

## SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER HIKE SCHEDULE 2021

FRI SEPT 3 Standing Indian Mountain. Hike the AT from Deep Gap to the summit 5435'. Views to the west and south into Georgia. The trail is rocky and rooty. Total Hike Distance: 4.5 Rating: M – S Elevation: 1100' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 8 am R/T Driving: 50 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT SEPT 4 Kimsey Creek in the Standing Indian Recreational Area. Beginning at the Back Country parking lot. We will cross the Nantahala River, skirt the Campground and follow this lovely creek to an old apple meadow. The trail is rocky and wet. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 26 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations 828-524-5298

SUN SEPT 12 Whiteside Mountain between Highlands and Cashiers. This is a spectacular monolith with views into South Carolina and Georgia. Rocky road up, spectacular views of the Chatooga River Valley. May see peregrine falcons and then many stairs down. Parking fee of \$5/car. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 44 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations 828-524-5298

SAT SEPT 18 Standing Indian Mountain. Hike the AT from Deep Gap to the summit. Views of Lake Burton in Georgia and Lake Chatuge at Hayesville. The trail is rocky and rooty. Total Hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: 1100' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza R/T Driving: 50 miles Time: 9 am Leader: Robert Barnable Must call for reservations 828-369-1565

SUN SEPT 19 Yellow Mountain Fire Tower Full moon. From Cloudcatcher Lane in the Cashier area. Hike recommended for experienced hikers. Beautiful 360 degree views. Bring snacks, cameras and head lamp. Hike limited to 5 people. Total Hike Distance: 2.4 miles Rating: S Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: Exxon Sta. 6241 Highlands Rd. Time: 5:30 pm R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: David Heck Must email dheck.linuxmail@gmail.com Include your phone# in your email

MON SEPT 20 Full Moon (harvest moon) hike to Siler Bald on the AT. Moon rise is 7:55 pm. This hike is for those familiar with this hike or experienced night hikers. We will go up the AT and return by the forest service road. Bring snacks and headlamp. Total Hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: M – S Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 5:30 pm R/T Driving: 26 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT SEPT 25 Long Ridge in the Mulberry community. Hike 3 steep climbs through rhododendron to the Rock House. Steep climb down 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 SEPT 26 Mud Creek Falls in Sky Valley, GA. Starting at the overlook on the Dillard Road, pass an old covered bridge and then follow an old logging road along Mud Creek to the this beautiful waterfall. Very little climbing. Total Hike Distance: 2miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Smoky Mountain Visitor Center Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Must call for reservations 828-526-6480

SAT OCT 2 Cove Forest Trail and Anselm's Trail on Betty Creek in Georgia. Do this leisurely hike and then go to Barker's Mill for lunch and see how the mill runs. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: Piggly Wiggly in Dillard, GA. Time:10 am R/T Driving:16 miles Leader: David Stearns Must call for reservations 828-349-7361

SAT OCT 9 Charlie's Bunion in the GSMNP. Starting at Newfound Gap, hike the AT north passing the Boulevard trail, Icewater Springs shelter along the way. Lunch at Charlie's Bunion see great views including Mt Le Conte. Total Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: S Elevation 1500' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 8:30 am R/T Driving: 90 miles Leader: Robert Barnable Must call for reservations 369-1565

SUN OCT 10 Winding Stair Gap to Rock Gap on the Appalachian Trail. Enjoy some long range views into the Cartoogechaye Valley and hopefully some fall colors. This hike will involve a key swap. Total

Hike Distance: 3.8 miles Rating: M Elevation: 600' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 1 pm

Leaders: Bill and Sharon Van Horn Must call for reservations 828-369-1983

THURS OCT 14 Beginner hike on Shope Fork at the Coweeta Hydrological Lab. Hike along this lovely creek. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: 450' Meeting Place: Smoky Mountain Visitor Center 441 S Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 20 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT OCT 23 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 down to Sawmill Gap. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 800' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations 828-524-5298

SUN OCT 24 Frolic Town Falls and Ganny Burrell Falls in Panthertown Valley. We will go in from the top of Bald Mountain on the Deep Gap Trail. We will cross one brook on the rocks or if the water is high, take off shoes and wade across. Children over 10 and dogs are welcome. Total Hike Distance: 3.5 miles Rating: E Elevation: 250' Meeting Place: Sapphire Community Center (on the left) Time: R/T Driving: 10 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Must call for reservations 954-632-7270

THURS OCT 28 Shope Fork to FSRD 7276 with rolling grassy path, footing is easy. We pass through a lovely pine forest in watershed 1 in the last mile. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Smoky Mountain Visitor Center 441 S Time: 1pm Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT OCT 30 Fairfield Lake Loop. We will hike around the lake passing through Camp Merrywood, go by the golf course and back to the lake. Total Hike Distance: 3.5 miles Rating: E Elevation: Very little Meeting Place: Sapphire Valley Community Center (on the left) Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 1 mile Leader: Robin Lurie Must phone for reservations 954-632-7270

SUN OCT 31 Onion Mountain near Holly Springs community. Walk along the ridge and see long range views. Friendly dogs are welcome. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300'  
Meeting Place: KFC Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 10 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Must call for reservations 828-526-6480