



Nantahala Hiking Club

Hike Schedule

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March - April 2019 by Gail Lehman

SAT MARCH 9 High Falls on the west Fork of the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County. Hike into a box canyon to see this beautiful falls. We will pass Rough Run falls along the route. May see some wildflowers. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec. Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 18 miles Leader: Jody Burtner Phone: 788-2985

SAT MARCH 16 White Rock off the NC Bartram Trail. Start at Jones Gap and hike the Bartram Trail to a blue blaze trail which takes you to a spectacular view of the Tennesse Valley, see Albert Mountain and the Nantahala Mountains. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Bi - Lo Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN MARCH 17 Tennesse Farms. This a birding trail along the bottoms of Tennesse Creek. A restored farm house can also be visited. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: Little Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 2 pm Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT MARCH 23 Lower Whitewater Falls This hike offers a gorgeous view of these magnificent falls on the Whitewater River, 2 miles down stream from the upper falls. The hike also has great views of Lake Jocassee in South Carolina. Total Hike: Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 100' Meeting Place: Cashier Rec. Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 22 miles Leaders: Mike and Sue Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SAT MARCH 23 Bradley Fork/Smokemont Loop in the GSMNP. Hike beside this beautiful Creek, then go up Chasteen Creek to a beautiful cascade. Come back and hike around Smokemont Loop. Wildflowers should be coming out. **Hike limited to 15 people.** Total Hike Distance: 7 miles Rating: M - S Elevation: 1300' Meeting Place: Oconaluftee Visitor Center Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 8 miles Leader: Keith Patton Phone: 456-8895

SUN MARCH 24 Lakeside Dr. Trail Starting at the Health Dept. A nice winter hike with ups and downs. Pass through the Environmental Resource Center. Total Hike Distance: 1.2 miles Rating E Meeting Place: Sheriffs Dept. Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT MARCH 30 Scaly Mountain on the Bartram Trail. Starting at Osage Overlook hike steeply to an old road bed. Then leveling out to the top of Scaly Mountain. Good views into the Tennesse Valley and south to Rabun Bald. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 1050' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 35 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN APR 7 Tellico Valley. This trail is on acquired property of Mainspring Conservation Trust. This lovely trail will have lots of wildflowers. Total Hike Distance: 3.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: WP Time 2 pm R/T Driving: 38 miles Leader: Jean Hunnicutt Phone: 534-5234

SAT APR 13 Rock Gap to Glassmine Gap on the AT. Hike along the A.T. south to Glassmine and down Long Branch to the Back Country parking area. Hopefully we will see wildflowers. Total Hike Distance: 5.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN APR 14 Highlands Botanical Gardens. This lovely garden has walking trails. We may see Oconee Bells in bloom. There is a hike around the lake. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: Little Meeting Place: Bi - Lo Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 35 Miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT APR 20 Easter on the trail. Bring hard boiled eggs, fruit and goodies for the hikers on the AT. Meet at the Clubhouse to pack them and go out to the Trail. Call Elena Marsh for info 369-8915

SAT APR 20 High Falls and Rough Run. This hike is about 3 miles north of Glenville. The hike takes you into a box canyon with vertical walls 200' high and features an awesome view of the magnificent falls directly in front of you. This fall is on the West Fork of the Tuckasegee River. Rough Run falls is on a side creek coming into the Tuckasegee. Total Hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec. Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 22 miles Leaders: Mike and Sue Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SAT APR 27 Bartram Trail from Hickory Knoll Road. This is a new section of the NC Bartram Trail. Great views of Albert Mountain and the Little Tennessee River Valley. Hike to an old bus on Double Top and return. Total Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: M/S Elevation: 1300' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 15 miles Leaders: Bill and Sharon Van Horn Phone: 369-1983

SAT APR 27 Sweat Heifer/Kephart Prong in the GSMNP. Start at Newfound Gap on the A.T. and come down Sweat Heifer. Great views with a nice waterfall. Lumber companies harvested the woods before the park was established. Hike limited to 15 people. Total Hike Distance: 7.5 miles Rating: M/S Elevation: 800' up 3000' down Meeting Place: Oconaluftee Visitor Center Time: 9 am. R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Keith Patton Phone: 456-8895

