



Nantahala Hiking Club

January-February 2020 Hike Schedule

by Gail Lehman

SAT JAN 4 Ridge Trail at Coweeta Hydrological Lab. Start behind the wet lab and hike to Dyke Gap. Views of Albert Mountain fire tower. Come down Cunningham Branch to Shope Fork and return to the office complex. Total hike Distance: 7 miles Rating: M Elevation: 950' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 16 miles
Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SAT JAN 11 Waterfalls off Hwy. 281, includes White Owl Falls, Dew Falls, Johns Jump Falls and Whitewater Falls. We will drive to three trail-heads for four short strenuous hikes. Many rhododendron roots to walk over and hang onto. May want to wear water shoes, as the best view of White Owl Falls is across the creek. Total Hike Distance: 1.5 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: Several short steep in and outs. Parking fee at Whitewater Falls. Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 26 miles
Leaders: Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 828-743-1079

SAT JAN 18 Rambling around Wallace Branch. Go up the Bartram Trail, take a FS Rd. back across a stream to a lovely trail through the pines and come back another FS Rd. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: WP R/T Driving: 6 miles Leader: Irene Brewi Phone: 772-263-3478

SAT JAN 25 Rabun Bald on the Georgia Bartram Trail. Beginning at Beegum Gap, hike to the summit (second highest point in Georgia) and to a platform with 360 views of the surrounding area. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: 900' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 40 miles
Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SAT FEB 1 Siler Bald on the Appalachian Trail. 360 degree views seeing Wayah Bald, Winesprings and a glimpse of Nantahala Lake. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am. R/T Driving: 24 miles Leader: Robert Barnable Phone: 369-1565

SAT FEB 8 Long Branch to Rock Gap in the Standing Indian Recreational Area. Starting at the backcountry parking, hike up Long Branch to the AT at Glassmine Gap. Go north on the AT to Rock Gap and return by the FS Road. Dogs welcome on leash. Total Hike Distance: 7 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 900' Meeting Place: WP Time: 11 am R/T Driving: 32 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SAT FEB15 Camp Branch to the Bartram Trail then down Locust Tree Branch. This will be a loop exploration of very old logging roads. Total Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: S Elevation: 1100' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 16 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN FEB 23 Wallace Branch to William's Pulpit. Hike the Bartram Trail to a spur FS. Rd. and then bushwhack up to Gibson Ridge, scrambling over and through blow downs to the Bartram trail. Have lunch at William's Pulpit with a great view of Albert Mountain. Return by the Bartram Trail. Dogs welcome, but little water. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: S Elevation: 1000' Meeting Place: WP Time: 11 am R/T Driving: 6 miles
Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SUN FEB 23 Lakeside Trail. A leisurely hike around the Sheriff's department and a visit through the Environmental Resources Center to see if there are wildflowers beginning to appear. Dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 1.5 miles Rating: E Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: Health Dept on Lakeside Dr. Time: 2 pm
Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 526-6480

SAT FEB 29 Sawmill Gap to Rocky Bald Ridge. Follow FS. Rd. 7134 to Rocky Bald Ridge to Wine Springs on the AT. Hike to the Bartram Trail and back down to Sawmill Gap. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

