



Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for August 2007

(Extracted from the published Newsletter*)

*The printed Newsletter sent to members and subscribers also contains reports of hikes done, info on new members, full names of leaders plus e-addresses, plus the Appalachian Trail Maintainers Newsletter. To subscribe: \$10 to SMHC, Box 1454, Knoxville, TN 37901. (If start after August issue, subscription is good through next year.) After one signs in on 3 Club hikes (or 2 A.T. Work trips) an application for membership is provided.

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- 18 – Sat Election Picnic
- 22 – Wed Clingmans Dome to Newfound Gap on A.T.
- 25 – Sat Jerry & Andrews Balds from Noland Divide <off trail>
- 25 – Sat Andrews Bald: picnic supper & **Moonlight** return

A T WORKTRIP August 4 – Saturday See ATMNews for details

BACKPACK: CROWDER AND MILL BRANCHES In CITICO CREEK WILDERNESS August 4-5 – Saturday - Sunday

The heat of mid-summer will drive us to seek a high cool oasis on the crest of the Unicoi Mountains in the Citico Creek Wilderness. Our route will ascend the Mill Branch Trail from Doublecamp Creek. We'll then turn north on the Fodderstack/ Benton MacKaye Trail. Our camp will either be at the old Crowder Place or at a small meadow at the junction with the Big Stack Gap Branch Trail. The second day's descent will be down the more rugged Crowder Branch Trail. A short car shuttle or road walk will be necessary to close the loop.

This hike is limited by wilderness regulations to 8 people. Pre-registration with the leader is required and will be first come, first served. Hike 7 miles, rated moderate. Drive 160 miles round trip.

Leader: Hiram 584-7310 hiramrogers@yahoo.com

LECONTE VIA TRILLIUM GAP August 11 – Saturday

Our hike starts as a rather easy stroll 1.5 miles to Grotto Falls, part of the Roaring Fork watershed. After walking behind the falls our climbing begins. In all we will gain 3300' in elevation by the time we reach LeConte. Trillium gap is at the 3 mile point and offers the option of a short side trip to Brushy Mt., a heath bald with good views. As we continue we should see a good display of summer flowers at the higher elevations, including Grass-of-Parnassus. After 6.5 miles we will arrive at LeConte Lodge. Lunch on the porch or those with energy left can climb to Cliff Top for lunch with a view. We will return the same way. Hike 13 miles plus any side trips. Rated moderately difficult and quite strenuous.

Two meeting places, both at 7:00 AM: At **Alcoa Food City** meet David 984-4621 dcshiker@netzero.com or— at **Wal-Mart** on Chapman Hwy meet Chris 521-6107.

HENSLEY SETTLEMENT at CUMBERLAND GAP NHP

EASY, Short Hike :

August 11 – Saturday

1 mile

Walking tour guided by Park Ranger. Transportation by NPS van, \$10./person. Meet at Park Visitor Center at 8:30. Return to Visitor Center at 12:30. At Visitors Center one can visit museum and view historical movies. Can have lunch at Webb's Country Kitchen in Cumberland Gap.

MUST Pre-register with Gary 423-581-9248 gmckenna@charter.net.

Re: Travel from Knoxville: call Debbie 865-382-3047

**ELECTION and POT LUCK PICNIC
"Honoring past Presidents of our Club"
August 18 - Saturday**

**Social Hour 10-11
Lunch: 12-1:00**

**Presidential Speeches 11-12
Election Meeting: 1:00-2:30**

This year at Election Picnic we will recognize our past Club Presidents. Come out to visit with them and our new members. Also meet the new officers and members of the board of directors for 2008.

What to bring: Arrive early to hear rewarding memories from selected past Presidents. Please bring to share a **generous portion** of your favorite covered dish, vegetable, salad or meat. The social committee will supply the dessert this year along with ice, water, tea and lemonade. Also all tableware will be supplied. A small donation will be accepted.

Location: **Louisville Point Park**, 3272 Cox Rd, Louisville, TN

Driving directions: **From Knoxville or Oak Ridge:**

Exit from Pellissippi Parkway (I-140) at Topside Road (it's between the Bridge over Lake and Alcoa Hwy). Turn right on Topside Rd. Travel to the end at 2.8 miles. Turn right onto Louisville Road and drive past the marina and shortly after, turn right on Cox Rd, at 1.4 miles. Drive to the end of Cox Rd into the park. Picnic is at the pavilion on the right.

Directions **From Maryville:** From the Wal-Mart on Hwy 129 turn onto Louisville Road. Travel 5.2 miles and turn right on Cox Road. Drive to the end of Cox Road to the park. Picnic is at the pavilion on the right.

When driving on Cox Road, before entering the park, take time to notice Louisville's 1850's era antebellum homes. The town's General store and post office buildings are still standing, on the right side of the road. And the blacksmith and casket making shops were in a small white building on the left side of Cox Rd. The park is equipped with nearby restrooms, a volleyball court, horseshoe pit, a small playground, a boat launch and open grassy fields. We will *not* be leading a hike this day, but after the picnic all are welcome to walk the shoreline around the park.

Hike leader sign-up sheets will be available for 2008 hikes.

There will be a meeting of the new Board afterward to assign "Monthly Coordinator" jobs and check out the 2008 schedule, and begin assigning hike leaders.

The Social committee:

Rae	558-9154, knoxrae@aol.com	Cathy	691-9614
Jeanette	tatumijb@peoplepc.com	Debbie	382-3047, debbiegoddard@bellsouth.net
Lucinda	lucindaturbeville@comcast.net		

Candidates nominated for the 2008 Executive Board of SMHC

President	Tim Bigelow	Director.....	Claudia Dean*
Vice Pres	???	Director	Dianne Gruber*
Treasurer	George Ritter	Director ..	Mary Anne Hoskins*
Secretary	David Smith	Director	Ray Payne
Newsletter Ed..	Charlie Klabunde	Director	Pam Reddock*
Historian	Lucinda Turbeville	Director...	Connie Tatgenhorst
(*New to Board.)		Director.....	Nan Woodbury

Still no V.P. found at press time ! V.P., when accepted, will displace a new director.

*****>>> MID-WEEK HIKES <<<*****

One August Wednesday

Aug 22 **Clingmans Dome to Newfound Gap** 7.9 miles
A.T. hike with shuttle. Leave Alcoa Food City at 7:30 AM
Pam (865) 384-0330

JERRY & ANDREWS BALDS FROM NOLAND DIVIDE
August 25 – Saturday

Many hikers visit Andrews Bald annually in the Smokies, but very few enter the Bald via Bald Branch and Jerry Bald. Jerry Bald is a small ridge extending to the southeast from the lower end of Andrews and is a very pleasant ridgetop. Our route will descend to Noland Creek down the Noland Divide and Noland Creek Trails. At campsite 61, we will skirt the rhodo in the flats around the campsite area, then begin our off trail adventures by crossing Noland Creek to pick up an old railroad grade going up Bald Branch. After that, we will make a strenuous ascent to gain the crest of Jerry Bald and follow the open ridgetop. A shorter, but also steep ascent brings us into Andrews Bald. The Forney Ridge Trail takes us to the Clingmans Dome parking area and the end of the outing. (There will be a shuttle from the starting point.)

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 7 AM. Roundtrip drive: 92 miles (5¢=\$4.60). Hike mileage: 6 on trail, 2 off. Rating: strenuous, due to the steep ascents and total elevation loss/gain.

Leaders: Mike 691-4742 mike_harr@bellsouth.net Michael 925-8257 mvaughn@knology.net

ANDREWS BALD:
PICNIC SUPPER and MOONLIGHT RETURN
August 25 – Saturday

We begin hiking in late afternoon at the Clingmans Dome parking area. Starting on the Forney Ridge Trail, we hike mostly downhill to Andrews Bald. Bring supper to be enjoyed on the bald where the blueberries should be ripe for the picking. After enjoying the sun setting over the mountains we will return by the light of the silvery moon. The moon rises nearly 3 hours before sunset that night, so it should be high in the sky as we hike back. The trail is rocky in places with a mile of uphill on the way back. Although we will have moonlight (weather permitting, of course), be sure and bring flashlights for the portions of the trail under the trees.

We plan to leave from the **Food City in Alcoa** <see list> at 4:00. We plan to start hiking from the Clingmans Dome parking lot about 5:45 or shortly thereafter. Round trip mileages: drive- 110 (5¢=\$5.50), hike- 4, rated moderately easy.

Leaders: John 927-2501 jxk@esper.com Mark 405-9879

MEETING PLACES:

"**Food City in Alcoa**"= on right between 3 rd & 4th stoplight (on Hall Rd., TN 35), just before Big Lots- where we are not wanted.

COMING EVENTS - September

1 – Sat AT Work Trip
8 – Sat Cheoah Bald from Stecoah Gap
15-16 S&S Scout-Your-Hike for 2008
22 – Sat Sept Sunset & Harvest Moon Walk
29 – Sat BSF in KY: Blue Heron Loop

90th BIRTHDAY GATHERING with A.L.E.

Long-time SMHC member and past Newsletter editor, **Lionel Edney**, will celebrate his 90th birthday in September. A room has been reserved at Ramsey's Restaurant, 5331 Central Avenue Pike, Knoxville, on **Tuesday, September 4**, for friends to have **lunch** and visit with him. Since no room charge is being required, it is necessary that each person attending have the buffet at Ramsey's for \$11.75 all-inclusive and make reservations with Mildred Lawell at 588-7169 by August 27. Needed information is the caller's name, number of reservations requested, and telephone number.

NOTE TO ALL CAR-POOLERS

Expect to reimburse driver at least 4 or 5 cents per mile.

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HEY ! EVERYBODY !

(A suggested \$-amount is now shown for the RT mileage and a 5¢/mi rate.)
