

JULY – AUGUST HIKE SCHEDULE 2021

SAT JULY 10 **Elbow and Red Butt Falls** in the northeast corner of Panthertown Valley. Take the Cold Mountain Rd to starting place. This hike is mostly downhill with several creek crossings. The trail is mostly on old logging roads. Two beautiful falls. Red Butt is about ¼ mile past Elbow Falls dropping 80 feet into a pool. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Mike Kettles Phone: 828-743-1079

SUN JULY 11 **Jones Creek** in the Cartoogechaye community. Hike up this lovely creek to a stream crossing. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 828-526-6480

FRI JULY 16 **Smokemont Loop** in the GSMNP. From Smokemont Campground go up Bradley Fork to the junction of the loop. You cross Bradley Fork on a long footbridge to the other side. There is a 1.7 climb to the ridge line. On the down side you will see an old cemetery with stones dating from late 1800's to 1925. Return to the Campground and go out to eat. Total Hike Distance: 6.5 miles Rating: S Elevation: 1300' Meeting Place: Oconaluftee Visitor Center Time: 3:30 pm R/T Driving: 10 miles Leader: Laura Lauffer Phone: 919- 444-1478

SAT JULY 17 **Long Ridge** in the Mulberry community. Hike 3 steep climbs through sheer cliffs and rock formations to the Rock House. Experienced hikers and well-behaved dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: S Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: Piggly Wiggly in Dillard, GA. Time: 9 am Carpool to 294 Mulberry Rd. Leader: David Stearns Phone: 828-349-7361

SUN JULY 18 Warwoman Dell to **Martin's Creek Falls** on the Bartram Trail in GA. Enjoy this leisurely hike passing Becky Branch falls. Dogs and children over 6 welcome. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 554' Meeting Place: Warwoman Dell Clayton, GA Time: 1 pm Leader: Robin Lurie Phone: 954-632-7270

SAT JULY 24 **Ranger Falls** at Cliffside Lake. This is an interpretive trail. The falls is part of Skitty Creek which flows into Cliffside Lake. We will see the remnants of an old homestead with apple trees and remains of the hog pen. There is a trail around the lake if more hiking is desired. Parking fee of \$4. Total Hike Distance: 3.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 25 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 828-524-5298

SUN JULY 25 **Yellow Mountain** fire tower from Cloudcatcher Lane in the Cashier area. Hike recommended for experienced hikers. Beautiful 360 degree views. Bring water, lunch and cameras. **Hike limited to 5 people.** Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: S Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: Exxon Sta. 6241 Highlands Rd. Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: David Heck **Must email** dheck.linuxmail@gmail.com Include your phone # in your email.

WED JULY 28 **Rough Run Falls and High Falls** on the west fork of the Tuckaseegee River in the Lake Glenville area. See these two beautiful falls. Dogs and children over 6 welcome. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 750' Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Park Time: 11:30 am R/T Driving: 25 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Phone: 954-632-7270

SAT JULY 31 **Straight Fork** in the GSMNP at Big Cove near Cherokee. Hike up Straight Fork Creek to a horse camp and have lunch. Many wildflowers along the creek. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles

Rating: E Elevation 300' Meeting Place: Sanderstown Car Park Time: 8:30 R/T Driving: 70 miles
Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 828-421-4178

SUN AUG 1 **Betty Creek** to Yellow Patch. Hike south on the Appalachian Trail to an overlook and see Picken's Nose. Return by way of a path to a forest service road out to Yellow Patch. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 1 pm R/T Driving: 55 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 828-524-5298

SAT AUG 7 **East Fork of the Chattooga River**. Starting at the Walhalla Fish Hatchery descend down the East Fork to the Chattooga River and have lunch. This trail is an up and down one. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 24 Miles Leaders: Mike and Sue Kettles Phone: 828-743-1079

SAT AUG 7 **One Nose and Two Falls** in the Standing Indian Recreational Area. We will go to Picken's Nose and see great views east to Highlands and south into Rabun Gap and Betty Creek, GA. Then return to Mooney Falls and Big Laurel Falls. Total Hike Distance: 2.6 miles Rating: E Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 9:30 am R/T Driving: 60 miles Leaders: Bill and Sharon Van Horn Phone: 828-369-1983

SAT AUG 7 **Standing Indian** Mountain on the AT from Deep Gap. This is a Vista Celebration in honor of Benton MacKaye's idea of a trail from Georgia to Maine. Wonderful views to the west and south. Total Hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 50 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 828-421-4178

SUN AUG 8 **Beer Release** at Lazy Hiker in Celebration of Benton MacKaye. Time 4:00-6:00 pm

SAT AUG 14 **Wilderness Falls, Frolictown Falls and Granny Burrell Falls** in Panthertown Valley. Explore three waterfalls in the valley. One stream crossing. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles. Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Salt Rock Entrance to Panthertown Time: 10 am Leader: Laura Lauffer Phone: 919-444-1478

SAT AUG 21 **Panthertown Valley Wilderness, Frolictown Falls and Salt Rock Overlook**. Good combination of falls and overlooks. Dogs and children over 6 welcome. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 488' Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 20 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Phone: 954-632-7270

SUN AUG 22 **Wesser Bald Tower Full Moon** hike. Hiking North on the Appalachian Trail from Tellico Gap ascend 700'. Return by way of the fire access road. You will need a headlamp and trekking pole. Bring water, snacks and camera. **Hike limited to 5 people**. Total Hike Distance: 4.4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Behind Outdoor 76 & the Baptist Church 69 Iotla St./35 E Main St. Time: 5:30 pm Leader: David Heck Please confirm by email to dheck.linuxmail@gmail.com with subject line "Wesser Bald Tower Full Moon Hike". Include your phone # in the email.

SUN AUG 29 **Coweeta Hydrological Lab** out and back to Cunningham Branch weir. Walk along lovely Shope Fork to Cunningham Branch. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: S Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: Smoky Mountain Visitor Center. Time: 1 pm R/T Driving 10 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Phone: 828-421-4178

