grades and many moderate ones. A 9.4 mile hike Eat out in Clayton afterwards!! Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Michael O'Brien 706-745-6260
Mar 12 9 AM	<b>NC Trail Maintenance Day</b> Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Clyde Burnsworth 706-745-9610
Mar 17 B4## 9 AM	<b>Jacks Gap to Chattahoochee Gap on the Jacks Knob Trail.</b> This 4.6 mile round trip hike has several moderate to strenuous grades both directions. Pretty wildflowers in the spring Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 Marty Palmour 706-864-5161
Mar 17 D4 9 AM	<b>Sandy Gap to Unicoi Gap on the Benton MacKaye Trail.</b> It is an 8.3 mile section, with 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 ending at the historic Unicoi Gap in TN. Shuttle Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
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