

- NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Big Announcement

Please read carefully and completely!!!!

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If you are scheduled to help set up, please be there at 6 pm sharp. The cost for the meal will be \$10 per person and will be collected at the door. You can also pay your annual Club dues of \$15 at the same time. Correct change or a check made out to the Cherokee Hiking Club will be much appreciated. After the dinner, we will be installing officers for next year and also have a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. To participate in Dirty Santa please bring a \$10 or so gift. This is always a lot of fun!!!

Our own Jennifer Schroll will be catering the meal which will include turkey, ham, various vegetables, a variety of desserts, drink, and a vegetarian entree option.

In order to attend, you must RSVP so that Jennifer will know how many to cook for. **RSVP by texting or calling Phyllis Anderson at 423-715-8648 no later than Saturday, December 3rd.** Also contact Phyllis if you have any questions. If you already signed up at our November club meeting, you do not need to RSVP.

We hope to see you there!

James Anderson, Club President

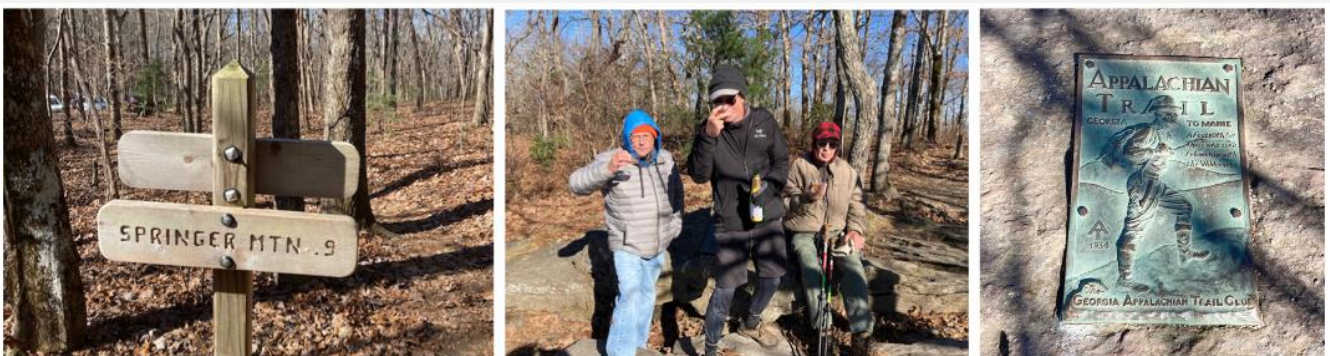
- CONGRATULATIONS



On November 17, 2022, Clayton Pannell and Jack Callahan met Otis Pannell and his hiking buddy, Daddy Long Legs, at the Appalachian Trail trailhead at the base of Springer Mountain in North Georgia. Otis was completing his thru hike of the trail and this was his last 0.9 miles. Clayton had completed the same trek in 1995. Together, we four hiked to the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail on the top of Springer.



It was a special occasion as father/son were together to pose by the bronze plaque to celebrate the occasion. Jack produced a cold bottle of sparkling apple cider and everyone made a toast to the moment. After several minutes of photos and congratulations, the group headed back down to the trailhead.



Otis's trail name is "Rude." You must get him to share the story of how his name was determined! - Jack Callahan

- PAST EVENTS

FOSTER FALLS OCTOBER 27, 2022



Twelve club members and two visitors met at the South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center on Highway 41. There we had a brief orientation with State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath and proceeded to the trailhead parking at Foster Falls. We began our hike by viewing the falls area from the overlook, then proceeded around the rim of the gorge across the top of the falls and past several overlooks to our lunch spot, a great rock overlook of the large gorge. After lunch, we hiked another mile to another overlook for more spectacular views and the great fall colors. From there we returned to the trailhead and thanked Randy for a great hike and the many great stories and nature items he highlighted along the way.



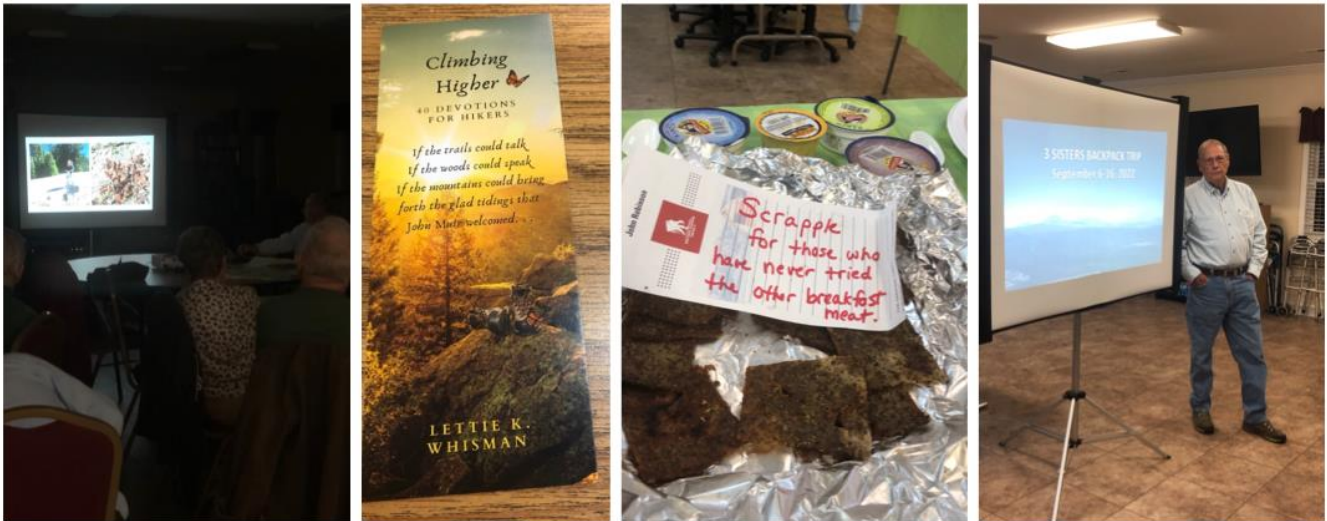
Then many of us went on to the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City to view the great bakery items there. This is always a wonderful stop to finish up a hike, with a wide assortment of cookies, pies, breads, and other "healthy" items. A special thanks to Marrie Lasater for her coordination with Randy to organize this event. We had great weather and a wonderful time. Hikers included Cindy and Harry Stimmell, Maryl Elliott, Leslie Auriemmo, Clare and Ed Sullivan, Jennifer Schroll, Lettie and Jim Whisman, Randy Hedgepath, Hike Leaders Marrie Lasater and Jack Callahan, and two visitors, hopefully to be members soon, Pat Whitmore and Connie Ocepek. - Jack Callahan



AT BACKPACK NOVEMBER 1 - 4, 2022

Canceled. - Buddy Arnold

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2022



The club met at Etowah Senior Center and soon lit into the delicious potluck meal. Afterward, James Anderson conducted the business part of the meeting which included information on next month's Christmas party and hikes. Also, Lettie Whisman told us about her upcoming book. Then, Jack Callahan and Jennifer Schroll, along with Rick Harris, gave us a slideshow presentation on their recent backpacking trip to Three Sisters Wilderness in Oregon. We saw spectacular scenery and heard about the different geologic formations they backpacked through on their multi-day trip. The photos of the ashy skies from the wildfires were harrowing but beautiful. We appreciate that they shared their experience with us. - Judy Price



THE NARROWS OF THE HIWASSEE RIVER NOVEMBER 14, 2022



Seven CHC hikers enjoyed a beautiful hike to The Narrows on the Hiwassee River in Reliance. Three of the hikers had never been to this fun and interesting location. We started the hike in freezing weather and enjoyed seeing frost flowers and some ice at The Narrows. Jack Callahan was along so we enjoyed learning about puffballs and other amazing fungi. We tried opening persimmon seeds to get nature's forecast for Winter 2023 but quickly learned that opening the seeds is not an easy task.



Once at The Narrows, we dropped our packs and went exploring. Three hikers actually made it to the "Big Hole." The sky was sunny, and the day was perfect for hiking! Enjoying this hike were Leslie Auriemmo, Lynne McPhail, Adrianna Hernaudez, Sue Robinson, Jack Callahan, plus Hike Leaders Ed and Clare Sullivan. - Clare Sullivan



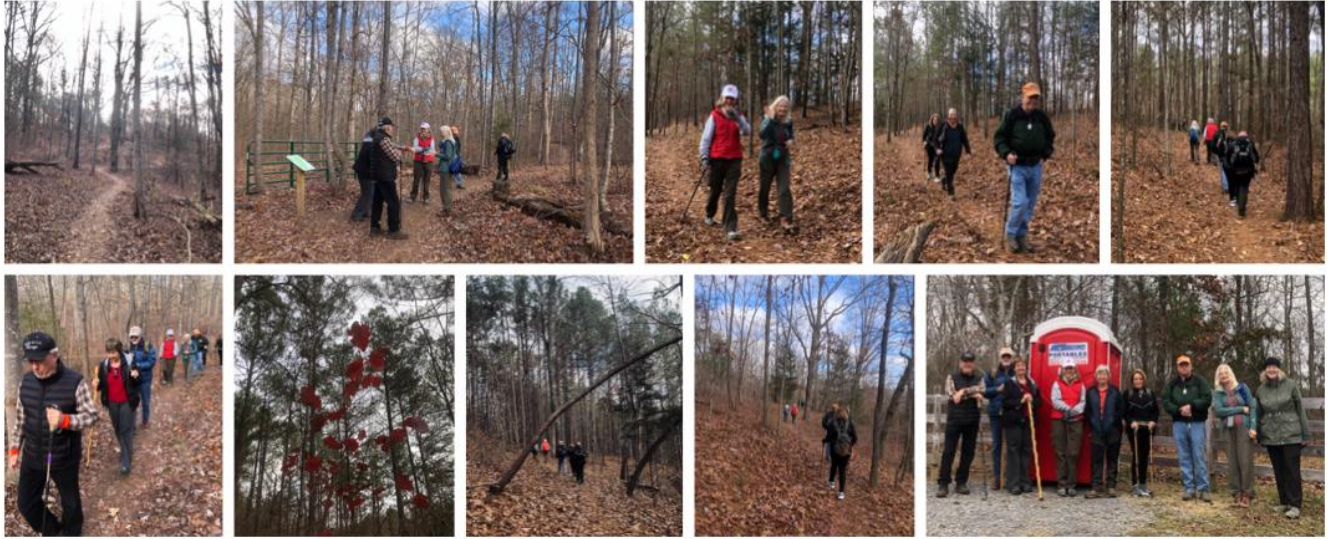
LINDA DAVIS MEMORIAL CLEVELAND GREENWAY WALK NOVEMBER 26, 2022



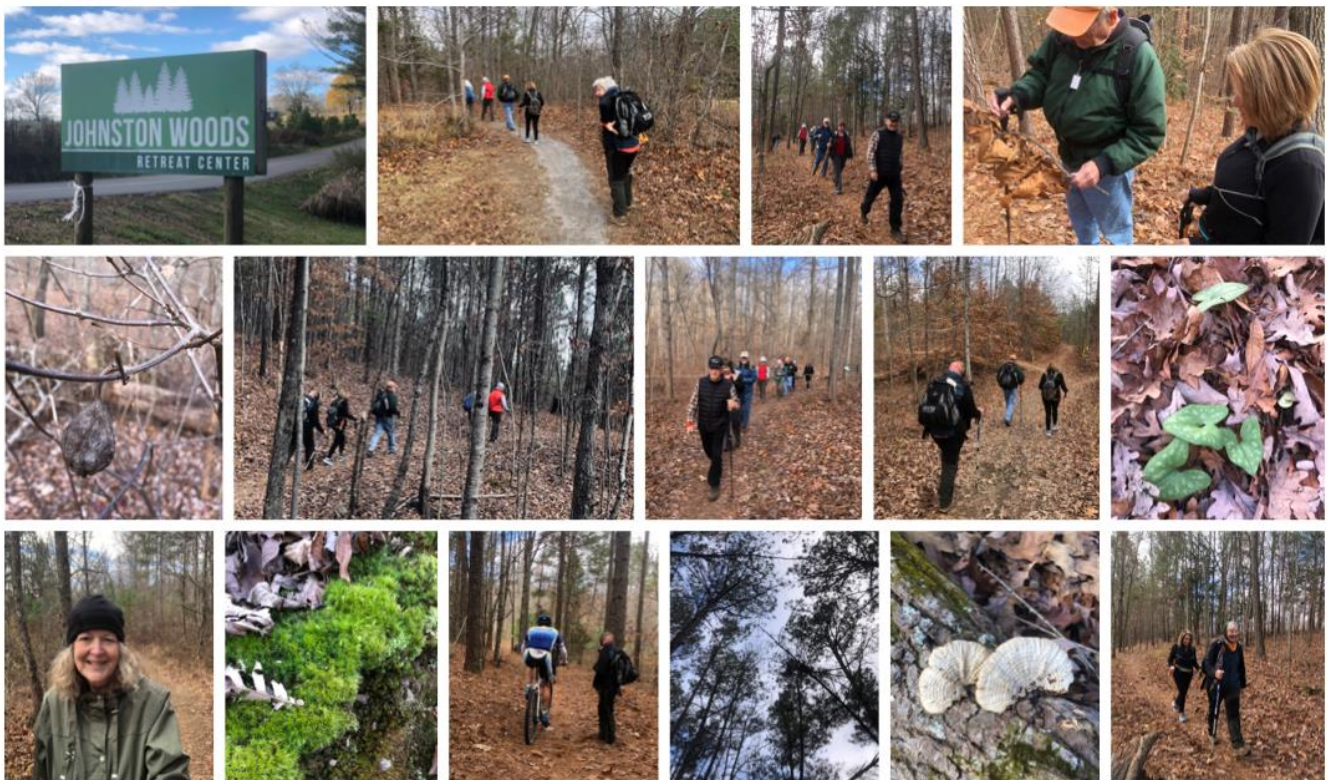
On this cool crisp morning, four members of the club walked a portion of the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway in the annual Linda Davis Memorial After-Thanksgiving Walk. Linda was an avid member of our club and had led a similar hike on the Chattanooga Riverwalk before her untimely passing in 2008. In August 2008, the club decided to name a Saturday after Thanksgiving Walk in her honor and it has been held continuously ever since; this year marked the 15th annual event. We walked from the pavilion at Raider Drive north to the trail's northern terminus and back to our vehicles. We enjoyed the walk, great conversation and memories of Linda. Participants were James Anderson, Carol Guhne, Judy Price, and Walk Leader Randy Morris. - Randy Morris



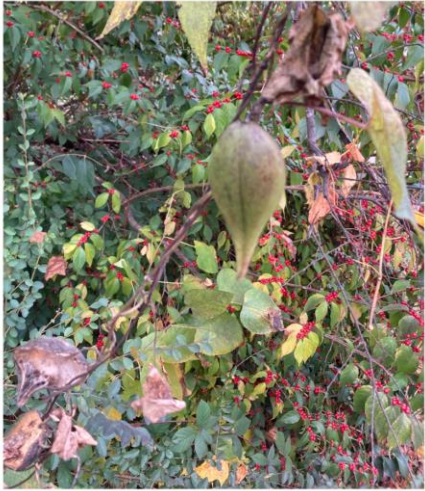
WALK IN THE WOODS NOVEMBER 28, 2022



A Walk in the Woods! Hike Leader James Anderson, Phyllis Anderson, Anne Anderson, Mary Alton, Jack Callahan, Letha Kelly, Lettie and Jim Whisman, and Judy Price all enjoyed the beautiful late fall weather on this hike at Johnston Woods. - James Anderson



WEDNESDAY WALKS ON THE CLEVELAND GREENWAY



Every Wednesday at 4:30 pm, Jack Callahan and Jennifer Schroll lead a walk on the Cleveland Greenway. The walk begins at the parking lot near Perkits Yogurt and goes upstream to the end of the sidewalk for a round trip of about 3.75 miles. We walk rain or shine. After almost five years, we have only had a weather delay twice, due to lightning. Join us for great conversation and always new finds along the greenway. - Jack Callahan



THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST



The third Thursday of each month, Jack Callahan convenes a group for breakfast at the Old Fort Restaurant in Cleveland. We meet at 8:30 am for coffee and great selections for breakfast, laced with wonderful conversation. Gail and Edmond Gray always arrive early to reserve our group a table, and we are extremely thankful for their steadfast help. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship. - 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.

DUTCH SETTLEMENT

DECEMBER 5, 2022 MONDAY

NOTE: Please contact Hike Leader Jack Callahan for details at 423-284-7885 if you are interested in attending. The hike may be canceled due to possible poor road conditions. This is a five-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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 10, 2022 SATURDAY

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STARR MOUNTAIN

DECEMBER 19, 2022 MONDAY

Meet at Piggly Wiggly Food Store in Charleston, TN, at 9 am or Gee Creek trailhead at 9:30 am. Out-and-back 6.5- to seven-mile hike from Gee Creek to the top of Starr 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. Contact Hike Leader James Anderson at 423-715-8824.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK

DECEMBER 26, 2022 SUNDAY CHATTANOOGA TN

We will leisurely hike up to four miles on the easy-to-moderate hiking trails beginning at the Poe Run parking. Contact Hike Leader Judy Price at cherokeehikingclub@gmail.com for information on meetup time and place.

BAUXITE RIDGE

JANUARY 1, 2023 SUNDAY COLLEGEDALE TN

We will leisurely hike the two-mile, easy, picturesque Sabbath Trail loop and then, if we want to continue hiking, we will hike the one-mile Oak Hole Lane back to the main trail junction. There is a short steep uphill from the trailhead to the trail junction (and downhill on the way back). Contact Hike Leader Judy Price at cherokeehikingclub@gmail.com for information on meetup time and place.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2023 SUNDAY 2 PM ETOWAH TN SENIOR CENTER

Do you want to lead a hike or event? If so, bring your ideas to our annual planning meeting! Be sure to include all details in writing to turn in including date, time, description, hike difficulty, entrance fees, etc. If you cannot attend, you may email the information to cherokeehikingclub@gmail.com. See you there!

LOOKOUT WILD FILM FESTIVAL

JANUARY 12 - 15, 2023 THURSDAY - SUNDAY WALKER THEATER CHATTANOOGA, TN



Jack Callahan will lead the annual club trip to Chattanooga to enjoy another great weekend of outdoor films from around the world. This presentation is always memorable. Below is information on early ticket purchases. If you have questions contact Jack at 423-284-7885.

The 2023 Lookout Wild Film Festival presented by TEREN is January 12-15 at the Walker Theater in Chattanooga (the Tivoli is closed for renovations).

Over the span of 4 days, we will show over 80 great outdoor adventure and conservation from 35 countries. Our goal has always been and continues to be showcasing wild places and the people they inspire.

Tickets go on-sale Friday, November 18 with Early Bird pricing for a limited time only. If you purchase a weekend pass during Early Bird pricing, you will be included in a drawing for a TEREN puffy jacket valued at over \$300. More details coming soon!

WESTMORE OUTDOOR EXPO

JANUARY 27, 2023 FRIDAY WESTMORE CHURCH OF GOD CLEVELAND TN

Details to come.

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

TENNESSEE STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES

JANUARY 1, 2023 SUNDAY

“Start the New Year off right this year! Bring your family and friends and make a #resolutiontohike and connect with the outdoors at Tennessee State Parks.”

GEORGIA STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES

JANUARY 1, 2023 SUNDAY

“...Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, ...will once again be celebrating with First Day Hike.”

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

November 10, 2022

After the meal the meeting was called to order by President James Anderson. Twenty-four persons were in attendance. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and that were emailed out with the newsletter was made by Jack Callahan, seconded by Boyd Firestone and unanimously approved by those present.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jennifer Schroll and indicated that as of today's date our checking account balance was \$2262.02. This balance included funds collected from those attending the Big South Fork campout.

Next, the Club Christmas Party details were discussed which included a reminder of the \$10 per person cost, the date of December 10 and the time of 6:30 pm at the Bradley Square Mall and what used to be the Sante Fe Restaurant. It was also mentioned that all attending must RVSP by Saturday December 3rd. Jennifer also discussed the menu.

Lettie Whisman shared info about her new book of devotions for hikers, her sources of inspiration for the book, and gave info about how to obtain a copy.

A proposed slate of officers for next year was presented. The slate is as follows: Jack Callahan-President/Secretary, Rob Coombs- Vice President, Treasurer-Jennifer Schroll, Webmaster-Rick Harris, and Newsletter Editor-vacant. Pat Bates made a motion to approve the slate, Mark Bernatti seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was also noted that Ruth Pannell has agreed to fill the new position of Hospitality Coordinator for a year. This position includes responsibilities for the food and beverage related supplies for each meeting.

The members were in agreement for the Club to once again participate in the Westmore Outdoor Dinner as we did last year.

The following upcoming hikes and activities were mentioned-the hike to the Narrows on November 14th, the Thursday breakfast on the 17th, the Linda Davis Memorial Walk on November the 26th, the Walk in the Woods on November the 28th, the hike to the Dutch Settlement on December the 5th and the hike on Star Mountain on December the 19th were mentioned.

Jack Callahan and Jennifer Schroll presented a very interesting slide show of their hike to the Three Sisters area of Oregon this past summer.

After this presentation the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Anderson-President/Secretary