

**Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for December 2007**

(Extracted from the published Newsletter\*)

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- 5 - Wed Snag Mountain Manway
- 8 - Sat Installation Dinner
- 15 - Sat Jakes Creek to Miry Ridge & Campsite #26
- 19 - Wed Baskin Creek Manway

( This is the hike/route preferred by the leaders.)

**CUMBERLAND TRAIL: DEVILS RACETRACK  
December 1, 2007**

We have made a bit of a change from the route described in the handbook. From the Bruce Gap Trailhead in Caryville we will ascend the Cumberland Mountain segment along I-75 to the Devils Racetrack overlook. From the trailhead the route leads over a couple of low knobs, then follows a stream with several waterfalls in the Bruce Gap area. After 3 miles the trail leaves the stream for a series of steep switchbacks to Devils Racetrack. These are the unusual rock formations visible to the east as you head up I-75 north. We will be rewarded with dramatic vistas of the Tennessee Valley.

Meet at the Cove Lake State Park office, beside US-25E just east of Exit 134 off I-75, at 9:00 AM. It's about 60 miles round trip from Knoxville.

Leaders: Harold 816-942-0927 or 865-898-1307 h.m.draper@att.net  
Bob 865-748-9227 snowcap34@charter.net

**>> PLEASE be aware that hunting may be going on adjacent to either route,  
so some blaze orange is advised. <<**

( This is the hike the program chair/ editor hoped they would do. )

**CUMBERLAND TRAIL: BRUCE GAP TRAILHEAD TO CROSS MOUNTAIN and BACK**

**CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK and PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**EASY, Short Hike:**

**December 1 - Saturday**

5+ miles

Hike in the State Park with lunch afterwards at the park restaurant, then 2-mile hike and tour of private property (150+ acres) on the Plateau that has several features including spectacular bluff views.

Meet at ORNL Credit Union in Kingston <see list> at 9:30 AM

Debbie 865-382-3047 & Gary 423-972-3636

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

**Two December Wednesdays**

- Dec 5 Snag Mountain Manway
- Dec 19 Baskin Creek Manway

9 miles  
6 miles

Both leave from Asheville Highway Food Lion at 8:00

Steve Higdon 689-5006 [shigdon103@yahoo.com](mailto:shigdon103@yahoo.com)

## INSTALLATION DINNER

December 8 – Saturday

We would like to invite all members, friends and family to our annual Installation Dinner. The location is the same as last year, at the Church of the Good Samaritan, 425 North Cedar Bluff Road, 0.3 miles north of I-40 on the left (just past Pilot & Dunkin Donuts; only the sign is visible). Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Social hour: 5:30 to 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:00 PM**

Allen Coggins will be our featured speaker. He is a speaker at the Wilderness Wildlife Week and has written several books including "Place Names of the Smokies" which will be the topic of his presentation. His topics range from natural to cultural history and from ethics to humor. Allen is an emergency management specialist with the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. He is also a part-time tour guide with Rocky Top Tours.

The program will continue with the photography awards, service awards, honoring of the 50-yr members and the installation of the 2008 Board.

Dinner will cost \$15 each. If you have been a member of SMHC for 50 years or more, the cost is free, but please still make your reservation and entrée choice.

♦ **Reservation deadline is Monday, November 26.**

E-mail or call one of the social team members listed below. Give us your full name, phone number, number in party, and entree choice for each person attending.

The entrée choices are: Vegetable Lasagna or Pork tenderloins.

Social Team Members: Rae 558-9154 knxrae@aol.com Cathy 691-9614 Cata 982-3890  
Debbie 382-3047 debbiegoddard@bellsouth.net Lucinda 945-1441 luncindaturbeville@comcast.net

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## JAKES CREEK TO MIRY RIDGE and CAMPSITE #26

December 15 - Saturday

Winter provides clear skies, open spaces, and no bugs! It's a great time to enjoy the woods. We will hike the Jakes Creek Trail from Elkmont all the way to the junction with the Miry Ridge Trail. The route up Jakes Creek is a steady climb, but the trail follows the route of the old railroad. At the junction, we'll take the Miry Ridge Trail to campsite #26 where we will stop for lunch. Return is by the same route.

Leave **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 8:00 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 94 (5¢=\$4.70), hike- 11.4, rated moderate.

Leaders: Mary Anne Hoskins 523-1051 mhoskins@utk.edu

Les Alley 690-3814

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**MEETING PLACES: "Asheville Hwy Food Lion"**= From exit 394 ramp off I-40 go left (east) out Asheville Hwy, US-11E/25W/70, 1.0 mi to signal light; turn left, then right into Food Lion lot (not visible from Hwy intersection). Park along front edge, to left of entry. Far east side of Knoxville

**"Food City in Alcoa"**= on right between 3rd & 4th stoplight (on Hall Rd., TN 35), a block before Big Lots

**"ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville"** = just south of where US-129 & US-411 join, (SW corner at traffic light, past Pilot/Conoco). Meet at front of lot.

**"NOAA in Oak Ridge"**= on SW side of Illinois Ave. (TN-62), National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, (doing weather research). Between Ford dealer and Carden Rentals, on left coming from Knox. Is between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic lights.

((The ex-Food City property manager is having all cars towed from there!!))

**"ORNL Credit Union in Kingston"** at exit 352 off I-40: Turn left at end of ramp and go 1/2 block to entry on right. Park along right edge of side lot.

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## COMING EVENTS – January 2008

1 - Tue Three Gaps: Mids, Huskey & Cucumber (plus Fightin' Creek Gap)  
5 - Sat Frozen Head SP: Bird Mtn to Castle Rock  
13 - Sun Hall Top Tower from Hartford  
20 - Sun Haw Ridge  
26 - Sat Goldmine, Cooper Road, Beard Cane & Ace Gap Trails

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