

GREENVILLE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION HIKE SCHEDULE – SUMMER 2017

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Meetup Site: www.meetup.com/GNHA-Hiking-Club
Club Website: www.greenvillehiking.com
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/greenvillehiking

CLUB RULES:

- Each hiker is responsible for his or her own safety; refer to Safety & Liability Policy <http://www.greenvillehiking.com/safety.htm>
- Always wear suitable clothing, sturdy footwear (boots or hiking boots), bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch, bring rain gear when inclement weather is predicted; refer to hikers guide http://www.greenvillehiking.com/hikers_guide.htm
- Do not attempt any hike beyond your ability; if there is any question about the trail, rating of the hike or conditions, contact the leader
- Arrive 15 minutes early to form carpools. Offer driver gas money as noted in the hike description (“Drive RT” cost is \$0.08 per mile). Hikes leave promptly at the published START TIME
- Sign in before the hike with an emergency phone number.
- Notify leader of any any special conditions you may have (e.g injury, illness, etc.)
- Do not hike ahead of leader without specific permission.
- Wear blaze orange clothing or hat during hunting season.
- Minors must be accompanied by their parent.
- Sorry, no pets on hikes.

HIKERS WILL MEET AND FORM CARPOOLS AT UNIVERSITY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER unless otherwise noted. This is the Publix shopping center on the west side of Poinsett Highway, two miles north of Cherrydale Mall and one mile south of Furman University. We form carpools next to McDonalds Restaurant. Many hike descriptions will instruct carpools to meet their hike leader at an alternate site or trail head. Return times are approximate.

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$5.00 PAYABLE JANUARY 1. Dues are not pro-rated; but, if you join after October 1st, they will cover the following year. *Payment on-line through the Club Website / PayPal is preferred.* If you choose to pay by mail, please make your check payable and mail it to:

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HIKE ABBREVIATIONS:

M: miles, **EG:** elevation gain, **Rating:** below; **Drive RT:** round trip miles, cost; **L:** limit of hikers

Hike Rating System		
Hike (miles)	Elevation Gain (feet)	Points
1	200	1
2	400	2
3	600	3
4	800	4
5	1000	5
6	1200	6
7	1400	7
8	1600	8
9	1800	9
10	2000	10
11	2200	11
12	2400	12

Hike Rating:
 Add points for distance and elevation gain

- **E** (Easy) = 0-4
- **M** (Moderate) = 5-8
- **MS** (Moderate/Strenuous)= 9-12
- **S** (Strenuous)= 13-16
- **VS** (Very Strenuous)= 17-20
- **VVS** (Very Very Strenuous)= 21-30
- **VVSS** (Very Very Super Strenuous)= 30+

Example:
M: 8 [Distance of hike: = 8 points]
EG: 1000 [Elevation gain: = 5 points]
TOTAL = 13 Points
Rating = S (Strenuous)

All hikers are urged to RVSP to hike. GNHA Meetup.com is the preferred method, over phone or email to hike leaders.

Hike Rating Distribution: May – Aug 2017

Day	E	M	MS	S	VS	VVS	VVVS	Total
Saturday	-	2	4	4	8	21	2	41
Sunday	3	10	10	2	5	1	-	31

Hike Leaders Index:

Arnold, Bob	5/7, 7/8, 8/19	Horn, Craig	7/22
Atchley, Will	5/14	Howitz, Ron	6/3
Bailey, Laura	8/5	MacGregor, Paul	5/13, 5/20, 6/24, 8/19
Barger, Michelle	6/10, 6/18, 8/12	Marsh, Ed	8/13
Bennett, Dave	5/13	Miller, Jerry	5/3, 8/5, 8/6
Blake, Ron & Sharon	5/20, 5/27	Parlier, Bev	6/4, 7/23, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27
Britt, Lisa	6/11, 7/30	Peloquin, Angie	8/20
Brown, Elizabeth	5/27, 6/10, 6/25, 8/27	Ray, Larry	7/2, 7/16
Cantor, Ineke	7/2	Renault, Lance	7/1
Coleman, Lynn	6/18	Root, Steve	5/28
Despeaux, Mike	5/6	Shefchick, John	6/10, 6/25
Ellsworth, Jerry	5/20, 6/3, 7/15, 8/19	Sloughter, Anne	7/15, 7/30
Englisbe, Nancy	6/4	Snitker, Jim	7/8
Fahey, Rick	5/21	Strunk, Tom	5/6, 6/17
Flores, Dolores	5/13	Sullivan, Sulli	6/17 7/22
Foster, Cathy Reas	7/8 , 8/26	Summerell, Troy	6/3, 7/16, 8/12
Garland, Wayne	7/17	Wagoner, Larry	5/7, 7/9
Garrison, Rick	7/8	Walker, Roger	7/29
Gilstrap, Emily	7/2	Wells, Cindy	7/2, 7/16
Gregory, Mary S	8/6	Wright, Sim	6/24, 7/29
Griffin, Bob	8/20	Ziegler, Paula	5/21
Hayden, Joe	5/7, 7/23, 8/12, 8/20	Zimmer, Jeff/Martine	7/1, 7/22
Hamann, Dale	6/10, 8/26		

Carpool Organizers (CPO) not listed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

MOUNT LECONTE ANNUAL HIKE

Start Time: 7:30 AM

This was an annual hike for 13 years by our Wednesday hikers. We drive to the Smokies and climb Mt. LeConte (the third highest peak in the Smokies at 6593 feet) via the Alum Trail. Because the Lodge is supplied by Llamas on Wednesdays, we will be able to interact with them at their hitching posts. Lunch will be at Myrtle Point – the best view in the Smokies. There will be an early dinner afterwards in Waynesville, NC, and then we return to Greenville.

Mount Leconte: M: 13.0, EG 2750, R: VVS, L:20, Drive RT: 280 Miles, \$22.00

Leader: Jerry Miller, Cell 216.276.2278

SATURDAY, MAY 6

AT - LEMON GAP TO MAX PATCH

Start Time: 7:30 AM

We will hike from Lemon Gap to Max Patch and back on the Appalachian Trail. Max Patch is a 4,600 ft grassy bald near Hot Springs, NC with spectacular 360 degree views.

M: 10, EG: 2000, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 200, \$16, L: 15

Leader: Tom Strunk 864.906.2366

CHATTOOGA - FISH HATCHERY TO BURRELLS FORD

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Starting at the Fish Hatchery Road, we'll follow the Foothills Trail over Medlin Mtn. and down to Burrells Ford, where we'll turn upriver and visit Spoon Auger Falls. Then we'll lunch at a beautiful Chattooga River beach before returning to the cars via the East Fork Trail.

M: 9, EG: 1200, Rating: S, Drive RT: 130, \$10, L: 25

Leader: Mike Despeaux, 864.859.8468.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

BLUE WALL & POINSETT RESERVOIR PASSAGES – A KEY SWAP

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return: 6:00 PM

Rally Point: Gravel Parking Area behind Spinx Station, 5598 N Hwy 14, Landrum SC (Hwy 11/14).

Solo Hikers will meet the RP CPO at 10:15 AM. Main Body should arrive around 10:30 AM.

West Bound hikers will drive to Pennell Road trailhead and hike the Blue Wall passage trail pass the Twin Ponds and climb the mountain to Vaughn's Gap and continue to the summit of Rocky Spur Mountain at 3060 feet before turning west bound to trek along the Bushy Ridge (border between the Carolinas), and ending at Orchard Lake Campground in NC. East Bound hikers will drive to Orchard Park Campground and hike the route in the opposite direction. West Bound hikers might add a dinner stop in Tryon on the way home.

West Bound Leg: M: 10, EG: 2350, Rating: VVS

East Bound Leg: M: 10, EG: 1300, Rating: S

Drive RT: 60 miles, \$5.00, L: 30

West Bound Leg Leader/RP CPO: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521

East Bound Leg Leader/MB CPO: Bob Arnold, 864.723.4363

WESTMINSTER - RILEY MOORE FALLS AND SID'S FALLS!

Start Time: 12:00 PM. Return Time: 6:30 PM

Meet the leader at the Ingle's parking lot in Westminster at 1:00 PM . Parking is somewhat limited (especially at Sid's Falls), and it's more fun to ride together anyway! From there, we will drive to Riley Moore's trail-head and do a 1.1 mile trek (each way) to a very nice waterfall with a small beach! Then we will drive to the trailhead of Sid's Falls. Once there, we will walk 1.6 mile (each way) to the falls. It's a fairly easy walk through woods and fields except for the last 1/4 mile, which involves a steep climb down to the base of an incredibly pretty waterfall -- definitely worth the bother!

M: 5.4, EG: 600, Rating: M, Drive RT: 130 miles, \$10.00, L: 25

Leader: Larry Wagoner, 864.631.5673

CPO: Martha Severens, 864.242.6817

SATURDAY, MAY 13

SHINING ROCK - OLD BUTT KNOB

Start Time: 8:00 AM

Note: Wilderness hike limited to 10. We will hike from the parking lot on US 276 up Old Butt Knob to the top of Shining Rock. After lunch, we return via the Shining Creek and Dog Loser Knob Trails. Spectacular views along the way.

M: 9, EG: 2600, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 150, \$12.00, L: 10

Leader: Dolores Flores 864.243.1561

SAM KNOB, BLACK BALSAM & TENNENT MOUNTAIN LOOP HIKE

Start Time: 8:00 AM

From Rt 215 this hike follow the Flat Laurel Creek Trail to Sam Knob Mt, then takes the Sam Knob Trail over to Black Balsam and to Tennent Mt. We then follow the Art Lob/MST back across Silvermine and Chestnut Bald to Rt to complete the loop.

M: 13, EG: 2200, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 150, \$12.00, L: 15

Leader: Paul MacGregor 864.993.3907

GORGES STATE PARK – RAINBOW FALLS AND A FEW MORE

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Meet Hike Leader at Holly Springs (RT 11 & RT 178)

See five stunning falls in Gorge State Park. Start at Rainbow Falls trailhead and hike along the scenic Horsepasture River to Stairway Falls, Rainbow Falls, continuing on to Turtleback and Drift falls.

M: 6, EG: 1000, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 120, \$10.00, L: 25

Leader: Dave Bennett, 216.835.8493

SUNDAY, MAY 14 (MOTHER'S DAY)

OCONEE COUNTY - HIDDEN FALLS

Start Time: 1:30 PM, Return Time: 6:00 PM

Hike from the parking lot at the end of Horse Boone Road near Oconee State Park up the back trail into Hidden Falls and return. Hopefully, the Mountain Laurel will be in bloom.

M: 4, EG: 500, Rating: M, Drive RT: 92, \$7.00, L: 25

Leader: Will Atchley, 864.901.1938

SATURDAY, MAY 20

**BLACK MOUNTAINS - WINTER STAR VIA DEEP GAP AND COLBERT RIDGE TRAIL
START TIME 8:00 AM**

Trailhead Location: Carolina Hemlocks Campground

Winter Star (6212') is an exciting spring hike with a climb over 3000 ft. from Carolina Hemlocks Recreation area up Colbert Ridge to Deep Gap, onto the summit and return. From rock outcroppings we will enjoy outstanding views of the Blacks, South Toe River valley, the Roans and Grandfather Mtn.

M: 9, EG: 3,200, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 200, \$16.00

Hike Leader: Jerry Ellsworth 864.266.9940

Asst. Leader: Paul MacGregor 864.993.3907

DUPONT - DOWNHILL BOTH WAYS, A COUNTERCLOCKWISE LOOP

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Starting at the Fawn Lake Access we descend on Reasonover Ck Tr and deftly execute a rock-hopping creek crossing; then, to Lake Julia, and onto Bridal Veil Falls for lunch. After, we visit Corn Mill Shoals then hike over Mine Mountain and descend to the trailhead. Moderate pace on fun-filled trails.

M: 10, EG: 1300, Rating: S, Drive RT: 80, \$6.00, L: 25

Leader: Ron and Sharon Blake, 864.593.0086

SUNDAY, MAY 21

PINNACLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT AND WEST ESCARPMENT

The hike begins on the Palmetto Trail near Camp Adger Road access. We will ascend toward Pinnacle Mountain summit stopping for a beautiful view of Horse Mountain and Rock Mountain from the petroglyphs bald and Drawbar Cliffs. After summiting Pinnacle Mountain, we will descend off trail to the west escarpment of Pinnacle Mountain to a bald that can be seen from Emory Gap Toll Road, Rock Mountain and Horse Mountain. Continuing to descend, we will connect with the Foothills Trail and ascend to Emory Gap. We will take a short off trail connector to Emory Gap Toll Road which connects to Camp Adger Road. If you like plenty of wet creek crossings and mountain views, you will enjoy this hike. Call hike leader before signing up for this hike.

M: 9 EG: 2600 Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 50 miles \$4

Hike Leader: Rick Fahey 864.884.5273

PALMETTO TRAIL-EASTBOUND IN-AND-OUT FROM HWY 178

Start Time: 12:00 PM, Return Time: 6:30 PM.

We will ascend and descend Horse Mt twice! Grades are gradual both ways. Lunch at campsite.

M: 8, EG: 1800, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 85 miles, \$7.00, L: 15

Leader: Paula Ziegler, 864.921.0665

CPO: Volunteer needed

SATURDAY, MAY 27

SASSAFRAS MT TO CAESARS HEAD VIA FOOTHILLS SPUR - A KEY SWAP

Start Time: 7:30 AM, Return Time: 5:00 PM

Rally Point: Intersection of 276 and 11 (Turn off to Caesars Head). Solo Hikers meet the Rally Point CPO at 7:45 AM. Main Body should arrive about 8:00 AM.

This trail follows a series of old roads, some constructed by the CCC, fire lines, and some rough areas torn up by heavy equipment during the wildfires of 2016. There is a series of blazes to follow but generally follows the border of NC/SC along the Palmetto Trail. The views should be amazing! East Bound hikers will begin at the summit of Sassafras Mtn and follow the Palmetto Trail to Raven Cliff Falls Access. West Bound hikers start at Raven Cliff Falls Access and follow the route in the opposite direction.

East Bound Leg: M: 14.2, EG: 4,200, Rating: VVSS

West Bound Leg: M: 14.2, EG: 2,000, Rating: VVS

Drive RT: 100 miles, \$8.00, L: 20

Hike Organizer: Elizabeth Brown 954.294.8838

East Bound Leg Leader: TBD

West Bound Leg Leader: TBD

RP CPO: TBD

PISGAH NF - BUTTER GAP/JOHN ROCK LOOP

Start Time: 8:30 AM

A counterclockwise loop starting at the Fish Hatchery, onto Cat Gap, Butter Gap, Art Loeb, around Cedar Rock. Then, various trails and a steep climb to John Rock for exceptional views. We finish the loop by descending on Cat Gap. Some steep, bony sections; several creek crossings. This hike is a workout, but will be done at a MODERATE PACE.

M: 9.5, EG: 2200, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 110, \$9.00, L: 25

Leader: Ron and Sharon Blake, 864.676.9177

SUNDAY, MAY 28

PARIS MOUNTAIN - BRISSY RIDGE, PIPSISSEWA TRAILS

Start Time: 1:30 PM

Meeting at Buckhead parking area, Paris Mt. State Park. Hike the reverse Brissy Ridge Trail and Pipsissewa Trail around the North Lake, and return. Park pass or admission required.

M: 6, EG: 900, Rating: MS, L: 25

Leader: Steve Root 864.346.3081

SATURDAY, JUN 3

AT - SAM'S GAP TO BIG BALD

Start Time: 7:30 AM

Start at Sam's Gap and follow the Appalachian trail east along the Tennessee, North Carolina border. We come back the same way. Spectacular views along the way.

M: 13, EG: 2000, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 200, \$16.00, L: 20
Leader: Ron Howitz (Captain Ron) 864.704.8276

LINVILLE GORGE - ROCK JOCK LOOP

Start Time: 7:30 AM

This rugged and challenging loop hike features fantastic views from the Linville Gorge's Western Rim, as well as travel along the Linville River. Starting from the Pinch-In Trailhead, we will take the Pinch-in trail down to the river. From there we will travel North on the Linville Gorge Trail, and climb back out of the gorge on Conley Cove Trail. Near the top of Conley Cove, we will take the Rock Jock trail to complete the loop, taking the time for numerous side trails to cliffside views along the way.

M: 10, EG: 3200, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 230, \$18.00, L: 15

Leader: Jerry Ellsworth 864.266.9940

Co-leader: Troy Summerell 864.303.7058

SUNDAY, JUN 4

PANTHERTOWN VALLEY - HIGH BETHEL & DEVIL'S ELBOW

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 7:00 PM

Meet the leader at Sapphire Country Store (Hwy 281/ 64) at 11:15 AM.

Beginning at the East Entrance, let's do a lollipop loop hike to High Bethel, over Shelton Pisgah Mtn. to Devil's Elbow. We will view several waterfalls along the route. A new hike for Sunday hikers.

M: 10, EG: 1800, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 130, \$10.00, L: 25

Leader: Bev Parlier, Home: 828.883.9278, Cell: 828.507.6026

CPO: Volunteer needed

CHESTNUT RIDGE NATURE PRESERVE

Start Time: 1:30 PM, Return Time: 6:30 PM

Solo hikers can meet us at the trailhead at 2:00 PM.

From the parking area on Old Grove Road, the trail leads us up the south side and over Squirrel Mtn. and descends to the South Pacolet River. The trail passes through various forest habitats. Large boulders, outcrops, and wildflowers add to the fun.

M: 6, EG: 800, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 50, \$4.00, L: 25

Leader: Nancy Englisbe, 864.360.2864

Asst. Leader: Laura Bailey, 843.860.7010

SATURDAY, JUN 10

PISGAH - LITTLE SAM AND SAM KNOB

Start Time: 8:30 AM

We will start where the MTS trail crosses Hwy 215 and take the MTS to Devils Courthouse. Then loop around Little Sam and climb Sam Knob. Returning to the cars on Flat Laurel Creek trail.

M: 10, EG: 1500, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 120, \$10.00, L: 25

Leader: Dale Hamann, 864.386.3855, dasaham@charter.net

GORGES STATE PARK – PAWPAW & UPPER BEARWALLOW FALLS

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Start at GSP Grassy Ridge parking area with short shuttle back from end of hike. Hike to Paw Paw falls, then loop up to Upper Bearwater falls. Some bushwhacking required to reach Paw Paw falls. This hike requires some bushwhacking and two river crossing that may require boots off. Two great falls.

M: 13, EG: 1000, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 120, \$10.00, L: 15

Leader: Michelle Barger, 757.647.3617

CAESARS HEAD - RAVEN CLIFF FALLS LOOP - COUNTER CLOCKWISE

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time 5:00 PM

We will park in the Raven Cliff Falls “Overflow” Access and hike down Geer Hwy and take the shortcut path to Gum Gap and Naturaland Trust Trails to the suspension bridge. After our break, we will continue on the Naturaland Trust Trail, hiking pass “The Cathedral,” across Matthews Creek and we’ll make the steep climb up the Dismal Trail and finish on Raven Cliff Falls trail back to parking to complete our loop.

M: 6.5, EG: 1600, Rating: S, Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 20

Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838

Co-Leader: John Shefchick, 203.913.2765

SUNDAY, JUN 11

CAESARS HEAD - RAVEN CLIFF FALLS VIA SHORT CUT

Start Time: 1:30 PM; Return Time: 6:00 PM

Meet the leader at Raven Cliffs Falls "OVERFLOW" parking at 2:00 PM.

Hike follows Sunset Rock and Gum Gap Trails and turns left on the Naturaland Trust Trail to the falls and back. Hike features a spectacular view of the falls from the Suspension Bridge.

M: 4.7, EG: 700, Rating: M, Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 20

Hike Leader: Lisa Britt, 843.509.9605

Carpool Organizer: Martha Severens, 864.242.6817

SATURDAY, JUN 17

MT. CAMMERER

Start Time: 7:30 AM

Starting at the Chestnut Branch trailhead, we will take the Chestnut Branch Trail to the Appalachian Trail, then up the Mt. Cammerer trail to the summit. A lookout tower is at the summit and it was built by the CCC in 1937. The views from the summit are some of the best in the Smoky Mountains. Elevation at the summit is 4,928 feet. This is an out and back hike, so we will return to the trailhead the same way we went up.

M: 12, EG: 3400, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 200, \$16, L: 15

Leader: Tom Strunk 864.906.2366

ROUND TOP RIDGE TO RICH MTN., AT TO HOT SPRINGS

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Ascend Round Top Ridge Trail to Rich Mtn. summit, then follow AT south to French Broad River bridge. Walk along river to trailhead.

M: 12, EG: 3000, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 200, \$16, L: 15

Leader: Mike Sullivan "Sulli" 864.680.0140

SUNDAY, JUN 18 (FATHER'S DAY)

PISGAH NF - CAT GAP LOOP TRAIL TO JOHN ROCK

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 4:30 PM

We'll depart from the Fish Hatchery and do some mild hiking along streams for the first two miles. The climb will gradually increase and get strenuous on the last steep climb to John Rock. There we will have lunch and drink in the view! We'll descend to the right of the cliff to the Davidson River then back to the Fish Hatchery. This is a moderate hike with some uphill pulls. Some could meet us at the [Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education](#) (Pisgah Fish Hatchery).

M: 6, EG: 800, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 110, \$9.00, L: 20

Hike Leader: Lynn Coleman, 864.884.5697

DUPONT- WINTERGREEN FALLS & GRASSY CREEK

Start Time: 12:00 PM, Return Time: 5:00 PM

We will hike DuPont, from Lake Imaging to Wintergreen Falls, then return by Thomas Cemetery and Grassy Creek.

M: 7, EG: 600, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 70, \$6.00, L: 20

Hike Leader: Michelle Barger, 757.647.3617

SATURDAY, JUN 24

PANTHERTOWN - ELEVEN WATERFALLS

Start Time: 8:00 AM

Form carpools at University Square Shopping Center and meet leader at Commuter Parking Lot on north side of US 64 about .1 mile west of intersection with US 178 north of Rosman, NC. at 9:00 A.M.

Starting at the East Entrance we will hike to eleven named waterfalls on Greenland Creek and the Tuckasegee River. We will use official trails and some red dot trails found on the Burt Kornegay Map.

This is a somewhat rugged hike since it involves exploring waterfalls, some narrow tight trails along the creek and river and one possible wet crossing (not more than a foot deep).

M: 10, EG: 2200, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 140, \$11, L: 15

Leader: Sim Wright 803.469.4909

COLD MOUNTAIN by DEEP GAP/SHINING ROCK

Start Time: 7:30 AM

Wilderness, limited to 10 hikers. This is a loop hike from Camp Daniel Boone up the Art Loeb Trail to Deep Gap, then up Cold Mt. We return through Deep Gap and the Narrows to Shining Rock, before returning to the Camp.

M: 15, EG: 3700, Rating: VVSS, Drive RT: 160, \$13, L: 10
Leader: Paul MacGregor 864.993.3907

SUNDAY, JUN 25

TABLE ROCK SP - BALD KNOB OVERLOOK

Start Time: 12:00 PM, Return Time: 5:30 PM

Starting at the Nature Center, hike takes Pinnacle Mountain trail to Bald Knob Overlook. After our break, we will return by way of Mill Creek Pass through Panther Gap and down the mountain on Table Rock trail to complete the loop.

M: 8, EG: 1800, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 50, \$4, L: 25

Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838

Asst Leader: John Shefchick, 203.913.2765

SATURDAY, JUL 1

BAD CREEK TO HILLIARD FALLS

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Begin at Bad Creek parking lot. Rest at Thompson River, then resume Foothills trail to Glenn Hilliard Falls on Bear Camp Creek where we'll have lunch. On return we'll stop again at Thompson River.

M: 12, EG: 2800 R: VVS, Drive RT: 120 miles, \$10.00, L: 25

Leader: Lance Renault, 864.325.4639

PISGAH NF -DAVIDSON RIVER - ART LOEB & NORTH SLOPE LOOP

Start Time: 8:30 AM

This hike begins and ends at Davidson River recreation area, a moderate hike with some rocky areas along the trail. We will climb the Art Loeb trail for 4 miles and turn onto the North Slope Connector (1 miles). The hike loops the North Slope Trail the long way around and the return along the Davidson river to parking area.

M: 9, EG: 1400, Rating: S, Drive RT: 110, \$9.00, L: 25

Leader: Martine & Jeff Zimmer, 864.354.6100, 864.395.4474

SUNDAY, JUL 2

CAESARS HEAD SP - JONES GAP LOOP

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 5:00 PM

Solo hikers can meet the group at Raven Cliff Falls Access at 10:30.

Hike starts down Tom Miller trail to Jones Gap Falls for lunch. Loop back on Cold Springs Branch trail to parking. Hike will be at a moderate pace with several wet crossings. Hiking poles are suggested, be prepared to get your feet wet - bringing water shoes if desired, or a change of shoes left in the car.

M: 8.3, EG: 1800, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 55 miles, \$4.00, L: 25, State Park Admission

Leader: Cindy Wells, 864.430.7471

Asst Leader: Ineke Cantor, 864.510.4540

WALHALLA FISH HATCHERY TO CHATTOOGA AND BACK

Start Time: 12:00 AM, Return Time: 6:00 PM

We will take East Fork trail to the river, then turn down stream on the Chattooga River Trail to a sandy beach area for our break and to enjoy the views. Some may wish to wade in the river. Return along the same route.

M: 6, EG: 750, Rating: M, Drive RT: 110 miles, \$9.00, L: 25

Leader: Emily Gilstrap, 864.884.9835

Asst. Leader: Larry Ray, 864.784.7304

CPO: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838

SATURDAY, JUL 8

PANTHERTOWN - HIDDEN & FLAT CREEK FALLS

Start Time: 8:00 AM

A cool waterfall hike in the northern part of Panthertown to Flat Creek Falls and Hidden Falls. Some bushwhacking and plenty of stream crossings. Water shoes and hiking poles are suggested.

M: 11, EG: 2400, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 120, \$10, L: 15

Co-Leaders: Rick Garrison 803.727.6496, Cathy Reas Foster 864.260.0074

PISGAH - CEDAR ROCK & JOHN'S ROCK

Start Time: 8:30 AM

We will start at Pisgah Fish Hatchery parking area proceeding up to Butter Gap, connecting to the Art Loeb trail. A user trail goes up to top of Cedar Rock for great views. The return is on Art Loeb to loop along Cat Gap and Cat Gap Bypass trails to get to John's Rock, with return to parking area. Stunning views of Pisgah Forest mountains.

M: 11, EG: 2600, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 110, \$10, L: 15

Leader: Jim Snitker 703.283.6206

LONG CREEK - POSSUM CREEK FALLS

START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM

Solo hikers meet the leader at Hardees in Westminster.

Group will caravan to the trailhead in Long Creek. The trail is an in and out to the beach at Possum Pool on the Chattooga. Heading up Possum Creek we will see a magnificent waterfall. Back at the beach, we will have lunch and take time to swim. If anyone is feeling adventurous, we can take a side trip up to the Five Falls.

M: 4.7, EG: 1100, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 132 miles, \$11.00, L: 25

Leader: Bob Arnold, 864.723.4363

CPO: Martha Severens 864.242.6817

SUNDAY, JUL 9

OCONEE STATION COVE FALLS AND STATE HISTORIC SITE

START TIME: 1:30 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM

Solo hikers meet the leader at Oconee Station State Historic Site at 2:15 PM.

Departing Oconee Station State Historical Site, we hike by a pond and onto the falls. Station Cove Falls is especially pretty in the summer due to bright green mosses that grow on it. A quick tour of the historic site will be available. A good beginner hike!

M: 3.5, EG: 200, Rating: E, Drive RT: 100 miles, \$8.00, L: 25

Leader: Larry Wagoner, 864.631.5673

CPO: Nancy Englisbe, 864.360.2864

SATURDAY, JUL 15

WALHALLA FISH HATCHERY TO ELLICOTT ROCK

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Walhalla Fish Hatchery down the East Fork of the Chattooga River to the famous Ellicott Rock, we hike about 8 miles with no strenuous climbs. We will eat lunch by the river with a high probability of a swim (bring suitable gear).

M: 8, EG: 500, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 160, \$13, L: 25

Leader: Anne Sloughter, 864.414.0322

AT - KEPHART PRONG & CHARLIES BUNION LOLLIPOP

Start Time: 7:30 AM

Hike up Kephart Prong Trail to end at shelter; L onto Sweat Heifer Trail to end; R onto AT past Charlies Bunion; R onto Dry Sluice Trail; R onto Grassy Branch Trail; L onto Kephart Prong Trail to trailhead.

M: 14, EG: 3600, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 200, \$16, L: 15

Leader: Jerry Ellsworth 864.266.9940

SUNDAY, JUL 16

CHATTOOGA - BARTRAM TRAIL, SANDY FORD TO RUSSELL BRIDGE - A KEY SWAP

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 7:15 PM

Rally Point: Russell Bridge parking on the GA side. Solo Hikers will meet the RP CPO at 11:00 AM.

Main Body should arrive at 11:30 PM.

Up River hikers will drive to Sandy Ford Access and hike the Bartram/Chattooga River Trail to Russell Bridge. Down River hikers will hike from the rally point to Sandy Ford. Hike features a visit to Dick's Creek Falls and views of the river.

Up River Leg: M: 10, EG: 1550, Rating: VS

Down River Leg: M: 10, EG: 1450, Rating: S

Drive RT: 140 miles, \$11.00, L: 30

Up River Leg Leader: Wayne Garland, 864.784.0120

Down River Leg Leader: Troy Summerell, 864.303.7058

CPO: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521

CONESTEE PARK

Start Time: 1:30 PM, Return Time: 4:00 PM

Meet hike leader at Conestee Park Pavilion, 840 Mauldin Rd, Greenville (Next to the Old G-Braves Stadium). We will meander through Lake Conestee Nature Park stopping at the West Bay and Bird Nest Observation decks. We will end with a lollipop loop to the East Bay Observation deck and Lost Lake Overlook back to the parking area. This is a great beginner hike. Restrooms are available at the Pavilion.

M: 5, EG: 100, Rating: E

Leader: Cindy Wells: 864.430.7471

SATURDAY, JUL 22

CAESAR'S HEAD - THE DISMAL LOOP

Start Time: 8:00 AM

We descend the Dismal from the Raven Cliff Parking lot to Matthew's Creek - great views of Raven Cliff Falls. Cable cross for the ascension to view the Cathedral and lunch at the Suspension Bridge, then back to the cars.

M: 8, EG: 2400, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 50, \$4, L: 20

Leader: Craig Horn 864 918-4554

PISGAH NF - UPPER FALLS, SAM KNOB, & BLACK BALSAM

Start Time: 8:00 AM

Starting at the Graveyard Fields parking lot on the Blue Ridge Parkway, we will hike through Graveyard Fields to Upper Falls and up to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST) via a couple of unofficial trails. We will continue to Sam Knob and Black Balsam Knob and return on the MST north to Graveyard Fields. There are outstanding mountain views along the trails.

M: 13, EG: 3000, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 150 miles, \$12.00, L: 15

Leader: Mike Sullivan 'Sulli' 864.680.0140

PISGAH NF - JOHN ROCK

Start Time: 10:00 AM

We'll depart from the Fish Hatchery and do some mild hiking along streams for the first two miles. The climb will gradually increase and get strenuous on the last steep climb to John Rock. There we will have lunch and drink in the view! We'll descend to the right of the cliff to the Davidson River then back to the Fish Hatchery.

M: 7, EG: 800, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 110 miles, \$9.00, L: 25

Leader: Martine & Jeff Zimmer, 864.354.6100, 864.395.4474

SUNDAY, JUL 23

DUPONT- GRASSY CREEK FALLS PLUS

Start Time: 1:30 PM, Return Time: 6:30 PM

Solo hikers can meet us at Lake Imaging Access at 2:15 PM

This hike will offer a short hike for beginners and a long hike for the more adventurous hikers.

Departing Lake Imaging Access, hike follows Lake Imaging Rd and Hilltop Trl to Grassy Creek Falls where we will stop to enjoy the view. We come back on Locus and Isaac Heath Trails where we will split up. The short hike finishes on Jim Branch Trl to parking and the long hike continues along Buck Forest and White Pine Roads and finishes on Hooker Creek and Ridgeline Trails to parking.

Short Hike: M: 4.5, EG: 300, Rating: M

Long Hike: M: 6.8, EG: 800, Rating: MS

Drive RT: 80 miles, \$6.00, L: 25

Leader: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521

Asst. Leader: Bev Parlier, Home: 828.883.9278. Cell: 828.507.6026

SATURDAY, JUL 29

PISGAH NF - YELLOWSTONE PRONG RIVER HIKE

Start Time: 8:30 AM

A new classic hike! Starting at the Looking Glass Rock Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway, we will hike to Skinny Dip Falls where we will enter the Yellowstone Prong River and rock hop and wade upstream. You will need old trail running shoes or river shoes for the river walk. We will reach lower Yellowstone Falls which has no trail access, some bushwhacking is required. We will continue upstream by a short steep bushwhack and user trails to Yellowstone Falls at Graveyard Fields. From that point we will use trails to Upper Yellowstone Falls, take a user trail up to the Parkway and return on the Pisgah Ridge Trail with numerous views. *Hike is more difficult than the mileage would indicate due to the strenuous river walking.* A nice summer hike to beat the heat.

M: 8, EG: 1500, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 100 miles, \$8.00, L:15

Leader; Roger Walker 864.395.9027

PISGAH NF - MST, GRAVEYARD RIDGE, ART LOEB, AND PISGAH RIDGE LOOP

Start Time: 8:00 A.M.

Form carpools at University Square Shopping Center and meet leader at Pisgah Ranger Station on US 276 about 1 mile north of the intersection of US 276 and US 64 at 9:00 A.M.

Starting at the Looking Glass Rock Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway we will take the MST west to the Graveyard Ridge Tr. We will continue on the Graveyard Ridge Tr. to Ivestor Gap. Then we will follow the Art Loeb Tr. to Tennent Mt. for lunch. We will continue on the Art Loeb Tr. over Black Balsam Knob to the Pisgah Ridge Tr., which we will follow back to the cars. There are outstanding mountain views along all of the trails and especially from Tennent Mt. and Black Balsam Knob.

M: 12.5, EG: 2600, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 140, \$11, L: 16

Leader: Sim Wright 803.469.4909

SUNDAY, JUL 30

BAD CREEK TO LOWER WHITEWATER FALLS

Start time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 2:30 PM

Hike from Bad Creek across Whitewater River Bridge to the Foothills Trail, then take a spur trail back into this scenic river gorge to view the beautiful lower falls.

M: 5, EG: 800, R: MS, RT: 115, \$9.00, L: 20

Leader: Anne Sloughter, 864.414.0322

CLEMSON EXPERIMENTAL FOREST - FANTS GROVE TRAILS

Start Time: 12 PM

Location: 903 Fants Grove Rd Anderson SC 29625

Let's explore another of the loop hikes in Fants Grove. This is the Blue Bar Trail and starts at the Big Oaks Trailhead. Hopefully we will see some flowers and wildlife.

M: 6.75, EG: 800, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 80, \$6.00, L: 25

Leader: Lisa Britt, 843.509.9605

CPO: Nancy Englisbe, 864.360.2864

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUG 4-6

CARVERS GAP TO ROAN MTN WITH A WEEKEND CAMPOUT

Start Time: Friday, Aug 4 9:00 AM, Return Time: Sunday, Aug 6 4:00 PM

We will drive on Friday August 4th to Roan Mountain State Park Campground. We leave Publix at 9AM and arrive around noon at Roan Mountain State Park where we will camp for two nights. Camping fees will be divided among the participants and should be no more than \$5 per person. Fridays hikes will be on local trails in the State Park. There are 12 miles of trails to explore. On Saturday we will hike the AT for 14.2 miles. We start at Carvers Gap and will go pass Grassy Ridge Bald and then onward to Big Hump and Little Hump. 2000 feet EG for this one. Those that wish to turn back early (Grassy Ridge Bald) or take a side trail to the Barn and back will be welcome to do so at the hike leaders discretion. After breaking camp on Sunday we plan on a hike from Carvers Gap westward on the AT to Roan High Bluff and back. With a few side trips plan on 5 miles RT.

M: 14 EG: 3000, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 270, \$22, L: 25 (Long Hike)

M: 5, EG: 1000, Rating: M (Short Sunday Hike)

Leader: Jerry Miller, 216.276.2278

SATURDAY, AUG 5

DUPONT – BRIDAL VEIL FALLS

Start Time: 10:00 AM. Meet the leader at Fawn Lake Access at 11:15 PM.

From Fawn Lake Access, we will hike Conservation Road to Air Strip, Shelter Rock, and Corn Mill Shoals Trails to visit these beautiful falls. We will return on Corn Mill, Laurel Ridge, Mine Trails to parking.

M: 6, EG: 600, R: M, Drive RT: 70 miles, \$6.00

Leader: Laura Bailey, 843.860.7010

CPO: Martha Severens, 864.242.6817

LAKE ROBINSON - STEVE AND MARTHA ROOT'S WEDDING

Start Time: 10:00 AM - Save the Date

Details to follow on Meetup

SUNDAY, AUG 6

SUNSET - REEDY COVE - TWIN FALLS

Start Time: 1:30 PM, Return Time: 5:00 PM

Twin Falls on Reedy Cove Creek near Sunset, SC is a moderate elevation trail with wonderful views from both the top and bottom of the falls. A good beginner hike conducted at a moderate pace.

M: 3, EG: 600, Rating: E, Drive RT: 80, \$6, L:25

Leader: Mary Simms Gregory, 864.288.3323

TUESDAY, AUG 8

GNHA BOARD MEETING

Start Time: 6:30 PM, End Time: 8:30 PM

Symmes Branch Library, 1508 Pelham Rd, Greenville, SC 29615

SATURDAY, AUG 12

ELLICOTT ROCK VIA FORK MTN. & ELLICOTT ROCK TRAILS - A KEY SWAP

Start Time: 8:30 AM. Return Time: 8:00 PM

Rally Point: Sloan Bridge Access to the FHT. Solo hiker will meet the RP CPO at 9:30 AM. Hikers will converge on Ellicott Rock, the tri-section point of SC, NC, and GA on the Chattooga River, from opposite sides of the river.

East Bound hikers will depart Sloan Bridge and drive to Ellicott Rock Trail Head on the west side of Chattooga River and hike in an eastward direction to the river. Upon reaching the river, hikers will conduct a wet crossing over the Chattooga River and follow the trail upstream to Ellicott Rock. After exploring the survey markers placed as early as 1811, the hike will continue eastward on Bad Creek and Fork Mountain Trails to Sloan Bridge. West Bound hikers will commence hiking from Sloan Bridge and hike the route in an opposite direction at a moderate pace. The East Bound leg will be conducted at a faster pace.

We will stop for dinner at Walhalla Steak House before returning home. Their fried chicken is the best!

M: 12.0, EG: 1750, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 120 miles, \$9.00, L: 20

West Bound Leg Leader: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521

East Bound Leg Leader: Troy Summerell, 864.303.7058

PISGAH - BUCKWHEAT KNOB

Start Time: 7:30 AM

A beautiful hike for those who want a challenge and diversity of terrain and forest. Begin at Coontree Trail. Connect with Bennett Gap Trail, at Bennett Gap, we'll continue and go over Buckwheat Knob. Once reaching Club Gap, we'll go down Avery Creek Trail and return via Bennett Gap Trail.

M: 12, EG: 1800, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 110 miles, \$9.00, L: 25

Leader: Michelle Barger, 757.647.3617

SUNDAY, AUG 13

PISGAH - SHINING ROCK VIA IVESTER GAP

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 6:00 PM

Meet the leader at Rosman Parking Area on US 64 11:00 AM.

We'll follow the level trail from Black Balsam/Sam Knob parking lot to the top of Shining Rock (a huge quartz rock outcrop in the Shining Rock Wilderness Area). Beautiful views of the Wilderness area for the top. We will return by the same way.

M: 9, EG: 500, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 140, \$11.00, L: 10

Leader: Bev Parlier, Home: 828.883.9278. Cell: 828.507.6026

CPO: TBD

GREEN RIVER GAMELANDS PLUS BIG BRADLEY FALLS

Start Time: 12:00 PM, End Time: 5:00 PM

We will hike up the Green River as it goes from slow to fast whitewater. We then descend to the river where to relax on the boulders at the river's edge. With some luck, we may see some kayakers come through for entertainment. We will hike back to our starting point and have lunch on the Green River before starting down the river and up a tributary to Big Bradley Falls. This spectacular Falls drop 80 feet through a narrow notch in the river. There is a pool below for summer swimming. The trail up to the falls may require a wet crossing so bring crocs or sandals.

M: 5, EG: 700, Rating: MS, Drive RT: 85, \$7.00, L: 25

Hike Leader: Ed Marsh 864.414.3486

SATURDAY, AUG 19

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN – WEST SIDE

Start Time: 7:30 AM

NOTE: Contact leader for clearance to hike.

At 5,946 feet (1,812 m), Grandfather Mountain is the highest peak on the eastern escarpment of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We will hike the Profile, Calloway and Grandfather trails. This is an arduous hike, not for beginners. There is rock scrambling over alpine-like summits with cable assists and ladders over small cliff faces. We will hike to the mile-high swinging bridge to the top of the mountain and return the same way. Spectacular views. Check weather and hike description at www.grandfather.com.

M: 10, EG: 3000, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 250, \$20, L: 15

Leader: Paul MacGregor 864.993.3907

LINVILLE RIVER - DEVIL'S HOLE - HAWKSBILL LOOP

Start Time: 7:30AM

From the Spence Ridge Trailhead (Linville Gorge, East Rim), take Spence Ridge Trail down to the river, where there are interesting views of the remains of the only bridge in the Gorge, washed out shortly after construction. Cross the Linville River over to the West bank, rock hopping or wading, as water level permits.

Follow the Linville Gorge Trail North along the river several miles, before crossing back over to the Devil's Hole Trail (DHT).

Climb back out of the Gorge on the DHT to Jonas Ridge, and take a side trail up to the peak of Hawksbill Mountain for some of the best views in the entire Gorge. Complete the loop on Ledge Trail, with a dramatic traverse along the base of the sheer cliffs below Hawksbill.

Notes: Wilderness area - limited to 10, Trails are unmarked, Potential wet foot river crossings (2)

M: 10, EG: 2500, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 230, \$18, L: 10

Leader: Jerry Ellsworth 864.266.9940

CLEMSON EXPERIMENTAL FOREST - LAKE ISSAQUEENA TRAILS

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: TBD

Various trails in the forest highlighted by the Lake Trail.

M: 5-6, EG: 800, Rating: M, Drive RT: 66 miles, \$5.00

Leader: Bob Arnold, 864.723.4363

SUNDAY, AUG 20

TABLE ROCK - CLUB COOK OUT & HIKING

Let's enjoy an afternoon of hiking followed by dinner together at White Oak Shelter in beautiful Table Rock State Park. Don't miss this day of fun and fellowship with your hiking club friends. You are welcome to come for the cook out only at 4:30 PM if desired.

TABLE ROCK - STOOL HIKE (LONG HIKE)

Start Time: 12:00 PM, Return Time: 6:30 PM (to University Square)

Solo hikers can meet us at White Oak Shelter at 12:45 PM

We will hike the steep climbers trail to the saddle between the Table Rock and Stool Mountains. From there, we will ascend Stool Mountain to enjoy an awesome view of Greenville's Table Rock watershed below. We will return by the same route. Be prepared for a very physical work out as the trail up the mountain is among the steepest we hike. Your reward will be a cold drink and delicious burger afterwards.

M: 4, EG 1200, Rating: S, Drive RT: 52 miles, \$4.00, State Park Admission

Leader: Bev Parlier, Home: 828.883.9278. Cell: 828.507.6026

TABLE ROCK SP - LAKE PINNACLE & CARRICK CREEK LOOPS (SHORT HIKE)

Start Time: 1:30 PM, Return Time: 6:30 PM (to University Square)

Solo hikers can meet us at Lake Pinnacle parking at 2:15 PM

We will hike around Lake Pinnacle and continue on the Carrick Creek Loop; then drive over to White Oak Shelter for the club cook out. Good beginner hike, wonderful view of Lake Pinnacle from the porch at the Lodge.

M: 3, EG: 400, Rating: M, Drive RT: 52 miles, \$4.00, State Park Admission
Leader: Bob Griffin, 864.313.0422

CLUB PICNIC AT WHITE OAK SHELTER

Start Time: 4:30 PM

Joe Hayden and Angie Peloquin are serving up grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats with potato salad, chips and all the trimmings. Hikers are welcome to bring desserts to share. Please toss \$5.00 in the hat to cover meal costs.

Meetup will break this outing into three events featuring a cook out only event for non-hikers.

Event Hosts: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521 and Angie Peloquin: 864.640.1385

SATURDAY, AUG 26

CHATTOOGA RIVER TRAIL, NC

Start Time: 8:00 AM

We will follow the beautiful and scenic Chattooga River near its eastern headwaters by Cashiers starting at the old Iron Bridge on Bull Pen Road. This is an out and back hike through a temperate rainforest in the Blue Ridge mountains. Plan to cool off in the river at the narrows! We will hike a mile of the Chattooga Loop trail on the return trip.

M: 12, EG: 2100, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 120, \$10, L: 15

Leader: Cathy Reas Foster 864.260.0074

PISGAH- PINK BEDS, BUCK SPRINGS TO PISGAH INN

Start Time: 8:30 AM

The hike will start at the Pink Beds parking lot, up to Buck Springs and and the MTS Trail to the Pisgah Inn on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bring your lunch to enjoy outside the INN, return the same route.

M: 14, EG: 1400, Rating: VVS, Drive RT: 130, \$10, L: 25

Leader: Dale Hamann, 864.386.3855, dasaham@charter.net

SUNDAY, AUG 27

GORGES STATE PARK - CANEBRAKE TO TOXAWAY BRIDGE

Start Time: 10:00 AM, Return Time: 6:15 PM

Meet the leader at Holly Springs Store (Hwy 178/11) at 10:30 AM.

Hike begins at the Frozen Creek entrance to Gorges SP, and follows the old Canebrake Road to Lake Jocassee. We will lunch at the Toxaway River Bridge on the Foothills Trail and enjoy the view and wading in the river. Bring swimsuits as this is a great spot for cooling off on a hot August day. We will return the same way.

M: 11, EG: 1950, Rating: VS, Drive RT: 90, \$7.00, L: 25

Leader: Bev Parlier, Home: 828.883.9278. Cell: 828.507.6026

CPO: Volunteer needed

YELLOW BRANCH, ISSAQUEENA FALLS, AND STUMPHOUSE TUNNEL

Start Time: 12:00 PM, Return Time: 6:00 PM

This hike starts with a pleasant ramble at Yellow Branch SP of 2.5 miles to a 50 foot cascade in a typical mixed hardwood forest. Then we'll drive across the street to Stumphouse Tunnel parking area near Issaqueena Falls. It is an old railroad bed with no trestles and crosses a few ravines. Many ups and downs of approx. 200' or less. We'll end the hike by visiting the COOL Stumphouse Tunnel where the natural tunnel refrigeration will greet us on a hot summer day!!

M: 9, EG: 1100, Rating: M, Drive RT: 110, \$9.00 . L: 20

Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838

Asst Leader: John Shefchick, 203.913.2765

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOV 11-12

DAHLONEGA, GA - TALLULAH GORGE SP & SPRINGER MOUNTAIN

Saturday afternoon - Hike the trails of Tallulah Gorge on a Water Release Weekend. Dinner and overnight in Dahlonega, GA. On Sunday, Shuttle hike on the Ben MacKay Trail ending on the summit of Springer Mtn., the Southern Terminus of the Appalachian Trail.

We will stay at the Hiker Hostel on Saturday evening.

Leaders: Joe Hayden and Angie Peloquin.