

MOUNTAIN HIGH HIKERS CALENDAR
Spring Hikes 2011

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DRIVER FOR GAS MONEY

❖❖ Trails maintained by MH

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

Apr 05 (C1) 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 (1.2 mile) shuttle required. Meet at Piggly Wiggly grocery in Ducktown, TN. Linda & Bob Kaempfer 828-644-5836
Apr 05 (C4) ** 08:00	Fires Creek to the Rim via Sassafras Ridge Tr. (easiest way up to the Rim), 2 miles to the Rim passing Signal Bald, and a short side trip on Chunky Gal Tr. thrown in for the vista on Tusquitee Bald and then back to the Rim Tr. and down Far Bald Spring Tr. #389. A 0.6 mile walk on gravel FS road up to Trailhead. 7.4 miles total. Meet at Ingles in Hayesville Irene Reiner 706-896-1620
Apr 7th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Apr 12 (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. Meet at Jacks Gap at base of Brasstown Bald on Hwy 180. Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
Apr 12 (D3) 08:00	Dicks Creek Gap to Plum Orchard Gap Shelter . In and out on the AT for a 9 mile hike Moderate with some steep climbs. Trail passes Dicks Cr. Gap at 2675 ft., Cowart Gap at 2920ft., Buzzard Knob at 3760ft. and Plum Orchard Gap at 3090ft. Meet at Macedonia Bap. Church parking lot east of Hiawassee Frances Maney 706-896-9016
Apr 14th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Apr 18 (Monday) 9:00am	Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest Walk – In search of wild flowers and some exercise. Late lunch or early dinner out after. For more information, contact Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com Meet at Andrews Rest Area on Hwy 19/129
Apr 19 (B2) 09:00	Park Creek Trail with crossover to Park Ridge Trail in Standing Indian area. 5 miles with some stream crossings (≈ 3:30 hrs). A favorite spring hike because of beautiful wildflower display. Meet at Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281
Apr 19 (C3) 08:00	Byron Herbert Reece Tr. To Flat Rock Gap on the AT, around Freeman Tr. to AT at Bird Gap , up over Blood Mt. and back to BHR parking lot for a 6.7 mile hike Meet at Byron H. Reece Parking Lot. On HWY 129 close to Neels Gap Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
Apr 21st 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Apr 26 (C4) 09:00	Dicks Creek Gap south on the AT to Deep Gap Shelter and return for 7.6 miles. (≈ 3:30 hrs) Elevation gain 1,200 feet. Nice scenic viewpoint. 7.5 miles to trailhead Macedonia Baptist Church parking lot east of Hiawassee. Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
Apr 26 (D3) 08:00	Bartram Tr. From Jones Gap to Buckeye Cr. (Franklin) Great views from Jones Knob and Whiterock Mt. 8.3 miles with a shuttle. Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
Apr 28th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
May 03 (B2) ** 09:00	Raven Cliffs Trail. A scenic 5 mile round trip hike along a cascading mountain stream to towering cliffs with two waterfalls. Some difficult footing due to erosion. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy. 180. Janet Faist 706-781-2634
May 03 (D3) 08:00	Winding Stair Gap to Siler Bald on the AT. 9.4 miles RT Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville. George Radcliffe 706-745-8355
May 5th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
May 10 (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. Trail noted for wild azaleas and Carolina silver bells. 6 mile r/t shuttle. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180 Pam Sullivan 706-374-5281

May 10 (C2) 08:00	Bear Paw and Chestnut Mt. Loop trails opposite the White Water Center in Ocoee Gorge Tn. An Average 7.7 mile hike Meet at Piggly Wiggly grocery in Ducktown, TN. Bob and Linda Kaempfer 828-644-5836
May 12th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
May 17 (A1) 09:00	Dukes Creek Falls on the Richard Russell Scenic Highway. Hike 2.2 miles round trip to the 250 ft. cascading falls. Elevation change is 360 feet. Meet at Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Bob Dalsemer 828-389-0218
May 17 (D4) 08:00	Black Rock Mt. State Park near Clayton. The James E Edmonds Loop Tr. for a 7.2 mile mod. To strenuous hike. Then the Tennessee Rock Tr. for 2.2 mod. Miles. Total 9.4 miles total. State Park Pass or current Parking Fee. Meet at Macedonia Bap. Church east of Hiawassee Mary Patrick 706-379-4170
May 24 (C2) 09:00	Benton MacKaye Trail from Hwy. 60 across Toonowee Mountain to the suspension bridge and return for 7.2 miles (≈3:40 hrs) round trip. Elevation gain 800 ft. in, 900 ft out. Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville. Bert Kunze 706-896-3601
May 24 (D3) 08:00	Kimsey Creek Tr. to Deep Gap then on the AT to Standing Indian summit. Return on Lower Ridge Tr. for 10 miles. Meet at Ingles Parking Lot in Hayesville Jerry Carnes 706-896-4690
May 26th 08:00	NC Trail Maintenance Day Ingles parking lot in Hayesville Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
May 31 (B2) 09:00	Benton Mackaye Trail from Hwy. 60 at Wilscot Gap to Skeenah Gap. This 5.3 mile section is constantly going up and down. Many of these short grades are steep. Shuttle required. (4 hrs). Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Harold Dyer 706-745-2224
May 31 (D4) 08:00	Big Frog Mt.-- Wolf Ridge Tr. to Big Frog Summit then down the north face of Big Creek Tr. (rock pile) then go all the way back on Big Creek Tr. for 9.9 mile hike with a 2 mile shuttle (2500 gain) Meet at Home Depot in Blue Ridge George Owen 706-374-4716
June 2nd 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. SPECIAL TRAILS DAY PROJECT AT SOSEBEE COVE!!! Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
June 07 (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 or Woody Gap Nancy Shofner 404-881-6346
June 07 (C3) 08:00	Duncan Ridge Tr. from Mulky Gap to Fish Gap for 6 miles RT. This section has some mod. To strenuous ascents and descents Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville Candy and Frank Retter 706-835-1344
June 13th 9:00am	Club Picnic and Business Meeting at Unicoi State Park Pavillion. Bring a covered dish for 8. For info call: Candy Retter 706-835-1344 or candy.retter@gmail.com
June 14 (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 miles . Short shuttle. Choestoe Baptist Church parking lot on Hwy 180. Doug Haas 770-410-1738
June 14 (E3) 08:00	Deep Creek Tr. to Martins Gap Tr. in the Smoky Mt. Nat. Park near Bryson City. 12 miles in and out, with mod. Elevation gain. Hike is along a scenic mountain stream. Paced at 2+ mph. Meet at Andrews Rest Area on Hwy 19/129 George Owen 706-374-4716
June 16th 08:00	Georgia Trail Maintenance Day. Bread of Life Restaurant in Young Harris. Richard Sullivan 706-374-5281
June 21 (B2) 09:00	Flat Creek Loop in Fannin County. This 5.8 mile loop hike begins at Deep Gap on Aska Road and is rated easy to moderate. (≈4 hrs) Meet at Park and Ride in Blairsville. Joyce and Gene Hall 706-379-9881
June 21 (C4) 08:00	London Bald Tr.#19C Approx 8.4 miles total. Start from Appletree Camp and go up 19b 2.5 miles London Bald Tr (#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. Short shuttle Meet at Andrews Rest Area on Hwy 19/129 Jim Morgan 828-835-9063
June 28 (B2) 09:00	Unicoi State Park to Helen. A moderate to easy 5.6 mi hike from the Lodge to Helen and back, With option to walk around the lake at Unicoi for another 2+ mi. Meet in upper parking lot of Unicoi Park Lodge Sue Sorice 706-745-1225
June 28 (D3) 08:00	Coopers Gap to Woody Gap on the AT 8.4 miles with a lot of ups and downs- several are steep. Shuttle required Meet at Choestoe Bap. Church on Hwy 180 Irene Reiner 706-896-1620

Please contact the Hike Leader or visit www.mountainhighhikers.org for schedule changes

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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