

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2022 HIKE SCHEDULE

SAT NOV 5 **Hambidge Center** on Betty Creek Rd. near Dillard, Georgia. We will hike some trails around the Hambidge Craft Center. Then we will go to Barker's Creek Mill to see how the mill is run. This is both hiking and an informative hike. Total Hike Distance: 3 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Piggly Wiggly in Dillard, GA. Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 20 miles Leader: David Stearns For more information call 828-349-7351

SUN NOV 6 **Waterfalls Off 281** near Sapphire, NC. DEW Falls, John's Jump, White Owl Falls and Sock Falls. A nice Sunday afternoon hike. Dogs and children over 8 are welcome. Total Hike Distance: 2 miles Rating: E Elevation: Little Meeting Place: Cashiers Recreation Center Time: 1:00 pm R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Robin Lurie Must call for reservations: 954-632-7270

SAT NOV 12 **Park Ridge/Park Creek Loop.** Starting at Park Gap, go out the ridge to the Connector Trail down to Park Creek. We will walk along Park Creek back to the Gap. Total Hike Distance: 5 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 42 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations 828-524-5298

SUN NOV 13 **Winding Stair FS Road 7131.** Stroll along a nice wide logging road for 2 miles. Come back by way of the Appalachian Trail. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 1:30 pm R/T driving: 26 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Must call for reservations 828-526-6480

SAT NOV 19 **Wandering Around Wallace Branch.** Begin on the Bartram Trail, then turn on an old logging road and go to the base of Gibson Ridge Turn around and return through a pine forest to the FS road to the parking lot. One stream crossing. A hiking stick would help Total Hike Distance: 4.5 miles Rating: E Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 9 am Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT NOV 19 **Siler Bald.** Hike on the Appalachian Trail south to Snowhill Gap. Climb steeply to the top of Siler Bald. Spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and Lake Nantahala. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 700' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 9 am R/T Driving: 26 miles Leader: Robert Barnable Must call for reservations 828-369-1565

SUN NOV 20 **Park Gap** to a knob on Middle Ridge in Standing Indian Recreational Area. A gentle walk on an old logging road. Some views with the leaves gone. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations 828-524-5298

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SUN NOV 27 **Whiterock** off the NC Bartram Trail. Starting at Jones Gap going north on the Bartram Trail. Take a side trail out to Whiterock. Spectacular views into Tennesse and across the valley, you can see Albert Mt. Fire Tower. Total Hike Distance: 4.6 miles Rating: M Elevation: 400' Meeting Place: Food Lion Time: 10 am R/T Driving: 40 miles Leader: Laura Lauffer Must call for reservations 919-444-1478

SUN DEC 4 **Ridge Trail** in Coweeta Hydrological Lab. Go behind the wet lab to Dyke Gap. Steep climb to Barker Cove. Get a good view of Albert Mt. Fire Tower at Screwdriver Knob. Come back on

the old Gage Trail to Shope Fork and back to the office complex. Total Hike Distance: 5-6 miles
Rating: M-S Elevation: 900' Meeting Place: Smoky Mt. Visitor Center Time: 1 pm R/T Driving: 16
miles Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

SAT DEC 10 **William's Pulpit** on the NC Bartram Trail. Starting at Wallace Branch ascend to the
ridge. Come to the rock outcrop for good views south to Albert Mt and Rabun Bald. Total Hike
Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 500' Meeting Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 10 am R/T
Driving: 6 miles Leader: Robert Barnable Must call for reservations 828-369-1565

SUN DEC 11 **Larry's Road** out old 64 West. FSRD 7281 is a wide road with good views into West
Dill/ Cartoogechaye communities. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: E Elevation: 400' Meeting
Place: Westgate Plaza Time: 1:30 pm R/T Driving: 30 miles Leader: Kathy Ratcliff Must call to
confirm 828-526-6480

SAT DEC 17 **Long Branch** in the Standing Indian Recreational Area to the meadow and return on the
Blackwell Gap Horse Trail. This makes a nice loop. Several creek crossings of Long Branch.. Hiking
poles are advised. Total Hike Distance: 4 miles Rating: M Elevation: 350' Meeting Place: Westgate
Plaza R/T Driving: 35 miles Leader: Gail Lehman Must call for reservations 828-524-5298

SUN DEC 18 **Shope Fork** in Coweeta Hydrological Lab. Hike up this lovely creek and back. Total
Hike Distance: 2-3 miles Rating: E Elevation: 300' Meeting Place: Smoky Mt. Visitor Center Time: 2
pm R/T Driving: 16 miles Leader: Katharine Brown Must call for reservations 828-421-4178

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are interested in being a new Hike Leader, a class will be offered on January 14. This class will
be for all current leaders as well. It will be held at our newly renovated clubhouse. Call Katharine
828-421-4178 or Gail 828-524-5298 to register.