



- PAST EVENTS

HISTORICAL CANEY CREEK TOWN REMAINS MARCH 28, 2022



Five members and two guests enjoyed a gorgeous day on a 6.2-mile hike to the extinct village of Caney Creek. Charlie Snow, a new Cherokee Hiking Club member, shared information with us about hiking to Caney Creek twenty years ago. He had hiked down along Big Creek to the village. It was nice to have Rick and Brenda Harris back from their Florida Trail hike to join the hike. We were delighted to find American Beauty, Toothwort, and Dwarf Crested Irises blooming. - Clare Sullivan



SCENIC SPUR APRIL 1, 2022



Hike Leader Ruth Pannell led seven hikers on a wildflower walk on parts of Scenic Spur and Clemmer Spur Trails. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed seeing star chickweed, rue anemone, ground cedar, mayapple, wood anemone, violets, dwarf iris, mushrooms, and many other wild plants and fungi.



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING APRIL 14, 2022



The potluck supper was followed by a short business meeting and a really nice slide presentation by Pat and Leon Bates. Leon has excellent images of wildflowers and he added some of local animals and butterflies that we might see on the hikes. Next month we will have Dr. Clark of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville give us a presentation on the history of the American Chestnut, and the status of the results of the grafting of American and Chinese trees. May's meeting will be held at the Etowah Senior Center at 6:00 pm, beginning with a potluck supper. - Jack Callahan



WALLS OF JERICHO APRIL 16, 2022



Ten brave hikers, including one crazy leader, attended: Jack and Margaret Callahan, Rick and Brenda Harris, James Anderson, Karen Kocher, Judy Price, Mary Alton, one guest, and Hike Leader Jennifer Schroll. Carefully choosing our route to go by the "Rock Zoo" and after a quick car shuttle, we set off from the Tennessee trailhead. We hiked about 4.5 miles down the beautiful Mill Creek drainage. We took lots of flower pictures. Everything was blooming.



We joined with the Alabama trail at one of two new bridges and ate our lunch. We then waded—I mean, hiked, climbed, tripped, slipped and slid along the half mile (really! that was only a half mile!) to the start of the Walls area. And...that was as far as we got. The water was just high enough to make the last stream crossing hazardous. I waded out a little way to see if it was possible to safely cross, but the slippery rocks and force of the water made it unsafe. We took pictures and headed out, taking the steep trail back up to the Alabama trailhead. Altogether, the hike was about eight miles. - Jennifer Schroll



BALD RIVER APRIL 19, 2022

Canceled. - Sue Robinson

WALK IN THE WOODS APRIL 26, 2022

Canceled due to weather. - James Anderson

WEDNESDAY WALKS ON THE CLEVELAND GREENWAY



We meet at the greenway bridge across the parking lot from Perkits Yogurt each Wednesday at 4:30 pm, rain or shine, and walk 3.75 miles at about 3 miles per hour. We always make allowances for those who want to walk slower or faster. - Jack Callahan

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST



We had a nice turnout for breakfast at Old Fort Restaurant in Cleveland this month. Glad Charlie Snow and Anne Anderson were able to join us, and it was nice to see Carol Guhne. We had a total of ten people. It is always a fun group, so try to join us next month. - Jack Callahan

- UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTE: Event schedule subject to change according to guidance from governmental agencies and offices regarding COVID-19, weather, or other conditions. An email will be sent to members if an event is canceled.

MOUNT PISGAH BACKPACK

MAY 3 - 7, 2022 TUESDAY - SATURDAY

This will be a backpacking hike of the iconic Art Loeb Trail in the Shining Rock Wilderness in North Carolina near Asheville. The total hike is about 31 miles and is considered strenuous. There are scenic views across several miles of peaks with elevations above 6000 feet. A shuttle service will be required and will cost about \$30 per person including the campsite the first night (Mountain High Shuttles, Joel Kitchens, 828-553-0683 and Davidson River Campground). Hike is limited to eight (8) people maximum.

May 3, Day 1 – Drive to Davidson River Campground (about 3.5 hours) and camp the first night there.

May 4, Day 2 – Shuttle to Camp Daniel Boone. Starting elevation about 3500 feet. Hike 7.9 miles to campsite elevation about 5800 feet, gain of about 2300 feet.

May 5, Day 3 – Hike 7.3 miles to Deep Gap Shelter at mile 15.2, 4500 feet elevation, loss of about 1300 feet.

May 6, Day 4 – Hike 6.2 miles to Butter Gap Shelter at mile 21.4, elevation 3100 feet, loss of about 1400 feet.

May 7, Day 5 – Hike 8.7 miles to Davidson River Campground, elevation 2100 feet, loss of about 1000 feet. Drive back to Cleveland.

Contact Hike Leader Buddy Arnold at we_arnold@outlook.com or 601-414-3551 cell.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

MAY 12, 2022 THURSDAY 6 PM SENIOR CENTER ETOWAH TN

Bring your favorite dish for the potluck dinner. The Club will be furnishing drinks, cups, and plastic eating utensils. The program is *History and Recovery of the American Chestnut Tree* by Dr. Stacy Clark of University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRIP TO BOB BALD

MAY 15 - 16, 2022 SUNDAY - MONDAY

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. The trip will begin at Beech Gap off the Cherohala Skyway and end at the top of Bob Bald. It will be four miles out and then four miles on the return. The views from Bob Bald are very good. The hike is considered moderate. Please contact Hike Leader Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885 to sign up and receive meetup and other instructions.

HUCKLEBERRY KNOB/HOOPER BALD WITH PICNIC

MAY 21, 2022 SATURDAY

If carpooling from Cleveland, be at the Home Depot parking lot off Paul Huff Parkway at 8 am. Approximate two-hour drive from Cleveland. Easy two- to three-mile hike to both balds off the Cherochala Skyway with a picnic lunch on Huckleberry Knob. Plan to spend about four hours on the balds and lunch. Wild rhododendrons should be in bloom this time of year. Contact Hike Leader Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

CAR AND/OR CABIN CAMPOUT AT MONTE SANO STATE PARK

MAY 27 - 29, 2022 FRIDAY - SUNDAY 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 we would 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. Contact Event Leader Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885 for more information.

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 on the walk is sent out the beginning of each week on Messenger. Contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885 if you want to be included in the messages.

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST

Join us for conversation over breakfast at 8:30 am at Old Fort Restaurant on 25th Street in Cleveland. For more information, contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

· NON-CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

TELLICO/OCOEE VOLUNTEER TRAIL CREW

Check the Facebook page for future work days.

BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

See the calendar for upcoming events.

As always, go to the specific sponsor web page for more information on these events if you plan on attending.

- MINUTES

Meeting notes for the April 2022 club meeting:

New members Janet and Rob Coombs were introduced. Welcome to the club!

Minutes of May meeting were approved. Treasurer's report given by Jennifer Schroll, and approved. (Starting balance \$1745.31, deposits of 2 membership \$30, and debit of \$100 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Carroll Guhne's honor. Ending balance \$1675.31)

The unfinished business covered the acknowledgement of the acquiring of the Forest Service permit for the Three Sisters Wilderness backpacking trip in September, 2022. Also, the limited number of attendees allowed at the Werner Vaun Braun Planetarium, at Monte Sano State Park for the May campout has been lifted. The doors open at 7:00 pm, and the show starts at 7:30pm. No reservations required.

No new business.

Hike reports:

- James Anderson reported on the Johnston Woods Walk in the Woods. Always a nice walk.
- Historic Caney Creek settlement, no one present to report.
- Scenic Spur Trail: Ruth Pannell reported that there was a good crowd, with several new members.

Upcoming hikes: see the club Calendar of Events.

Meeting was conducted by Jack Callahan, along with the minutes.