



The Cherokee Hiker

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Again, there is a rise in the number of cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Bradley County, as well as several surrounding counties. Many stores and local establishments are beginning to require the wearing of masks. With this increase in cases, it seems wise to again cancel our monthly club meeting as well as the third Thursday breakfast.

Hike Leaders will still be responsible for managing their hikes as they best see appropriate. Participants must contact the Leader to get on the attendance list, and be updated on any specific restrictions for the proposed hike. These may include a restricted number of hikers, specifics on carpooling, and the wearing of masks.

Hikes are ongoing according to the schedule, but always check with the Hike Leader. Hopefully, we will be able to put this behind us soon. In the meantime, be safe and stay hydrated.

Jack Callahan

EVENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

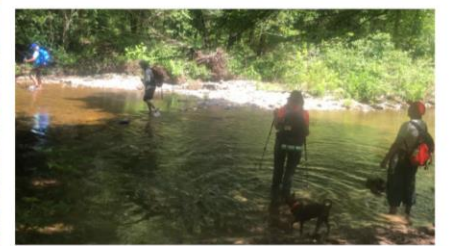
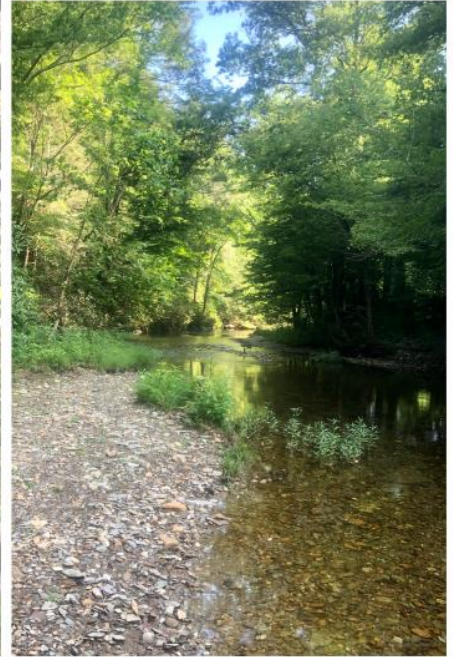
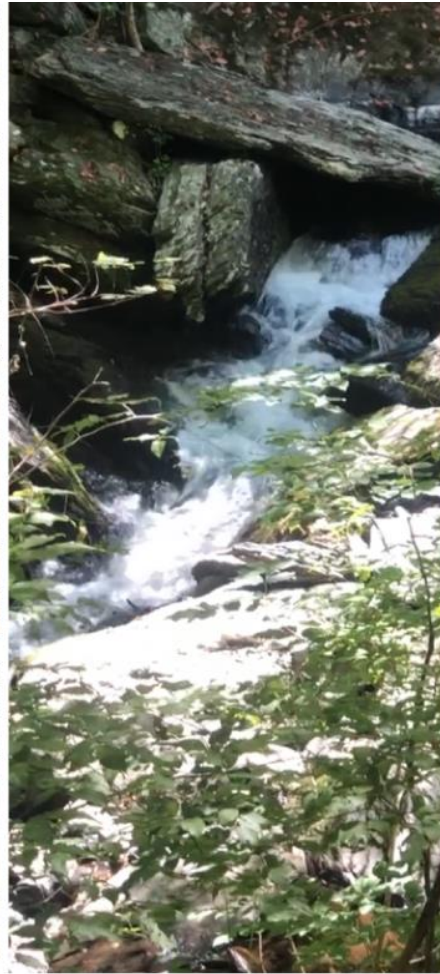
JULY 9, 2020 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Canceled.

JULY 17, 2020 SECTION HIKE ON THE BMT FROM RELIANCE TO LOST CREEK CAMPGROUND

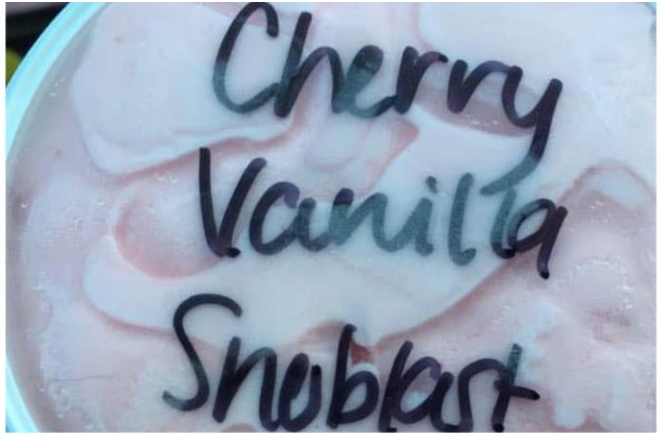


Five vivacious women (and two rat terriers) had a great day on the hike from Reliance to Lost Creek Campground on the Benton MacKaye Trail (BMT). The 93 degrees forecast couldn't scare us! We enjoyed a gorgeous hike with stunning views of the limestone gorge, its boulders, cascades and waterfalls. Mary Alton, an avid fisherwoman, showed us tadpoles, a stonefly nymph, crayfish, baby rainbow trout and a giant leach playing in the water. Judy Norton, the most experienced raft guide on the Ocoee, showed us how jewelweed leaves reflect light and look like shiny silver when put in water. We cooled our feet hiking through Ellis Creek, Little Lost Creek and Big Lost Creek. After 9 miles, we rewarded ourselves with ice cream from the historical Webb Brothers Store. Hikers were Marrie Scroggs, Judy Price, Mary Alton, Judy Norton and Hike Leader Clare Sullivan.



WEDNESDAY WALKS ON THE CLEVELAND GREENWAY

Every Wednesday Jack Callahan leads a 3.75-mile walk on the Cleveland Greenway while social distancing.



THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST

Canceled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTE: Event schedule subject to change according to guidance from governmental agencies and offices regarding [COVID-19](#). An email will be sent to members if an event is canceled.

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 6:00 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.

THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEETING IN AUGUST

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST

Canceled.

JULY 22 TO AUGUST 1, 2020 BACKPACKING TRIP IN ANSEL ADAMS WILDERNESS (IN PROGRESS)

We will fly into Las Vegas and drive to Mammoth Lakes for acclimation prior to beginning the hike into Ansel Adams Wilderness on July 25. We will have a zero day on the shores of Ediza Lake. We will complete the hike on July 30 and drive to Yosemite for sightseeing and stay overnight. We will return to Las Vegas and fly home August 1. Event Leader, Jack Callahan.

AUGUST 7, 2020 FRIDAY BENTON FALLS AND PICNIC BY MCKAMEY LAKE

Hike to Benton Falls followed by a picnic in the park on the shores of McKamey Lake in the Chilhowee Recreation Area. Members who decline to hike may hold tables in the picnic area, or enjoy an easy short walk around the lake. Hike to the falls is approximately 3 miles, easy with the exception of the last 100 yards down to the base of the falls. Meet at Ocoee Hardee's at Hwy 411 and Hwy 64 in the back parking lot to carpool to Chilhowee Recreation Area. If you wish to meet at the recreation area, please let Clayton know. The hike will begin at 10 am, and we will meet in the large parking lot in the day use area. This is a fee area, with a fee for each vehicle. Hike Leaders, Ruth and Clayton Pannell, crpannell@comcast.net, 423-263-9730.

NON-CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

[TELLICO/OCOEE VOLUNTEER TRAIL CREW](#)

Check the Facebook page for future work days.

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