



# Nantahala Hiking Club

## Hike Schedule

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018 HIKE SCHEDULE by Gail Lehman

THU SEPT 6 **Forest Road at Winding Stairs** where AT crosses 64 West. This wide open wooded logging road goes for miles on an easy rolling elevation gain/loss and parallels the AT for some time. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Meeting Place: WP Time: 9:30 am Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178 *(If group prefers, we can hike to Panther Gap on the AT instead but this would involve more elevation gain and loss. It is still about a 4 mile hike.)*

SAT SEPT 8 **Thomas Divide to Kanati Fork Trail** in the GSMNP. Hike along Thomas Divide to Kanati Fork and down to Kephart Prong. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Bi – Lo Time: 8:30 am R/T Driving: 90 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SAT SEPT 15 **Camp Branch** This wide open rolling logging road goes on for many miles. Lots of water available to dogs. Distance negotiable but would like to do at least 4 miles total of an out and back. Dogs welcome. Meeting Place: WP Time: 9:30 am Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SUN SEPT 16 **Rufus Morgan Falls.** This trail leads to a beautiful waterfall named after the founder of the Nantahala Hiking Club. Return by a loop through rhododendron thicket. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 24 miles Leader: Jean Hunnicutt Phone: 524-5234

SAT SEPT 22 **Big East Fork Trail** of Shining Rock area. Lots of wildflowers. This trail follows the stream. **Limit 15 hikers.** Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 1200' Meeting Place: Waynesville Ingles at 9 am or Blueridge Parkway mile marker 417 Looking Glass Rock Overlook at 10 am. R/T Driving: 40 miles from Waynesville OR 116 miles from Franklin Leader: Keith Patton 456-8895

SAT SEPT 22 **Family Hike Day Jones Creek** Hike along a Forest Service Rd. to this beautiful stream with a small waterfall. Dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 2.5 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Parker Meadows Time: 9:30 am Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 349-3380

SAT SEPT 29 **Big Creek Trail to Three Forks** Hike to the confluence of Holcomb, Overflow and Big Creeks which forms the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Be prepared to wade across Big Creek to view two waterfalls. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Bi – Lo Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 60 miles Leader: Charlee Tisdale Phone: 864-784-2124

SUN SEPT 30 **Tellico Gap to Wesser fire tower.** Hike the AT to Wesser Bald and have a 360' view of the Nantahala Mountains and Fontana Lake. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Jody Burtner Phone: 788-2985

SAT OCT 6 **Cabin Flats** in the GSMNP Hike up Bradley Fork crossing the stream several times to an old logging camp. Have lunch and return. **Limit 15 hikers.** Total Hike Distance: 10 miles Rating: S Elevation: 900' Meeting Place: Oconaluftee Visitor Center Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 76 miles from Franklin Leader: Keith Patton Phone: 456-8895

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SUN OCT 7 **Blackrock Lake** at Blackrock Lake State Park at Mountain City, GA. Walk around the lake and then go up to the Visitor's Center to view Clayton, GA. and visit the Nature Museum. Parking fee: \$5 Total Hike Distance: 1 mile Rating: E Elevation: little Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 2 pm  
Leader: Kay Coriell Phone: 369-6820

SAT OCT 13 **Chinquapin Mountain and Glenn Falls**. Begin at the Glenn Falls parking lot and hike to the summit of Chinquapin Mt. to view Blue Valley. Make a loop and come back to the falls descending 700' to view the cascades. Total Hike Distance: 3.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 32 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

WED OCT 17 **Chunky Gal to Boteler Peak** The trail follows a creek to USFSR to a Ridge which passes thru Rhododendron tunnels to views of Tusqitee range and Lake Chatuge. Fast paced hike. Hike Distance: 7-8 miles Rating: M Elevation: 1500' Meeting Place: WGP R/T Driving: 30 miles  
Leader: Irene Brewi Phone: 772-263-3478

SUN OCT 21 **Coweeta Lab - Shope Creek loop** Lots of water, small falls and a pine forest. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E Meeting Place: SMV Time: 9:30 am Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

WED OCT 24 **Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob** Follow Bartram Trail, view Becky Falls and Martin Falls to Pinnacle Knob. Fast paced hike, bridged stream crossings and stunning panoramic views. Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: M Elevation: 1500' Meeting Place: SMV R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Irene Brewi  
Phone: 772-263-3478

SAT OCT 27 **Lower Whitewater Falls**. Begin at Bad Creek parking area. We will have a view of this gorgeous waterfall from a platform. Also views of Lake Jocasee along the way. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 22 miles  
Leaders: Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SUN OCT 28 **High Falls and Rough Run**. These two waterfalls are on the West Fork of the Tuckaseegee River in Jackson County. Hike into a box canyon. Children over 8 and well behaved dogs welcome. Total hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Park Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 18 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Phone: 954-632-7270

TUES OCT 30 **Trail of Tears** Hike from the Nantahala Outdoor Center to the Jumpoff Lookout on the AT. Total Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: S Elevation: 1800' Meeting Place: Bi - Lo Time: To be determined - please call ahead R/T Driving: 60 miles Leaders: Bill and Sharon Van Horn Phone: 369-1983

