

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR

Winter 2010

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH

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

Jan 05 (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 \$3 Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Wes Clonts 706-769-3234
Jan 05 (C2) 09:00	New hike: 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
Jan 07 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 12 (C2) 09:00	Joint Long and Short hike due to Wilderness Wildlife Week. Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap and back. A 7.4 mile moderate hike on the AT with optional additional 1.4 mile round trip to Big Tree (Wasilik Poplar). (5:50 hrs). Carpool \$5. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Jim Morgan 828-835-9063
Jan 19 (C2) # 09:00	Woody Gap over Big Cedar Mt. to Miller Gap on the AT, then down Dockery Lake Trail for a total of 6.4 miles. 4 hrs. 6 mile r/t shuttle. Carpool \$5 Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 19 (D3) ❖❖ 09:00	Fires Creek Rim Trail Series Challenge Hike #4. Hike up Far Bald Trail #389 1.7 steep miles to the Rim, then turn right and continue about 6 miles on the Rim past Potrock Bald and on to Carver Gap, then down the Bristol Cabin Trail #76 1.0 mile to Bristol Horse Camp. Shuttle required. Carpool amount \$5.00 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Frank Ensenat 828-644-0493
Jan 21 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. The Bread of Life (MaryAnn's) Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Jan 26 (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 Blairsville Park and Ride Tom Shope 706-745-4072
Jan 26 (C4) ❖❖ 09:00	Chunky Gal Trail from Bob Allison Campground to Tusquitee Bald. 7 strenuous miles round trip. 2,200 foot elevation gain. After numerous creek crossings of Tuni Creek and through giant hickories and old growth hemlocks, arrive at 5240 ft. summit of Tusquitee Bald for (newly cleared) spectacular views. Carpool \$5.00. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville. Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Feb 02 (C2) # ❖❖ 09:00	Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald parking lot to Young Harris College. This is a 6.5 mile hike, but it's all down hill. Shuttle or key exchange required. Carpool \$3 Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Bob Stone 706-745-5943
Feb 02 (E4) # 09:00	Hogpen Gap to Chattahoochee Gap on the AT. Then down to Jacks Gap on the Jacks Knob Trail. 11.6 miles shuttle hike with a number of ups and downs. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180 Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 04 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 9 (B4) 09:00	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 feet in 1.9 miles, but the view from top is well worth the effort. A 3.8 mile round trip hike. (≈ 3:00 hrs) Carpool \$5 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville John Quinlan 706-896-2430
Feb 9 (C3) 09:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Wilscot Gap to Shallowford Bridge for 7.7 miles with a total of 4,100 feet of change in elevation before ending at Toccoa River. Carpool \$5 Park and Ride in Blairsville Glen and Jan Boland 706-745-2798
Feb 16 (C3) 09:00	Green Mountain Trail in Fannin County. A moderate round trip hike of 7 miles, 3.5 hrs. Carpool \$5.00. Park and Ride in Blairsville Jack Dugger 706-781-3377
Feb 16 (D2) 09:00	Smith Creek Trail from Unicoi State Park to Ana Ruby Falls and return. A moderate 9 mile hike (≈ 5 hrs) with lunch at the falls. State Park Pass or \$ 3.00 Park Fee required. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee Phyllis Loman 706-896-5540

Feb 18 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. The Bread of Life (MaryAnn's) Restaurant in Young Harris	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Feb 23 (B3) 09:00	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. Carpool amount \$5. SE corner of Hwys. 64 and 19/129 in NC	Janet Faist 706-781-2634
Feb 23 (C4) 09:00	Dicks Creek Gap south on the AT to Deep Gap Shelter and return for 7.6 miles at a moderate pace. (≈ 3:30 hrs). Elevation gain 1,200 feet. Nice scenic viewpoint. Carpool \$3 Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee.	Greg and Virginia Lane 706-745-8058
Mar 02 (C2) # 09:00	Lake Winfield Scott – Jarrard Gap -- Slaughter Creek Trail loop for a 7 mile moderate hike. Lunch at Woods Hole Shelter. Option to climb Blood Mountain. Carpool \$3 Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180	Janet Faist 706-781-2634
Mar 02 (E3) 09:00	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. Paced hike at 2+ mph. Unicoi Gap on Hwy 75 south of Hiawassee.	Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Mar 04 09:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day. Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Mar 09 (B2) ♦♦ 09:00	Fires Creek. From recreation area pass by Leatherwood Falls, then take Rim Access Trail for another 2 miles of steady ascent. Return down access trail and complete Leatherwood Falls loop for 5 miles (3.5 hours). Steep uphill section Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Jim Morgan 828-835-9063
Mar 09 (D2) # 09:00	Standing Indian Area. Timber Ridge Trail to AT to Beech Gap Trail. This moderate 8.3 mile loop hike is a club favorite. Carpool \$5 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Mar 09 06:00 PM	Covered Dish Supper and Business Meeting at Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish for 8 and your table service.	For info call: Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Mar 16 (C1) 09:00	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. Jack Rabbit hike/bike trailhead	Roland and Barbara Hardee 828-389-2359
Mar 16 (E4) 09:00	Long Branch Trail to AT to Albert Mt. 10.5 mi, paced at 2+ mph. 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. Carpool \$5 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
Mar 18 09:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. The Bread of Life (MaryAnn's) Restaurant in Young Harris	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Mar 23 (B2) # 09:00	Neels Gap to Tesnatee Gap on the AT. Shuttle, or key exchange hike. One half of the group starts at Neels Gap the other half starts at Testnatee Gap). Meet for lunch and trade keys! Great view from the top of Levelland Mountain. 5.5 miles. Carpool \$3 Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180.	Bob Stone 706-745-5943
Mar 23 (C2) 09:00	GA AT series 6. Hogpen Gap to Low Gap (in and out). 8.4 miles. Moderate. 4.2 miles each way. Trail passes Hogpen Gap (3450), Wide Gap (3150), Low Gap shelter trail (3050). Option of .1 miles to shelter. MHH "favorite". CHANGED DUE TO ROAD CONDITIONS Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180.	Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Mar 30 (C3) ♦♦ 09:00	Fires Creek Rim Trail - FSR 6176 Loop. From Leatherwood Falls, follow Rim Trail for 2.2 miles. Turn right and follow FSR 6176 for 4.4 miles. Turn left after crossing Leatherwood Creek onto unmarked Trail. 7 mile loop. Carpool \$3 Ingles parking lot in Hayesville	Ginny Smith 706-374-1553
Mar 30 (C2) 09:00	New hike: Osage Mountain Overlook on Hwy. 106 in NC over Scaly Mountain to Jones Gap on the Bartram Trail. 7.2 miles with steep ascents and descents. Shuttle required. Spectacular view. 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