

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Winter 2012

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DRIVER WHEN CARPOOLING

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jan 3 B2 09:00	Big Lost Creek is located in TN. on the BMT. 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. (3 hrs) Winter hike on you tube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ee_jws_ME5s Meet at Piggly Wiggly Parking lot in Ducktown, TN Jacob Dorn 828-835-7815
Jan 3 C3 9:00	Duncan Ridge from Mulky Gap to Fish Gap for 6 miles RT. This section has some moderate to strenuous ascents and descents. (Approx. 3:30 hrs) Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Candy Retter 706-897-9538
Jan 5th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 10 C3 ❖❖ 09:00	Joint Long and Short hike due to Wilderness Wildlife Week Miller Trek , 6.5 mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. (3 hrs) Meet at trailhead parking lot on service road at the Brasstown Valley Resort. NEEDS LEADER
Jan 17 C3# 09:00	Neels Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back on the AT. A 6.8 mile round trip. Great views from Wolf Laurel. Meet at Byron Reece Parking Area on Hwy. 129 Greg & Virginia Lane 706-745-8058
Jan 17 C4 9:00	Rabun Bald from the Bartram Trail on Hale Ridge Road – We 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. Then we will return eastward on the Three Forks Trail to Hale Ridge Road, for a hike total of 7.4 miles. Pass a waterfall on the way!! Short Shuttle Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church east of Hiawassee. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 19th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 24 B2 ❖❖ 09:00	Cooper Creek Scenic Area Sampler begins at the Cooper Creek Parking Area and hike the 1.7 mile Eye on Wildlife trail back to Parking Lot. From there we will continue hiking over to the Yellow Mountain Trail to Shope Gap Trail and back to Parking Lot for another 3.2 mile hike. If we have time, we'll go over to Sea Creek Falls. This is a very scenic area around Coopers Creek and features easy to moderate hiking. Meet at the Blairsville Park and Ride Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 24 C2 9:00	Rock Creek Tr and Dry Pond Lead Tr. in the Ocoee Gorge , Tn.7.4 miles. Small Creek crossing. Short shuttle Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown,Tn. Ginny Smith 706-258-8716
Jan 26th 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 31 B3 09:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3 mile section has many ups and downs, some short steep areas. Shuttle required. Meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville George Owen 706-374-4716
Jan 31 D3 9:00	Standing Indian Area. We'll begin at the Information kiosk sign. Take the Long Branch Trail for 2 mi.up to the AT at Glass mine Gap, then turn left and follow the AT for 3.2 mi. to Wallace Gap, turn for a total 8.2 mile hike. Meet at Ingles in Hayesville Mary Patrick 706-379-4170

Feb 2nd 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 7 B3 09:00	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. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Candy Retter 706-897-9538
Feb 7 C2 9:00	Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and back. A 7.4 mile moderate hike on AT with optional additional 1.4 RT to Big Wasilik Poplar Tree .(5:50 hrs) Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Feb 9th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 14 B4 09:00	Jacks Gap to Chattahoochee Gap on the Jacks Knob Trail. This 4.6 mile round trip hike has several moderate to strenuous grades both directions. (≈ 3:40 hrs) Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180. Sue Sorice 706-745-1225
Feb 14 D3 # 9:00	Hogpen Gap on Richard Russell Hwy to Low Gap Shelter and return. A round trip 8.4 mi. on the AT. Nice winter views. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church on Hwy 180 Jon Dulude 706-219-2662
Feb 21 C3# 09:00	Unicoi Gap to Andrews Cove 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. Meet at Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee Candy Retter 706-897-9538
Feb 21 C3 ❖❖ 9:00	Fires Creek Rim. 7.4 miles Total, Up Sassafras Ridge Trail to Rim (easiest way up to rim), 2 miles on the Rim passing Signal Bald, a short side trip on the Chunky Gal Trail thrown in for the vista at Tusquitee Bald and then back to the Rim Trail and down Far Bald Trail 1.7 miles. Long gravel FS road up to trailhead Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 23rd 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 28 C2 9:00	Jack Rabbit hike/bike trail. 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 and variety of hard woods. Meet at Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead. Sue Sorice 706-745-1225
Feb 28 D2 9:00	Smith Creek Tr. from Unicoi State Park to Anna Ruby Falls and return. A moderate 9 mi.hike Some rough, rocky footing. Lunch at falls. State park pass or current fee required. Meet at Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Jon Dulude 706-219-2662
Mar 1st 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Mar 6 C2 09:00	Brush Creek Trail near the Ocoee Whitewater Center. 6.5 mile easy to moderate from Boyd Gap overlook with good views of the lake. Short shuttle required. Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown Linda & Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Mar 6 C2# 9:00	Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT, down Dockery Lake Tr. for a total of 6.4 miles. (4 hrs) 6 mi. RT shuttle Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot Hwy 180 Candy Retter 706-897-9538
Mar 13 C2# 09:00	Woody Gap to Gooch Gap on the AT. 7.2 miles round trip. A moderate hike with two nice viewpoints. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Jan Boland 706-745-2798
Mar 13 D4 # 9:00	Panther Creek Falls in the Cohuttas .Start at three forks area for 2.3 mi. on East Cowpen Tr., then turn onto Panther Creek Tr. down to the falls (another 2.3 mi.) then back out. 9.2 miles RT. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Mar 15th 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Mar 20 B3 ❖❖ 09:00	Chunky Gal Trail from Perry Gap over the top of Shooting Creek Bald (Boteler Peak) to Glade Gap on Hwy 64 in NC. 5.5 miles (≈ 3.5 hrs). Outstanding view from top. Shuttle required. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Roland & Barbara Hardee 828-389-2359
Mar 20 C3 09:00	Trails of Tallulah Gorge State Park. Hike the North Rim Tr. with its views of several falls, go down Hurricane Falls staircase to the swinging bridge (approx 200 steps each way), then hike the High Bluff Loop, and maybe trek a portion of Stoneplace Tr..A moderate hike with no long climbs (except the steps) 6-8 miles depending on what the group decides.

