

Mountain High Hikers Newsflash July 27, 2009

Moonlight Walk at Chatuge Dam

From: Dorothy and Gary Thompson

Could you please inform the members the August Full Moon Hike will be on Wednesday, August 5th.

Please meet in the parking lot at 8:15 p.m. Questions: Call 828-389-4706

Save The Dates:

Lake Winfield Scott Membership Meeting, Saturday, August 29th 9:00 until

Guests Welcome

The day will begin with a 6 mile hike (Lake Winfield Scott-Jarrard Gap-Slaughter Gap loop). This is a pleasant 6 mile hike with moderate ascents and descents. A beautiful in and out shorter hike will also be offered.

Communal picnic to follow the hike around 1:00 pm. Membership meeting to follow picnic.

We have reserved a large beach- front pavilion with electrical outlets on Lake Winfield Scott in Suches, GA. There is a roped off beach with floating dock, bathrooms with showers and fishing dock. Human-powered and electric-motor boats are allowed. The lake is stocked with trout, bass, catfish, brim and perch (GA. fishing license is required).

Bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs, sunscreen, hat, swimsuit, boats and beach toys.

\$5.00 or Golden Age Pass is required at Lake Winfield Scott. Directions: Take U.S. #19 / #129 south from Blairsville for 10 miles; Turn right (west) on Georgia #180 for 7 miles. Turn right onto Forest Service Road #37 at Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area entrance.

conasauga Hike and Snorkel in the Cohutta Wilderness

Monday, August 24th (date changed to accommodate the membership meeting)

The day will begin with a 5 mile moderate hike on Horseshoe Bend Trail in the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Horseshoe Bend Overlook provides a view of Jacks River. After the hike, we will return to the Conasauga

River at Jacks River Bridge to swim and snorkel the still, clear pools filled with an abundance of underwater wildlife. Over 65 species of native fish have been spotted here with 4 species found nowhere else in the world - the amber darter, blue shiner, frecklebelly madtom, and Conasauga logperch.

Bring water shoes, swimsuit (or equivalent), sunscreen, towel, float (if desired) and snorkel equipment. We have several snorkels, masks and fins to share. The squeamish can purchase new snorkel gear at WalMart.

Tailgate picnic after the hike. Bring drinks, dish to share.



Hike Report

By Pam Sullivan

July 14th Conasauga River Trail Hike/ Betty Gap Trail in the Cohuttas

This was a new hike for the club and a perfect one for the summer with 38 (debatable) river crossings. Except for a short steep ending, this trail was a comfortable, moderate hike flanked by hemlocks, sweet gum trees and rhododendron. Various colored mushrooms and fungi were abundant - browse Rod and Kim's photos to see the purple, green, orange and speckled colors. The majority of the 13 hikers wore river shoes for the exciting and wet trip. A combination of comfortable temps, scenic lunch stop and nice pace created a great hike. Thank you, Doug Haas, for your most excellent leadership. And thanks to the rest of the members and guests for the entertainment: remember what happens on the trail, stays on the trail.



Big Kids Have Fun!

Tubing trip and cookout at the Sullivan's was a bunch of fun! Don't believe me? Take a look at the following show. (Copy and paste)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdg37lg_Tbs



Trail Maintenance Report

By: John Quinlan

"Monday, 20 Jul 09, saw a small three person team of MHHers who are fully chain saw qualified and composed of some of our most experienced trail maintainers take to the Chunky Gal trail to finish a

segment. This stretch from Tusquittee Gap South toward Tate Gap saw very heavy overgrowth since our last visit and required extensive brushcutting, courtesy of Dave Richardson. Steve Sutherlin and John Quinlan saw to the required a moderate level of chainsawing cutting but including one specialized piece of creative sawing that made good use of several plunge cuts taught to us by one of the very best-Terry Dickey, now retired, of the USFS (Tusquittee Ranger District). This resulted in a log step thru which was cut in such a way as to prevent the remaining log on the steep upper slope to be blocked thus preventing its falling/sliding down slope. We finished by ensuring a blocking piece to keep a hikers boot from slipping off the log and some crosscutting on the log's flat surface for additional boot traction as well.

All in all a good productive day with as always the highlight of accomplishing all of this safely! With this section completed your MHHers have now been thru 20 of the 22 miles of Chunky Gal during 2009; making this portion 'open, blazed, and safe'."



Five Clubs – One Goal

By Bobbi LeHoullier

Recently individuals from 5 hiking clubs met with one thought in mind, how to keep an unmaintained trail open. The answer each individual answered was, "I'll help."

Help we did! Over two scheduled work trips, twelve persons spent a total of 190 hours working on a Fires Creek Rim Trail and Bartram Trail connector that was fast becoming completely overgrown. Hard work, but a big payoff! We will now be able to hike this area which features majestic vistas of the Tusquitees , Snowbird, and Nantahala Mountains.

Believe it or not, five individuals drove all the way from Atlanta on two occasions, one from Raleigh, NC, and one from SC to help in this endeavor. That's dedication!

Clubs and persons represented:

GATC: Marianne Skeen, Gary Monk, Ginny Smith (the other Ginny Smith), Herb Daniel

BMTA: Bob Ruby

The Sierra Club: Chris David

Bartram Trail: John Ray (also MHH)

MHH: Bob LeHoullier, Bobbi LeHoullier, Richard Sullivan, Ginny Smith (our Ginny Smith), Jerry Carnes (also GATC)



Conservation and Other Information for North Carolina Forests

Interested in conservation? If so, the website below lists proposed projects, projected dates, and even has an area for your comments. Remember, you can make a difference.

<http://www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/>

Information for Chattahoochee – Oconee National Forests:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/conf/welcome.htm>

List of highest mountains in Georgia (U.S.)

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The eleven highest mountains in [Georgia](#) are all located in three counties in northeast Georgia. Some of these mountains have true [summits](#) or [peaks](#), while others are high points on a [ridge](#). Listings found elsewhere may not necessarily agree because they do not include each of these mountains.

1. [Brasstown Bald](#) (summit), 4,784 feet, [Towns County](#)
 2. [Rabun Bald](#) (summit), 4,696 feet, [Rabun County](#)
 3. [Dick's Knob](#) (summit), 4,620 feet, [Rabun County](#)
 4. [Hightower Bald](#) (summit), 4,568 feet, [Towns County](#)
 5. [Wolfpen Ridge](#) (ridge high point), 4,561 feet, [Towns](#) and [Union](#) Counties (County line bisects high point)
 6. [Blood Mountain](#) (summit), 4,458 feet, [Union County](#)
 7. [Tray Mountain](#) (summit), 4,430 feet, [Towns County](#)
 8. [Grassy Ridge](#) (ridge high point), 4,420 feet, [Rabun County](#)
 9. [Slaughter Mountain](#) (summit), 4,338 feet, [Union County](#)
 10. [Double Spring Knob](#) (summit), 4,280 feet, [Rabun County](#)
 11. [Coosa Bald](#) (summit), 4,280 feet, [Union County](#)
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