



Nantahala Hiking Club

Hike Schedule

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MARCH - APRIL 2018 by Gail Lehman

SUN MAR 4 Park Creek in the Standing Indian Recreational area. Hike from the Back Country parking lot to the river. Walk along the Nantahala River to Park Creek and return. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E Elevation: 100' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 38 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT MAR 10 Chunky Gal to Boteler Peak Hike on Chunky Gal along a creek; cross FS Rd. and walk along the ridge through a rhododendron tunnel viewing Shooting Creek area 5010' in the Tusquitee district. Views of Lake Chatgoue as well. Total Hike Distance: 7 miles Rating: M Elevation: 1500' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 30 miles Leaders: Irene Brewi and Bill Schultz Phone: 772-263-3478

SAT MAR 17 Kimsey Creek to Park Ridge in the Standing Indian Recreational Area. Start at the Back Country parking lot and walk through the campground to Kimsey Creek. Explore an area on the right side of Kimsey Creek to an old logging road that comes out on Park Ridge. Return by Park Ridge and along the Nantahala River. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 38 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

Sat. March 24 Ellicott Rock See the point where three states boundaries meet (North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia) on the pristine Chattooga River. There is a steep descent into and out of the river corridor (300' - 400'). There are old ancient engravings done by the original surveyor on a rock at the edge of the river. Total Hike Distance: 5-6 miles Rating: M-S Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec Center Time: 10:00 AM R/T Driving Distance: 16 miles Leaders: Call Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SAT March 24 Saturday Work Hike 9am - 4 pm, Please contact Bill Van Horn Phone: 369-1983

SAT MAR 24 Hiker Chow Down at the Lazy Hiker Brewing Co. 12 pm-2 pm, For info and to help, please call Sharon Van Horn: 369-1983

SUN MAR 25 Lakeside Drive Trail Start at the Sheriff's Dept. and walk to the Environmental Resource Center. Visit the gardens maintained by the Macon County Master Gardeners. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: 100' Meeting Place: Sheriff Dept. Time: 2 pm Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT MAR 31 Easter Trail Magic. Bring hard boiled egg, fruit, carrots or apples to NHC Clubhouse, 173 Carl Slagle Rd. at 8 am for trail magic. For information and to help, please call Elena Marsh 369-8915

SAT APR 7 Rock Gap to Long Branch on the AT. **Hike leaders** get together, but all are invited. This is in the Standing Indian Recreational Area. Hopefully, wildflowers will be in bloom. We plan to go to Currahee Brewing Co. afterward for part of the Spring AT celebration. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 35 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN APR 8 Tellico Valley A lovely, private trail on one of Mainspring Conservation Trust's first conservation easements. Chance of wildflowers along the trail. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2:00 pm R/T Driving: 38 miles Leader: Jean Hunnicutt Phone: 524-5234

SAT APR 14 Warwoman Dell to the Pinnacle. Hike on the GA Bartram Trail and see two waterfalls: Becky Branch and Martin Creek Falls. Steep climb to the pinnacle to view Clayton, GA. Total Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: M - S Elevation: 1000' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 25 miles Leaders: Irene Brewi and Bill Schultz Phone: 772-263-3478

SUN APR 15 Highlands Botanical Gardens. A beautiful garden in Highlands. Plant identification on all the flowers. Oconee Bells may be in bloom. Walk around the lake for a wonderful afternoon stroll. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: Hardly any Meeting Place: Bi - Lo Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 36 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT APR 21 Mystery Wildflower Hike. Hike on the old AT to view wildflowers. This is an out and back hike along a lovely creek. Total Hike Distance: 7.2 miles Rating: S Elevation: 2100' Meeting Place: Bi - Lo Time: 8:30 am R/T Driving: 70 miles Leaders: Bill and Sharon Van Horn Phone: 369-1983

SAT APR 21 Winding Stair to Glassmine Gap and down Long Branch to the back country parking lot in Standing Indian. Hike on the AT for 7 miles, then down Long Branch. Majestic views along the AT Ridge into the Cartoogechaye Valley. Pass the Rock Gap Shelter. Wildflowers along Long Branch. Total Hike Distance: 9.6 miles Rating: M - S Elevation: 1100' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 26 miles Shuttle needed Leaders: Irene Brewi and Bill Schultz Phone: 970-692-3865

SAT April 28 Saturday Work Hike 9am - 4 pm, with Bill Van Horn Phone: 369-1983

SAT APR 28 Sweat Heifer to Kephart Prong. Start at Newfound Gap on the AT to Sweat Heifer. Go down through beautiful fir forests which were logged before the Park was established. Come out at Kephart Shelter and walk along the creek to US 441. Shuttle required. Total Hike Distance: 7.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Oconaluftee Visitor Center in the GSMNP Time: 9 am R/T Driving from Franklin: 70 miles Leader: Keith Patton Phone: 456-8895