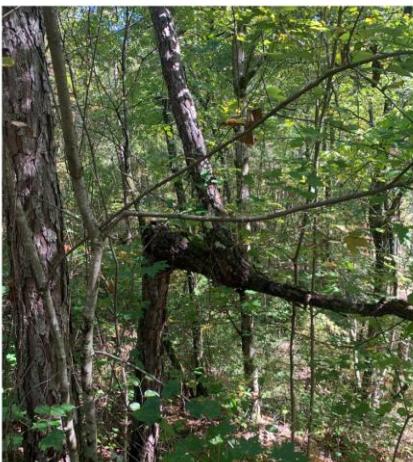


## - PAST EVENTS

### BRUSH CREEK TRAIL SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

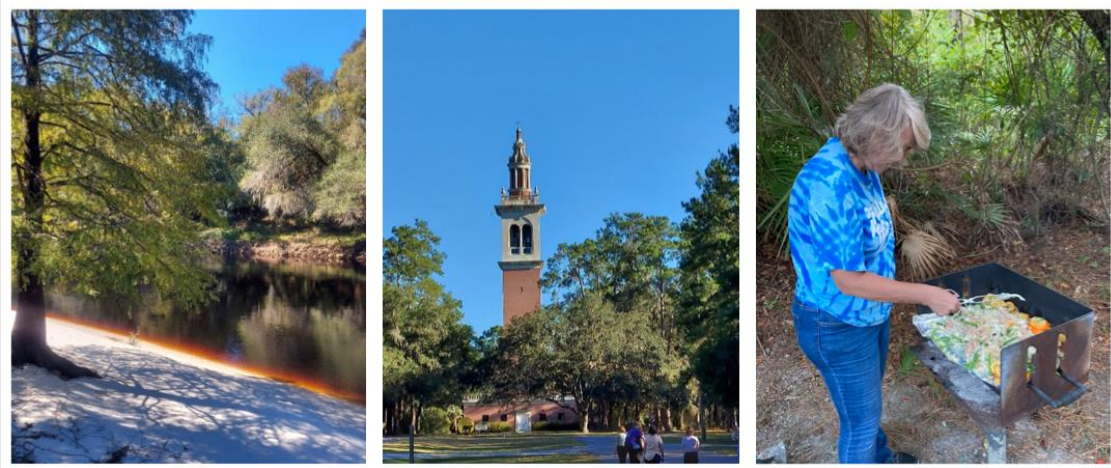


It was a beautiful day to hike in the mountains. A group of 11 of us hiked the seven-plus miles of the Brush Creek Trail. At least two of our group had never hiked with us before. A hint of fall was in the air with cooler temps. A few of the trees were even starting to show some colors. We enjoyed a rest and some lunch on a shaded knoll overlooking the lake that is formed by the dam which is just upstream from where the Ocoee Whitewater Center used to be. - James Anderson



**FLORIDA CANOE TRIP OCTOBER 1 - 7, 2022**

On October 1, five club members met up at Stephen Foster Folk Culture State Park in White Springs, Florida. Club members were Sue Robinson, James Drummond, Jack Callahan, and Mitchell and Jennifer Schroll. We arrived in the late afternoon, set up camp, and strolled around the park taking in the sights such as the Carillion Bell Tower. Stephen Foster wrote the famous song “Way Down Upon the Suwannee River” here.



On October 2, our group of 19 paddlers set out from Wayside Boat ramp because the canoe launch at Stephen Foster was closed. This added three miles to our day for a total of 13 miles paddled. We arrived at Woods Ferry River Camp in the late afternoon. After unloading the boats and securing them for the night, the race was on for hot showers.



On October 3, we paddled 18 miles to Holton Creek River Camp. This was a very scenic day with lots of white sand beaches. Each river camp has lighted, screened sleeping platforms.





On October 4, we paddled 13 miles to Suwannee River State Park where we had previously shuttled our cars. We camped in tents and had hot dogs cooked on a fire. Some of us took a short hike around some sinkhole springs and another group watched some bats fly out at sunset.



On October 5, we paddled 15 miles to Dowling Park River Camp. Here the platforms are like treehouses. All the hiking club members hiked about a mile from the river camp into a nearby town to grab some beverages and refreshments. Mitchell bought frozen pizzas that he cooked up in an improvised oven at camp. We encountered our only photo-documented alligator as we were landing at the river camp.



On October 6, we paddled 18 miles to Peacock Slough River Camp. At lunch we stopped at Lafayette Blue Springs. Some people took a dip in the clear cold waters.



Our last day, we paddled six miles for a total of 83 miles in 5 days. Whew! We exited the river at Royal Springs, a very scenic spring with a jumping platform.





We passed by the historic Drew swinging railroad bridge. This bridge was brought from Brazil and installed here in 1901. It was abandoned in 1920 and is believed to be the oldest surviving swing bridge in the USA (see above). After eating a picnic lunch at Royal Springs, we loaded up and headed home. - Jennifer Schroll



## TRAIL MAINTENANCE OCTOBER 10, 2022



A group of seven of us answered the call to do maintenance work on the club's section of the John Muir NRT/Benton MacKaye Trail which begins at Childers Creek trailhead and continues to the Big Bend parking lot. The group, which consisted of Rick Harris, Brenda Harris, Will Dostie, Buddy Arnold, Keith Mertz, Mary Alton, and James Anderson, was able to brush out about 2.5 miles of the trail. Also, eight logs were sawn and removed from the trail. At the end of the work day, we enjoyed cold drinks before heading home. MANY MANY THANKS to those who volunteered their time to make this happen! Your work is greatly appreciated. - James Anderson

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2022



The club met at Charleston city park and enjoyed a potluck supper and a plethora of great desserts. After a short business meeting by club president James Anderson, club member Mary Alton gave us a very informative introduction into four of the main food sources for trout in the Hiwassee River. Mary had collected samples of the different insects and had them in their various stages of their life cycles. Some were so tiny a magnifying glass was required to get a good look at them. She explained how they go through their life cycle and when the trout are most likely feed on them in their different stages. She also emphasized that when a certain insect is molting, that is the only thing trout will feed on. A presentation with the exact imitation fly is the only way to catch the trout. Mary also had the flies that the experienced fisherpersons use on these occasions. It was a great presentation and we are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable person in the club. Mary also mentioned that the local chapter of Trout Unlimited that she belongs to has numerous events that are open to the public to teach interested beginners the art of fly fishing. A special thanks to Mary for all her effort to make this presentation a memorable one. - Jack Callahan

## BIG SOUTH FORK CAR CAMP OCTOBER 16 - 20, 2022



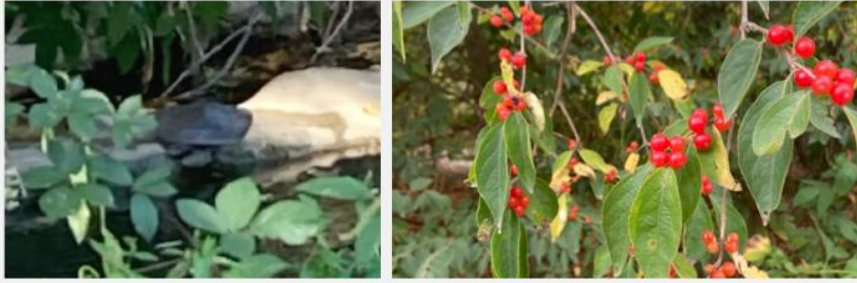
This year was the seventh year the Club has done a campout at Big South Fork. We had 14 campers participate in the hiking, food, and fellowship. The fire in the fireplace felt especially good this year as nighttime temps were in the upper 20s and low 30s and with daytime temps in the 40s and 50s. This year was also a good year for food as we went back to having group meals for breakfast and dinner. Many thanks to those of you who planned and provided those wonderful meals!!!!



Our hikes this year included the obligatory trip to the Twin Arches, as well as a trail in Pickett State Park, a hike out to the western overlook, walks around the Bandy campground, a hike on the John Litten/General Slaven Farm Loop, and the Oscar Blevins Farm Loop. We hope you enjoy the various pictures from the campout. - James Anderson



### **WEDNESDAY WALKS ON THE CLEVELAND GREENWAY**



Greenway walks are every Wednesday in Cleveland. Each week we see new sights along Mouse Creek as the seasons change. The softshell turtle we have located and see most walks is a special treat. And we are always identifying new plants. And, of course, a brisk 3.75 mile walk to get the heart working! - Jack Callahan

### **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST**

Unfortunately, a lot of us were out of town on our regular breakfast day so we did not make it.  
- 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.

## **AT BACKPACK**

### **NOVEMBER 1 - 4, 2022 TUESDAY - THURSDAY NEAR FRANKLIN, NC**

I am recommending the itinerary for the hiking trip scheduled for Nov 1-4 (Big Creek Loop and Day Hikes) be changed to a backpack on the AT near Franklin, NC. The first day we would drive to the Standing Indian Campground off Hwy 64 toward Franklin. We will park at the Backcountry Info Center near there. The hike is rated strenuous due to elevation gains on part of the hike, but much of the hike would be moderate. Below is a map of the area which includes a profile of the AT section at the bottom. (SEE NEXT PAGE.) There are a number of scenic views on the hike. The distance hiked will be about 25 miles. There are shelters along the hike, but they are smaller capacity (6 to 8), so it will be required to bring tents. The hike will be limited to eight. So far, four have expressed interest, so 4 more spots are available.

- Nov. 1, Day 1, Drive to Murphy NC, take Hwy 64 Toward Franklin to USFS Road 71, then to Standing Indian Campground. Meet at Backcountry Info at noon. Hike about 3 miles to Long Branch Shelter via Blackwell Gap Trail and then AT.
- Nov. 2, Day 2 Hike 8.9 miles to Carter Gap Shelter on AT
- Nov. 3, Day 3 Hike 7.6 miles to Standing Indian Shelter.
- Nov. 4, Day 4 Hike 4.5 miles back to Backcountry Info Center via AT and Kimsey Creek trail.

Contact Hike Leader Buddy Arnold at [we\\_arnold@outlook.com](mailto:we_arnold@outlook.com) or 601-414-3551 cell.

## **MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

### **NOVEMBER 10, 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 Three Sisters Wilderness Backpacking Trip by Jack Callahan.

## **THE NARROWS OF THE HIWASSEE RIVER**

### **NOVEMBER 14, 2022 MONDAY**

Meet at Reliance Fly and Tackle Shop at 9 am. This is a 4.5-mile moderate hike along the Hiwassee River above the Apalachia Powerhouse. Bring water, lunch/snack, personal first aid kit, rain gear, hiking poles, bug repellent, and sunscreen. Learn about penstocks and the powerhouse. Contact Hike Leaders Clare and Ed Sullivan at 404-849-0872 or [clare7982@gmail.com](mailto:clare7982@gmail.com).

## **LINDA DAVIS MEMORIAL CLEVELAND GREENWAY WALK**

### **NOVEMBER 26, 2022 SATURDAY**

Traditional after-Thanksgiving walk. Meet at the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway Pavilion and parking area on Raider Drive. Contact Walk Leader Randy Morris at 423-650-0485.



### **WALK IN THE WOODS**

#### **NOVEMBER 28, 2022 MONDAY JOHNSTON WOODS MCDONALD TN**

Meet at Johnston Woods trail parking lot off Hwy 11S 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.

Contact Hike Leader James Anderson 423-715-8824.

### **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, including the [Annual Meeting and Hike Fest](#).

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

# - MINUTES

Meeting Minutes 10-13-22

The meeting was called to order by the President James Anderson. Treasurer Jennifer Schroll gave the Treasurer's report indicating that as of today the club had a balance of \$1507.02 in the checking account.

Reports were given of previous hikes including the backpacking trip to Oregon, the Florida canoe trip, and the Brush Creek hike.

Upcoming hikes and activities were discussed including the upcoming hike to Foster Falls at Cumberland State Park. Additionally, the Big South Fork Campout was discussed in detail. Based upon the number projected to be in attendance, the President said the cost would be around \$13 per person per night. It was also mentioned the temps would be rather chilly so prepare accordingly. Info on the group meals was also covered.

Details of our upcoming Christmas Party were also gone over. Brenda Harris made the motion, with Carol Guhne seconding, that the Club ask each member to pay \$10 per person toward the cost of the meal. The Club would pay for the venue-the former Santa Fe Steakhouse at the Bradley Square Mall- which will cost in the \$200-300 range and if the food costs run over the \$10 per person the Club would cover that as well. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer, who is catering the meal, said she needed an exact head count at least a week before the party date.

The President also mentioned that he has in his possession two boxes of old Club records that go back many years and that neither he nor the previous President who held office for several years ever referred to them. He recommended the Club consider disposing of these records. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jack Callahan and seconded by Brenda Harris to do the following. Since no one wanted these records for historical significance, the records would be destroyed. (It was brought to the Club's attention that prior minutes are being stored on the Club website.) Also, it was a part of the motion that copies of the yearly financial reports the Club files with the State of Tennessee and the IRS be maintained for only 3 years prior-not counting the present unreported year. Copies older than that can be disposed of as they age out. The motion passed unanimously.

After the business meeting, Club member Mary Alton presented a very interesting program highlighting the various insects/creatures found in trout streams as she is an avid trout angler and a member of Trout Unlimited.

After the presentation the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Anderson