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# GREENVILLE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

## HIKE SCHEDULE – FALL 2018

Refer to Meetup for Latest Information Prior to a Hike

### GNHA IS ONLINE AT:

Meetup Site: [www.meetup.com/GNHA-Hiking-Club](http://www.meetup.com/GNHA-Hiking-Club)

Club Website: [www.greenvillehiking.com](http://www.greenvillehiking.com)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/greenvillehiking](http://www.facebook.com/greenvillehiking)

### CLUB HIKING GUIDELINES:

- All hikers must RSVP to hike. GNHA Meetup message app is the preferred method over phone or email to hike leaders.
- Each hiker is responsible for his or her own safety; refer to Safety & Liability Policy.
- 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 hiker's guide.
- 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 special conditions you may have (e.g. injury, illness, etc.).
- Do not hike ahead of leader without specific permission.
- Consider wearing 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 Shopping Center and one mile south of Furman University. We form carpools next to McDonalds Restaurant drive-in. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, your payment will cover the following year. *Payment on-line through the Club Website / PayPal is preferred.* **Please consider paying for more than one year to reduce transaction costs.**

If you choose to pay by mail, please make your check payable and mail it to:

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**HIKE PLANNING:**

**WEEKEND HIKES (ALL WEEKEND HIKES ARE PUBLISHED ON MEETUP)**

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Saturday Short & Sunday Hikes: Elizabeth Brown            954.294.8838

Sunday Long Hikes            Bev Parlier                      828.883.9278

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## Hike Rating System

### HIKE ABBREVIATIONS:

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

Hike Rating System			Hike Rating:
Hike (miles)	Elevation Gain (feet)	Points	
1	200	1	● <b>E</b> (Easy) = 0-4
2	400	2	● <b>M</b> (Moderate) = 5-8
3	600	3	● <b>MS</b> (Moderate/Strenuous)= 9-12
4	800	4	● <b>S</b> (Strenuous)= 13-16
5	1000	5	● <b>VS</b> Very Strenuous)= 17-20
6	1200	6	● <b>VVS</b> (Very Very Strenuous)= 21-30
7	1400	7	● <b>VVSS</b> (Very Very Super Strenuous)= 31+
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)= 31+

### Example:

**M: 8** [Distance of hike: = 8 points]

**EG: 1000** [Elevation gain: = 5 points]

TOTAL = 13 Points

**Rating = S** (Strenuous)

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



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Arnold, Laura	10/27, 12/15	MacGregor, Paul	9/15, 10/20
Bailey, Laura	9/16	Marsh, Ed	9/30
Barger, Michelle	9/22, 10/27, 12/15	Mengelkoch, Dail	9/29
Blake, Ron & Sharon	9/8, 10/13, 12/15	Nixon, Anne	10/6
Britt, Lisa	9/9, 12/16	Noll, Laureen	9/22, 12/22
Brown, Elizabeth	9/15, 10/13, 12/2, 12/22	Parlier, Bev	9/1, 9/23, 1/21, 11/18
Coleman, Lynn	9/29	Peloquin, Angie	12/9
Ellsworth, Jerry	9/1, 10/6	Ray, Larry	11/4, 12/16
Englisbe, Nancy	10/7	Revis, Shelly	9/29
Foster, Cathy Reas	11/17, 11/24	Root, Steve	12/8
Wayne Garland	12/30	Samples, Candi	10/28, 12/30
Gilstrap, Emily	9/2, 11/4	Sloughter, Anne	12/1, 12/8
Gregory, Mary S	10/27, 11/25	Strunk, Tom	11/17
Griffin, Bob	11/18	Sullivan, Sulli	11/3, 12/29
Hamann, Dale	11/10, 12/1	Summerell, Troy	9/9
Hayden, Joe	9/9, 10/7, 11/11	Wells, Cindy	11/24
Horn, Craig	12/8	Wright, Sim	9/8, 11/10
Howard, Phil	10/14, 10/21, 12/23	Ziegler, Paula	9/23, 11/4
Hunter, Sandy	11/4, 12/2		



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### Hike Rating Distribution

	E	M	MS	S	VS	VVS	VVSS
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Program Type</b>	<b># Hikes</b>
Saturday Long Program (Early AM: S-VVSS)	30
Saturday Short Program (Late AM: E-MS)	7
Sunday Long Program (Early AM: MS-VS)	9
Sunday Short Program (PM: E-MS)	17



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## HIKE SYLLABUS - FALL 2018

### SATURDAY, SEP 1 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

#### **(VVS) LINVILLE GORGE - RIM TO RIM TO RIM**

**START TIME 7:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 7:00 PM**

We will start at the Babel Tower trailhead on the Linville Gorge West Rim. From the junction with the Linville Gorge trail, we will descend to Devil's Hole, where a wet river crossing will take us to the Devil's Hole trail. After a short, steep climb up to the East Rim, we'll make our way to the top of Hawksbill Mtn for incredible 360° views. After lunch on Hawksbill, we will retrace our steps, again crossing the river. When we get back to the Babel Tower trail, we will take a side trip (and a number of unofficial trails) to see the highlights and scenic gorge views from Babel Tower. Because this hike requires river crossings that are heavily dependent on recent rainfall, this hike will be rescheduled if conditions are not conducive.

**M: 13.5, EG: 4800 R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 240 miles, \$19.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Jerry Ellsworth, 864.266.9940**

#### **(M) PISGAH NF – COVE CREEK – CANNEY BOTTOM**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Starting at Cove Creek Campground, we will hike Cove Creek and return via Canney Bottom trails to complete this loop. This is an easy hike after a short uphill climb at the beginning. You'll see a couple of pretty waterfalls along the way.

**M: 5, EG: 300, R: M**

**Drive RT: 120 miles, \$10.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Bev Parlier, 828.883.9278, cell: 828.507.6026**

**CPO: TBD**

### SUNDAY, SEP 2

#### **(M) PLEASANT RIDGE COUNTY PARK**

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

Pleasant Ridge County Park, 4232 Hwy 11, Marietta SC. We will be hiking on the Jorge Francisco Arango (JFA Trail). It's a "jewel of a trail" close to Greenville. It's a hard-pack single-track trail and a joy to all hikers/runners and bikers. Bikers and hikers start at opposite ends of the trail in the parking lot. Also, restrooms are available.

**M: 6, EG: 800, R: M**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Emily Gilstrap, 864.884.9835**

### MONDAY, SEP 3 (LABOR DAY)

**NO HIKES PLANNED**



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## **SATURDAY, SEP 8**

### **(VVS) UPPER FALLS - SAM KNOB - BLACK BALSAM**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

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 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 on 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, especially from Sam Knob and Black Balsam Knob.

**M: 14, EG: 3000, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 145 miles \$12.00, L: 12**

**Leader: Sim Wright, 803.840.6274**

### **(S) DUPONT - REASONOVER CREEK PLUS - COUNTERCLOCKWISE LOOP**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

Starting at Fawn Lake Access we descend on Reasonover Creek Trail where we'll deftly execute a 20-stone rock-hop; then, to Lake Julia, and onto Bridal Veil Falls for lunch on the rocks. After, we visit Corn Mill Shoals, then hike over Mine Mountain and descend to the trailhead. Nice variety of trails, terrain and scenery. Moderate pace.

**M: 10, EG: 1300, R: S**

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

**Leader: Ron & Sharon Blake, 864.676.9177**

## **SUNDAY, SEP 9**

### **CHATTOOGA - SANDY FORD TO RUSSELL BRIDGE - A KEY SWAP**

**START TIME: 9:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:15 PM**

Rally Point: Russell Bridge parking on the GA side. Solo Hikers meet there by 10:15 AM.

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: 24**

**Up River Leg Leader: Troy Summerell, 864.303.7058**

**Down River Leg Leader: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521**



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**(MS) CLEMSON EXPERIMENTAL FOREST - FANTS GROVE AREA - GREEN TRIANGLE TRAIL**

**START TIME: 1:30 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:30 PM.** Solo hikers meet the leader at the trailhead at 2:15 PM.

From the Butch Kennedy Trailhead behind T. Ed Garrison Arena, we will hike the green triangle trail through a mixture of stately pines and rolling pastures stopping along the shores of Lake Hartwell for a snack.

**M: 6.4, EG: 900, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 75 miles, \$6.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Lisa Britt, 843.509.9605**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**

**SATURDAY, SEP 15**

**(VVS) SHINING ROCK WILDERNESS - FORK RIDGE TRAIL TO TENNENT MTN AND BLACK BALSAM KNOB**

**START TIME: 7:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:30 PM**

Fork Ridge trail to Tennent Mtn and Black Balsam Knob using the Art Loeb trail to forest service road 816. Hike starts with a river crossing and a steep and continuous climb up to Ivestor Gap and onto Tennent Mtn and Black Balsam Knob. Great views throughout the entire hike. This is a challenging hike in the Shining Rock Wilderness Area. Shuttle required from forest service road 816 to Sunburst camp area.

**M: 11, EG: 4190, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Paul MacGregor, 864.993.3907**

**(S) TABLE ROCK STATE PARK- BALD KNOB**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Start at Table Rock Nature Center and take Carrick Creek to the Foothills Trail to Bald Knob. Return using the same trails.

**M: 7, EG: 1750, R: S**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Jeff and Martine Zimmer, 864.354.6100**

**(MS) MOONSHINE FALLS - FIDDLING CHAMPIONSHIP - SOAPSTONE CHURCH DINNER**

**START TIME: 9:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

We'll get an early start to cover all these great activities! We'll head out to Camp Asbury first and do the hike to the falls. We'll need to move quickly so we can get to the last 2 hours of the SC Old Time Fiddling Championship at Hagood Mill (bring a folding camp chair!) which ends at 4:00 PM. From there, we'll head over to Soapstone Church off Pumpkintown Rd for a wonderful home-cooked dinner. Some participants may not want to attend all 3 events. Meet us at any point, we'll be moving to cover all 3!!

**(\$12.00 Dinner at Soapstone, \$5 per vehicle to park at Hagood Mill)**

**M: 6, EG: 1200, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838**





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**SUNDAY, SEP 16**

**(M) CROFT STATE PARK - SOUTHSIDE LOOP (THE OTHER HALF)**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

**Meetup Location: Earth Fare on Pelham Road.** Meet the hike leader at the Southside parking lot at the end of Groce Road at 12:40 AM.

We'll be using the Centerline Trail to hike approximately half of the 9.7-mile Southside Loop Trail. The Southside Loop Trail is the longest trail in the park and travels through rolling terrain, hills, and along creek sides. Admission is free with a SC State Park pass. Otherwise, it's \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for seniors.

**M: 5, EG: 200, R: M**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Laura Bailey, 843.860.7010**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**

**SATURDAY, SEP 22**

**(MS) MILLS RIVER TO BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY - BAD FORK, SHUT-IN, SPENCER GAP LOOP**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

Beginning within the Mills River Recreation area take the Bad Fork trail up to the Bent Creek Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway gaining 1600 feet in the first 3 miles. Join a short section of the Shut-in trail, aka the Mountains-to-the Sea which was originally built to connect George Vanderbilt's Biltmore House to his Buck Spring Hunting Lodge on Mt. Pisgah. We will follow the Shut-in trail around Ferrin Knob's 3 tunnels on the BRP and up and over the Knob to the Beaverdam gap and overlook. We will loop back down to Mills River via Spencer Gap and Fletcher Creek Trails passing the Hendersonville Reservoir on the way back to the trailhead.

**M: 6, EG: 1200, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 80 miles, \$6.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Michelle Barger, 757.647.3617**

**(VVS) MT. LECONTE VIA ALUM CAVE TRAIL**

**START TIME: 7:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 7:00 PM**

Mt. LeConte and back in one day! Alum Cave is the most spectacular of the 5 trails leading to the top of Mt. LeConte. At 2.3 miles the trail passes under the Alum Cave Bluff and at 5.5 miles we reach the top (6593') with an elevation gain of 2750'. Remember, it can be warm at the bottom of the mountain and cold on top. This is a great opportunity to see one of America's prettiest mountains. We hope to be on the trail between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. and be off the mountain between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Dinner on the way home is optional.

**M: 11, EG: 2750, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 230 miles, \$18.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Lauren Noll, 828.964.5727**



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**SUNDAY, SEP 23**

**(S) PISGAH NF - BRACKEN MOUNTAIN - A KEY SWAP**

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

Rally Point: Meet hike leaders at Brevard Visitor Center (on the right, as you enter Brevard, NC, on Hwy. 276) at 11:00.

Hatchery leg hikers will drive to the John Rock fish hatchery to begin hike. Music Center leg hikers will drive to Bracken Mtn trailhead above Brevard Music Center. Hatchery leg hikers will follow a forest road up to connect with Bracken Mtn, then down the "blue" trail on Bracken Mtn. Music Center leg hikers will hike up the "blue" Bracken Mtn trail, then down the forest road to the fish hatchery. The key swap will occur somewhere!

**M: 10, EG: 1200, R: S**

**Drive RT: 120 miles, \$10.00, L: 20**

**Hatchery Leg Leader: Tom Parlier**

**Music Center Leg Leader: Bev Parlier, 828.883.9278, cell: 828.507.6026**

**CPO: TBD**

**(MS) ROCKY BOTTOM- EASTATOE GORGE- THE NARROWS**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Beautiful in and out hike from Horsepasture Rd down into the Eastatoe Gorge to Eastatoe Creek. The highlight is the overlook at "The Narrows," where the Creek travels through a narrow rock crevice.

**M: 6, EG: 1200, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 80 miles, \$6.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Paula Ziegler, 864.921.0665**

**CPO: TBD**

**SATURDAY, SEP 29**

**(VVS) GRANDFATHER MTN AREA- TANAWHA TRAIL IN FALL & LINN COVE VIADUCT – A SHUTTLE HIKE**

**START TIME: 7:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Begin your fall leaf-viewing season with a 13.5-mile hike along the beautiful Tanawha Trail. Paralleling the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Trail offers a lot of varied terrain from uneven rocky terrain to meadows to stunning vistas atop rock outcrops to rhododendron tunnels to (literally) a walk through a cow pasture! Although the elevation gain is not that much, the Trail is deceptively technical! Hikers should be comfortable navigating steep, uneven rocky trail (hiking poles and good hiking footwear are STRONGLY recommended!). There will be 2 fabulous big views and I will show you from where the "classic" photo of the Linn Cove Viaduct was taken so you can take your own. Shuttle required.

**M: 13.5, EG: 1200, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 124 miles, \$10.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Sheley Revis, 864.993.3907**



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**(S) PISGAH NF - ART LOEB TRAIL**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

This hike begins and ends at Davidson River recreation area, a moderate-paced 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 mile). The hike loops the North Slope Trail the long way around and then it returns along the Davidson river to parking area.

**M: 7, EG: 1500, R: S**

**Drive RT: 130 miles, \$10.00, L: 18**

**Co-Leaders: Dail Mendelkoch, 214.223.4457; Cindy Robinson, 864.477.8833**

**(MS) BRACKEN PRESERVE - BRUSHY TRAIL, MACKEY RIDGE TRAIL LOOP**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

This hike begins at the Bracken Preserve parking lot and ascends to the Brushy Creek trail following 2.95 miles to a shelter for lunch. After lunch head down the trail to the cut-off to intersect with the Bracken Mountain trail to descend back to the parking lot. It is a 6-mile lollipop with 600' EG.

**M: 6, EG: 600, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 120 miles, \$10.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Lynn Coleman, 864.884.5697**

**CPO: TBD**

**SUNDAY, SEP 30**

**(M) DUPONT - CEDAR ROCK LOOP**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

From the parking lot on Cascade Lake Rd, we hike the 5.5-mile loop over Cedar Rock that offers good views from the top. Loop back toward the parking lot where we hike along the Little River.

**M: 5.5, EG: 600, R: M**

**Drive RT: 70 miles, \$6.00, L: 18**

**Hike Leader: Ed Marsh, 864.414.3486**

**SATURDAY, OCT 6**

**(VVS) WOODY RIDGE - BLACK MOUNTAIN CREST LOOP**

**START TIME 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Take the lesser-known path to the Black Mountain Crest! We will use the somewhat remote (and extremely steep) Woody Ridge Trail, which climbs almost 3,000' in the first 3 miles up to the Black Mountain Crest. The views from here are magnificent, and we will take short user trails to climb the 6,000-foot plus Celo Knob and optionally, Gibbs Mountain. From there we head south on the Black Mountain Crest Trail, across Winter Star Mountain, and down to Deep Gap. At that point we will make a steep descent down Colbert Ridge Trail. Near the bottom, we will turn onto a series of disused Forest Service Roads for a pleasant completion of the loop back to the cars.

**M: 10.7, EG: 3600, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 200 miles, \$16.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Jerry Ellsworth, 864.266.9940**



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**(S) PISGAH NF - TWIN FALLS**

**START TIME 8:30, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Start at Buckhorn Gap Trail that follows Avery Creek to the Twin Falls Loop Bypass Trail. Two beautiful 100' Falls will be the highlight of the hike. Cross the creek and continue on up the mountain to rejoin the Buckhorn Gap Trail. We turn right and will follow the road for a while to the Clawhammer Cove Trail. A beautiful area with lots of stream crossings on log bridges (about 20). This will be a MODERATE pace hike; limited parking.

**M: 7, EG: 1100, R: S**

**RT: 100 miles, \$8:00, L: 15**

**Leader: Anne Nixon, 864.477.0292**

**SUNDAY, OCT 7**

**(VS) CHATTOOGA - THREE FORKS & BIG CREEK FALLS**

**START TIME: 9:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

From Hwy 28/FSR 650, we will follow the Three Forks Trail to the spur trail descending down to Big Creeks Falls. The scrambling on the final descent to view the pool at the bottom of the falls is fairly strenuous, but the view is worth the effort. We will back-track up the mountain and continue to the end of the trail to the point where Big Creek, Overflow and Holcombe Creeks converge to form the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Bring your water shoes if you want to ford the river and explore the three waterfalls along this trail.

**M: 9, EG: 1230, R: VS**

**Drive RT: 134 miles, \$11.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521**

**(MS) KEOWEE TOXAWAY NATURAL AREA - RAVEN ROCK TRAIL**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

Hike starts on Natural Bridge Nature Trail and crosses a natural bridge over Poe Creek. Hike continues on Raven Rock Trail to a high rock bluff with an awesome view overlooking Lake Keowee. On the return route, loop back onto the Natural Bridge Nature Trail and negotiate a wet crossing over Poe creek. The trail has many short steep ascents and descents.

**M: 4.7, EG: 800, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Nancy Englisbe, 864.360.2864**



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**SATURDAY, OCT 13**

**(VS) TAMASSEE KNOB FROM STATION COVE FALLS TRAILHEAD**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

An in-and-out hike. We will hike the Palmetto Trail (Oconee Connector) toward Oconee State Park. Then, onto the Tamassee Knob Trail where we will ascend along a ridge to the top of the knob for lunch and beautiful views. On the return we will take the 1/2-mile (round trip) spur trail to visit 60-foot-high Oconee Station Falls. A good workout at a moderate pace.

**M: 9, EG: 1900, R: VS**

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

**Leader: Ron & Sharon Blake, 864.676.9177**

**(VS) CAESARS HEAD - OIL CAMP CREEK ROAD - CHANDLER ROCK**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

We'll drive to the parking area at the end of Oil Camp Creek Rd and begin our hike on the Pinnacle Pass Trail along the creek, then make the right turn to Mountain Bridge Passage Trail, then up between Green Mtn and Campbell Mtn to Persimmon Ridge Rd. Here we'll hike ½ mile down the road to Chandler Rock. Views should be beautiful with the leaf change and mountain views.

**M: 8.8, EG: 1850, R: VS**

**Drive RT: 40 miles, \$3.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838**

**SUNDAY, OCT 14**

**(MS) STUMPHOUSE TUNNEL COUNTY PARK - BLUE RIDGE RAILWAY TRAIL - ISSAQUEENA FALLS AND STUMPHOUSE TUNNEL**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Trail begins at the Stumphouse Tunnel parking area near Issaqueena Falls. Several ups and downs. The SW Saddle tunnel and Middle Tunnel are interesting points along the way, with good vista openings. Issaqueena Falls and Stumphouse Tunnel are nice treasures at the end of the hike. Bring flashlights and \$2.00 per car parking fee.

**M: 5, EG: 600, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 110 miles, \$9.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Phil Howard, 317.402.8590**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**



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## **SATURDAY, OCT 20**

### **(VVS) COLD MOUNTAIN**

**START TIME: 7:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

NOTE: Early departure 7:30 AM. Wilderness, limited to 10 hikers. The trailhead will be at the Camp Daniel Boone, located off NC 215. This imposing cone-shaped mountain at 6030' is the northernmost terminus of the Art Loeb Trail and has remarkable views. During the total elevation change of 2790', one experiences the change from dense forest cover to the climate and habitat of Canadian life zone.

**M: 11, EG: 2790, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 160 miles, \$13.00, L: 10**

**Leader: Paul MacGregor, 864.993.3907**

### **(S) CHATTOOGA- RUSSELL BRIDGE TO LICKLOG AND PIGPEN FALLS**

**START TIME: 9:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:30 PM**

Solo hikers can meet us at Holly Springs Store (Hwy 11/178) at 9:30 AM or Russell Bridge at 10:15 AM.

Leaving from the Russell Bridge (SC side off Hwy 28), this will be an out and back hike that runs along the Chattooga River Trail meandering along an upper slope away from the river and later along the banks of the river to the falls. There will be an optional side trail down a steep slope to the bottom of Licklog Falls to get an up-close view from the base of the falls where it empties into the Chattooga River before heading a short distance to Pigpen falls where we will have lunch and wade in the water if desired. This will also be our turn around spot back the way we came.

**M: 9.2, EG: 850, R: S**

**Drive RT: 130 miles, \$10.00, L: 12**

**Leader: Sandy Hunter, 843.384.7617**

### **(MS) BAD CREEK TO THOMPSON RIVER VIA THE FOOTHILLS TRAIL**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

An in-and-out hike. We cross the Whitewater River, then pick up the Foothills Trail to the Thompson River where we will have lunch on the river boulders. A beautiful hike at any season. This hike has frequent ups-and-downs and falls at the high end of the MS rating. Moderate pace.

**M: 7, EG: 1000, R: MS**

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

**Leader: Ron & Sharon Blake, 864.676.9177**



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**SUNDAY, OCT 21**

**(MS) PISGAH NF - SLATE ROCK - PILOT COVE**

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

Meet hike leader at Pisgah Ranger Station (follow Hwy. 276 up Caesar's Head and into Brevard. Continue on Hwy. 276 into Pisgah NF, ranger station on right) at 11:00. The hike is a beautiful loop off Yellow Gap Road. We will wind up to the ridge where a creek is born and then follow it down as it becomes quite sizable. Lunch will be on top of Slate Rock with fantastic views! Short shuttle required.

**M: 7, EG: 500, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 130 miles, \$10.00, L: 20**

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

**CPO: TBD**

**(M) OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL - KINGS MOUNTAIN**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 5:30 PM**

The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail (OVHT) is part of the U.S. National Trails System. It recognizes the Revolutionary War Overmountain Men, Patriots from what is now East Tennessee who crossed the Great Smoky Mountains and then fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina. The battle fought at Kings Mountain is considered the turning point in the war. There are three sections of the Overmountain Victory Trail that run through South Carolina. Earlier this year, we completed two of the three (Cowpens and Lake Wauhatchie). We will complete the final section on this hike, while including a section of the historic battlefield. This is an easy-to-moderate hike and will cover 5 miles. If the visitor center is open, we will make a stop there as well. Solo hikers can meet at the visitor center.

**M: 5, EG: 500, R: M**

**Drive RT: 130 miles, \$10.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Phil Howard, 317.402.8590**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**



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**SATURDAY, OCT 27**

**(VVS) JONES GAP - MOUNTAIN BRIDGE, PINNACLE PASS, OIL CAMP CREEK**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

This in & out hike begins just off Hwy 276 at the old Civitan Camp Road and we will hike in 3 miles on Mountain Bridge Passage Trail #23 gaining 1000 feet. The trail then descends steadily to meet Pinnacle Pass #20. The hike will continue down along Oil Camp Creek until we begin the 1.7 mile strenuous and steep climb to the overlook gaining 1200 feet along the way. A waterfall, spring flowers and a fabulous view of Paris Mountain are the rewards of this challenging hike. Moderate pace.

**M: 13.4, EG: 3200, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Michelle Barger, 757.647.3617**

**(VS) TABLE ROCK STATE PARK- PINNACLE MOUNTAIN AND DRAWBAR CLIFFS**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Hike begins at the Nature Center at Table Rock State Park. We will ascend the Pinnacle Mtn. trail followed by the Foothills Trail to Drawbar Cliffs. Wonderful views of the mountains to the west. Return by same route.

**M: 9, EG: 2000, R: VS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00 L: 20**

**Leader: Laura Arnold, 864.238.2005**

**(M) ASHMORE HERITAGE PRESERVE TO CHANDLER ROCK**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 3:00 PM**

Hike will follow a section of the Mountain Bridge Trail, then continue on Persimmon Ridge Road for a short distance into the Chandler Heritage Preserve. We will break and enjoy a spectacular view on a rock bluff. Return by the same route.

**M: 5, EG: 500, R: M**

**Drive RT: 35 miles, \$3.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Mary Simms Gregory, 864.288.3323 (home), 864.313.6442 (cell)**

**Co-Leader: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**

**SUNDAY, OCT 28**

**(MS) CHESTNUT RIDGE NATURE PRESERVE**

**START TIME: 1:30 PM, RETURN TIME 6:30 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 and outcrops add to the views.

**M: 6, EG: 800, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Candi Samples, 803.493.0564**





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**SATURDAY, NOV 3**

**(VVS) LOOKING GLASS OVERLOOK, GRASSY COVE, BLACK BALSAM LOOP  
START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME 4:30 PM**

Wilderness (in part): limit 10 hikers. We descend from the Looking Glass Overlook, Blue Ridge Parkway 4 ½ miles west of Hwy 276, to stream crossing on E. Fork of Pigeon River, then loop around by Grassy Cove and Black Balsam. Many beautiful views.

**M: 12, EG: 3000, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 130 miles, \$10.00, L: 10**

**Leader: Mike Sullivan, 864.680.0140**

**SUNDAY, NOV 4    **(DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS)****

**(S) OCONEE STATE PARK-PALMETTO TRAIL  
START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Hike the Palmetto Trail from the parking area at Station Cove Falls to its terminus in Oconee State Park. We'll then lollipop around the lake in the park via the Oconee State Park Chestnut Trail and return via the Palmetto Trail with a side trip to Station Cove Falls.

**M: 9.5, EG: 1200, R: S**

**Drive RT: 110 miles, \$9.00, L: 18**

**Leaders: Larry Ray, 864.784.7304 and Emily Gilstrap, 864.884.9835**

**(MS) FLORENCE NATURE PRESERVE  
START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

We will hike a loop trail in the Florence Nature Preserve in upper Hickory Nut Gorge. The trail follows a cascading creek that affords some nice views along the way. An added option takes us onward to the cow pasture at the top of the mountain for an awesome view during our break.

**M: 6, EG: 1000, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 85 miles, \$7.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Paula Ziegler, 864.921.0665**



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**SATURDAY, NOV 10**

**(VVS) MT HARDY- GREEN KNOB-BUCKEYE GAP & HAYWOOD GAP**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

Form carpools at University Square and meet the leader at the Commuter Parking Lot on the northside of US 64 about .1 mi. west of the intersection of US 64 and US 178 just north of Rosman, NC at 9:00 AM. Starting at the Courthouse Valley Overlook we will take a user trail around Herin Knob across the Blue Ridge Parkway, up the side of Mt Hardy and down to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. We will follow the Green Mountain Trail to Green Knob, and there will be a short backtrack and bushwack down the Buckeye Gap Trail. We will continue on it north to the Haywood Gap Trail. Then we go south up the Haywood Gap Trail and return on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, a user trail, and the Blue Ridge Parkway with a side trip to Cherry Point. There should be outstanding views from the side of Mt Hardy, Green Knob, Cherry Point, and a few other places. This is a wilderness hike so our numbers will be limited to ten.

**M: 13.5, EG: 3450, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 140 miles, \$11.00, L: 10**

**Leader: Sim Wright, 803.840.6274**

**(VVS) PISGAH - CEDAR ROCK & JOHN'S ROCK**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

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: 10, EG: 2600, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 110 miles, \$9.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Dale Hamann, 864.235.9709**

**SUNDAY, NOV 11**

**(MS) ASHMORE HERITAGE PRESERVE – THE HIGH ROCK**

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

Hike starts on the Mountain Bridge Trail and follows an old logging road up a steep trail to a mountain ridge which leads to "The High Rock." You will enjoy an exceptional mountain view looking back toward Greenville and Paris Mountain. Return by the same route and upon descending the mountain, we will circle around the west side of Lake Wattacoo and cross the dam to view a distant waterfall. Return by the lower trail to parking.

**M: 5.2, EG: 1200, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 35 miles, \$3.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Joe Hayden, 864.201.1521**



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**SATURDAY, NOV 17**

**CLUB TRAIL MAINTENANCE SATURDAY**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

It's our day to give back and support the trails we enjoy hiking on weekly. On this day, GNHA will be assisting Foothills Trail Conservancy with maintenance in the Whitewater Falls Section of the trail and other sections as needed. We will form carpools at University Square. Please bring sturdy footwear, work gloves and your lunch. Tools will be provided by the Foothills Trail Conservancy; however, if you have a favorite shovel, rake or other trail maintenance tool please feel free to bring it along. Please pay your driver the appropriate carpool fare at day's end.

**Leaders: Tom Strunk, 864.906.2366, Cathy Reas Foster, 864.260.0074**

**SUNDAY, NOV 18**

**(MS) BUFFALO CREEK - WEED PATCH MOUNTAIN, HICKORY NUT GORGE---  
NEW TRAIL!!!!**

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

Meet hike leader at the Ingles (by sign on Hwy. 64) at 11:00. (Take Hwy. 25 to I-26, take Hwy 64 exit, going right towards Bat Cave. Ingles will be on the right). We will drive through Hickory Nut Gorge (Lake Lure) to the Buffalo Creek Trailhead. The hike will be a lollipop encompassing Buffalo Creek loop, and part of Weed Patch Mountain Trail. Views of the Gorge, and the backside of Rumbling Bald.

**M: 8, EG: 500, R: MS**

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

**Leader: Bev Parlier, 828.883.9278, cell: 828.507.6026**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**

**(MS) NINE TIMES - EASTATOE PRESERVE**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 4:30 PM**

Trail was built by the Nature Conservancy and is well maintained. The view from Cedar Rock will be a great lunch/snack spot. The view should be amazing with the leaf color! Named because nine bridges across a small creek were needed to gain access to the property, the 560-acre nature preserve is one of the most biologically significant properties in the southeast. Located where the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains meet the Piedmont.

**M: 5, EG: 700, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 60 miles, \$5.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Bob Griffin, 864.286.1085**



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**SATURDAY, NOV 24**

**(THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)**

**(VVS) HIGHLANDS, NC- BARTRAM TRAIL RABUN BALD AND SCALY MOUNTAINS**

**START TIME: 7:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

Explore the Bartram Trail near Highlands, NC, to see magnificent panoramas and walk through beautiful mountain forests. We will start at the Beegum Gap trailhead and hike to the top of Rabun Bald (2nd highest peak in GA) and continue on the Bartram Trail to Osage Overlook and up to the top of Scaly Mountain. Shuttle required.

**M: 13, EG: 3000, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 150 miles, \$12.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Cathy Reas Foster, 864.260.0074**

**(E) LAKE CONESTEE NATURE PARK**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 3:00 PM**

**MEET-UP LOCATION: THE CONESTEE PAVILION, 840 Mauldin Rd., Greenville**

Lake Conestee is a 400-acre park along 3 miles of the Reedy River, with 12 miles of trails and more than 6 miles of them paved. Lake Conestee Nature Park has been designated as a wildlife and bird sanctuary. We will meander through the many off-pavement trails including Sapsucker Spur, Chickadee Link, a visit to the Lost Lake, East and West Bay Observation Decks. A pavement hike to the Historic Lake Conestee Dam and South Bay and then back track along the Swamp Rabbit Trail (SRT) to the other side of the park for a short walk on an unnamed trail to the Short Leaf Shelter for a short break. We will conclude the hike by following the Flat Tail Trail to the Raccoon Trail and ending at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

**M: 6, EG: 100, R: E**

**Drive RT: 0 miles, \$0.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Cindy Wells, 864.430.7471**

**SUNDAY, NOV 25**

**(M) SASSAFRAS MTN - PALMETTO TRAIL TO ROUNDTOP PASSAGE**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM.** Solo hikers can meet us at Holly Springs at 12:30 PM or Sassafras trailhead at 1:00 PM.

Join us to hike a section of the newest part of the Palmetto Trail. We'll start at Sassafras Mtn, hike down the Foothills Trail where we will stop for a snack break at the Cantrell homesite. Next, we'll get on the newly opened Roundtop Passage of the Palmetto Trail and do an in-and-out hike for some great views. Once back to the parking lot, we'll have an opportunity to check out the newly opened observation tower on top of Sassafras Mtn. where we'll see 360° views and maybe sunset! Easy trek for beginners.

**M: 4, EG: 300, R: M**

**Drive RT: 85 miles, \$7.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Mary Simms Gregory, home: 864.288.3323, cell: 864.313.6442**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**



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**SATURDAY, DEC 1**

**(VVS) SLOAN BRIDGE LOOP TO UPPER WHITEWATER FALLS**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Park at the Sloan Bridge parking area on SC-107 just north of Wigginton Rd. This is a “balloon-on-a-string” type route. We will hike northeast on the Foothills Trail for about 2.5 miles, then turn left onto the Round Mountain Trail (the blue-blazed old Foothills Trail). This will take us to the Upper Whitewater Falls overlook, where we will descend the steps to the viewing platform. We then hike down the spur trail and take a right onto the Foothills Trail, with a 5.5-mile hike back to our cars through a wooded area that ascends Grassy Knob and follows the Chattooga Ridge across the SC/NC line. There will be great views of Lake Jocassee and the South Carolina mountains on the return. The last couple of miles are shallow downhill.

**M: 11, EG: 2100, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 100 miles, \$8.00 L: 15**

**Leader: Dale Hamann, 864.235.9709**

**(MS) JONES GAP STATE PARK- JONES GAP TRAIL TO DARGAN'S CASCADE**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 3:00 PM**

Hike starts at the Ranger Station and follows the Jones Gap Trail upstream to Dargan’s Cascade and turn around before the trail gets steep, gentle uphill, downhill on way back. Nice winter views.

**M: 8, EG: 1000, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00 L: 20**

**Hike Leader: Anne Slougher, 864.414.0322**

**SUNDAY, DEC 2**

**(VS) TABLE ROCK STATE PARK - TABLE ROCK SUMMIT**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:30 PM**

We’ll park near the Table Rock Nature Center and head up Table Rock Trail to Panther Gap then take a right up past the crushed CCC cabin (where we can see what progress has been made in rebuilding), then past Governor’s Rock to the summit and the west-facing view towards the reservoir. Maybe even search out the remnants from the staircase to the hotel by The Stool. Hikers can also meet us at the Table Rock parking lot at 10:30 AM.

**Note: This will be a moderate paced (2 mph) hike.**

**M: 7.5, EG: 2300, R: VS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 15**

**Hike Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838**

**(MS) DUPONT - STONE MOUNTAIN RAMBLE**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Starting at Guion Farm Access Area, we’ll hike a series of trail segments leading to the Stone Mountain Trail where we will enjoy a break and views on Stone Mountain’s granite cliffs. We’ll return using parts of several trails on the east side of Sky Valley Rd., back to the Guion Farm Access.

**M: 6, EG: 1100, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 85 miles, \$7.00, L: 18**

**Hike Leader: Sandy Hunter, 843.384.7617**



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**SATURDAY, DEC 8**

**(S) ROCKY BOTTOM- LAUREL VALLEY TO VIRGINIA HAWKINS FALLS**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Hike on Foothills Trail from Laurel Valley parking lot to Virginia Hawkins falls. Numerous ups and downs. Nice lunch spot at the waterfall.

**M: 10, EG: 1200, R: S**

**Drive RT: 80 miles, \$6.00 L: 20**

**Hike Leader: Anne Sloughter, 864.414.0322**

**(VS) PINNACLE PASS TO CATARACT BOG (FEN) WITH RARE PLANTS**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

In Jones Gap State Park, we hike up Pinnacle Pass trail (very steep for about 1.5 miles) to amazing overlook of the park valley for snack stop; then on to the bog/fen at Little Pinnacle Mountain (large granite gneiss outcropping) for lunch and southwesterly views. Back on Pinnacle Pass crossing over to Rim of the Gap trail for more mild descent back to Jones Gap trailhead.

**M: 10, EG: 1800, R: VS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 20**

**Hike Leader: Craig Horn, 864.918.4554**

**(MS) TABLE ROCK STATE PARK - THE STOOL**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 3:00 PM**

Starting from the White Oak Picnic Shelter, we will hike up to the top of the stool. This once popular hike is no longer shown on hiking maps. Good views of Table Rock Mtn from a different vantage point at a good time of year since the leaves will be down. (This area was burned in the fall of 2016). State Park admission or parking pass required.

**M: 4.4, EG: 1225, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 50 miles, \$4.00, L: 20**

**Hike Leader: Steve Root, 864.346.3081**

**Asst. Leader: Martha Root, 864.414.2245**



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**SUNDAY, DEC 9**

**CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: Landmark Hall, Taylors, 5:00 - 8:30 PM**

Come out and join all of your hiking friends for our annual holiday party at Landmark Hall, 156 Landmark Drive, Taylors, SC with a “red and white” theme this year. This event is open to all guest hikers, members and their guests. This is a family friendly event! Our favorite DJ, John Johnson, will be playing your favorite Christmas, R&B, and top 40 songs along with leading line dances and helping Angie with our group game. We will bring the LCR box for those wishing to play the LCR dice game. Remember to bring at least three \$1 dollar bills. We hope some members will take the mic and sing us a Christmas Karaoke song or tell a hiking story. This is a “can't miss” club social.

Dinner is Pot Luck. We invite all to bring a dish/dessert to share. We will start serving dinner at 6:00 PM. Club will provide tea and coffee. Please feel free to bring your own adult beverages.

Cost: \$10.00 per adult at the door.

See Meetup for volunteer opportunities.

**Party Hostess: Angie Peloquin, 864.640.1385, [angie.peloquin@live.com](mailto:angie.peloquin@live.com)**

**SATURDAY, DEC 15**

**(MS) CROFT STATE PARK RAMBLE**

**START TIME: 8:30 PM, RETURN TIME: 3:30 PM**

**Meetup Location: Earth Fare Pelham**

Nearby Croft State Park in Spartanburg offers over 26 miles of multi-use hiking trails and 2 lakes for fishing and kayaking. The hike will follow the Foster Mill Loop Trail with a very gradual climb for the first 4 miles and loop around toward Lake Johnson, following the Lake Johnson Loop trail and returning to the cars on the remainder of the Foster Mill Loop Trail. We'll share the trails with horseback riders and view old trestle bridges, cemetery sites and peaceful lake views along the way. Solo hikers can meet us at the State Park, admission fees per person or a SC Park Pass per vehicle is required.

**M: 9, EG: 750, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 21**

**Leader: Michelle Barger, 757.647.3617**

**(VVS) ROCKY BOTTOM- SASSAFRAS UP AND DOWN**

**START TIME: 8:30 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Starting on US 178 just past Rocky Bottom, we will hike the Foothills Trail up Sassafras Mtn. (highest peak in SC) and have lunch at the viewing platform. Return the same way.

**MS: 10, EG: 2400, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 20**

**Leader: Laura Arnold, 864.238.2005**



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**SUNDAY, DEC 16**

**(MS) SLOAN BRIDGE TO WHITEWATER FALLS - A SHUTTLE HIKE**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM.** Solo hikers can meet the leader at Sloan Bridge Access to the FHT at 11:00 AM.

Beginning at Sloan's Bridge Access on Hwy 107, hike follows the Foothills Trail crossing the SC-NC state line moving from Sumter National Forest into Nantahala National Forest. The trail goes along the north side of the Chattooga Ridge and over the Grassy Knob as we hike toward Upper Whitewater Falls. Nice views of Lake Jocassee and Bad Creek Reservoir. Short car shuttle required.

**M: 5.5, EG: 800, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 112 miles, \$8.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Larry Ray, 864.784.7304**

**CPO: TBD**

**(MS) ROCKY BOTTOM- CHIMNEY TOP GAP TO SASSAFRAS AND BACK**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 6:00 PM**

Starting at Chimney Top Gap Access just above Rocky Bottom, SC, hike follows the Foothills trail to the summit of Sassafras Mountain. This hike is mostly uphill to the top of Sassafras.

We'll enjoy a beautiful view. This will be a downhill stroll back to the cars. This will give us a chance to view the newly opened observation tower.

**M: 5, EG: 1400, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Lisa Britt, 843.509.9605,**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**

**SATURDAY, DEC 22**

**(VVS) BAD CREEK TO HILLIARD FALLS**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:00 PM**

Begin at Bad Creek parking lot, hike follows the Foothills Trail to the Thompson River, then onward to 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: 20**

**Hike Leader: Lauren Noll, 828.964.5727**

**(VS) CAESARS HEAD STATE PARK - RAVEN CLIFF - DISMAL LOOP**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 4:00 PM**

Starting from Raven Cliff parking lot, follow Raven Cliff Falls trail and then descend the Dismal trail to Matthews Creek for great views of Raven Cliff Falls connecting to Naturaland Trust Trail. Follow trail up river and lunch at Matthews Creek before crossing on the new bridge (no longer cable crossing) for the ascension to view the Cathedral and then to the Suspension Bridge. A mile after the suspension bridge, the Naturaland Trust trail ends, coming to a "T" at Gum Gap Trail which connects back to Raven Cliff Trail and cars. This will be a moderate paced hike.

**M: 9, EG: 2300, R: VS**

**Drive RT: 60 miles, \$5.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Elizabeth Brown, 954.294.8838**





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**SUNDAY, DEC 23**

**(MS) GREEN RIVER GAME LANDS - BISHOP BRANCH, PULLIAM BRANCH, AND ROCK HOP TRAIL LOOP**

**START TIME: 12:00 PM, RETURN TIME: 5:30 PM.** Solo hikers can meet us at the Marathon station at exit 53 off of Hwy 26 at 12:45 PM.

A great MS hike that has 1200 ft of gradual downs and ups. This hike will be through tall hardwoods, with several creek crossings and waterfalls. While this area is maintained for wildlife and hunting, (and it will be deer season), there currently is no hunting allowed on Sundays.

**M: 6.2, EG: 1200, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 64 miles, \$5.00, L: 18**

**Leader: Phil Howard, 317.402.8590**

**CPO: Martha Severens, severens@att.net**

**SATURDAY, DEC 29**

**(VVS) PISGAH NF- PRESSLEY COVE / BLACK MTN / CLUB GAP**

**START TIME: 8:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 5:30 PM**

A very strenuous hike with lots of challenging elevation changes. We will begin at Pressley Cove trail which is a steep trail, gaining almost 900 feet in elevation over the course of just over one mile. It winds through a beautiful cove of laurel, hemlock, and beech trees. We will then take the Black Mountain trail over Black Mountain and Clawhammer Mountain. Soon after we will come across the Buckhorn Gap shelter where we will have lunch. We will then continue over Rich Mountain to Buckwheat trail. We will continue over Buckwheat knob to Bennet Gap Tail and over Coontree Mountain back to the trailhead. Along the entire route, we will be treated to gorgeous views of the cove, and as we get higher, ridges off to the west. This will be a moderate-to-fast paced hike with 1850 ft of elevation within the first 3 miles. We will cross 4 mountains and 1 knob with several amazing views along the way.

**M: 11, EG: 2800, R: VVS**

**Drive RT: 105 miles, \$8.00, L: 15**

**Leader: Mike Sullivan, 864.680.0140**



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**SUNDAY, DEC 30**

**(MS) LONG CREEK- OPOSSUM CREEK FALLS & DINNER**

**START TIME: 10:00 AM, RETURN TIME: 6:30 PM.** Solo hikers can meet us at Hardees in Westminster at 11:30 AM.

From Turkey Ridge Road, the trail descends to the Chattooga River and picks up a spur trail to Opossum Creek Falls and back. Dinner stop in Seneca on the way back.

**M: 5, EG: 1000, R: MS**

**Drive RT: 135 miles, \$11.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Wayne Garland, 864.784.0120**

**(M) DUPONT - ROCK QUARRY LOOP**

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

From Corn Mill Shoals Access, we will hike Wilkie and Micajah trails to Buck Ridge Rd and on to the top of the old rock quarry. After enjoying the view, we will return by way of Rock Quarry Rd, Twixt, Longside, and Corn Mill Shoal trails.

**M: 3.6, EG: 600, R: M**

**Drive RT: 65 miles, \$5.00, L: 25**

**Leader: Candi Samples, 803.493.0564**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TUESDAY, JAN 1**

**PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK – HOBO STEW & HIKES**

A GNHA tradition. Bring a can of vegetables for the stew, and join one of the hikes--a great way to welcome in the new year. See Meetup for more details.

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