



The Cherokee Hiker

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CHC Hike and Events Calendar

February 1, 2018, Thursday Harrison Bay State Park, Bay Point Loop, 4.3 miles , Rated Easy. Hike Leaders Ruth and Clayton Pannell (NOTE-THIS HIKE IS BEING RESCHEDULED DUE TO RAIN...NEW DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY)

February 7, 2018 Wednesday BMTA Hike from Kimsey Highway to Thunder Rock Campground, 5.7 miles, moderate. Contact Hike Leaders Tom Sewell at SewellTom@yahoo.com or text to 706-669-6406 or Tim Holby at 828-361-4205

February 8, 2018 - Thursday. Monthly Meeting We will meet at Michael's in Etowah, TN , located at 862 US 411, Etowah, TN 37331 at 6 pm.

February 10, 2018, Saturday Rocky Flats Trail, 2 or 5 miles Moderate. This hike will go from the Doublecamp Creek end of the trail in the Citico Wilderness one mile to the old Hollinghead homestead site. There Chris Hollinghead (grandson of the original owners) with his father and uncle will tell us of his childhood growing up at the site. Afterwards, those who wish for a short hike can return to the vehicles. along Doublecamp Creek Road. Those who want a longer hike will follow the recently refurbished trail for 5 miles to Warden Fields where we will have our shuttle vehicles. Afterwards we may go to a restaurant in Tellico Plains for supper. Contact Hike Leader Richard Harris, at HarrisRi@aol.com to sign up or questions. Meet at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico at 9 am to set up shuttle and carpooling. Non-members welcome. Dogs on leashes welcome.

February 17, 2018 Saturday Savage Gulf Hike, Moderate. Hike the Savage Gulf day loop (4.2 miles) with a side hike out and back (0.5 miles) to Savage Gulf Falls. Meet at the Park and Ride in the SW quadrant of exit I-75 and Georgetown Road (Exit 25) in Cleveland adjacent to the service station at 8:15 am to carpool to Savage Gulf Ranger Station to begin hike. Pack a lunch to eat on the trail. Contact Hike Leader Jack Callahan at jackn1945@bellsouth.net or 423-284-7885 to sign up. For last minute updates to current hike schedule, check: WWW.cherokeehikingclub.org, Facebook. or the Cherokee Hiking Club Meetup page.

Other Events Of Interest

2018 HIKING CLUB DUES

The 2018 Cherokee Hiking Club Dues are \$15 per household are currently due if you have not already paid for the upcoming year. You may bring your dues to the January meeting or mail them to the Club treasurer, Randy Morris, 198 Crews Drive, Benton, TN 37307. If you are a new member and paid your dues in the fourth quarter of 2017, you are paid up for 2018.

ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK CAMPOUT MAY 21-25, 2018, MONDAY through FRIDAY

Leader: Jack Callahan Rating : varies Length: several hikes of different lengths

We will try to get sites in Loop A this year, as it is on much more level ground. This loop fills up quickly so if you are interested in this location you should consider making reservations. There are also numerous sites in the other loops and cabins available. We will make several day hikes, including a strenuous hike to Little Hump Mountain, a drive to local waterfalls, and a moderately strenuous hike to Grassy Ridge. Hikes will be all day events and require packing a lunch and sufficient water for the day. Jack has rented a shelter for Monday and Thursday for us to meet and have supper and discuss hikes and other events. If you have any questions, contact Jack Callahan at 423-284-7885.

CAMPING TRIP TO MT PISGAH CAMPGROUND AND LODGE June 7-11, 2018 THURSDAY-MONDAY

Located on the Blue Ridge Parkway, approximately 20 miles south of Asheville, NC. Multiple day hikes, mostly moderate. Reservable campsites fill quickly, so make your reservations now if you plan to attend. For more information, contact Buddy Arnold, 601-415-3551 or we_arnold@bellsouth.net

Recent Hike and Event Reports

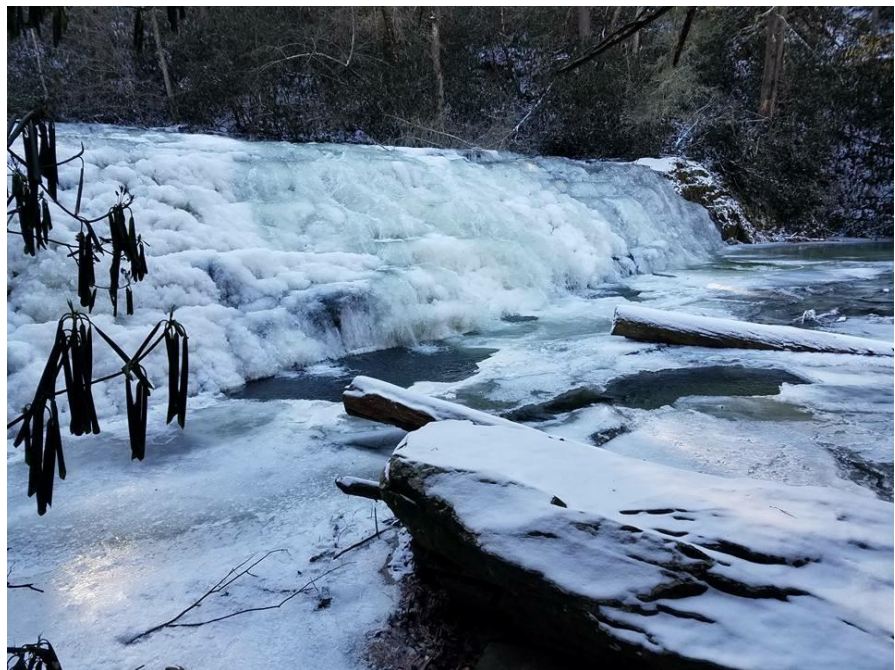
SEFTC Winter Hike Week – This event was a very successful and fun several-day adventure in the Smokies held at the Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge Jan 24-28. Several led hikes were held each day except for Sunday when hikes were rained out. Mark your calendar now for Jan 16-20, 2019 for next year's Winter Hike Week. This event will probably be held in Bryson City, NC and will include numerous hikes of all levels on the quieter side of the Smokies. More information later. To keep up to date, like Winter Hike Week on Facebook.



January 19, 2018 BMT HIKE FROM HWY 68 TO COKER CREEK FALLS

Seven members from the Cherokee Hiking Club enjoyed the Benton MacKaye hike on January 19, 2018. They hiked from Coker's Creek cascading waterfalls to the trails junction with Section 14 of the BMT at the long wooden trail bridge, 3 miles. Following lunch upward they went to the gap where the BMT

intersects with the Unicoi Mountain Trail/John Muir Trail. Linda Kryssing, Sue Robinson, Mary MacEachron, Rick and Brenda Harris, along with Clare and Ed Sullivan started the hike in 19 degree temps with snow and ice. The warm rays of 42 degrees greeted them after lunch. It was a gorgeous Winter day to get out and enjoy the beautiful falls and the views of the Hiwassee River and Starr Mountain.



*Cherokee Hiking Club
Meeting minutes January 7, 2018*

This meeting to schedule events for the upcoming year was again held at the family resource agency in Cleveland thanks to James Anderson.

Time started: 2:00pm with 16 in attendance

Treasury report written by Randy Morris showed November's balance of \$1,662.34. Deposits of \$510.00 in renewals and Christmas food contributions bringing total to \$2,174.34. Total expenditures of \$485.00 (caterer, Christmas supplies, and contribution to Ann and Bill Gray's church for November meeting) that brought new balance down to \$1,597.34.

Unfinished Business:

- Announcement made regarding Mike Friedman to have open heart surgery on January 8
- Plan to continue with slide shows of hikes throughout the year
- For those interested in trying out a one-night backpack trip, we could do a one nighter to let them try it out. If anyone shows interest, Bob Bald was spoken of as a good place to do this

Previous hikes:

- Foster Falls/Denny cove was about 4.5 miles between the two hikes. Several cascades and lots of rock climbers out that day.
- Saturday (after thanksgiving) greenway hike, led by Randy Morris

Upcoming hikes /events:

- Pigeon Forge Southeastern Foottrails Coalition Winter Hike Week will be held January 24-28 this year. Register at southeasternfoottrails.org. Discounted rooms at Music Road Inn. arious levels of hiking choices each day.
- Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in GSM www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org August 24-28, 2018
- Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge. www.mypigeonforge.com May 8-12, 2018
- Ocowassee Festival's pending date this year is April 14, 2018. Morning and afternoon walks.

Other websites, provided by Leon Bates, that may be of interest are

- www.smjop.com. Smokey mountain journal of photography
- www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass. Online science magazine of the USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station

Meeting concluded after planning session for club's calendar at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Robinson, secretary