

The Cherokee Hiker

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~CHC Hike and Events Calendar~

- July 1, 2011 – Friday. June/July Club Meeting
- July 10, 2011 – Sunday. Hiwassee Canoe Trip
- July 24, 2011 – Sunday. Scenic Spur Trail (3.5 miles, easy)

JULY HIKES

July 10, Sunday afternoon - Canoe or Kayak The Hiwassee River

Activity leader: Clayton Pannell.

We will meet on the south side of the Hiwassee River under the U.S. 411 bridge at 1:30 p.m. **Note:** you must exit from the north lane before you get to the bridge. We will work out our shuttle after we arrive at the river, at the point under the 411 bridge. The plans are to canoe all the way to Two River Campground; the campground is about one mile down the river from the Patty Bridge. All persons are responsible for their own canoe or kayak, paddles, gear, life jackets, water and rain gear, so team up with someone with a canoe or kayak, or bring your own.

Hiwassee Canoe Company rents out canoes on the lower part of the Hiwassee River. Anyone that would like to rent a canoe and gear from them, their phone number is 423- 336-5600. Their website is <http://canoetheriver.com>, and their physical address is 453 Market Street, Charleston TN.

For more information on the canoe trip, please contact Clayton Pannell at 263-9730, 435-1848 or crpannell@comcast.net.

July 24, Sunday afternoon– Scenic Spur Trail

Hike leader: Jane Bohannon. **Hike rating: easy.** Length: 3.4 miles round trip.

The trail goes to the Rock Creek Gorge Scenic area where the waterfall is located. There are two stream crossings that can be knee high depending on rainfall, so please bring water shoes or wear shoes which you don't mind getting wet. **Bring rain gear and plenty of drinking water.** There are no bathrooms at the trailhead. Call me (Jane Bohannon) by 9:00 p.m. Saturday so that I can make calls to the Cleveland people, so they will know who to connect with at Hardee's.

Directions to the trailhead from Cleveland: take Highway 64 East toward the Ocoee Rafting Area. Near Parksville Lake turn left at the Highway 30 sign. There is also a sign at this turn which says "Greasy Creek." The trailhead parking lot is on the left about 0.2 miles north of Highway 64. To carpool, meet at Hardee's at Ocoee at 2:00 p.m. **Please form a carpool of your own for this group.** Jane will not be coming to the Ocoee Hardee's to meet this group.

Directions to the trailhead from Etowah: take Highway 411 South to Highway 30. Turn left onto Highway 30 at the Hiwassee Corner Market. Continue on Highway 30 to the trailhead parking area, which is on the right past the NF Work Center and about 0.2 miles from Highway 64 East. To carpool, meet at the Bi Lo parking lot in Etowah at 1:30 p.m. to meet Jane.

Everyone should be at the trailhead parking lot at 2:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jane Bohannon at 745-9534, 381-8388 (cell).

Other hikes and events in July: be sure to check the club website at <http://www.cherokeehikingclub.org> or the Cherokee Hiking Club Facebook page (click on the Facebook graphic shown below) for more July hikes and other events that may be planned on short notice.

***NOTE:** As a courtesy, **ALWAYS** contact the hike leader **in advance** of the hike to facilitate planning.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

July 1 – Friday, June/July Club Meeting

The meeting will be held at Bill and Ann Gray's, at 6:30 p.m. The address is 2349 Varnell Road, Cleveland. Their phone number is 479-7511.

Directions from Cleveland: traveling down South Lee Highway past Bradley Propane, turn LEFT onto Varnell Road at the Quick Burger. Go a quarter mile; then on the LEFT, you will pass a barn and then a white frame house. Turn into that driveway and the Gray's house is the brick house on the hill (just two houses there).

Directions from I-75: take Exit 20, and then the East Cleveland Bypass toward Highway 11/64. Go 1 mile and take the Cleveland exit and turn LEFT onto Highway 11. In a little less than a mile, turn RIGHT onto Varnell Road at the Quick Burger. Go a quarter mile; then on the LEFT, you will pass a barn and then a white frame house. Turn into that driveway and the Gray's house is the brick house on the hill (just two houses there).

Directions from Ocoee: take the Bypass Exit (toward Chattanooga) off Highway 64, then the Highway 11 exit toward Cleveland. Go less than a mile and turn RIGHT onto Varnell Road at the Quick Burger. Go a quarter mile; then on the LEFT, you will pass a barn and then a white frame house. Turn into that driveway and the Gray's house is the brick house on the hill (just two houses there).

There's a rumor that there may be margaritas and door prizes!!

New Member

We want to welcome **Ali Raulie** to the club.

In Memoriam

Club member Boyd Firestone's mother, who was 92, died June 28. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Firestone family, and our wishes for Boyd's mother to rest in peace with God. If anyone would like to send a card, the address is:

Boyd & Martha Firestone
150 County Road 977
Calhoun, TN 37309

Mailed Newsletters to be Discontinued in 2012/New Membership Form

This is a friendly reminder that mailed newsletters will be discontinued starting January 2012. Newsletters will be emailed only at that point. Our membership form, available at the Club website at <http://cherokeehikingclub.org/membershipform.pdf>, no longer gives the option of receiving the newsletter by mail. **Anyone handing out membership forms at hikes or club meetings needs to discard any copies of the old form**, and download and copy the new forms for distribution.

Those members currently receiving the newsletter by mail will continue to receive it that way until the end of 2011.

The following are some helpful hints for those who currently cannot receive the emailed newsletter, for whatever reason:

1. If you don't have an email address: Free email addresses are available from several sources. One of the best ones is Gmail, available at <http://www.google.com/>. Another is Yahoo at <http://www.yahoo.com/>. These have web-based email clients, so that you do not have to have your own computer with its own email client installed in order to get your email.
2. If you don't have a computer or your computer is not working: You can go to a library and logon for free, accessing your online email client that you have created, as discussed above. You may be able to print it out from the library as well, if you pay a small fee.
3. If you don't have broadband available in your area, via a wired source such as ATT (DSL) or Comcast cable or Charter cable: a broadband connection allows you to receive your email and other internet connections more rapidly than dialup. Dialup (using just a phone line) is the old way, but it takes forever to load a web page or receive or send an email, especially one with pictures. If you only have dialup, you can do one of several things. I cannot get broadband via a wired source in my area either, so I use a MiFi router that can provide wireless connectivity to up to 4 computers at one time. I get my MiFi from Sprint, although there are also other companies that provide them, including Verizon and ATT. Mine costs me about \$55 per month, and it uses a cellular network to get the signal, like a cell phone. Another option is to use a satellite network, such as Hughes Net or Wild Blue, which have various plans; the higher the bandwidth, the higher the monthly fee. These are usually a little more expensive than a MiFi or air card.
4. If you don't want to bother with a MiFi or air card for home use, you can go to a "hot spot". This option would only be available if you have a portable computer such as a laptop or tablet (like an iPad). When I first moved here, I did not have a broadband connection, and only used a dialup connection at home. Until I found a good MiFi/air card, if I needed to use broadband, I took my laptop to the local Panera's, which has a WiFi network available for all its customers. Several other places, such as some McDonalds & large gas stations with food courts, also have WiFi networks. They will have a sign up stating that they have such a network available for customers. Just be sure to buy a sandwich or cup of coffee while using it.
5. If you can't get out of the house, or just don't want to: just get your email using dialup, using your home phone land line. I will be glad to send you a text-only version that is fairly quick to transmit. You will just not be receiving the pictures.

Featured Website

As some of you may know, Cherokee Hiking Club webmaster Rick Harris is also president of the Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition. Recently he wrote up a great document called "*Stepping into the Future*", which is posted on the Coalition's website at <http://southeastfoottrails.org/2010-conference/SEFTC-2010-Stepping-Into-the-Future.pdf>. This document outlines the best approach to several issues that lie before the hiking associations in the Great Smoky Mountain area, including standardization of training, the "nature deficit disorder" of many of our children and youth today,

interactions between the various trail communities, and more.

Join the rest of the Cherokee Hikers on Facebook! To connect, press the CTRL button on your keyboard, and then click the image below to navigate to the CHC Facebook page.



Recent Hike & Event Reports

Rhododendron Trail – June 26, 2011, Sunday

The scattered thunderstorms missed us, as nine hikers enjoyed the trail and visited the Ocoee Whitewater Center, where we browsed around and had ice cream and cold drinks. We missed seeing purple Rhododendron because I (Jane Bohannon) had to change the hike date; we did this trail two weeks later than usual. We did see some white Rhododendron and some Mountain Laurel. There were many rafters and kayakers on the river and several people picnicking along the river. Jane and Joanne made happy feet by wading in the Ocoee River on the latter part of the hike.

Hikers were: Jane Bohannon (leader), Joanne Jackson, Effaleda and Bob Lee, Gail and Edmond Gray, Aggie Scott and her granddaughters Jennifer and Samantha Boling.

There are no minutes, since there was no club meeting in June. Stay tuned for the minutes from the June-July club meeting in the August newsletter.

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