



Nantahala Hiking Club

Hike Schedule

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JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2018

SAT JAN 6 Coweeta Lab Ramble Hike into watershed 1 and 2 through a lovely stand of white pine, passing a couple of climate stations. Good view of Albert Mountain fire tower. Return down Shope Fork Road into a side road through watershed 7. This makes a leisurely stroll seeing a weir on Hurricane Branch, and back to the Coweeta offices. Total Hiking Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 16 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN JAN 14 Chinquapin Mountain and Glen Falls Two miles south of Highlands, this trail leads to several lookout points that view Blue Valley (4160'). Return to the parking lot and hike down the new trail to view three different looks of Glen Falls cascades. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 680 Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN JAN 21 Wallace Branch Loop. Hike on the Bartram Trail passing a couple of waterfalls. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation 300' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 6 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SUN FEB 4 Winding Stair Gap FS Rd. north and return by the AT crossing Moore Creek and a lovely waterfall. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation 200' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 22 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT FEB 10 Kimsey Creek exploration to Park Ridge. We will hike up Kimsey Creek on the right-hand side and explore an old road bed which leads back to Park Ridge. Return to the back-country parking lot. Total Hiking Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 350' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 15 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN FEB 18 Cliffside Lake Loop by way of Skitty Creek on Hwy 64. Hike the Homestead Trail to the lake and around the lake. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E Elevation 200' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 25 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT FEB 24 Panthertown Valley: Elbow and Redbutt Falls We enter this hike from the Cold Mountain entrance. Hike mostly downhill going in and uphill on the return. We cross several creeks, not difficult. The trail in many places is an old logging road. This beautiful Elbow Falls with pools below, is in the northeast corner of Panthertown. Redbutt Falls is another ¼ mile on a side trail. This fall drops to the base of a large rock cliff, towering 80' above your heads. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec. Center Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 30 miles Leaders: Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 743-1079

