



Nantahala Hiking Club

Hike Schedule

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2018 by Gail Lehman

SAT NOV 3 **Cataloochee Divide Trail** in the GSMNP. Hike along the Park boundary to the Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center. **Hike limited to 15 people.** Total Hike Distance: 9.2 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: Waynesville Ingles Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Keith Patton Phone: 828-456-8895

SUN NOV 4 **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: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT NOV 10 **Secret Falls** below Highlands, an excellent and secluded 60 ft. high waterfall with access to the top and bottom. The trail is easy with two creek crossings. A little incline coming back out. Total Hike Length: 3 Miles: Ease Rating: E R/T Driving distance: 40 miles Meet at/when: Cashiers Rec. Center Parking Lot, at 10:00 AM. Hike Leaders: Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SUN NOV 11 **William's Pulpit** on the Bartram Trail. A FUN event goes up the Forest Service Road with a short steep "bushwhack" to the rock outcrop. Snack and linger to see views south to Mill Creek and Albert Mountain on the AT. Return on the Bartram Trail to Wallace Branch. Dogs on leash welcome. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 1200' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 6 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SAT NOV 17 **Park Creek – Park Ridge Loop** in Standing Indian Recreational area. Walk along the Nantahala River to Park Creek and follow this lovely creek to a connector trail to the ridge. Return to campground on the ridge trail. Total Hike Distance : 5.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9:30 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN NOV 18 **Siler Bald.** Hike from Wayah Crest to Siler Bald on the AT. Layer up and bring a snack. See views of Franklin, Lake Nantahala and the Nantahala Mts. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 900' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 26 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SUN NOV 25 **Christmas Parade** See article in this issue. Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT DEC 1 **White Rock** off the Bartram Trail from Jones Gap. Hike to this spectacular view point looking into Tennesse Valley and the Nantahala Mountains. Stop at Jones Knob on the way back. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524- 5298

SAT DEC 8 **Big Sam Knob** in Pisgah National Forest. Hike by Wildcat Falls and then ascend to the summit 6159' Sam Knob. Spectacular views! **Limit 15 people.** Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: 1400' Meeting Place: Waynesville Ingles Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 40 miles (100 miles from Franklin) Leader: Keith Patton 456-8895

SAT DEC 8 **Yellow Branch Falls** The trail head to Yellow Branch Falls is down in South Carolina, off of Hwy 28, near the Stump Town Tunnel area. Most of the hike is sort of up and down, with a couple of stream crossings. The falls are very beautiful and rocky, and considered one of the most scenic waterfalls in Western South Carolina. The falls are approx. 60 ft. high. Total Hike Length: 3 Miles: Ease Rating: E/M R/T Driving distance: 50 miles Meet: Cashiers Rec. Center Parking Lot Time: 10 am Hike Leaders: Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SUN DEC 9 **Camp Branch Loop** off Wayah Road. Hike up Camp Branch crossing the creek several times, rugged in places. Return on a logging road. Dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 6-8 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: WP Time: 11 am R/T Driving: 18 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SAT DEC 15 **Scaly Mountain** on the Bartram Trail. Hike from Osage Overlook on Hwy. 106 to the summit of Scaly Mountain. Steep climb at first passing burned area and a small waterfall. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 1050' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 35 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN DEC 30 **Coweeta Lab Loop** at the Hydrological Lab in Otto. Go up Shope Fork and up one of the side roads through a beautiful white pine forest. See views of Albert Mt. Tower and some small waterfalls. Dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 9 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178