



Nantahala Hiking Club

March-April 2020 Hike Schedule

by Gail Lehman



SAT MAR 7 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 Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 6 miles Leader: Irene Brewi Phone: 772-263-3478

SUN MAR 8 **Whiteside Mountain Loop** between Highlands and Cashiers. See spectacular views of the Chattooga River Valley 2100' below. We may see peregrine falcons soar by. Total hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: M Elevation 400' Meeting Place: Bi – Lo R/T Driving: 38 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT MAR 14 **Ridge Trail** at Coweeta Hydrological Lab. Start behind the wet lab and hike to Dyke Gap. Views of Albert Mountain fire tower. Come down the old Gage Trail to Shope Fork and return to the office complex. Total hike Distance: 7 miles Rating: M Elevation: 950' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 16 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN MAR 15 **Library Hiking** in the woods at the west end of the Library. Follow the bicycle path to the Greenway and walk along the Cartoogechaye Creek. Go to the Community Garden and back. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: little Meeting Place: Library Time: 2 pm Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT MAR 21 **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

SUN MAR 22 **Mud Creek Falls**. A beautiful waterfall in Sky Valley, GA. Follow an old logging road with small incline along Mud Creek to a picnic area. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: very little Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 526-6480

SAT MAR 28 **Jones Gap to White Rock** on the NC Bartram Trail. A leisurely hike with interpretive signs along the way. Spectacular view from White Rock of the Nantahala Mountains and Tennesse Valley. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Bi – Lo Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 24 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SAT APR 4 **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 - S Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SAT APR 11 **Walnut Bottoms** in the Great Smoky Mountains NP. Follow Big Creek to the back country camp ground and view Mouse Creek Falls. Hopefully wildflowers will be in bloom also. **Hike limited to 15 people.** Total Hike Distance: 11 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 1000' Meeting Place: Waynesville Ingles Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 90 miles, 160 miles from Franklin Leaders Keith and Carrie Patton Phone: 828-456-8895

SUN APR 12 **Rufus Morgan Falls**. Hike to this beautiful falls named for the founder of the Nantahala Hiking Club. Beautiful wildflowers along the way. Total Hike Distance: 1.5 miles Rating: E- M Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 18 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT APR 18 **High Falls** on the West Fork of the Tuckaseegee River. Also view Onion Falls along the way. This is a beautiful wildflower hike. Hike into a box canyon to see High Falls. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Cashier Recreation Park Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 18 miles Leader: Jody Burtner Phone: 788-2985

SUN APR 19 **Albert Mountain** in the Standing Indian Recreational Area. Hike a short distance on the Appalachian Trail to an old Fire Tower. See spectacular views to the east of the Fishhawk Mountains and surrounding area. Total Hike Distance: 1.5 miles Rating: E – M Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 55 miles Leader: Mary Stone Phone: 369-7352

SAT APR 25 Coweeta Hydrological Lab Center. Hike up **Shope Creek** Road to Cunningham Branch to Dyke Gap and on to Ball Creek Rd. Turn around and come back. Total Hike Distance: 6 – 7 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 1000' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 11 am R/T Driving: 10 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SUN APR 26 **Lakeside Trail**. A leisurely walk around the Sheriff's Department and a visit through the Environmental Resource Center to see what flowers are blooming. Dogs welcome. Total Hiking Distance: 1 – 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Sheriff's Department Time: 2 pm Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 526-6480

