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SECOND QUARTER 2021 Quarterly Hike Schedule



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TRAIL MAINTENANCE

All members are encouraged to participate in trail maintenance activities. Non-members are invited to try it a few times before deciding if they want to join the Club and be a regular part of a crew. We train and provide tools.

Below is a general schedule of work days. Exact plans often are not made until the last minute, so contact crew leaders for details. MST and AT section maintainers work on their own schedule.

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SATURDAY WORKDAYS

The Quarterly Saturday Trail Maintenance Workdays in 2021 are April 3, June 5 (National Trails Day), August 14 and October 9. We meet at 8:30 and return to Asheville by 3:00. Contact Les Love for details and where to meet.

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HIKE SCHEDULE Second Quarter 2021

Hike Ratings

First Letter

Distance

AA: Over 12 miles

A: 9.1-12 miles

B: 6.1-9 miles

C: Up to 6 miles

Second Letter

Elevation Gain

AA: Over 2,000 ft.

A: 1,501-2,000 ft.

B: 1,001-1,500 ft.

C: 1,000 ft. or less

If it's not possible to go on the regularly scheduled hike, it may be possible to accompany the leader when the hike is scouted. Hike cancellations are announced on the CMC website in the Breaking News box. Hike Leaders will announce a cancellation or significant change at least a few hours before the hike. Hikers that do not have internet access or live hours away from the meeting place: call the hike leader to ensure that you are informed about hike changes. See the Hike Schedule on the CMC website for more complete and timely information, including scout reports, at www.carolinamountainclub.org.

CHALLENGE PROGRAMS

S_B6K For hiking all 40 peaks above 6000'. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com

P400 For hiking every trail in Pisgah Ranger District. Contact P400@CarolinaMountainClub.org

900M For hiking every trail in GSMNP. Contact Steve Pierce, stevepierce50@gmail.com

LTC For hiking all 24 lookout towers in WNC. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com

WC100 For hiking to the 100 best waterfalls in the area. Contact Jack Fitzgerald, 828-685-2897, suejackfitz@bellsouth.net

A.T.-MST For hiking the 228 miles of the A.T. and MST on CMC maintained sections. Contact ATMST@CarolinaMountainClub.com

YPC For hiking eight different Land Management areas with youth 17 and under. Contact Kay Shurtleff at kshurtleff@msn.com

ALL-DAY WEDNESDAY HIKES

Wednesday hikes submitted by Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, bjdworley@gmail.com. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. Hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places as described in the schedule; start times vary. *Times listed are departure times – arrive early.*

Wednesday No. W2102-933 **April 7**

Tight Run and Poplar Flats Loop 8:00 AM
Hike 6.3, Drive 98, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **900M**

Mike Knies, 828-628-6712, knies06@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. We will begin and end the hike about half a mile past the Cherokee Central School in Cherokee, NC. We will go over a short, steep ridge to the Oconaluftee River and back past the Job Corp Center. This hike is mostly off-trail, but we will also hike in open forests with cemeteries and old home sites. Topo(s): Smokemont

Wednesday No. W2102-281 **April 7**

Green River Gamelands Loop 9:00 AM
Hike 9.5, Drive 70, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036,

cell: 408-887-3666, daisytk@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Cracker Barrel Restaurant off Exit 53 of I-26 in parking lot close to I-26. This is a variation of Hike #281, resulting in a loop hike starting on Long Ridge Trail, taking Turkey Gut and Bluff Trails to the Green River Cove Trail. We will lunch at the end of the Green River Cove Trail among the big rocks by the river. We will return via Bear Branch to rejoin Long Ridge Trail, back to our cars. Hopefully, we will be there for spectacular displays of spring wildflowers.

Topo(s): Clifffield Mtn.

Wednesday No. W2102-066 **April 14**

Garenflo Gap to Bluff Mtn. on A.T. 9:00 AM
Hike 8.5, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, **AT-MST**
Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452,

desraylet@aol.com

Only Meeting Place: US 25/NC 208 intersection. Driving distance from Zillico St. in Asheville is 80 miles round trip. There is parking

for 8 cars at Garenflo Gap. Reservations will be limited accordingly. We'll do an in-and-out hike in hardwood forests from Garenflo Gap to the summit of 4686-ft. Bluff Mountain. We will enjoy the many wildflowers that carpet the forest floor at this time of year. After lunch on the summit, we return to our cars via the same route. Topo(s): Lemon Gap

Wednesday No. W2102-931 **April 14**
Brevard Discovery Walk **10:00 AM**
Hike 8.5, 600 ft. ascent, Rated B-C
Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747,
dannyhiker@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving mileage from Asheville Outlets is 64 miles round trip. Discover Brevard on an easy walk on sidewalks and trails. See the Silvermont Mansion, Brevard College, the lively downtown, and explore the Brevard Music Center. But there will be a few new sights – cows on a lawn, the Rosenwald neighborhood and maybe a white squirrel. Wear good sneakers or low boots. Bring water, lunch and snacks. We might stop for a morning coffee but feel free to bring all your own food. Email to reserve your spot. Must be paid-up CMC member. For more information about the route, see <https://www.hikertohiker.net/2020/12/23/brevard-camino-walk/> Topo(s): Brevard

Wednesday No. W2102-934 **April 21**
Big Creek to Middle Fork to Spencer Gap Loop **8:00 AM**
Hike 8, Drive 15, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, **P400**
Barton Paschal, 828-545-6795,
bartonpaschal@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Ingles on NC 280 in Mills River in front of gas pumps. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 32 miles round trip. On this loop we ascend Big Creek Trail to the social trail in Horse Cove which connects Big Creek to Middle Creek Trail. We hope to see a variety of trillium and other spring wildflowers along the way. We close the loop via Spencer Gap Trail back to Hendersonville Reservoir, then return to our cars on FS 142. Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Wednesday No. W2102-351 **April 21**
Hawkbill Creek Flower Hike **9:30 AM**
Hike 7.5, Drive 70, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C
Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,
cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. This hike is designed to have adequate time to observe and appreciate the spectacular variety of wildflowers and ramps along the route. We will follow a little-used trail following Hawkbill Creek up to its starting point, then return by a combination of backtracking and along an old forest road. Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle

Wednesday No. W2102-049 **April 28**
Big Creek to Walnut Bottom **9:00 AM**
Hike 10.3, Drive 10, 1250 ft. ascent, Rated A-B, **900M**
Sallye Sanders, 208-550-2070,
sallye_sanders@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Waterville Exit 451 off I-40 W. Driving distance from Home Depot in Asheville is 100 miles round trip. Exit 451 is the first exit off I-40 in Tennessee. Turn left and cross bridge over the Pigeon River to meet leader. Big Creek, a spectacular mountain stream in the Smokies, offers hikers an opportunity to slow down and appreciate the wild beauty of this section of the park. A comfortable roadbed meanders along rushing rapids, Mouse Creek Falls, huge boulders, and deep swimming holes. A beautiful forest and early wildflower environment make for a special experience - so bring your camera! This is a moderate in-and-out hike. Topo(s): Cove Creek Gap, Luftee Knob, Waterville

Wednesday No. W2102-935 **April 28**
Smokemont to Cabin Flats **9:30 AM**
Hike 10.5, 950 ft. ascent, Rated A-C, **900M**
Steve Pierce, 828-442-8482,
stevepierce50@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Smokemont Campground Parking Lot off US 441 N. Driving distance from Home Depot, Asheville is 104 miles roundtrip. We begin the hike at the Bradley Fork Trailhead at the upper end of Smokemont Campground. We will hike 4 miles on the Bradley Fork Trail within sight and sound of Bradley Fork. At the junction with the Cabin Flats Trail, Bradley Fork makes a hard right. We take the Cabin Flats Trail one mile to Campsite 49 on Bradley Fork. After a streamside lunch, we will return on the same trails. An optional side trip to Chasteen Creek Cascades will be offered. This is a new hike. Topo(s): Smokemont

Wednesday No. W2102-249 **May 5**
Buckeye Gap and Haywood Gap Trails Circuit **8:30 AM**
Hike 9, Drive 30, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400**
Adrienne Chang, 414-690-5424,
acjp9349@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: BRP Cold Mountain Overlook at MM 412. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 80 miles round trip. We'll hike the MST and the Buckeye Gap Trail in the Middle Prong Wilderness, down a ridgeline on an old logging railroad grade, then past an old logging camp. At the junction with the Haywood Gap Trail, we'll hike steeply up alongside Haywood Gap Stream to Haywood Gap and follow the MST back to our cars. If we are lucky, we could see spring wildflowers. There are three creek crossings which could be wet if it has rained recently.

Topo(s): Sam Knob

Wednesday No. W2102-925 **May 5**
Palmer Creek Trail in GSMNP **8:30 AM**
Hike 9.8, Drive 40, 1745 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, **900M**

George Shepherd, 405-596-2632,
shepherdgeorge@att.net
Only Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop off Exit 24 of I-40. Driving distance from Home Depot in Asheville is 80 miles roundtrip. This hike starts in the Cataloochee Valley from the Pretty Hollow Gap trailhead. We stay on Pretty Hollow Gap Trail for 1.6 miles before we branch off onto Palmer Creek Trail. A steady climb of 1500 feet over 3.3 miles takes us along the creek, over footlogs, up to Trail Ridge, and ends on Balsam Mountain Road. We return the same way, going downhill. Topo(s): Bunches Bald, Smokemont

Wednesday No. W2102-504 **May 12**
Lane Pinnacle from Bull Gap **8:30 AM**
Hike 10.4, Drive 30, 2900 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA, **AT-MST**
Karen Scharmann, 312-241-3329,
Schultz.KarenJ@gmail.com and
Ken Scharmann, 847-772-4693,
Ksruns@comcast.net

Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. Contact Karen at schultz.karenj@gmail.com for reservations. Hike on the MST from Bull Gap, past the Rattlesnake Lodge site, Rich Mountain, and up to good views from our lunch stop at Lane Pinnacle. We will return to our cars at Bull Gap via the same trail. Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle

Wednesday No. W2102-040 **May 12**
Woodlawn to North Fork of Catawba river **8:30 AM**
Hike 7.6, Drive 40, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Jeff Wilcox, 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unca.edu

Only Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain). Driving mileage from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. We will hike along the MST from Woodlawn Picnic Area down to the North Fork of the Catawba River, where we will see the longest footbridge on the MST. We will go out on the forest service road to Creek Road. Topo(s): Little Switzerland

Wednesday No. W2102-142 **May 19**
Jerry Miller Trail to A.T. to Fork Ridge Trail **8:00 AM**
Hike 10.5, Drive 92, 3300 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+, **AT-MST**
Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
tom3381@outlook.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. There is parking for 10 cars. Reservations will be limited accordingly. We'll hike up the Jerry Miller Trail to Bearwallow Gap, then right on the A.T. to Big

Firescald Knob for lunch and exceptional views and possibly blooming rhododendron and turkey beard. Afterwards, we'll turn right onto the Fork Ridge Trail down to the cars.
Topo(s): Greystone

Wednesday No. W2102-642 **May 19**
Smokemont Loop **9:30 AM**
Hike 8, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **900M**
Randy Fluharty, 828-423-9030,
rfluharty54@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Smokemont Campground Parking Lot off US 441 N. Driving mileage from Asheville is 104 miles round trip. We will hike the Smokemont Loop Trail clockwise, starting in the Smokemont Campground and climbing steadily up Richland Mountain before descending to Bradley Fork. The Bradley Fork Trail follows the water along an old roadbed. We will take an in-and-out detour up the Chasteen Creek Trail to the cascade before returning and continuing down the Bradley Fork Trail to the cars at Smokemont.
Topo(s): Smokemont

Wednesday No. W2102-270 **May 26**
Cedar Rock Mountain and John Rock **8:30 AM**
Hike 8, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, **P400**
Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,
quilter290@gmail.com and Jim Magura,
828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery off FS 475. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 60 miles round trip. This hike features two of the spectacular bare rock faces in the Pisgah National Forest, with great views from both. Starting at the Fish Hatchery, we'll have our major climb up to Cat Gap and then on to Cedar Rock to enjoy the view during lunch. We'll return via John Rock. We hope to see blooming mountain laurels at this time of year.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2102-172 **May 26**
John Rock Loop Hike **9:00 AM**
Hike 6, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, **P400**,
WC100
Marie Chamberlin, 678-492-6718,
marie.m.chamberlin@gmail.com and
Kay Haskell, 610-613-4858,
HaskellKM@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Fish Hatchery - Pisgah Forest. Contact Marie Chamberlin at marie.m.chamberlin@gmail.com for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 60 miles round trip. This moderate loop hike, with good views from John Rock, starts at the Fish Hatchery parking lot. We are expecting to see blooming mountain laurels at this time of year on our hike.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2102-257 **June 2**
Hemphill Bald - Rough Fork Loop **8:15 AM**
Hike 13.5, 3200 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA+,
900M
Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
tom3381@outlook.com

Only Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post Office. Driving distance from Home Depot in Asheville is 75 miles round trip. If this is a clear day, we will experience some of the most spectacular views in WNC. We will hike to Hemphill Bald for lunch, then down Caldwell Fork Trail and back up Rough Fork Trail, passing enormous old-growth tulip trees along the way. A strenuous hike, but the trails are well-graded.
Topo(s): Bunches Bald

Wednesday No. W2102-479 **June 2**
Kagle Mtn. **9:00 AM**
Hike 9.5, Drive 15, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated A-B,
P400

Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,
cell: 828-231-9444, cakoepl29@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 70 miles round trip. This loop hike will start from Cathey's Creek Rd. and follow an overgrown forest road to the Art Loeb Trail, with lunch at the Butter Gap shelter. We'll return via a no-name trail for variety. Nice views.
Topo(s): Rosman

Wednesday No. W2102-657 **June 9**
Roan Mountain - Carvers Gap to Overmountain Shelter **8:00 AM**
Hike 11, Drive 120, 2500 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA, **SB6K**

Jeff Wilcox, 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unca.edu
Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. This Roan Mountain hike, a modification of hike #657, starts at Carvers Gap and follows the A.T. over Round Bald, Jane Bald and Yellow Mountain, before dropping into Yellow Mountain Gap and a side trail to the unique and historic Overmountain Shelter, a two-story red barn. We will return via the same trails.
Topo(s): Carvers Gap

Wednesday No. W2102-273 **June 9**
Boogerman Trail **9:30 AM**
Hike 8, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **900M**
Paul Benson, 828-273-2098,
PDBenson@charter.net

Only Meeting Place: Caldwell Fork Trailhead. Driving mileage from Asheville is 72 miles round trip. A lush forest with giant old-growth trees, stone walls and a root cellar make this a favorite loop hike in the Cataloochee area of the Smokies. We'll cross Caldwell Fork ten times but several bridges are out of commission and the crossings will be wet. Bring poles and wear your water shoes. I am limiting this hike to ten even if COVID restrictions are lifted.

Topo(s): Cove Creek Gap

Wednesday No. W2102-936 **June 16**
Buck Spring Gap to Big Creek to Laurel Mountain Connector Loop **8:30 AM**
Hike 6, 2412 ft. ascent, Rated C-AA, **P400**
Barton Paschal, 828-545-6795,
bartonpaschal@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Buck Springs Gap Overlook near the Buck Springs Lodge site. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 60 miles round trip. Heading north, we leave Buck Spring Gap Overlook on the disused road which connected Buck Spring Gap to Stony Fork Settlement. At the northern terminus of Buck Spring Tunnel, it is 0.3 miles to Big Creek Trailhead. Reaching Big Creek via Big Creek Trail, we ford Big Creek to reach a social trail which we ascend to Laurel Mountain Trail at Good Enough Gap. We proceed to Laurel Mountain Connector which leads to Pilot Rock Trail, and finally to MST. We pass the ruins of Buck Spring Lodge 0.1 mile before returning to our cars. Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Wednesday No. W2102-937 **June 16**
Woods Mountain **8:30 AM**
Hike 9.1, Drive 90, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA
Bev MacDowell, 828-777-5806,
bevmacdowellhappy@gmail.com and Jim Reel,
828-738-0751, cell: 828-443-2532,
jimr57@yahoo.com

First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Old Fort Arrowhead Train Station parking lot at 9:00 AM.
Contact Bev MacDowell at bevmacdowellhappy@gmail.com for reservations. There is enough parking for 7 cars. Reservations will be limited accordingly. This is a new CMC hike. We will be on Rattlesnake Creek Trail up to the MST. We'll ascend Woods Mountain, then turn back to the MST for a nice ridge walk before turning down a trail following Firescald Creek to a wet crossing. There will be an easy 1.1 mile dirt road walk back to our cars. This will be off-the-beaten-path, beautiful hiking! Topo(s): Little Switzerland

Wednesday No. W2102-771 **June 23**
Burningtown Gap to Tellico Gap **8:00 AM**
Hike 9.5, Drive 178, 2125 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA
Donna Lanning, 828-684-7083,
cell: 828-606-7956, dblanning@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. We will start at Burningtown Gap and turn around at Tellico Gap. This trail falls entirely in old-growth, deciduous forest. Not what you think, because of its thin, rocky soil. We will see inspiring, interlaced trees, and no conifers at all. We will enjoy long range views from rock outcrops and high ridges.
Topo(s): Wayah Bald, Wesser

Wednesday No. W2102-097

June 23

Cat Gap - Long Branch -

Cemetery Loop

8:30 AM

Hike 10, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B, **P400**

Karen Scharmann, 312-241-3329,

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Ken Scharmann, 847-772-4693,

Ksruns@comcast.net

Only Meeting Place: Fish Hatchery - Pisgah Forest. Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. Contact Karen Scharmann at schultz.karenj@gmail.com for reservations. Highlights of this trip, which begins and ends at the Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery, are the McCall family cemetery and Long Branch Waterfall. This is a gentle walk through pretty woods beside a beautiful stream. There are a couple of water crossings that can be wet if it has rained recently.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2102-475

June 30

Hump Mountain and

Yellow Mountain Area

9:00 AM

Hike 8.4, Drive 140, 2400 ft. ascent,

Rated B-AA

Sharon Smith, 704-877-7804,

waltersharon204@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Beat the heat and join us along one of the most scenic areas on the A.T. near Roan Mountain (Roan-Unaka Range). We will hike from Roaring Creek Road to Yellow Mountain Gap, joining the A.T. along an open ridge to Little Hump Mtn. and Hump Mtn. We will have lunch on a grassy bald at 5587 ft. and return to Yellow Mtn. Gap, then take the Overmountain Victory Loop back to the trailhead.

Topo(s): Carvers Gap

Wednesday No. W2102-598

June 30

Pink Beds to Soapstone Ridge

9:00 AM

Hike 6.7, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **P400**

Bob Levy, 828-670-1611, cell 240-604-5000,

rlevy@cato.org

Only Meeting Place: Pink Beds parking lot just north of the Cradle of Forestry on US 276. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 70 miles round trip. There is mostly good footing on the Pink Beds Loop to Barnett Branch, then Upper Black Mountain to the top of Rich Mountain at the 5-mile mark. Then it's fairly steep downhill until flattening out on Club Gap. There aren't many views, and the final 0.9 miles is half on FS 477 and half along US 276. Otherwise, it's a pleasant, moderate hike with lots of shade. We'll have a snack break, either at the top of Rich Mountain or on some logs after descending at Club Gap. Type: Loop. Max elev: 4100'. Avg moving pace: 2.3 mph. Difficulty (1=effortless, 10=hard): 5.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

ALL-DAY WEEKEND

HIKES

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, bbente@bellsouth.net. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. All hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary.

Sunday No. A2102-218

April 4

Cataloochee Divide

8:00 AM

Hike 10, Drive 80, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,

900M

Mike Knies, 828-628-6712, knies06@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This shorter version of #218 will be an in-and-out from Cove Creek Rd. to the intersection with McKee Branch Trail, and will include a loop through the Science Center and past Ferguson Cabin. Great views along the way. Topo(s): Bunches Bald, Cove Creek Gap

Saturday No. A2102-351

April 10

Hawkbill Creek Flower Hike

9:30 AM

Hike 7.5, Drive 70, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C

Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,

cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. This hike is designed to have adequate time to observe and appreciate the spectacular variety of wildflowers and ramps along the route. We will follow a little-used trail following Hawkbill Creek up to its starting point, then return by a combination of backtracking and along an old forest road.

Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle

Sunday No. A2102-049

Apr 11

Big Creek to Walnut Bottom

9:00 AM

Hike 10.3, Drive 55, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B,

900M

Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747,

dannyhiker@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop off Exit 24 of I-40. Driving distance from Asheville is 100 miles round trip. Follow the sight and sound of a spectacular mountain creek through a beautiful forest to Walnut Bottom in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Midnight Hole, Mouse Creek Falls and several rapids are major features on this hike. We hope to catch wildflowers at their peak and spend a little time to identify them. Email to reserve your spot. Must be paid-up CMC member.

Topo(s): Cove Creek Gap, Luftee Knob, Waterville

Sunday No. A2102-488

Apr 18

Gabes Mtn. Trail

8:00 AM

Hike 8.3, Drive 130, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A,

900M

Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528,

hkassell@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This hike will follow a mostly gentle trail from Cosby Campground to Maddron Bald Trailhead through open old-growth forest. Added attractions are a short, steep side trip to the bottom of Hen Wallow Falls, lunch at a shady, streamside campsite and a visit to the restored Baxter cabin.

Topo(s): Luftee Knob, Mt. Guyot

Saturday No. A2102-249

April 24

Buckeye Gap and

Haywood Gap Trails Circuit

8:30 AM

Hike 9, Drive 30, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400**

Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656,

cell: 828-606-7297, bjdworley@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: BRP Cold Mountain Overlook at MM 412. Driving distance from Asheville is 70 miles round trip. We'll hike the MST and the Buckeye Gap Trail in the Middle Prong Wilderness, down a ridgeline on an old logging railroad grade, then past an old logging camp. At the junction with the Haywood Gap Trail, we'll hike steeply up alongside Haywood Gap Stream to Haywood Gap and follow the MST back to our cars.

Topo(s): Sam Knob

Sunday No. A2102-051

April 25

White Oak Flats, Pounding Mill,

Hickey Fork

8:30 AM

Hike 7.5, Drive 85, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A

Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452,

desraylet@aol.com

First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Meet leader at second meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 9:00 AM.

Starting at the footbridge over Hickey Fork, we'll do a nice loop hike using three different trails and finishing on heavily rebuilt Hickey Fork Rd.

Topo(s): White Rock

Saturday No. A2102-275

May 1

Hot Springs,

Roundtop Ridge on A.T.

8:00 AM

Hike 11.6, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,

AT-MST, LTC

Sarah Broughton, 828-564-3662,

sarahebroughton@icloud.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. From Tanyard Gap we will hike south on the A.T. towards Hot Springs, then up beautiful Roundtop Ridge, then down the A.T. to Tanyard Gap. We might take an additional in-and-out to Rich Mountain fire tower.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Sunday No. A2102-246 **May 2**
Coffee Pot Mtn. Loop **9:00 AM**
Hike 8.4, Drive 50, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **P400**

Les Love, 828-230-1861,
leslove55@gmail.com and Catherine Love,
828-658-1489, catmlove2@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. We'll circle Coffee Pot Mtn. by hiking Trace Ridge Trail to Beaver Dam Gap on the BRP and returning on the Spencer Branch and Fletcher Creek Trails, with a stop to look at the Hendersonville reservoir and dam.

Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Sunday No. A2102-372 **May 9**
Big Fork Ridge to
Rough Fork Loop **9:00 AM**
Hike 9.6, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, **900M**

Paul Benson, 828-273-2098,
PDBenson@charter.net

Only Meeting Place: Big Fork Ridge trailhead in Cataloochee. Driving distance from Asheville is 70 miles. From the end of the road in Cataloochee Valley, hike up the Big Fork Ridge Trail, then turn right onto the Caldwell Fork Trail. Pass by record-size tulip poplar trees, then turn downhill on the Rough Fork Trail.

Topo(s): Dellwood

Saturday No. A2102-611 **May 15**
Big Ivy - Walker Ridge Loop **10:00 AM**

Hike 7.4, Drive 35, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471,
cell: 860-798-9905, mwibromberg@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. *This hike is limited to ten hikers.* On this variation of hike 611, we'll begin by hiking down the steep Staire Creek Trail from FS 63, then up the Walker Creek Trail and across the road to continue up on the Perkins Trail to the Laurel Gap Trail. After a 2-mile stroll on this meadow-like trail we'll head downhill on the Bear Pen Trail to return to our cars. These trails are rocky and steep in spots. There are several stream crossings on this hike. We walk near lovely creeks on part of the trails.

Topo(s): Barnardsville

Sunday No. A2102-932 **May 16**
Oconoluftee, Mingsus Creek
and Cemeteries **9:30 AM**
Hike 7.2, Drive 95, 800 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, **900M**

Lorraine Bernhardt, 828-699-8857,
lsbernhardt50@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Oconoluftee Visitors Center on US 441. Driving distance from Asheville is 95 miles round trip. This hike will combine "100 Favorite Trails" hikes 16 and 17 in GSMNP. We'll hike the Oconoluftee River Trail and then the Mingsus Creek Trail to two cemeteries. We will take time to explore the historic buildings and cemeteries. Topo(s): Smokemont

Sunday No. A2102-076 **May 23**
Craggy to Little Snowball **8:30 AM**

Hike 7.2, Drive 40, 2600 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, **LTC**
Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
tom3381@outlook.com

Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. From Bee Tree Gap, we'll take the Snowball Trail to High Rocks (Hawkbill Mountain), and then on to the old lookout site atop Little Snowball. Return via the same route. If the day is clear, we will have great views from High Rocks and Little Snowball.

Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle

Monday No. A2102-356 **May 24**
Kephart Prong, Sweat Heifer
and Grassy Branch Loop **8:00 AM**

Hike 14.2, Drive 42, 3650 ft. ascent,
Rated AA-AA+, **900M**
Cindy McJunkin, 828-712-9646,
mcjfive@aol.com

Only Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post Office. This is our annual joint hike with the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, which will offer an opportunity to meet and hike with fellow hikers from another hiking club. Driving distance from Asheville is 110 miles round trip. We'll do a loop hike, starting at Kephart Prong, and climbing to the A.T. by way of Sweat Heifer Trail. Then we'll follow the A.T. north past the spectacular views from Charlie's Bunion, and drop back down on the Dry Sluice Gap, Grassy Branch and Kephart Prong Trails.

Topo(s): Smokemont

Saturday No. A2102-634-6184 **May 29**
High Top Tower Site **8:00 AM**

Hike 9, Drive 60, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400**

Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com
and Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,
quilter290@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This hike was a longtime favorite of the scouts at Camp Daniel Boone years ago. From the camp we will ascend to High Top with its

excellent views, and then follow the Fork Mtn. ridge before descending to the rushing Little East Fork of the Pigeon River.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. A2102-272 **May 30**
Deep Creek-Kephart's Last Stand **8:00 AM**

Hike 13.7, Drive 125, 2200 ft. ascent,
Rated AA-AA, **900M**

Donna Lanning, 828-684-7083,
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Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This lovely hike starts at the Deep Creek entrance of GSMNP, outside Bryson City. The hike follows Indian Creek to the Sunkota Ridge Trail, in the heart of ancestral Cherokee country. We go down to Campsite #57, Horace Kephart's last permanent campsite. We will look for a millstone placed by the Boy Scouts in 1931. Then we follow Deep Creek Trail back to the cars. Some rockhopping. After the hike, we will visit Kephart's grave in Bryson City.

Topo(s): Bryson City

Sunday No. A2102-175 **June 6**
Waterrock Knob, Yellow Face,
Blackrock Mtn **8:00 AM**

Hike 6, Drive 80, 2400 ft. ascent, Rated C-AA, **SB6K**

Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528,
hkassell@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This scenic hike offers two SB6K peaks and outstanding views as we hike a rough trail along the ridge line to Yellowface and Blackrock Mtn., and then an established trail up to Waterrock Knob.

Topo(s): Addie

Saturday No. A2102-566 **June 12**
Roans in Bloom **8:30 AM**

Hike 7.6, Drive 130, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **SB6K**

Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879,
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First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Ingles on US 19E (Burnsville) at far right side at 9:00 AM - but contact leader first.

An annual favorite, this is a beautiful A.T. hike with some of WNC's finest views. Expect to see flame azaleas, rhododendrons and possibly Gray's Lilies in bloom. From Carvers Gap we'll go north past Grassy Ridge Bald (6160 ft.) to a scenic overlook for lunch, then return to Carvers Gap by the same route. Option at the end to drive up to the gardens area (small fee to enter) and walk 1/2 mile to see the vista from Roan High Bluff (6287 ft.). This hike is #100 of the "100 Favorite Trails".

Topo(s): Bakersville, Carvers Gap

How to join the CMC

1. Go to www.carolinamountainclub.org
2. Click on **Join** (top left) or **Join CMC!** (right center).

3. You will see instructions for joining online or via mail. or ... write to us at CMC, PO Box 68, Asheville, NC 28802 and we'll mail you an application



Sunday No. A2102-530 **June 13**
Rice Pinnacle P.L. #2 –
Ingles Field Gap **8:30 AM**
Hike 8.3, Drive 10, 900 ft. ascent, Rated B-C,
P400

Eva Blinder, 828-275-6447,
ejb5711@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Rice Pinnacle Parking Lot in Bent Creek. This moderate loop hike features great views of Hominy Valley. We will climb to the eastern part of Stradley Mountain, have lunch at Ingles Field and return by Boyd Branch and Deer Lake Lodge Trails.
Topo(s): Skyland

Sunday No. A2102-479 **June 20**
Kagle Mtn. **9:00 AM**
Hike 9, Drive 15, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
P400

Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,
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Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 65 miles round trip. This loop hike will start from Cathey's Creek Rd. and follow an overgrown forest road to the Art Loeb Trail, with lunch at the Butter Gap shelter. We'll return via a non-name trail for variety. Nice views.
Topo(s): Rosman

Saturday No. A2102-131 **June 26**
Laurel Mtn. Trail to Turkey
Spring Gap – Slate Rock Creek **9:00 AM**
Hike 8.5, Drive 40, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
P400

Becky Smucker, 828-231-2198,
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First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: Ingles on NC 191/280 (Mills River) by gas pumps at 9:15 AM – but contact leader first.

This shorter variation of #131 starts near Yellow Gap and hikes up the Laurel Mtn. Trail to Sassafras Gap, then turns downhill to the Slate Rock Creek Trail, following this pretty mountain stream down to Yellow Gap Rd. This hike will have a 2-mile car shuttle; masks will be required and car windows will be open.
Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Sunday No. A2102-053 **June 27**
East Fork Pigeon River **9:00 AM**
Hike 9.5, Drive 50, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B,
Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation. **P400**

Susan Hutson, 336-406-9279,
picassue48@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. The East Fork of the Pigeon River is a great place to be on a warm June day. We'll hike in the morning, and on our return, we'll have a chance to play in one of the many pools or just lounge on

the rocks before heading back to our cars.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

HALF-DAY SUNDAY HIKES

Newcomers are welcome, but non-members MUST call the leader before the hike to determine the requirements. Half-day hikes submitted by Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, mhsrunning@yahoo.com. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. Hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary. **Times listed are departure times – arrive early.**

Sunday No. H2102-802 **April 4**
Sycamore Cove /
Grassy Road Trail **10:30 AM**
Hike 4.5, Drive 2, 500 ft. ascent, Rated C-C,
P400

Dick Zimmerer, 828-785-9593,
ddlzz@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. This is a shorter version of hike #802. This pleasant hike winds along and across a creek gently uphill through beautiful woods. We should have good views along the way. We'll follow another creek on the way down the hill.
Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2102-731 **April 11**
Baxter Creek - Big Creek **9:30 AM**
Hike 6, Drive 110, 900 ft. ascent, Rated C-C,
WC100, 900M

Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471,
cell: 860-798-9905, mwbromberg@yahoo.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Ramp of Exit #451 of I-40 West in TN at 10:30 AM.

Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Meet at first meeting place to carpool (see leader) or 2nd meeting place to convoy to parking at trailhead. This is a wildflower hike at the height of wildflower season. We'll hike from Big Creek picnic area across Big Creek to begin Baxter Creek Trail. Hike 1 mile up Baxter Creek Trail and return; then hike 2 miles up Big Creek Trail to where Mouse Creek Falls can be seen coming into Big Creek from the left, and return.
Topo(s): Cove Creek Gap

Sunday No. H2102-346 **April 18**
Folk Art Center to
Haw Creek Overlook **11:00 AM**

Hike 5, 850 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **AT-MST**
Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,
quilter290@gmail.com and Jim Magura,
828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* This favorite moderate hike on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail rewards hikers with great views of the Haw Creek Valley. We hope to see a nice variety of spring flowers.
Topo(s): Oteen

Carolina Mountain Club is on Facebook!

So far CMC “fans” have uploaded a video on snake bites, discussed hikes and uploaded hiking photos. But my favorite is Stuart English’s first entry

Dr. Seuss talked about the “...the places you will go.” He was talking about us. You will go to the Smokies. You will go to the Shining Rock and Middle Prong Wilderness Areas. You will go to the edge of the WNC escarpment in South Carolina, a spectacular area to hike. You will follow the Appalachian Trail over the several peaks of Roan Mountain, Little Hump, and Big Hump. You will go into the Linville Gorge, and much more. But what is most important, you will meet lifetime friends. Believe me, I have.

How to get on Facebook.

First, you must join Facebook as an individual. You don’t need to spend any time on Facebook as an individual, if you don’t want to.

Then, at the upper right hand corner, search for Carolina Mountain Club. Add yourself as a fan when asked. You’ll see other club members who are fans there as well. That’s all there’s to it. Join in the conversation.

All the other CMC communication vehicles will remain the same for now - the website, Let’s Go and the eNews.

Other organizations that CMC interacts with are also on Facebook - A.T.C., Friends of the MST, Great Smoky Mountains Association and many more. Danny Bernstein and Stuart English, Facebook Administrators.

Sunday No. H2102-490
Both directions from Craven Gap on the MST

April 25

11:00 AM

Hike 5.4, Drive 24, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **AT-MST**

Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, bobbipowers23@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Craven Gap - MM 377.4 on Blue Ridge Parkway. *Limit of 12 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* These sections of the MST are lush wildflower habitats in early spring. We will hike from Craven Gap to Ox Creek Road and return. Then we will hike the other way on the MST for 1.1 mile and return. This is a variation of hike #490.
Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle, Oteen

Sunday No. H2102-855
Bluff Mountain Loop Trail (Betty Place) FS#285B

May 2

12:30 PM

Hike 4, Drive 10, 850 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Jack Dalton, 828-622-3704, cell: 404-376-5785, jckdalton9@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Medical Center parking lot at 66 NW US 25-70 (Hot Springs). *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving distance from Asheville is 85 miles round trip. The group will drive to the trailhead from the Hot Springs Medical Center parking lot. We will begin on the Betty Place Trail (FS #285A) in the Upper Shut-In community to the new upper loop trail, passing old home sites at the base of Bluff Mountain. The grade is moderate, and the trail passes through mixed hardwood forest along old roads and streams. We hope to have an ecologist join us in this very rich area. Expect numerous stops on this wildflower excursion.

Topo(s): Lemon Gap

Sunday No. H2102-297
Sams Gap South on A.T.

May 9

11:00 AM

Hike 5, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **AT-MST**
Linda Blue, 828-296-7537, cell: 828-273-6696, lgblue@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Sams Gap on old US 23. *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 50 miles round trip. A moderate in-and-out hike from Sams Gap to the Hogback Ridge Shelter and return along the Appalachian Trail. Expect lots of spring wildflowers.

Topo(s): Sams Gap

Sunday No. H2102-153
Caney Bottom - Cove Creek

May 16

12:00 PM

Hike 5, Drive 20, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, **P400, WC100**

Tom Lucha, 828-696-9117, cell: 828-712-0736, luchat@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 80 miles round trip. This is a pleasant walk in the

valley below Looking Glass Rock. The trail follows a moderate grade as it wanders through the woods along a number of streams and cascades, and includes Cove Creek Falls as its feature attraction.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2102-685
North Slope Trail Extended

May 23

12:00 PM

Hike 5.4, 700 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **P400**

Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036, cell: 408-887-3666, daisytk@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Ranger Station off US 276. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 65 miles round trip. We will go along the Exercise Trail at the Ranger Station, cross US 276 to the Davidson River Campground, walk along the river with a stop at the historic English Chapel and the English family cemetery, and then take the North Slope Loop Trail and return to the cars through the campground.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2102-826
Corn Mill Shoals P.L. #4 - Cedar Rock and Burnt Mtn.

May 30

9:30 AM

Hike 6, Drive 25, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C

William Snow, 857-756-3815, billsnow123@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving distance from Asheville is 80 miles round trip. This is a modified and shortened version of hike #826. We will do two loops with one to the summit of Cedar Rock with excellent views and the other around the summit of Burnt Mountain. We will look for the petroglyphs on Cedar Mountain and do an excursion to the Little River. Map: DuPont State Forest Recreational Forest Trails Map

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

Sunday No. H2102-403
Fawn Lake P.L. #5 - Reasonover Creek

June 6

12:00 PM

Hike 6, Drive 30, 200 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **WC100**

Sarah Broughton, 828-564-3662, sarahebroughton@icloud.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 80 miles round trip. This pleasant loop hike in the DuPont Forest includes the Fawn Lake, Corn Mills Shoals, Bridal Veil Falls, Lake Julia and Reasonover Creek Trails.

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

Sunday No. H2102-784

June 13

Big Ivy Ramble

11:00 AM

Hike 5.2, Drive 55, 670 ft. ascent, Rated C-C

Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Except for the first 1.2 miles, where all of the elevation gain occurs, this is a lovely stroll on an old forest service road. We should have long views. Due to the relatively steep, rocky ascent at the beginning of the hike, this is not one for beginners.

Sunday No. H2102-062
Daniel Ridge and Cove Creek Loop Trail

June 20

9:30 AM

Hike 6.6, Drive 60, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **P400, WC100**

William Snow, 857-756-3815, billsnow123@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery off FS 475. *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 70 miles round trip. This is a modified and shortened version of hike #62. It is a moderate loop hike that will start at the Cove Creek Campground and take the connector to the Toms Spring Waterfall, continue along the cascades, making a turn to another waterfall upstream from Toms Spring before returning on the Cove Creek Trail.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2102-381
Snowball Trail

June 27

11:30 AM

Hike 3, Drive 30, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C

Ted Altman, 513-532-7766, tedaltman2@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* This in-and-out hike has a steady climb (some hikers consider it to be steep) to Hawkbill Rock. Diverse and centennial trees to be admired all the way on the ridge. Stop for a snack at Snowball Gap before return. This can be a 3-mile round trip, 1100-ft. elevation gain, or up to 5 miles, 2000-ft. elevation gain. Details will be determined by the group on hike day.

Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle

NEXT CMC COUNCIL MEETING

When: May 11, 2021
Where: Please check Breaking News in May
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Info: Call Debby at 404-731-3119 if you would like to attend. All CMC members are welcome.



Further information about regulations is available at www.carolinamountainclub.org

HIKING INFORMATION: CMC hikes are open to all and we welcome guests. Non-members need to call or email the hike leader to introduce themselves and find out more about the hike.

Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of ten hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation. Carpooling has been discontinued due to COVID restrictions. Hikes may be canceled by the leader due to adverse weather or dangerous roads. Minors are welcome on CMC hikes, if accompanied by a responsible adult. Pets are not allowed on CMC hikes. Hike leaders have the right to reject participants who are not properly equipped for the hike or who are unlikely to be able to complete the hike. All hikers are expected to follow the leader's instructions. No one should get ahead of the leader, or lag behind the sweep, without specific permission. Hikers should obtain the leader's permission if they wish to leave the hike before its completion.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT: CMC's website (www.carolinamountainclub.org, click on Hiking) has a full list of day hiking needs. Most critical are water, footwear, rain gear and a first aid kit. Carry at least two quarts of liquid (water, Gatorade, juice) for a full day hike, no matter what time of year. Hiking boots are recommended for all hikes. They should be broken in before the hike. Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Even if there is no sign of rain in the morning, you need to be prepared for an afternoon shower. Your first aid kit should include any personal medication, including allergy medication, if needed. Wear layered clothing – you'll want to take layers off during a strenuous climb or as the day proceeds, then put them back on in cooler conditions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY: Each CMC member and guest agrees to accept personal responsibility for his or her own safety and for the safety of accompanying minors. The Club cannot ensure the safety of any participant on hikes or trail maintenance activities. Each participant agrees to hold harmless and free from blame event leaders and the CMC, its officers and members, for any accident, injury or illness which might be sustained from participating in Club hikes and other activities.

CONSERVATION: CMC works with other organizations concerned about the protection of our natural heritage to protect trails and the hiking experience in

our hiking area. Phone the Councilor for Conservation for details.

MEMBERSHIP: Everyone is eligible for CMC membership by joining and paying dues. To join online or by paper application, go to www.carolinamountainclub.org and click on the green Join button just below the Member Login. Choose either Join CMC online or CMC application form (pdf). Don't have internet access? Mail a note to the CMC address requesting an application form be mailed to you. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Hikers are expected to join CMC after participating in a few hikes. Some trail maintenance activities are only open to members.

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