

MAY – JUNE 2022 HIKING SCHEDULE

SUN MAY 1 **Warwoman Dell.** Nature hike around the area looking for Vasey's trillium. Then take a leisurely hike east on a proposed railroad track. There is an informational sign about the attempted railroad construction. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: Clayton, GA Ingles north side Time: 1 pm R/T Driving: 7 miles Leader: David Stearns Phone 828-349-7361

SAT MAY 7 **Blackrock Mountain** in Panthertown Valley. We will walk along the ridge hopefully seeing the Pink Azalea. Take the Powerline Trail down into the valley and come back to Saltrock entrance. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 760' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 9 am. R/T Driving: 72 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 828-524-5298

SUN MAY 8 **Rufus Morgan Falls.** This is a wildflower hike. There is a beautiful waterfall named after our NHC founder. Total Hike Distance: 1.5 miles. Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: WP Time: 2 pm R/T Driving: 26 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 828-524-5298

SAT MAY 14 **Panther Creek Falls** near Tallulah, GA. Hike to this waterfall with a pool for swimming. Trail has some steep rocky descent to the falls with cable dangling. We will be looking for polygala wildflowers. Total Hike Distance: 6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 50 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 828-524-5298

SUN MAY 15 **Onion Mountain** in the Ellijay Community. Great views. Friendly dogs welcome. Total Hike Distance: 3-4 miles Rating: E Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: KFC at old WalMart Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 10 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone: 828-525-6480

SAT MAY 21 **Little Green Mountain** in Panthertown Valley. Enter at Saltrock and descend into the valley. See Schoolhouse Falls. Climb to the top of Little Green and visit Tranquility Point. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 450' Meeting Place: Saltrock Entrance Leader: Laura Lauffer Phone: 919-444-1478

SUN MAY 22 **South Carolina Waterways.** We will go to Brasstown Falls which has a newly constructed bridge and stairs to two observation decks to view the cascades, waterfall and sluice into a pool below. We will then drive to Woodall Shoals along the Chattooga River. This shoal was created when a quarry was made. It is highly respected by kayakers as a "keeper hydraulic". Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: 200' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 1 pm R/T Driving: 65 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Call for reservations 828-524-5298

THRU MAY 26 **Rough Run and High Falls** near Glenville. See two beautiful waterfalls and wildflowers. Go into a box canyon at High Falls. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E to M Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec. Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 12 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Phone: 954-632-7270

Fri MAY 27 **Standing Indian Mountain.** Starting at Deep Gap, hike the AT north to the summit. Lots of loose rocks and uneven terrain. Great views west and south into Georgia at the top. Hopefully we can still see wildflowers. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: 1094' Meeting place: WP Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 50 miles Must call Katharine Brown for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT MAY 28 **Anna Ruby Falls** at Unicoi State Park at Helen, GA. Walk to the falls and then come back to the picnic area and hike around the lake. \$5 entrance fee. On the way in, stop at Nora's Mill.

Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E Elevation: Little. Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 9 am
R/T Driving: 120 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations: 828-524-5298

SAT JUNE 4 **Standing Indian Mountain**. Starting at Deep Gap, hike the AT north to the summit. Lots of loose rocks and uneven terrain. Lots of switchbacks. Great views west and south into Georgia at the top. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M-S Elevation: 1094' Meeting place: WP Time: 9 am
R/T Driving: 50 miles Leader: Robert Barnable Phone: 828-369-1565

SUN JUNE 5 **Albert Mountain** on the AT in Standing Indian Recreation Area. Starting at the parking lot, go on the blue blaze trail to the AT. Go right up a steep rocky AT to the Fire Tower. You may climb the stairs up to a platform, but the tower is closed. Good views east to the Fish Hawk Mts. in Tennesse. You can also see Scaly Mt and Rabun Bald. Total Hike Distance: 1.5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 300' (steep) Meeting Place: WP Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 60 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone: 828-524-5298

SAT JUNE 11 **Kephart Prong** in the GSMNP. Hike up the creek to the Shelter. We will cross four foot logs with railings. We will see evidence of the Civilian Conservation Corp work done in the 1930's. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 840' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 9 am
R/T Driving: 90 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Phone for reservations 828-524-5298

SUN JUNE 12 **Wallace Branch** on the Bartram Trail. See a waterfall and make a loop hike following the trail and Forest Service roads coming back through a pine forest. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: WP Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 6 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Phone 828-526-6840

WED JUNE 15 **Frolic Town Falls and Granny Burrell Falls** in Panthertown Valley entering from Deep Gap off the Trays Island Rd. Hopefully we will see pink Lady Slippers. Total Hike Distance: 3.5 miles Rating: E to M Elevation: 465' Meeting Place: Cashiers Rec Park Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 8 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Phone: 954-632-7270

SAT JUNE 18 **Darnell Creek Trail** near Rabun Gap, GA. Darnell and Ramey Creeks make a loop hike where we will see three waterfalls and many cascades. Ramey Creek Falls is 45'. One creek crossing, bring water shoes and poles. Total Hike Distance: 4.1 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: SMVC Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 35 miles Leader: Laura Lauffer Phone: 919-444-1478

SAT JUNE 25 **Charlies Bunion** in the GSMNP. Hike out of Newfound Gap on the AT. Pass the Boulevard Trail and descend to the bunion. Great views of the Smokies, Mt. LeConte and surrounding areas. Total Hike Distance: 8 miles Rating: S Elevation: 1500' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 8:30 am. Leader: Robert Barnable Phone: 828-369-1565