



Nantahala Hiking Club

November-December 2020 Hike Schedule

by Gail Lehman



*These hikes are limited to 6 – 10 people.
Masks are required during congregating and driving to the trailhead.
Four people per car with windows down for air circulation.*

SUN NOV 1 Highlands Botanical Gardens. This lovely garden has walking trails with a waterfall. We will 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: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SAT NOV 7 Rhapsody and Aunt Sally Falls in the northeast corner of Panthertown Valley, begins gently going downhill and crossing a couple of creeks. Then steep downhill to the base of the falls. A spur trail goes off to Aunt Sally Falls. Total Hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: M – S Elevation 300' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec. Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 40 miles
Leaders: Mike and Susan Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SUN NOV 8 NHC Awards Banquet at Tasse Shelter on the Greenway from 1 – 3 pm. Bring your own brown-bag, chair and blanket.

SUN NOV 15 Needmore adventure. We will cross the swinging bridge and walk along the Little Tennessee River and back. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: little Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 50 miles
Leader: Jean Hunnicutt Phone: 524-5234

SAT NOV 21 Thomas Divide in the GSMNP to Kanati Fork Trail. Go along Thomas Divide Ridge and down Kanati. Views of New-found Gap. Shuttled needed. Total Hike Distance: 4.7 Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Bi-Lo Time: 9 am
R/T Driving: 90 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN NOV 22 Coweeta Lab on the Shope Fork Rd. to FS Rd. 751-B. Make a loop going through a lovely white pine forest. Views of Albert Mt. may be seen. Pass several weather stations. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700'
Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 1 pm R/T Driving: 16 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

FRI NOV 27 Winding Stairs to Wallace Gap on the AT and return. Views along the ridge into Cartoogechaye community. Total Hike Distance: 6.2 miles Rating: M - S Elevation: 1000' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9:30 am R/T Driving: 26 miles
Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

FRI NOV 27 River Road in the Cullasaja Community. Walk along the Cullasaja River. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: very little Meeting Place: Bi – Lo Time: 2pm or Whistle Stop Mall at 2:15 pm R/T Driving: 8 miles
Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 526-6480

SUN NOV 29 Franklin Christmas Parade in town, ride in Bill Van Horn's truck and trailer. Let's continue the tradition. Call Bill Van Horn at 369-1983

SAT DEC 5 Blackwell Gap Loop in the Standing Indian Recreation Area. Hike FS Rd. 67 from the backcountry parking lot to Hurricane Creek Rd. Turn onto Blackwell Gap Trail to Long Branch Trail and back to the parking lot. Total Hike Distance: 7.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: WP Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 35 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SAT DEC 12 Lower Whitewater Falls Starting at Bad Creek parking lot 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 Jocasee in South Carolina. Total Hike: Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: Cashier Rec. Park Time: 10 am
R/T Driving: 22 miles Leaders: Mike and Sue Kettles Phone: 743-1079

SAT DEC 12 Explore the Welch Farm. This is a Mainspring conservation property between Andrews and Murphy in Cherokee County. Rachel Newcomb, public relations for Mainspring, will show us around the property. Total Hike Distance: 3 – 4 miles Rating: E Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 100 miles Contact Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN DEC 13 Coweeta Lab going up Ball Creek Rd. to the crossover road to Shope Fork side. Total Hike Distance: 7.5 miles Rating: S Elevation: 1250' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 1 pm R/T Driving: 16 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 421-4178

SAT DEC 19 Harrison Gap to Locust Tree Gap and return on the Bartram Trail south. Follow a FS Road to Locust Tree Gap and follow the Bartram Trail back. Views on both sides of the ridge, north into Burningtown and south into Cartoogechaye. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: WP Time: 9:30 am R/T Driving: 25 miles
Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 524-5298

SUN DEC 20 Larry's Road or FS Rd. 7281 off the old Murphy Road. Named for Larry Jelley who first took the Silver Striders there. Beautiful views into Cartoogechaye valley with the leaves gone. Friendly dogs are welcome. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2pm R/T Driving: 22 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 526-6480

