

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Fall 2009

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Oct 01 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Oct 06 (B3) # 09:00	Blood Mountain via the Byron Herbert Reece Trail and AT. A 5 mile round trip hike (≈ 4:30 hrs) with 1,400 ft. of elevation change. Splendid views from the top. Carpool \$2.00 Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Janet Faist 706-781-2634
Oct 06 (D2) 09:00	Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob. About 8+ miles. Hike north on Bartram Trail into a dense mountain laurel and rhododendron forest. At 2.2 miles visit Martin Creek Falls, continue another 1.7 miles to Courthouse Gap and then take the 0.5 mile side trail to Pinnacle Knob for a spectacular rocky vista. Option for after hike refreshment on the porch of Rumor Haz-lt. Carpool \$8.00 Macedonia Baptist Church in Hiawassee John Ray 864-868-2749
Oct 13 (B2) 09:00	Green Mountain Loop Trail in Fannin County. A moderate hike of about 5 miles with good winter views of Lake Blue Ridge. Carpool \$5.00. Park and Ride in Blairsville Wes Clonts 706-769-3234
Oct 13 (C4) 09:00	NEW HIKE: London Bald Trail #19C. (Approx. 8.4 miles total) Start from Appletree Camp and go up 19B 2.5 miles to London Bald Trail (#19C). Go left 5.9 miles to Junaluska Gap. Spectacular views of Tusquitees, Nantahalas, and Snowbird Mts. Enjoy the Tuni Gap Road ride from Hayesville to Andrews! Carpool \$5.00. Short Shuttle. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Bob LeHoullier 828-389-8240
Oct 15 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Mary Ann's Restaurant in Young Harris. John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Oct 20 (B2) ❖❖ # 09:00	Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot down and back for about 4 miles round trip. Outstanding views. Carpool \$2.00. Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 Harold Dyer 706-745-2224
Oct 20 (D4) # 09:00	Lake Winfield Scott over Blood Mountain to Wolfpen Gap via the Jarrard Gap, Freeman Loop, AT and Duncan Ridge Trails. 8.5 miles, 1500' elevation gain, some rocky footing. This hike has it all but the view is worth it! Short shuttle. (\$5 or Golden Age Pass + \$2.50 at Lake Winfield Scott). Carpool \$3. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Margo Schneider 706-809-2379
Oct 27 (B2) 09:00	Wayah Bald (5,342 ft.) to Wayah Gap (4,180 ft.) on the AT. 4.2 miles (≈ 3:15hrs), mostly downhill. Spectacular view from observation tower atop Wayah Bald. Shuttle required. Carpool \$5.00. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Larry and Kathy Zarefoss 828-389-0639
Oct 27 (E3) 08:30 Time change	NEW HIKE: Fall Color Hike 10.8 miles from Wayah Bald to Franklin, NC outskirts on the Bartram Trail. Start high on 5342' Wayah Bald's old observation tower with commanding view from the Smokies to Albert Mountain. Overall the hike is downhill, but some up-and-down in between will give you a workout. Conclude just past a lovely waterfall at the trailhead on Franklin's outskirts. Hike paced at 2+ mph. Carpool \$5.00 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville at 8:15 to be ready to leave at 8:30. Co-Leader: Bobbi LeHoullier 828-389-8240 John Ray 864-868-2749
Nov 03 (B3) # 09:00	Tesnatee Gap on the Richard Russell Highway to Wolf Laurel Top and return. This is a 4.2 mile round trip hike with magnificent views from the Rock outcrops. (≈ 3:00 hrs). Carpool \$2.00 Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Jack Butler 706-745-8656
Nov 03 (E4) # 09:00	NEW HIKE: Beech Creek Loop – Moderately strenuous 10? mile hike begins on Tallulah River Road, just north of Tate City in the Southern Nantahala Wilderness. Great view of Beech Creek, two waterfalls, and Standing Indian Mt. make this a great hike, plus it's a loop! Bring \$\$\$ in case you want to shop at Tate City Mall. Carpool \$8.00 Macedonia Baptist Church in Hiawassee Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Nov 05 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Nov 10 (B2) 09:00	Yellow Mountain Trail in the Coosa Wildlife Management Area. 4.7 miles and 800 foot elevation change. The Yellow Mountain Trail to the top, then the Shope Gap Trail to the Duncan Ridge Road, follow the road to the Mill Shoal Creek Trail which will take us back to the Campground. Relax with your feet in the beautiful creek at the end of the hike. Carpool \$5.00 Blairsville Park and Ride George Jurand 828-837-8516
Nov 10 (E5) 08:30	NC Bartram Trail from US 19 near Wesser, NC to Cheoah Bald on the AT. 10.2 mile in and out hike with 3100' elevation change. Awesome view from top. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Carpool \$3 Meet at Rest Stop on US 19 in Andrews Irene Reiner 706-896-1620

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Nov 17 (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. Carpool \$2.00 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Roland and Barbara Hardee 828-389-2359
Nov 17 (D4) 09:00	Eagle Mountain near Hiwassee. 9 mile loop with some steep climbing. Come climb the mountain that along with Bell Mountain dominates the skyline from Hiwassee and Hayesville. Up close views of Bell Mountain, pass old hunter's cabin and great views of Lake Chatuge. Weather permitting, we may even do a short bushwack just for fun!. Carpool \$2.00 Meet at lower parking lot at Dill's in Hiwassee Don Chesebro 706-896-1442
Nov 19 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Mary Ann's Restaurant in Young Harris. John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Nov 24 (B2) 09:00	Indian Grave Gap to Tray Mountain and back. 5.0 mile moderate hike on the AT to Tray Mt., the second highest point in GA. 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). Carpool \$2.00 Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
Nov 24 (E2) 09:00	Standing Indian Area. Rock Gap to Albert Mountain on the AT. 12 mile in and out hike. Some of the best views in the area at the fire tower. Lunch on the summit. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Carpool \$5. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Dec 01 (B3) # 09:00	Unicoi Gap to Indian Grave Gap on the AT and return on the Rocky Mountain Trail. A 5.5 mile hike (≈ 3:40 hrs) with 1,000 ft. elevation gain both directions. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiwassee Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
Dec 01 (C2) 09:00	NEW HIKE: Benton MacKaye, Hemp Top, Jacks River trails. We will start hiking from Watson Gap, enter the Cohutta Wilderness on the BMT, then use the Hemp Top and Jack's River trails to complete a circle and return over a 2.6 repeat of the BMT to Watson Gap again. About 8.3 miles. Carpool \$5.00 Home Depot parking lot in Blue Ridge,GA. Earlier meet at Park & Ride in Blairsville at 8:30. Janice Boland 706-745-2798
Dec 03 08:00am Time change	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Dec 08 (A1) 09:00	"Old" Jack Rabbit Trail at Jack Rabbit Campground. A 2.4 mile (≈ 1:30 hr) mile easy, scenic loop trail on Lake Chatuge in North Carolina. Length of hike can be increased. Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead Ralph Aanensen 941-345-5881
Dec 08 (C2) 08:30 Time change	NEW HIKE: From Sandy Gap to Unicoi Gap on the Benton MacKaye Trail. 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. \$5 carpool. SE corner of Hwy. 64 and 19/129 in NC Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 08 06:00 PM	Covered Dish Supper & Business Meeting. Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Young Harris. Bring a dish for 8 and your table service. Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 15 (C2) 09:00	Appletree Trail and Bartram Loop Trail. This is a new 6.8 mile hike for the Club Moderate climbing, ridge walking and about 2.5 miles along Nantahala River Andrews Rest Area Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 15 (D2) # 09:00	Deep Gap to Sassafras Gap on the AT. 9+ miles. Just about our last chance to visit the Deep Gap area until March as the FS usually closes this road from Jan. through March. We start on the AT and head South to Muskrat Shelter area, then on for a visit to Ravenrock Cliff, stop and explore an aircraft crash site, then back on the AT for scenic views of Lake Chatuge and on to Sassafras Gap. Return to our cars the same way except near the end we take the "old AT." Carpool \$5.00. Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. Phyllis Loman 706-896-5540
Dec 17 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Mary Ann's Restaurant in Young Harris. John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Dec 22 (B3) 09:00	Helen to Unicoi State Park Lodge and return. An easy and scenic 5.6 mile (2.5 hrs) round trip hike. Lunch at Lodge (bring your own or eat in dining room). A club favorite. Carpool amount \$5.00. Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiwassee. Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Dec 22 (E3) # 09:00	Unicoi Gap to Tray Mountain. 4430' on the AT. A 10.4 mile hike with a return on the Rocky Mountain Trail. 2400' elevation gain but worth the effort. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiwassee Frances Maney 706-896-9016

<u>Dec 29</u> (C3) # 09:00	Neels Gap to Wolf Laurel Top and back on the AT. A 6.8 mile (5 hr) round trip. Great views from Wolf Laurel. Hike Leader contact Winton at Mountain Crossings to arrange to park a few cars at Neels Gap. Short 0.4 mile shuttle to Neels Gap from Byron Reece parking area. Byron Reece Parking Area Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Sandra Key 706-835-2692
<u>Dec 29</u> (D2) # 09:00	Blue Ridge Gap to Plum Orchard and then on to Bly Gap. 9 miles in and out. 1.3 miles each way to Plum Orchard and 3.2 miles each way to Bly Gap. Trail passes Blue Ridge Gap 3020', GA/NC line 3600', Bly Gap 3840'. Get your picture taken by the gnarled tree! Carpool \$3.00 Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee 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**