

2022 Hiking Club Calendar of Events and Activities

January

Cleveland Greenway walks each Wednesday. Contact Leader Jack Callahan for meeting time/place info at 423-284-7885.

January 21 at 6 pm. Club will have a booth at Westmore Church of God Outdoor Dinner.

January 20 at 8:30 am. Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Leader Jack Callahan.

January 28 Hike on Childer's Creek section of BMT near Reliance. Hike is 6 miles total and is considered moderate due to section in the middle where there are big rock steps and narrow trail. Meet at 10 am at Childer's Creek trailhead parking area. If interested in carpooling from Cleveland, contact hike leader James Anderson at 423-715-8824. Bring water and lunch or snacks.

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February 4-6 Lookout Wild Film Festival in Chattanooga. Google for more info.

February 10 Club meeting at 6pm. Program is Backpacking for Beginners provided by Jack, Jennifer, Sue, Et Al. Location Etowah Senior Center.

February 12 Visit Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, TN. Drive from Cleveland 1 hr 20 minutes. Carpool from Cleveland will meet at Home Depot Parking lot on Paul Huff Parkway at 8:30 am. Museum opens at 9:00 am. After touring museum eat a late lunch in Vonore. Event leader is Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

February 15 Walk in the Woods. Meet at Johnston Woods trail parking lot just off Hwy 11 S and near the former Bachman Home at 10 am. We will walk the 1.2-mile trail first, and then the 2.9-trail for a total of 4.2 miles. Considered easy. Hikers may walk one or both trails as they connect at the parking lot. Hike leader is James Anderson 423-715-8824.

February 17 at 8:30 am. Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Leader Jack Callahan.

February 19 Rock Creek Trail hike in Little Frog Wilderness. Approximately 8 miles beginning at Rock Creek Trailhead on Hwy 64 and returning downhill via the Dry Pond Lead Trail (which is also the BMT). There is a small stream crossing of Laurel Creek, which is usually easy, but crossing Rock Creek will require fording the cold-water stream. Water shoes and hiking poles for balance are highly recommended. Along the way there should be great views of the nearby mountains as the trail goes up the side of Panther Knob and into the beautiful Pressley Cove where Rock Creek is encountered. The trail is considered strenuous due to the length of the hike and several moderate climbs. We will meet at

Thunder Rock campground parking lot at 9 am for the quick car shuttle to the trailhead. The hike will be canceled in the event of snow/ice on the roads. Hike Leader is Randy Morris 423-650-0485.

February 24 Lowery Top overlook hike. Moderately strenuous 8-mile roundtrip utilizing 2.75 miles of Oswald Dome Trail. Requires approximately 1 mile of bushwhacking. Pack a lunch for picnic at overlook. Meet at the Quinn Springs Picnic Shelter on Hwy 30 near Reliance at 9 am. Hike has close to 2000 feet of elevation gain. Hike Leader is Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

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March 5 Oswald Dome hike. FS Trail 80 travels from the picnic area at Quinn Springs up Bean Mountain to Oswald Dome where several radio towers reside on the top of the mountain. The mountain is said to be 2,999 feet in elevation. With that being said, the hike is basically from the river-around 800 feet in elevation-to the summit for an elevation gain of approximately 2,200 feet. Because of this elevation gain-practically all within the first 2.7 miles-the rating is strenuous going up and moderate coming down. The length of the hike is approximately 8 miles. We will leave the Quinn Springs Picnic Area at 9 am. The hike will be canceled in the event of snow/ice on roads. Hike Leader is Randy Morris 423-650-0485.

March 8 Boyd Gap to Brush Creek Hike. Approximately 7 miles along the Ocoee River. Hike is considered easy. Must contact Hike Leader Sue Robinson at 423-519-9751 to sign up for hike and talk about shuttle arrangements. Meet at Boyd Gap parking lot at 10am.

March 10 Hiking Club Monthly Meeting at 6pm. Program Glacier/Mt Rushmore slide show presented by Teresa Green. Location Etowah Senior Center.

March 11 Eureka Trail Hike near Englewood. Walk the Rails to Trails walkway which has a flat, good surface. It is part of the trail from Hwy 39, New Englewood Highway leading from Athens to Englewood. Eureka Trail parking lot is on the right side of Hwy 39 heading into Englewood. The trail is now 5 miles long. Each person or group can walk however far they choose. The trail is well marked every quarter of a mile. Meet at the Englewood parking lot at 10 am, weather permitting. Hike leader is Ruth Pannell 423-506-9623 or 263-9730 or email crpannell@comcast.net.

March 12 Visit to Dunlap Coke Ovens in Dunlap, TN. Easy walking tour of the facilities at the museum. Learn how coal was transformed to coke and its uses, and the operation of 268 ovens and the mines that fed them. To carpool, meet at the Park and Ride parking area near the intersection of I-75 and Georgetown Rd. at 9:30 am. The museum opens at 10 am CST. Have lunch at one of the restaurants in Dunlap after the tour. Drive time 1 hour 15 minutes. Event Leader Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

March 17 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Event leader Jack Callahan

March 25 Walk in the Woods. Meet at Johnston Woods trail parking lot just off Hwy 11 S and near the former Bachman Home at 10 am. We will walk the 1.2-mile trail first and then the 2.9-trail for a total of

4.2 miles. Considered easy. Hikers may walk one or both trails as they connect at the parking lot. Hike leader is James Anderson 423-715-8824.

March 28 Hike to Historical Caney Creek Town Remains. The settlement is on the far side of the Ocoee River just off Hwy 64 and above Parksville Lake. There have been videos made of this former town. You can google “Extinct Town of Caney Creek Polk County TN” to watch them. To reach it by land requires an hour long each way car shuttle and 6-mile hike. The hike is rated moderate with one very steep section and requires a large stream crossing which may be 14 inches deep. Water shoes and hiking poles are highly encouraged. Also bring lunch, water, first aid kit, insect repellent, and camera. Meet at 9 am at the Thunder Rock Campground parking lot. Hike leaders are Clare and Ed Sullivan 404-849-0872 or clare7982@gmail.com. Signup is required as there is a maximum of 12 persons allowed on the hike.

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April 1 Scenic Spur Trail hike. Short 2.5-mile walk to view wildflowers near intersection of Hwy 30 and 64. This is the trail that goes to Rainbow Falls, but we do not intend to go that far. Also, Clemmer Trail is close by and could hike section of it if anyone wants to. Contact Hike leader Ruth Pannell at 423-506-9623 or 263-9730 or email crpannell@comcast.net for meeting time, etc.

April 14 Hiking Club Monthly meeting at 6pm. Program is wildflower identification and provided by Leon Bates. Location is Etowah Senior Center.

April 16 Walls of Jericho Hike. This will be an 8-mile moderate to strenuous hike with about 1500 feet of elevation change both down and up. We will set up a short car shuttle and begin the hike at the Tennessee trailhead. We will hike 4.5 miles down along the Mill Creek drainage. We should see lots of wildflowers in the lower part of the canyon. The last 0.5 mile before the walls and around the walls is treacherous footing with lots of slippery rocks. We will hike back out along the heavily traveled Alabama portion of the trail. This trail goes steeply up with 1500 feet of elevation back to the parking lot. If there is significant rain just prior to, or the day of, the hike it will be cancelled. Hike leader is Jennifer Schroll 423-284-1256. Meet at Cleveland Park and Ride near the intersection of I-75 and Georgetown Rd at 9 am.

April 19 Bald River Trail Hike. Approximately 8-mile easy to moderate hike along the Bald River. Some small water crossings will be required, and a variety of wildflowers will hopefully be in bloom. Bring your lunch to eat by Torino Falls. Meet at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains at 9 am. Hike leader is Sue Robinson. Text her at 423-519-9751.

April 21 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Leader Jack Callahan.

April 23 Shake Rag Hollow Hike located near Sewanee, TN. This trail is an excellent trail to see a wide variety of native plants. It is approximately 5 miles total and is considered moderate. Another 2.0 miles might be added if the participants want to hike out to an overlook. Meet at the Park and Ride near the

intersection of I-75 and Georgetown Rd at 8 am (EST) in order to carpool. Drive time is about 1.5 hour each way. Pack a lunch and water. Hike leader is Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

April 26 Walk in the Woods. Meet at Johnston Woods trail parking lot just off Hwy 11 S and near the former Bachman Home at 10 am. We will walk the 1.2-mile trail first and then the 2.9-trail for a total of 4.2 miles. Considered easy. Hikers may walk one or both trails as they connect at the parking lot. Hike leader is James Anderson 423-715-8824.

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May 2-6 This is a 5-day backpacking trip in the area of Mount Pisgah. It will be a backpacking trip along the iconic Art Loeb Trail in the Shining Rock Wilderness of North Carolina near Asheville. It will be about 31 miles in length and is considered strenuous. There are scenic views across several of the peaks with elevations above 6000 feet. A shuttle service is required and will cost about \$40 per person. (Mountain High Shuttles, Joel Kitchens 828-553-0683). The hike is limited to 6 persons maximum. Proposed itinerary is as follows:

Day 1-Drive to Davidson River Campground (about 3.5 hrs from Cleveland) and camp first night there.

Day 2- Shuttle to Camp Daniel Boone. Starting elevation about 3500 feet. Hike 6.2 miles to campsite at elevation 5800 feet. Gain of about 2300 feet.

Day 3-Hike 7.8 miles to campsite at mile 14.0 and elevation of about 4800 feet. Loss of about 1000 feet.

Day 4- Hike 7.4 miles to Butter Gap Shelter at elevation of 3100 feet. Loss of about 700 feet.

Day 5-Hike 8.7 miles to Davidson River Campground at elevation of 2100 feet. Loss of about 1000 feet. Drive back to Cleveland.

Hike leader is Buddy Arnold. Please contact him at 601-414-3551 or we_arnold@outlook.com to be put on list for hike.

May 12 Hiking Club monthly meeting at 6pm. Program will be a presentation by Dr. Stacy Clark of UTK about the History and Recovery of the American Chestnut Tree. Location is Etowah Senior Center.

May 15-16 Overnight backpacking trip to Bob Bald. This is an especially good trip for beginning backpackers or anyone wanting to just see if backpacking is of interest to them. Experienced backpackers are also welcome to participate as well. The trip will begin at Beech Gap off the Cherohala Skyway and end at the top of Bob Bald. It will be 4 miles out and then 4 miles on the return. The views from Bob Bald are very good. The hike is considered moderate. Please contact Hike leader Jack Callahan 423-284-7885 to sign up and receive meetup and other instructions.

May 19 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Jack Callahan event leader.

May 21 Huckleberry Knob/Hooper Bald Hike and Picnic off the Cherohala Skyway. Easy 2–3-mile hike to both balds and with a picnic lunch on Huckleberry Knob. Approximate 2-hour drive from Cleveland. Plan to spend about 4 hours on balds and lunch. Wild rhododendrons should be in bloom this time of

year. If carpooling from Cleveland be at Home Depot parking lot off Paul Huff Parkway at 8:00 am. Hike leader is Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

May 27-29 Car and/or cabin camp at Monte Sano State Park near Huntsville, AL. Plans are to camp or stay at the state park Friday and Saturday nights with visits to the Huntsville Botanical Gardens and the Butterfly House (\$15). Then go to the Von Braun Planetarium (\$5) in the evening. The campground has electricity and hot showers. The cabins are CCC structures and some allow pets. If you plan to visit the planetarium you must reserve a seat at www.vbas.org. The group will travel on Friday and return on Sunday morning. Each person/family is responsible for their own reservations. For more information contact event leader Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

June

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June 6 Hike on Childer's Creek section of BMT near Reliance. Hike is 6 miles total and is considered moderate due to section in the middle where there are big rock steps and narrow trail. Meet at 9 am at Childer's Creek trailhead parking area. If interested in carpooling from Cleveland, contact hike leader James Anderson at 423-715-8824. Bring water and lunch or snacks.

June 9 Monthly Hiking Club meeting. The Program will be a presentation by Ranger Gillian Roberts and the Gee Creek Raptors, which will include owls and hawks. The location is the Gee Creek campground amphitheater.

June 16 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant 8:30 am. Jack Callahan is event leader.

June 21 Falls Branch Falls Hike. This is 3 miles of moderate to difficult terrain. It will include a small water crossing with slick rocks. Wildflowers should be in bloom. A hiking pole or poles is highly recommended. Meet at the Cherohala Welcome Center in Tellico Plains at 9 am or the West Rattlesnake pull-off on the Cherohala Skyway at 10 am. The hike leader is Sue Robinson 423-519-9751.

July

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July 14 Monthly Hiking Club meeting at 6pm. Presentation by Rick Harris of his and Brenda's hiking the Florida Trail. Location is the Etowah Senior center.

July 21 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant 8:30 am. Jack Callahan is event leader.

August

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No Club meeting scheduled for this month.

August 12-15 Backpacking trip near Franklin, NC. Total distance approximately 28 miles. Trip is rated strenuous. The proposed itinerary includes the following:

Day 1-Shuttle from Nantahala Outdoor Center to Winding Stair Gap on Hwy 64 near Franklin. Hike 4.3 miles from trailhead to Silar Bald Shelter. Hike begins at 3800 feet elevation and the shelter is at 4500 feet so about 700 feet elevation gain.

Day 2-Hike 7.2 miles to Wayah Shelter. Cross Wahah Bald at 5342.

Day 3-Hike 4.7 miles to Cold Spring Shelter at 5000 feet.

Day 4-Hike 11.4 miles to Nantahala Outdoor Center at 1800 feet. During hike that day cross Wesser Bald at 4627 feet. Return to Cleveland.

There is a cost for the shuttle of from \$25-40 per person. Also, there are options to add another day to this trip. Buddy Arnold is the leader of this trip so contact him to be added to the list and/or to discuss this or other options at we_arnold@outlook.com or 601-414-3551.

August 18 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant at 8:30 am. Jack Callahan is the event leader.

August 22 Walk in the Woods. Meet at Johnston Woods trail parking lot just off Hwy 11 S and near the former Bachman Home at 9 am. We will walk the 1.2-mile trail first and then the 2.9-trail for a total of 4.2 miles. Considered easy. Hikers may walk one or both trails as they connect at the parking lot. Hike leader James Anderson 423-715-8824.

August 27 Paw Paw Hike/Hunt along the John Muir Trail. This will be a hike along a section of the John Muir Trail beginning at the Childer's Creek trailhead. It will not be lengthy at only 1 mile or so. It is rated easy. Bring lunch and we will eat it on the riverbank. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at Home Depot parking lot on Paul Huff parkway at 9 am. Hike leader is Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

September

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No club meeting in September.

September 7-16 Backpacking trip to Three Sister's Wilderness near Bend Oregon. This is a 6-day, 5 night trip hiking about 45 miles in the wilderness. The following itinerary is proposed:

Sept 7-Fly to Bend Oregon and spend the night there.

Sept 8-13 Backpacking on the trail.

Sept 13-Drive to Crater Lake and spend the night there.

Sept 14-15- Explore area including lava flows and museums.

Sept 15-Spend night in motel in Bend.

Sept 16-Fly home.

This trip is currently full with 12 in the group. However, if you would like your name on the list as an alternate in case there are any cancellations, please contact Jack Callahan the hike leader 423-284-7885. The exact dates of the trip depend upon acquiring the necessary wilderness overnight camping permits. The first available date to apply for the permit is April 5, 2022. All attendees will be updated when the exact dates are established.

Sept 20 Black Mountain Trail Hike near Crab Orchard, TN. This hike is approximately 9 miles in length and is considered moderate with 1600 feet of elevation gain. There is a cave, enormous rock formations, a spring house, and a great view at the top. Meet at 9:30 am EST at the McDonald's parking lot in Spring City to arrange to carpool. There is very limited parking available at the trailhead. Sue Robinson is the hike leader. 423-519-9751

Sept 26 Brush Creek/Boyd Gap Hike. This is a 7-8 mile easy to moderate hike along a trail bordering the Ocoee River above the Whitewater Center. If carpooling from Cleveland, meet at the Hobby Lobby parking lot on Stuart Rd at 9 am. If meeting at trailhead, then be at Boyd Gap trailhead at 10 am. A short car shuttle is required. Bring lunch and plenty of water. The hike leader is James Anderson 423-715-8824.

October

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October 1-8 Florida Canoe Trip. This will be a canoe/kayak camping trip to the Suwannee River in the north Florida area. The proposed itinerary is as follows:

Saturday Day 1-Drive to Stephen Foster Culture State Park. It's about 400 miles. Tent camp that night.

Sunday Day 2-Put in and paddle 10 miles to Woods Ferry River Camp. (The river camps are screened and raised sleeping platforms with electricity, hot showers, and picnic pavilion. You may tent camp if you prefer.)

Monday Day 3-Paddle 18 miles to Holton Creek River Camp.

Tuesday Day 4-Paddle 15 miles to Suwannee River State Park. Tent camp that night.

Wednesday Day 5-Paddle 7 miles to Dowling Park River Camp.

Thursday Day 6-Paddle 15 miles, lunch and swim at Lafayette Blue Springs State Park. River camp at Peacock Slough.

Friday Day 7-Paddle 10 miles. Lunch and swim at Royal Spring and then River camp at Adams Tract.

Saturday Day 8- Drive back to Cleveland. Stop for fast food lunch along way.

The cost for camping is estimated as \$22 per person. However, other costs would include sharing in the gas and other expenses with the group or whomever you are riding with. Also, this does not include any costs for canoe rental if that is an option. That information is still being developed at this time. For additional details please contact the Trip Leader Jennifer Schroll 423-284-1256.

October 13 Monthly hiking club meeting at 6 pm. For the program Mary Alton will give a presentation on fly fishing and insect baits on the Hiwassee River. The meeting will be held at the Charleston City Park.

October 16-20 Big South Fork Car Camp. We will be group camping at group campsite E-1 at Bandy Creek near Oneida, TN. The sites do not have electricity but campers, RVs, and tents are fine. They have a very nice and heated bathhouse with hot showers. They also have a screened picnic pavilion with a fireplace where meals are eaten. This year we will be again doing group dinners where a person or persons cook a meal for everyone at night. A signup sheet and email will be circulated prior to the event for planning purposes.

October 27 Fiery Gizzard Hike. This hike will be led by state naturalist Ranger Randy. It will be about 5-6 miles in length and rated as moderate. The hike time will be approximately 5 hours with informational stops to hear about what is being viewed. Please pack a lunch. After the hike we will visit the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. To carpool from Cleveland, meet at the Park and Ride near the intersection of I-75 and Georgetown Rd Exit 25 at 9 am. The hike will begin at 9:30 am CST at the Fiery Gizzard trailhead at the end of Fiery Gizzard Road in Tracy City. The event leaders are Marrie Lasater and Jack Callahan 423-284-7885.

November

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November 1-4 Big Creek Loop Backpack and Day Hikes. This will be a short backpack to a camp site in Walnut Bottoms and then 2 days to iconic vistas of the Smokies. It may require a shuttle from Standing Bear Hostel (\$5 or so in cost) for better security of parked vehicles. The following is the proposed itinerary:

Day 1 Drive to Standing Bear Hostel and shuttle to Big Creek Campground. Hike 5.3 miles on Big Creek Trail to Camp site 36 or 37. Elevation gain of 1300 feet.

Day 2 Strenuous day hike to Mt. Cammerer. It includes hike 2.5 miles on Low Gap Trail to AT. Then 2.7 miles on AT to Mt. Cammerer Fire Tower. It's about 2500 feet in elevation gain and a total of 10.4 miles.

Day 3 Strenuous day hike of 4.0 miles on Shallow Fork Trail to Mount Sterling Ridge Trail and then 1.8 miles out to Mount Sterling Fire Tower. Includes about 2700 feet in elevation gain and then return to base camp. Total of 11.6 miles.

Day 4 Hike out 5.3 miles to Big Creek Campground retrieve vehicles and return home.

To get on the list for this hike please contact Buddy Arnold the Hike Leader. 601-414-3551 or we_arnold@outlook.com.

November 10 Hiking Club Monthly meeting 6 pm. The program will be a slide show presentation of the Three Sisters Wilderness Backpacking Trip by Jack, Jennifer, and Rick. The meeting will be held at the Etowah Senior Center.

November 14 Hike to the Narrows on the Hiwassee River. This is a 4.5-mile moderate hike along the Hiwassee River above the Powerhouse. Bring water, lunch/snack, personal first-aid kit, rain gear,

hiking poles, bug repellent, and sunscreen. Learn about penstocks and the powerhouse. Meet at Reliance Fly and Tackle Shop at 9 am. Hike leaders are Claire and Ed Sullivan 404-849-0872, clare7982@gmail.com.

November 17 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Jack Callahan event leader.

November 26 Linda Davis Memorial Cleveland Greenway Walk. Traditional after Thanksgiving walk. Meet at the Greenway Pavillion and parking area on Raider Drive. Walk leader is Randy Morris 423-650-0485.

November 28 Walk in the Woods. Meet at Johnston Woods trail parking lot just off Hwy 11 S and near the former Bachman Home at 10 am. We will walk the 1.2-mile trail first and then the 2.9-trail for a total of 4.2 miles. Considered easy. Hikers may walk one or both trails as they connect at the parking lot. Hike leader James Anderson 423-715-8824.

December

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December 5 Dutch Settlement Hike. This is a 5-mile hike where most of it is bushwhacking beginning at Pace Gap and following an old access route to the settlement. It is considered moderate. Meet at Thunder Rock Campground at 9 am to carpool to trailhead. To carpool from Cleveland contact Jack Callahan the hike leader 423-284-7885.

December 10 Hiking Club Annual Christmas Party with new officer installation and dirty Santa gift exchange. Location, time etc. to be announced later.

December 19 Star Mountain Hike. Out and back 6.5-7.0-mile hike from Gee Creek to the top of Star Mountain. In the winter the views to the west are nice. The trail is rocky and not well-maintained, so I rate it as strenuous. Wear sturdy boots and bring hiking poles along with water and food. Meet at Piggly Wiggly Food Store in Charleston at 9 am or the trailhead at Gee Creek at 9:30 am. Hike leader is James Anderson 423-715-8824.

December 22 Breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant. Jack Callahan is event leader.