

2020 Shuttle List for Appalachian Trail Hikers in the Franklin, NC Area

This list is compiled annually by Kay Coriell and distributed courtesy of the Nantahala Hiking Club.

These are local shuttles to AT destinations only, within 25 miles of Franklin. These NHC volunteers are happy to transport AT hikers to and from Franklin as a free friendly service ("T" indicates texting is okay):

- Ken & Mary Murphy 828-349-4664
- Fred Haller 828-369-8727
- Ian Carson 828-349-9734
- Gail Lehman 828-524-5298
- Mike Newton 828-371-8275, T
- Colin Gooder 828-332-0228, T
- Katharine Brown 828-421-4178
- Steve & Dori Cameron 1-678-480-2580, T, doriancameron51@gmail.com

For around the town shopping, please use the Macon County Transit service (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY ONLY):

MCT has weekday shuttles around Franklin and will do individual pick-ups if you call ahead to **828-349-2222**.

For shuttles to the trail from your motel (MONDAY THRU FRIDAY ONLY), call 828-349-2222, OR you can leave from the town center at 9 am, 12 pm and 3 pm:

The Macon County Transit bus shuttle to Winding Stair Gap and Rock Gap will start again on March 9th, running 3 times a day, Monday through Fridays only. The charge is \$5 per person per ride. Bus leaves town center at 9, 12, and 3 for a trip to these two locations. They will bring hikers back to town on their return trip, for \$5 also.

Going to the trail can be from the town center or hikers may call the MCT for pick up at their motel in the am if they call the evening before or give 2-hour notice during the day. Buses also make loops around town, so hikers may hop aboard to get to restaurants, post office, laundromats and supply merchants.

The bus may be ordered for special drop-off spots not on their circular route, just allow time for the service to schedule off-route stops. Not sure of the charge on "ordered" trips. Their phone is answered Monday through Friday only from 9 am to 5 pm.

Long shuttles to farther reaches of the AT and airports and bus stations for a fee ("T" indicates texting is okay):

- Judy Lake Taxi 828-369-5042, M-Fri 9-5, citytaxilady@yahoo.com
- Colin Gooder 828-332-0228, T, AT and Adventure Hostel
- Larry Jacobs Taxi 828-421-4987, spunkman101@yahoo.com
- Beverly Carini 850-572-7352 (no calls on Sunday before 1 pm)
- Darlene Swofford 524-3265, 706-201-7719, T, dswofford@gmail.com
- Nancy Hoch 1-828-479-3677, hikeinn@graham.main.nc.us
- Mike Newton 828-371-8275, T, mikesatshuttles@gmail.com

This list supersedes previous years lists. Please DO NOT CALL the 2019 names or numbers.

2020 Shuttle List distributed to:

- Budget Inn
- Carolina Motel
- Comfort Inn
- Currahee Brewery
- First Pres Church
- Franklin Chamber of Commerce, 524-3161
- Hampton Inn
- Lazy Hiker
- Macon County Library
- Microtel
- Outdoor 76
- Rodeway Inn
- Sapphire Inn
- Three Eagles Outfitters