



# The Cherokee Hiker

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow Cherokee Hiking Club Members.

Just a reminder that our July club meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 8. In order to beat the intense July heat and avoid the mosquitoes, we are having our July club meeting in the garage of two of our club members. It is air-conditioned and is a large area. We certainly want to thank Ty and Bobbi Cardin for offering this venue for us to use. Their address is 424 Wy-Lou Drive in Mowery Estates located on Eureka Road. That is a Cleveland address. Since most have some type of navigation app on their phone these days I won't bother with specific directions. Though if you need me to, I can give you specific directions if you just text or email me. We will have folding tables set up in the garage and there should be plenty of room for us to meet in air-conditioned comfort.

However, **please bring your own camp chairs** as we do not have many chairs. Also, continue to bring your own food to eat as usual these days. The hiking club will have some drinks available for any who want them. They live in a beautiful rural subdivision and it is a pretty place to walk. So, if any are interested then after the meeting we can stroll through the neighborhood. Parking will be in their paved driveway area and on the street as there isn't much traffic at all.

Please enter their home from the side patio area so we don't have to open the garage doors and let all the cool air out. We look forward to seeing you then!!

James Anderson Club President

## EVENTS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 5, 2021 COKE OVENS MUSEUM AND TOUR**

Canceled.

**JUNE 8- 10, 2021 BACKPACKING IN THE SMOKIES**

Canceled.

**JUNE 10, 2021 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

**JUNE 22, 2021 MUD GAP TO WHIGG MEADOW**

Canceled.

**WEDNESDAY WALKS ON THE CLEVELAND GREENWAY**

**THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOTE:** Event schedule subject to change. An email will be sent to members if an event is canceled.

### **JULY 8, 2021 THURSDAY MONTHLY CLUB MEETING 6 PM**

Ty and Bobbi Cardin's home, 424 Wy-Lou Drive in Mowery Estates located on Eureka Road in Cleveland. **Please bring your own camp chairs.** Also, continue to bring your own food to eat. The hiking club will have some drinks available for any who want them.

### **JULY 13, 2021 TUESDAY FALLS BRANCH FALLS OFF THE CHEROHALA SKYWAY**

Meet at the trailhead at 9:30 am. This is a three-mile hike with an option to add the Jeffrey Hell Trail which would bump the distance up to about seven miles. It would be considered moderate to strenuous due to steep terrain and poor footing. Trekking poles are definitely recommended. On this hike will be an 80-foot waterfall and wildflowers. Text Hike Leader Sue Robinson at 423-519-9751 if you are interested. Hike is limited to 12.

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

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

## NEW TO THE CALENDAR

### **AUGUST 9, 2021 MONDAY COKER CREEK FALLS PARKING LOT TO TN68**

With Benton MacKaye Trail Association. About 7 miles moderate. First three miles downhill through the Coker Creek Gorge with impressive waterfalls. Then cross bridge over Coker Creek on BMT and hike 4 miles mild-moderate uphill to TN 68. Meet at TN68 crossing of BMT at 9 AM, xx miles north of where TN68 leaves Hiwassee River. We will leave some cars there, then drive to the Coker Creek Falls parking lot. Contact Hike Leaders Rick & Brenda Harris at 423-253-6358 or Harrisri@aol.com.

### **SEPT 12 – 17, 2021 SUNDAY - FRIDAY CAMPOUT AT FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK**

With Benton MacKaye Trail Association. Hike each day Mon-Thurs. Reserve your campsite now. We will be in campsite A30. Or reserve a room in the lodge if open by then (being rebuilt), or reserve a cabin. They go quickly. Monday we will hike trails at the state park. Tuesday we will hike to Virgin Falls. Wednesday we will hike at Burgess Falls. Thursday we will hike to Cummins Falls and swim below the falls (online permit required). Contact Hike Leaders Rick & Brenda Harris at 423-253-6358 or Harrisri@aol.com.

# 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.

## **JUNE 4, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 FRIDAYS [LOOKOUT WILD FILM FESTIVAL](#)**

“Out of concern for our attendees and as an opportunity to share wild places and the people they inspire with a new audience in Chattanooga, we have arranged for LWFF 2021 to take place along with Nightfall. Instead of 15 hours of films in one weekend, we’re breaking the films up into 15 1-hour blocks right after Nightfall on the screen in Miller Park. The films will run from approximately 9:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. every Friday night from June 4 to September 10. We are working to release the full lineup of films on this site and in our email newsletter.

**LWFF 2022 IS SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 13-16 AT THE TIVOLI THEATRE.”**

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

## **MINUTES OF CHEROKEE HIKING CLUB MONTHLY MEETING**

**June 10-21**

The meeting was held at the Charleston Municipal Park Pavilion with 22 persons in attendance and called to order by president, James Anderson.

Introductions were made and it should be noted that Cari Taber was visiting this evening.

A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Pat to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as emailed and distributed.

Randy Morris, treasurer, reported the club's checking account balance as \$2015.50.

A report was given of previous hikes and campouts including the Watoga Car Camp

A reminder was given of upcoming hikes including the Big South Fork car camp, the Mudd Gap to Whigg Meadow, the Falls Branch Falls, and also mentioned was the third Thursday breakfast meetings.

Under new business, the members present were asked about whether or not they were on Facebook and the president reminded the club of an upcoming meeting with the officers to discuss how we can be most efficient and effective in taking care of club business.

Also, the group was polled to see what the thoughts were about summer meetings, namely July and August. The majority wanted to have a meeting in July for sure.

It was also announced that Lettie and Jim have agreed to host the meeting for September under the pavilion located behind their house on Kile Lake.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.