

CHEROKEE HIKING CLUB

2020 CALENDAR OF HIKES/EVENTS

WEDNESDAY WALKS ON THE CLEVELAND GREENWAY Every Wednesday Jack Callahan leads a 3.75 mile walk on the Cleveland Greenway, meeting at the lower end of the parking lot across from Perkits and the Gondolier restaurant adjacent to Keith Street. Meet time is currently 4:30 pm. A note is sent out the beginning of each week on the walk on Messenger. Contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885 if you want to be included in the messages.

THURSDAY THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH Join us for conversation over breakfast at 8:30 am beginning with Old Fort Restaurant on 25th Street in Cleveland, starting in February. For more information, contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

JANUARY 16-19, 2020 Lookout Wild Film Festival at the Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga. Several club members plan to attend the Friday evening and Saturday 2 pm showing. If interested in joining them, contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

JANUARY 20-24, 2020 Monday-Thursday, Winter Hike Week in the Smokies on Meetup. Multiple hikes each day, with several hikes led by club members. For more information, or contact Richard Harris at 513-260-1184.

JANUARY 21, 2020 Tuesday McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 West Madison Ave, Athens, TN. Join us to tour the museum, with or guide Mary Alton, club member and volunteer at the museum. Currently there is a Smithsonian display on Changes in Rural America, among other interesting items highlighting McMinn County history. Meet at the museum at 10 am, and after the tour we will eat lunch in Athens. Event Leader, Jack Callahan, 423-284-7885, jackn1945@bellsouth.net. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Home Depot parking lot on Paul Huff in Cleveland near the gardening center at 9:20 AM.

JANUARY 24, 2020, Friday Hike the Eureka Trail in Athens, TN. Easy Rails to Trails pathway, flat and wide with good surface, marked every 1/4

mile and continues 4 miles to Englewood. Trail begins at large parking lot just past Mayfield Dairy plant off CR 307, or from Tellico Ave, turn right onto CR 307. Walk as far as you want and return (we do not have to stay together). This is a mixed use trail with walking, biking and some horses. Meet in the parking lot at 10 am. Hike leader Ruth Pannell , 423-506-9623 or 423-263-9730.

FEBRUARY 3, 2020 Monday Tour of Tunnel Hill Heritage Center at 215 Clisby Austin Drive, Tunnel Hill, Georgia. Tour the museum, take a guided ride through the 1477 foot long tunnel, and tour the Clisby Austin House. The tunnel was constructed for the final connection of the railroad between Chattanooga and Atlanta in the 1850s. The home was constructed in the 1840s and was used by Gen Sherman in his planning of the Atlanta campaign. Cost per person is \$12 for the complete tour. Meet at the museum at 10 am, or if you wish to carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Home Depot parking lot near the garden center at 9 am. We can eat lunch in Dalton if the group wants after the tour. Event Leader Jack Callahan 423-284-7885 if you plan to attend.

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 Thursday Monthly Club Meeting. Pot Luck tentatively planned at the Etowah Senior Center, 435 Cooper Street, Etowah ,TN at 6 pm. A note will be sent to all club members and posted on Facebook when confirmed.

FEBRUARY 17, 2020 East Lakeshore Trail, Canal Branch and Baker Hollow sections, 4.7 miles, easy, dog friendly. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a lunch. Meet at Sloans in Vonore, TN, at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Hwy 360 at 10 am to drive to trailhead. Hike leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris. Contact Rick at 513-260-1184.

FEBRUARY 21, 2020 Friday Benton MacKaye trail section from Big Bend Picnic area to Towee Creek Launch Site. A short wintertime hike, only about 1.2 miles one way, rated easy to moderate. Can walk both ways for a total of 2.4 miles if group desires. Meet at Quinn Springs Picnic Shelter parking on Hwy 30 at 10 am to car pool to the trailhead. Hike Leaders Ruth and Clayton Pannell , 423-506-9623 or 423-263-9730. Folks may also meet

at the Big Bend picnic area around 10:30 AM.

Those who want a longer hike may add on either the section from Big Bend to Childers Creek (+3 miles) or Towee Creek north to intersection with old BMT then back to powerhouse (+3.8 miles).

FEBRUARY 26-27, 2020 Wednesday-Thursday Join members from the BMTA and the Cherokee Hiking Club to the Len Foote Hike Inn in north Georgia. Each Person is responsible for their own reservations. See the Len Foote Hike Inn web page for additional information about the facilities. Contact Rick Harris for more information on meeting times, etc if you plan to attend. Rick can be reached at 513-260-1184, or HarrisRI@aol.com.

MARCH 5, 2020 Thursday Brush Creek and Brush Creek Spur Hike portions of these trails to make a loop hike of approximately 2.5 miles. This is a well graded and moderately easy trail. The hike begins at Boyd Gap Overlook on US 64, approximately 3.5 miles east of the Ocoee White Water Center. To carpool meet at the Ocoee Hardees on Hwy 411, just north of the Hwy 64/Hwy 411 intersection at 9:00 am. Park behind Hardees in the large parking lot. Hike Leaders, Ruth and Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net, 423-506-9623.

MARCH 6, 2020 Saturday (and possibly Saturday and Sunday if you would like to camp) Hiking at Falls Creek Falls State Park. Fall Creek falls, at 256 feet is one of the highest falls in the Eastern US. Other waterfalls within the park include Piney Falls, Cane Creek Falls, and Cane Creek Cascade. The park is 57 miles (about 1.5 hours) from Cleveland via Dayton and Pikeville. Meet at the Nature Center at 10 am and carpool to Fall Creek Falls overlook and hike down to the base of falls, approximately one mile round trip rated moderate. Return to overlook and go by Cane Creek Cascade and view via the cable suspension bridge. returning to the Nature Center, take a short hike to the base of the cascade. Propose eating a late lunch in Pikeville on the return trip. For more information contact Larry Van Dyke, Larry.VanDykeTN@gmail.com you plan to attend.

MARCH 12, 2020 Thursday Monthly club meeting location TBD.

MARCH 14-15, 2020 Saturday, Sunday. Big Frog Backpacking Trip, 12 miles round trip, strenuous with approximately 2300 foot elevation gain to

top. Expect cold weather and be prepared for temps in the upper teens over night. Each person is responsible for all their gear and food. Meet at the Thunder Rock Campground trailhead parking just below TVA Powerhouse #3 on US Highway 64 at 9 am Saturday morning to carpool to the trailhead. Return Sunday afternoon. Persons interested must call James Anderson, Hike Leader, at 423-715-8824 or text to same.

MARCH 20, 2020 Thursday Bushwhacking for waterfalls above Rainbow Falls. Off trail bushwhacking to find unmarked falls; hike will be strenuous, and require fording streams and climbing steep side hill sections. Bring lunch, water shoes, and first aid supplies. Wear sturdy boots and work gloves. Meet at 9:30 am at the trailhead parking on the left just after you turn off Hwy 64 onto Hwy 30. From Cleveland, you will pass Mac Point Rec Area on your right, and Hwy 30 is the next paved road to your left, approximately 0.30 miles past Mac Point. Hike leaders Jack Callahan 423-284-7885, and Clare Sullivan, 404-849-0872.

MARCH 21, 2020 Saturday Rock Creek Gorge Section of the Cumberland Trail. 5.4 mile hike, strenuous, bring water shoes and lunch, and wear sturdy hiking boots. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Park and Ride at I-75 exit 25, on Hwy 60 next to the Mapco gas station at 8 am. We will need two vehicles minimum as we will have to shuttle at the trailhead. The hike will begin at Upper Leggett Trailhead (N35 24.606, W85 07.856) and end at Retro Hughes Trailhead (N35 24.173, W85 11.021). For those hikers who wish to meet at the Upper Leggett trailhead, you must contact hike leader. Hike Leader, Judy Price at jprice.bird@yahoo.com.

MARCH 23, 2020 Ijams (the j is silent) Nature Center, located at 2915 Island Home Ave, Knoxville, TN, approximately 1.5 hour drive from Cleveland. The center has numerous wildflower trails with a great variety of plants. There is no admission, and it is dog friendly. We will make a leisurely walk of about two miles on the well graded trails. Bring a lunch and we will eat in their picnic area. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Home Depot parking lot near the garden center on Paul Huff Parkway at 8:30 am. If you plan to meet us at the center we will meet in their parking

lot at the visitor center at 10 am. Look for the orange baseball caps. Event leader, Jack Callahan, 423-284-7885, Jackn1945@bellsouth.net.

MARCH 24, 2020 Tuesday Hiwassee River Heritage Center - We will meet at the Heritage Center at 11 am to begin the event which consists of three guided tours. First will be the Heritage Center and Civil War walk, next the Calhoun Historic Walk, followed by the Charleston Trail of Tears Walk. Each will be about one hour, with a tour guide. The cost of the tour is \$5 per person. Bring a lunch and we will eat at the city park pavilion. Event leader Yvonne Rittenhouse and Jack Callahan. Call Jack at 423-284-7885 for more information.

MARCH 28, 2020 Saturday Shakerag Hollow, adjacent to the University of the South, in Sewanee, TN. The trail was constructed in the 1930s by the CCC, and passes through cove hardwoods with limestone bedrock. It has an amazing natural garden of wildflowers. The trailhead is 1.5 hours from Cleveland. Bring a lunch and water, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. We will walk approximately 5 miles total, with lunch at about the halfway point. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Home Depot parking lot near the garden center, on Paul Huff Parkway at 8 am. Coordinates for the trailhead are N35deg12min36 sec, W85deg53min53sec. If you plan to meet at the trailhead you must contact the hike leader, and look for the hikers wearing orange baseball caps at the trailhead. Hike Leader, Jack Callahan, 423-284-7885, jackn1945@bellsouth.net.

MARCH 30, 2020 Monday East Lakeshore Trail, Glendale Branch and Coytee Section, 5.2 miles, easy, dog friendly. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a lunch. Meet at Sloans in Vonore, TN, at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Hwy 360 at 10 am to drive to trailhead. Hike leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris. Contact Rick at 513-260-1184

APRIL 2-5, 2020 Thursday-Sunday Red River Gorge Geological Area, Daniel Boone National Forest, Kentucky, 37.78403N, 83.63263 W. We will camp in the semi primitive campground, Koomer Ridge. (Natural Bridge State Resort is nearby, with a lodge.) There are 54 tent sites, and 14 camper sites, with accessible toilets and showers. Sites are first come first

serve basis, with no reservations. There is no power. Red River Gorge has been designated a National Natural Area, and among its many geological features, has over 100 stone arches. There will be daily hikes in and around the area. Everyone is on their own for all gear, food, campsite fees, etc. Drive time from Cleveland is approximately 4.5 hours. Please contact Hike Leader, Jerry Schneider, jschneider@fioptics.com if you plan to attend.

APRIL 4, 2020 Saturday John Muir Work Trip on the section the club has responsibilities for, from Childers Creek to Big Bend, 3.0 miles. We will brush and pick up trash along the trail. Bring gloves, lunch water, and wear sturdy boots. We will drop a vehicle at big Bend and work up river from Childers Creek. Meet at the Childers Creek trailhead parking lot on the Hiwassee River about 0.5 miles upstream from Reliance at 9 am. The trail will be checked prior to the work day to determine necessary tools to bring. Work leader, Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net, 423-263-9730.

APRIL 7- 8, 2020 Tuesday-Wednesday Camp over at Al Johnsons home near Cosby, TN. Limit to six campers, in tents or hammocks only. Everyone responsible for their own food and gear. Campfire and views of the super moon on the 7th, and a day hike in the Smokies on Wednesday am. If you plan to attend, you must contact Al to get your name on the list, as well as directions. Event Leader, Al Johnson AJ13HHI@gmail.com, or 845-283-2666.

APRIL 9, 2020 Thursday Club Meeting...TBD

APRIL 10, 2020 Friday Black Mountain 9 miles strenuous, wear good hiking boots, bring a lunch. Meet at the McDonalds in Spring City (Hwy 27) at 8:30 am. Hike will have significant elevation gain, cave, rock formations, old building foundations including a spring house, and great views. Hike Leader, Sue Robinson, 423-519-9751 or keyster162@gmail.com.

APRIL 13, 2020 Monday East Lakeshore Trail – Davis Ferry Section - This is the third of the East Lakeshore Trail hikes. We will start where we ended on Feb 17 at the Antioch Trailhead and end at the Glendale Trailhead. Meet at Sloans in Vonore at 10 AM for carpooling (intersection of US411

and TN360). We will probably eat an early supper at Pizzeria Venti, or some other restaurant as we did on Feb 17. Easy 3.2 miles.

APRIL 18, 2020 Saturday Oswald Dome Hike 8 miles round trip, 2400 foot elevation gain, possible pink ladies slippers near the top. Views of the glider port on Hwy 411. Pack a lunch, water and wear good hiking shoes. Meet at Quinn Springs Picnic Area parking lot on Hwy 30 at 9:30 am. Hike leaders Megan Callahan and Jack Callahan, 423-284-7885 or jackn1945@bellsouth.net.

APRIL 22-25, 2020 Wednesday-Saturday Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Great Smoky Mountains NP. See the park website for additional information.

APRIL 23, 2020 Thursday Stinging Fork Falls section of the Cumberland Trail, from Stinging Fork Falls Trailhead to Piney River Trailhead, on Shut In Gap Road. Approximately 9 miles, bring water shoes, wear sturdy boots, and bring a lunch. Hike is rated strenuous, with some long steep sections. We will meet at Piney River Trailhead (N35 42.841 W84 52.837) and do a shuttle to the Stinging Fork Falls Trailhead. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Park and Ride at I-75 exit 25 on Hwy 60 adjacent to the Mapco gas station at 8:30 am. For more information if you plan to meet at the trailhead, contact the hike leader, Judy Price, jprice.bird@yahoo.com.

APRIL 25, 2020 Saturday Ocoee Days, presented by the Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park to be held at Sugar Loaf park on the Ocoee River. See the park webpage for additional information.

APRIL 27, 2020 Monday East Lakeshore Trail, Sink Creek and Lotterdale Section, 8.3 miles, moderate, dog friendly. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a lunch. Meet at Sloans in Vonore, TN, at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Hwy 360 at 10 am to drive to trailhead. Hike leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris. Contact Rick at 513-260-1184.

APRIL 28, 2020 Tuesday Big Soddy Creek Gulf Park in the Jim Adams Wilderness. 4 miles, moderate, wear good shoes and bring water. After

the hike we will have a late lunch at Homes Folks Buffett in Soddy Daisy. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Home Depot on Paul Huff at 8:30 am. Park on the garden center side of lot. Contact Hike leaders Jim and Lettie Whisman, Lettiejk@gmail.com for additional information if you plan to meet at the trailhead.

APRIL 30, 2020 Thursday Little River Trail, GSMNP, From Elkmont Campground. Easy 4.8 mile on wide flat trail paralleling Little River. Drive time from Cleveland, approximately 2.5 hours. For carpooling from Etowah, meet at the Food City parking lot, located at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Hwy 30 at 9 am. For information about meeting at the trailhead, contact the hike leaders, Ruth and Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net or 423-506-9623.

MAY 2, 2020 Saturday Bald River Falls hike 9.0 miles, moderate. Bring a lunch and wear good hiking shoes. Meet at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains at 9 am to carpool to the trailhead. This is a dog friendly hike. Hike leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris. Contact Rick at 513-260-1184.

MAY 7, 2020 Thursday Falls Branch Falls and Jeffery Hell trails, 3 miles with an option to do 7 miles. Hike to the falls is difficult with a steep section. Trekking poles suggested. Wear good hiking shoes and bring water and lunch. There is a water crossing that most times can be rock hopped across. Meet at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains at 10 am to carpool to the trailhead. Hike Leader Sue Robinson, text 423-519-9751 or keyster162@gmail.com.

MAY 9, 2020 Saturday Fiery Gizzard/Grundy Forest 4 mile moderate hike with a side trip to Fiery Gizzard falls/cascades. Bring lunch, water and wear good hiking boots. We will pass through a former CCC camp with the possibility of seeing many many pink ladies slippers in bloom. The trail through the camp is well signed with photos of the former active camp. Trailhead originates at the Grundy Forest State Natural Area picnic shelter in Tracy City. After the hike we will stop by the historic Dutch Bakery. Drive time from Cleveland is 1.5 hours. to carpool from Cleveland meet at the

Park and Ride at I 75 exit 25 next to the Mapco gas station on Hwy 60 at 8:30 am. Hike Leader Jack Callahan 423-284-7885 or jackn1945@bellsouth.net.

MAY 14, 2020 Thursday Club Meeting TBD

MAY 15-16-17, 2020 Friday, Saturday Sunday AT section hike from Carvers Gap to Hwy 19-E, approximately 16 miles with numerous steep sections, rated difficult. About 75 percent of the hike is at around 5000 foot elevation. Plans are to spend first night on Grassy Ridge, and second night at Bradley Gap. We will meet at Mountain Harbor B&B Friday afternoon at 1:30 to shuttle to the trailhead. Cost for parking at B&B is \$2/night, and the shuttle is \$10 per person. This hike is limited to 12 backpackers, and is currently full. If you would like to be on the alternate list, contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885 or Jackn1945@bellsouth.net.

MAY 18, 2020 Monday East Lakeshore Trail, Jackson Bend Section, 5.1 miles, easy, dog friendly. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a lunch. Meet at Sloans in Vonore, TN, at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Hwy 360 at 10 am to drive to trailhead. Hike leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris. Contact Rick at 513-260-1184.

MAY 30, 2020 Saturday Gee Creek Falls approximately 2.5miles, moderate. Trailhead is the parking area for Gee Creek (191) and Starr Mountain (190) trails. Follows old road bed past early mining activities to the falls. Trail is rocky and has steep pitches in sections. Wear good hiking boots; bring water and snacks. Meet at Hardees in Etowah at 9 am to carpool to the trailhead, or at the trailhead at 9:45 am. Hike Leader Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net or 423-506-9623.

JUNE 6, 2020 Saturday Hooper Bald and Huckleberry Knob total of approximately 6 miles. Moderate, wear sturdy boots, bring water and lunches. We will eat lunch on the trail. To car pool, meet at the Food City in Etowah at 9:00 am, or Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center at 9:30 am in Tellico Plains. Call or text James Anderson, Hike leader if you plan to attend..423-715-8824.

JUNE 8,9,10, 2020 Monday-Thursday spend 4 days/three nights at Isle Royale National Park, an island in Lake Superior. There are cabins and a lodge, and several ferries provide access to the island. You are responsible for making all your transportation and lodging arrangements. If you want more details contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

JUNE 11, 2020 Club Meeting TBD

JUNE 22, 2020 Monday East Lakeshore Trail, Morganton Branch and Wildcat Point Sections, 5.2 miles, easy, dog friendly. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a lunch. Meet at Sloans in Vonore, TN, at the intersection of Hwy 411 and Hwy 360 at 10 am to drive to trailhead. Hike leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris. Contact Rick at 513-260-1184.

JUNE 25,26, 2020 Andrews Bald hike in the GSMNP. 3.6 mile round trip with a steady 900 foot elevation gain on the return trip. Moderately strenuous, wear good hiking boots, bring water and lunch and a ground cloth to sit or stretch out on and enjoy the views as we eat lunch. Hopefully we will hit the peak of the wild azaleas which are present on the bald. Plan to meet at the upper end of the Clingmans Dome parking lot at 10 am on the 26th. Look for the orange baseball cap(s). Hike leader plans to camp at Smokemont campground the night of the 25th to avoid the early drive. Hike Leader Jack Callahan, 423-284-7885 for more information if you want to camp out.

JULY 6, 2020 Monday Gahuti Trail at Fort Mountain State Park, Georgia, approximately 1.25 hour drive south of Cleveland.. There will possibly be two separate hikes, one of 8 miles led by Rick and Brenda Harris (513-260-1184), strenuous, and the shorter hike led by Ruth and Clayton Pannell (Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net or 423-506-9623). Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring plenty of water and lunch. Meet at the parking lot on the right just past the entrance station (N34deg45min37sec, W84deg41min43sec) at 9 am to begin either hike. To carpool from Etowah with the Pannells, meet at Hardees in Ocoee at the intersection of Hwy 411 and hwy 64.at 8 am. 513-260-1184.

JULY 9, 2020 Thursday Club Meeting TBD

JULY 17, 2020 Friday Section hike on the BMTA, from Reliance to Lost Creek Campground, 8 miles round trip, with two stream crossings which will have to be waded, bring water shoes. Trail has several short steep pitches, moderate. Wear good hiking boots and bring lunch and water. We will eat lunch at the Lost Creek campground. The hike follows Lost Creek through a scenic limestone canyon, with numerous cascades, if the water is high. After the hike we will enjoy ice cream in an air conditioned store in Reliance. Meet at the Hiwassee River State Park parking lot approximately 0.25 miles upriver from the Webb store in Reliance at 9:00 am. Hike Leader, Clare Sullivan 404-849-0872, clare7982@gmail.com.

AUGUST 7, 2020 Friday Hike to Benton Falls followed by a picnic in the park on the shores of MaCamey Lake in the Chilhowee Recreation Area. Members who decline to hike may hold tables in the picnic area, or enjoy an easy short walk around the lake. Hike to the falls is approximately 3 miles, easy with the exception of the last 100 yards down to the base of the falls. Meet at Ocoee Hardees in the back parking lot to carpool to Chilhowee Recreation Area. The Hardees is on Hwy 411 just north of the intersection with Hwy 64.. If you wish to meet at the recreation area, please let Clayton know. The hike will begin at 10 am, and we will meet in the large parking lot in the day use area. This is a fee area, with a fee for each vehicle. Hike Leaders, Ruth and Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net, 423-263-9730.

THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEETING IN AUGUST

AUGUST 12-20, 2020 Backpacking trip on the John Muir Trail in Yosemite National Park. Due to permit requirements, the first date to begin backpacking will be 28 July 2020. We will be in the lottery every day from the 28th to August 12th. The start date will depend upon the date we are selected. Plans for the Muir trip will be to travel two days prior to start of hike and acclimate in Mammoth Lakes, CA. After the hike (6 days, 34 miles), we will have two days in Mammoth to take shuttle to Yosemite Valley or other sightseeing trips. In case we are not successful in obtaining permit, an alternate trip will also be planned for a six day 42 mile backpacking trip in the Three Sisters Wilderness in northern Oregon. The

limit for participants is 8 for the Muir Hike and 12 for the Sisters hike. Both hikes are full, but if you are interested do not hesitate to get on the alternate list as there is always the possibility of a person or two having to drop out. When this happens we will go to the next up on the alternate list. For those signed up, there will be a more detailed agenda and explanation of the trip to keep you fully informed. Event Leader, Jack Callahan, 423-284-7885, jackn1945@bellsouth.net. Contact Jack if you are interested or want more information.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 Thursday Monthly Club Meeting location to be determined. Will plan on a slide presentation of the western backpacking trip.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 Tuesday Turtletown Falls Hike, Approximately 5 mile hike to the upper and lower falls just west of Farner TN. Meet at 9:00 at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains, TN to carpool to the site. Wear good hiking shoes and pack a lunch and water. There is one ford in the access road which is best crossed with a high clearance vehicle. Hike Leader, Sue Robinson, text 423-519-9751, or keyster162@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 3, 2020 Saturday Hike to Bob Bald, from Beech Gap at the TN/NC state line on the Cherohala Skyway. Approximately 8 miles roundtrip, with one long steady climb of about one mile, rated moderately strenuous. Wear good hiking boots, bring lunch and sufficient water. Meet at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains at 9:00am to carpool to the trailhead. Hike Leaders, Rick and Brenda Harris, 513-260-1184. This is a dog friendly hike.

OCTOBER 3-4, 2020 Saturday Sunday in Etowah, TN BMTA annual ??

OCTOBER 8, 2020 Thursday Monthly Club Meeting TBD

OCTOBER 10, 2020 John Muir/BMTA cleanup day, from Childers Creek parking lot to Big Bend parking lot along the Hiwassee River, 3 miles. Wear sturdy boots, bring water, lunch, and work gloves. Meet at the Childers Creek parking lot at 9:00 am to organize car shuttle to drop a vehicle at Big Bend. The trail will be inspected prior to the work day to

determine tool needs. Event Leader, Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net, 423-263-9730.

OCTOBER 25-30, 2020 Annual Club campout at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Located a few miles east of Oneida, TN, approximately a three hour drive from Cleveland. We will again be camping at Bandy Creek campground, in group site E-1. There are 18 campsites available, on a first come basis, and there is a covered screened shelter with electricity, tables, cooking space and a large stone fireplace. There is also a restroom with hot showers and flush toilets which is reserved for our group. The individual campsites are paved, with a picnic table but do not have power. At the September club meeting a signup sheet will be passed around to get an idea of who is planning to attend. Typically there are always campsites available, and the cost runs about \$8 per person per night. The facility is already paid for and funds will be collected by the club the day you arrive to cover your cost. For more information contact Jack Callahan 423-284-7885 or jackn1945@bellsouth.net. Coordinates for the shelter are N36deg29min13sec, W84deg41min43sec.

NOVEMBER 7, 2020 Saturday Hike to the Hangover, by way of Wolf Laurel trail, approximately 8 miles, difficult, with a lot of ups and downs. Bring lunch, water and wear good hiking boots. Great unobstructed views from the Hangover into the south end of the GSMNP, and the Little Tennessee River valley. Meet at the Cherochala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains at 9:00 am to carpool the trailhead. This is a dog friendly hike. Hike Leaders Rick and Brenda Harris, 513-260-1184.

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 Sunday Pot Point Nature Trail, 4.1 miles, moderately strenuous. Park at the Richie Hollow/Pot Point trailhead at 17805 River Canyon Road, Chattanooga TN. Portion of trail along river for about one mile may be wet. Bring a lunch and wear good hiking shoes and we will plan to eat lunch at the Butterfly Waystation. Hike Leader Judy Price jprice.bird@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER 12, 2020 Thursday Monthly Club Meeting TBD

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2020 Friday-Sunday BMTA Annual meeting

NOVEMBER 16, 2020 Monday Raccoon Mountain Pump storage facility, tour the visitor Center and group will chose a trail to hike out of the 28 miles of trail. Several are along the rim which should have great views of the Tennessee River gorge. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a lunch. The facility is approximately one hour drive from Cleveland. From Cleveland, take I-24 to Browns Ferry road to Elder Mountain Road to the TVA access road. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Park and Ride at I-75 exit 25 next to the Mapco gas station on Hwy 60 at 9:00 am. Event Leader Jack Callahan 423-284-7885, jackn1945@bellsouth.net.

NOVEMBER 28, 2020 Linda Davis Memorial Walk on the Cleveland Greenway. Meet at 9:00 am at the pavilion parking lot on Raider Drive. Typically we walk about 6 miles but can accommodate other options. Easy walk on flat paved walkway. Join us to enjoy great conversation and walk off some pumpkin pie. Hike Leader Randy Morris 423-650-0485, randytaylormorris@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 12, 2020 Saturday Annual Christmas Party TBD