MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR
Fall Q4 2026

❖❖ Trails maintained by MHH
Designated Wilderness Area (limit 10 hikers/group in NC and TN, 12 hikers/group in GA)

Oct 1 B2	**Leisure Hike:** Visit scenic Tallulah Gorge State Park for a 5-mile hike. The main hike will be on the rim trail with an option to take the stairs with a second leader and meet back up with the group at the other side of the gorge. The rim hike is mostly flat and easy to moderate. The stair route is strenuous. There will be a lunch stop along the hike at the Tap House at Tallulah Adventures, followed by a short hike back to the park. **Hike leaders Ralph Collinson and Tim Swan; contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 6 C3	**##** Hike from Gooch Gap to Woody Gap and back on the AT. This hike is about 7.5 miles with 1400 feet of elevation gain making it a moderately strenuous hike. There are some excellent views along the way. Limited to 12 hikers. **Please contact hike leader Candy Retter (706) 897-9538 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 6 C4	**##** Hike the Chunky Gal trail from Glade Gap to Boetler Peak and return. The trail has a steep uphill, 6.0 miles total distance, but there are excellent views. **Please contact hike leader Bronco Burnsworth at broncob55@yahoo.com if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 8 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Stanley Gap to Weaver Creek on the Benton MacKaye trail and return for a 5-mile moderate hike. **Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 13 C3	Rescheduled from earlier rain cancellation. Hike to the Swinging Bridge on the BMT and back from Hwy 60. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 feet of elevation gain, making it a moderately strenuous hike. **Please contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 13 B3	Wayah Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. The trail climbs 1,000 ft in 1.9 miles, but the view from the top is well worth the effort. Hopefully we'll get some great fall foliage. A 4-mile round trip hike. **Please text Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.**
Oct 14 B3	**Cherohala Skyway Event.** Our popular drive and hike along the Cherohala Skyway returns! A full day of scenic views, waterfalls and fall foliage – as well as good bakery treats to start the excursion. Limited to 20 hikers, with those who have not done this adventure in the past given first priority. **Contact hike leader Sherry Savrda at savrdas@gmail.com for additional information.**
Oct 15 B3	**Leisure Hike:** The Gobbler in Murphy, NC. at Piney Knob a 5.5 moderate hike on very well-maintained trails, and there should be a good spring wildflower display. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Oct 17 B2	**Saturday Leisure Hike:** Lake Nottley Tail and the Tailwaters hike at the Lake Nottley Dam in Blairsville, GA. Moderate 4 miles with great views of Lake Nottley and Nottley Dam. **Contact hike leader Mary Neps at 815-481-5782 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 20 D4	**##** Hike to Blood Mountain from Vogel State Park using the Bear Hair Trail, Coosa Backcountry Trail, Duncan Ridge Trail, and the AT. Great views atop Blood Mountain! This hike is about 9.5 miles with 2300 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. State Park pass or parking fee

	required. Limited to 12 hikers. **Please contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 20 B3	Wesser Bald Fire Tower via the AT. A bit shorter than a usual Tuesday hike at 4.5 miles, but it has a climb of 770 ft on the way out and 600 ft on the way back. The view from the top of the tower is worth the effort! We'll go to the Wesser Bald Shelter and return. There should still be some lingering fall colors at lower elevations. Visit the Nantahala Outdoor Center on the Nantahala River afterwards and enjoy lunch at the River's Edge with great riverside views. **Please contact hike leader Charlotte Bremseth at bremsech@yahoo.com if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 22 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Join our own intrepid George Owen and Ralph Collinson on a colorful fall foliage driving/hiking trek. We slowly drive the beautiful fall-colored Forest Service Rd. 67 for several miles, leisurely drinking in the autumn beauty all the way to Pickens Nose. There we complete an in-and-out hike of just over 2 miles to 2 awesome vistas. Returning to FS 67, we stop at Mooney Gap to enjoy a very short walk to a display of hundreds of bright red bee-balm wildflowers. Then on our way back out we trek short trails in-out to 2 waterfalls, Mooney and Big Laurel. Total hiking distance is about 4 miles. **Please contact Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 22	**Trail Maintenance:** Chunky Gal from the Bob Allison Campground to the Big Buckeye. A short 1.5 mile trail. **Leader Needed. Meet at Ingles Hayesville (9:00 am)**
Oct 27 D3	Hike from Tellico Gap in NC northbound on the AT to the Jump Up, a rocky outcrop with gorgeous views. We will visit the Wesser Bald Fire Tower, which features 360* views year-round, and then follow the ridge line to the Jump Up and return. This hike is about 8 miles with 1500 ft of elevation gain, so a moderately strenuous hike. **Text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 27 C4	Miller Trek near Young Harris, GA. This 6.5-mile loop is moderately difficult with an elevation change of 1,400 feet and some rough, rocky footing. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Oct 29 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Unicoi Lake Trail, Frog Pond Nature Trail and Bottoms Loop at Unicoi State Park in Helen, GA. Moderate 5 miles, great view of lake and a stream. **Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Oct 29	**Trail Maintenance.** Coopers Creek Area. Yellow Mtn. Trail to Connector, then down Mill Shoals and Nature Trail. Brush cutting and lopping for 5 miles. Easy. **Leader Needed. Meet at Blairsville Park and Ride (9:00 am)**
Nov 3 D4	**##** Hike up the new Byron Reese Trail to the AT, then head NOBO on the AT to Levelland Mountain and return. Pass thru Neel Gap, see Mountain Crossing Outfitters and the iconic Shoe Tree. This hike is 9 miles with about 2000 ft of elevation gain, making it a strenuous hike. Limited to 12 hikers. **Please contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 3 B3	**MHH AT Series 1:** Part of our goal of completing the AT in GA, but all are welcome even if you don't want to finish the entire series. Springer Mountain to Three Forks. We'll start at the parking area at Springer Gap and hike 1 mile up to the summit of Springer Mountain. From there we'll return to the Gap and continue mostly downhill to Three Forks for a total hiking distance of 5.2 miles. **Contact hike leader Sherry Savrda at (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.**

Nov 5 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Trails of Hanging Dog, NC. Great views of the lake from multiple perspectives. Most of the trail is undulating, with the final loop having some short descents/climbs. Total distance about 5 miles. **Please contact hike leader Evelin Yarns at (919) 530-9640 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 8 B3	**Georgia Mountain Treasures Challenge.** Raven Cliff Falls on the Russel Parkway outside of Cleveland. Moderate 5-mile trail with one stream crossing. This is another installment of the Georgia Mountain Treasures Challenge series sponsored by our partner Georgia ForestWatch. See the Georgia ForestWatch website for additional information.
Nov 10 E5	Hike from Rock Gap to Albert Mountain Fire Tower on the AT and return. This hike is 12.6 miles with 2400 ft of elevation gain, making it a very strenuous hike. **Please contact hike leader Laura Pound via text at (404) 771-9499 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 10 B4	Rabun Bald via Beegum Gap. A shorter but challenging climb, with just over 1,000 ft of elevation gain. Round trip distance is 3.2 miles. The views from the top are breathtaking, so it is definitely worth the effort. There is an observation deck at the top, which provides a nearly 360º view of the surrounding mountains. **Please text Sherry Savrda (407) 924-1499 if you plan to do this hike.**
Nov 12 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Winding Stair Gap outside of Franklin, NC. Moderate 5 miles with two great overlooks. **Please contact hike leader Margie Hornsby (850) 322-8078 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 12	**Trail Maintenance.** Chunky Gal From FS Rd to Boetler Peak. Includes lopping, brushing and possible blowdowns. **Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 Mward87@att.net Meet at Ingles in Hayesville (9:00 am)**
Nov 17 C3	Hike to the Swinging Bridge on the BMT from Hwy 60 and return. This hike is about 8 miles with 1800 ft. of elevation gain. There are climbs in both directions making this a moderately strenuous hike. **Please contact hike leader Jode Mull (706) 851-6418 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 17 B4	Tesnatee Gap on the Richard Russell Highway to Wolf Laurel Top and return. Some steep areas, with elevation gain of 1290 ft. This is a 5-mile round trip hike with magnificent views from the rock outcrops. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. **Please contact hike leader Donya Gillespie at (229) 237-0463 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 19 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Rescheduled from October. The Gobbler in Murphy, NC. at Piney Knob a 5.5 moderate hike on very well-maintained trails. **Please text hike leader Ines Klenke at (404) 210-6809 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 21 B1-2	**Leisure Hike:** Young Harris College to Cupid Falls, starting at the Young Harris Post Office, behind the falls, then back to the college along nature trails around the athletic fields. Total distance is 3.5-4 miles of easy to moderate hiking. **Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 24 D4	**##** Hike from Tesnatee Gap to Levelland Mtn, going southbound on the AT from Tesnatee Gap and return. This hike is about 8.5 miles with 2300 ft. of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. **Please contact hike leader Linda Smith via text at (541) 604-5091 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 24 B2	Trails of Jack Rabbit Mountain. Get in a little exercise before the holiday feast! The exact route will be determined by the weather and hike leader

	discretion. **Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Nov 26	**No hike today. Enjoy the holiday!**
Dec 1 D4	Hike from Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald on the AT northbound. This is my favorite hike in every season because the views are spectacular! This hike is 9.6 miles with about 1900 ft of elevation gain and is considered strenuous. **Text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.**
Dec 1 B2	Amadahy Trail on Carter Lake, GA. This loop trek is augmented by a half-mile over-the little-ridge side jaunt round trip to a lovely lakeside picnic area. Easy hiking with only 450 ft. of elevation gain on a peninsula with lake views for a total of about 5 miles. **Please contact hike leader Ken Cissna at kcissna@usf.edu if you are interested in this hike.**
Dec 3 B3	**MHH AT Series 4: Woody Gap to Gooch Gap:** Part of our goal of completing the AT in GA, but all are welcome even if you don't want to finish the entire series. Woody Gap to Gooch Gap near Suches, GA. About 3.7 miles on the AT with some incline in the middle of the hike, great views, short shuttle. **Contact hike leader Sherry Savrda via text at (407) 924-1499 if you are interested in this hike.**
Dec 3	**Trail Maintenance.** Chunky Gal; From Perry Gap to Tate Gap. 2.1 mile mostly downhill with shuttle. Brush cutting, water diversions and lopping. **Leader: Mark Ward (561) 212-3775 Mward87@att.net Meet at Ingles in Hayesville (9:00 am)**
Dec 8 E5	Hike from Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap and back on the BMT. This hike is 10.6 miles with 2900 ft of elevation gain making it a very strenuous hike. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 8 C3	River View Loop at the Ocoee Whitewater Center. Starting at the WWC, climb the Bearpaw and Chestnut Mountain Trails to the River View loop, then return on the other limb of the Bearpaw Trail, for a total distance of 6+ miles. Federal fee area or senior pass required. Meet at Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 10 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Trails near Vogel State Park. Hike the Reece Farm Trail to the Lake Trahlyta Trail at the Park. Take in the waterfall before returning back to Reece Farm for a total distance of 5 miles. **Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Dec 10	**Trail Maintenance**. Chunky Gal from FS rd to Glade Gap; includes lopping, brushing and possible blowdowns. **Leader Needed. Meet at Ingles Hayesville (9:00 am)**
Dec 12 B1	**Saturday Leisure Hike:** Murphy River Walk in Murphy NC. Easy 4-mile hike on well-maintained trail. **Please contact hike leader Ralph Collinson at (904) 305-7139 if you are interested in this hike.**
Dec 15 C3	Hike the Three Waterfalls and the Up & Over. This hike is located in the Deep Creek area of the GSMNP, just outside of Bryson City, NC. Total mileage for this hike is 6.5 miles with about 1200 ft of elevation gain, making it a moderate to a moderately strenuous hike. There are a couple of steep climbs that make up for the shorter distance. Park in the Deep Creek Picnic area, by the restrooms. You must purchase a GSMNP parking pass, the fee is $5 for the day. **Text hike leader Susan Paul at 407-663-4457 if you are interested in this hike.**
Dec 15 C4	Deep Gap on Aska Rd. to Rocky Mountain via the Stanley Gap Trail, including up to the vista for good winter views. Some rocky sections and

	an elevation gain of 1400 ft, for a total of 6.8 miles with the vista, with an option for a 5-mile early turnaround. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 17 B3	**Leisure Hike:** Turtletown Creek Falls. The trail has also been refurbished in the past year and should provide a great hiking experience. The hike is approximately 5 miles and moderate on a very well-maintained trail. Meeting at the old Piggly Wiggly in Ducktown, TN at 8:30. **Please text hike leader Tim Swan (760) 617-5580 if you plan to do this hike.**
Dec 17	Trail Maintenance. Bristol Trail in the Fires Creek area. Blowdowns, blazing and lopping. **Leader Needed. Meet at Ingles Hayesville (9:00 am)**
Dec 22 C4	Hike the Duncan Ridge Trail from Mulkey Gap to Fish Gap and return. This hike has several steep climbs, some ridge walking, and some great views. This hike is about 6 miles with 1800ft of elevation gain and is considered moderately strenuous. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 22 B3	Coosa Backcountry trail from Wolf Creek to Burnett Gap. A 5.8-mile hike with 850 ft of elevation gain. An optional waterfall side trip adds 0.5 miles to the total. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 24	**No hike today.** Enjoy the holiday weekend.
Dec 29 D4	Hike on the AT from Gooch Gap to Cooper Gap and return. This hike is about 9.5 miles with 1800 ft of elevation gain, making it a moderately strenuous hike. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 29 B3	Wayah Bald to Wayah Gap near Franklin, NC. This trek begins with a spectacular 360-degree view at over 5,300 feet on Wayah Bald, then continues 4.2 miles to Wayah Gap, all on the AT. The first half of the hike undulates with a few ups and downs over high country, then drops mostly downhill on the second half. Shuttle required. **HIKE LEADER NEEDED.**
Dec 31	**No hike today. Happy New Year!**

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
B = 3 - 6 miles
C = 6 - 8 miles
D = 8 - 10 miles
E = over 10 miles

Terrain / Footing:
1 = easy
2 = average
3 = moderate
4 = strenuous
5 = very strenuous