

Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for June 2007

(Extracted from the published Newsletter*)

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16 - Sat	EZ: Hen Wallow Falls
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17 - Sun	Wolf Ridge- Gregory Bald- Long Hungry Ridge
27 - Wed	Anthony Creek- Russell Field- AT- Bote Mtn- & Anthony Creek Trails
30 - Sat	Mt. LeConte via Cannon Creek

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: A T WORKTRIPS

June 2 – Saturday

See ATMNews for details

ENLOE CREEK TRAIL VIA HYATT RIDGE

June 2 – Saturday

From a small parking area on Straight Fork Rd., we begin a 1.8 mile, 1500' climb of the somewhat rocky Hyatt Ridge Trail. At a gap at 1.8 miles we begin descending on Enloe Creek Trail down 800' to boulder strewn Raven Fork. After crossing Raven Fork on a steel bridge, we begin a gradual 1200' ascent over the next 2.6 miles to the intersection with Hughes Ridge Trail. We then retrace our steps back to the cars.

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> ready to leave at 7:30AM. Anyone wanting to meet at Sugarlands Visitor Center at 8:30, please contact one of the hike leaders. Round trip mileages: drive- 160, hike- 10.8, rated moderate.

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HOT DOG, ICE CREAM, DESSERT SOCIAL & HIKE

June 9 – Saturday

The Social Committee would like to invite all club members, new and old and their friends, to our first social event of 2007. This year's theme for our social events is: "*An Evolution in Hiking*". We are asking young and old and in-between hikers to bring period wares, pictures and especially stories to entertain and educate us on the evolution of hiking. After lunch feel free to educate our new members about area hikes you have experienced. Please be careful not to scare them off.

Arrive: 11:00 to hike- about 2 miles on a shady mulch path.

12:30 to eat: The hot-dogs will be served.

Provided: We will provide hot-dogs and toppings, chips, ice, drinking water and tableware. We ask for a nominal donation of \$2.00 each to pay for the pavilion. The event will go — rain or shine.

Please bring: A homemade dessert or ice-cream to share, a drink and folding chairs. Bug spray may be needed as well. Water will be the only drink provided.

Location: Victor Ashe Park is on Bradshaw Rd. in Knoxville, off Western Ave.

If you are coming **from the west**, take Oak Ridge Highway which becomes Western Ave. Turn left onto Ball Camp Pike just past the Third Creek Baptist Church on your left. Go 0.6 mile and turn left on Bradshaw. The entry to the park is on your left at about 0.2 miles.

If you are coming **from the east**, turn right off Western Ave. onto Pleasant Ridge Rd. Go 1.6 miles and turn left onto Bradshaw. Entry to the park is on the right hand side at 0.3 mile on Bradshaw. There are good indications on Western before the turns. We will be meeting at the large pavilion beside the soccer field. Restrooms are nearby. The park has soccer fields, Frisbee golf, and a dog park.

The **Program Committee** will be on hand to welcome brain-storming and discussions of future hikes during the picnic .

The Social Committee:

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GRASSY RIDGE BALD BACKPACK
June 16-17 – Saturday and Sunday

Discover the Highlands of Roan in June, when wild rhododendron and flame azalea bloom. Enjoy a leisurely four mile backpack to the 6,000 foot summit of Grassy Ridge Bald. Here, we'll camp in a grassy meadow surrounded by blue mountain vistas and wildflowers. Our awe inspiring view location offers opportunities to explore nearby balds and forest crossed by the Appalachian Trail. Many end-to-end hikers have described the Highlands of Roan as one of the most beautiful sections of the Appalachian Trail between Georgia and Maine. Rated easy. *Pre-registration is required.* Round trip drive is 248 miles.

Leader: Randall 681-7261 ellisbell@earthlink.net

HEN WALLOW FALLS

EASY, Short Hike:

June 16 - Saturday

4.2 miles

8:00 at Asheville Hwy Food Lion or 9:00 at trailhead. Lunch afterward at Carver's if you want.

Debbie 382-3047 Carole 423-587-2638 Gary 423-972-3636

WOLF RIDGE- GREGORY BALD- LONG HUNGRY RIDGE
June 17 – Sunday (!)**

This year's club trek to see the famous azalea display on the bald starts at Twentymile Ranger Station, goes up Wolf Ridge to Gregory Bald, thence down Long Hungry Ridge and back to the Ranger Station. There are several creek crossings early on the way up, some on bridges, the rest mostly easy, but if the water is high, two might involve wading.

Meet to leave the ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville at 7:00. Round trip mileages: drive- 82 (caution it's the car-sick 129), hike- 15.6. Rated moderate but long.

Leaders: Jim 828-479-9271 jhlowejr@hotmail.com Mark 693-9795

**** Note:** Most of the *mailed* Newsletters had **16 – Saturday** and a sticker on the envelope: "GregB=Sun 17"

MOUNT LECONTE VIA CANNON CREEK
June 30 – Saturday

This epic hike is one that participants will not soon forget. We will start with a brief warm up on a small section of Porters Creek Trail and then leave the trail and shortly find Cannon Creek. The creek will then be followed with an ascent of close to 4,500 feet to the summit of Mount LeConte. Along the way, there will be interesting creek features to enjoy (if you are on this hike for enjoyment). Once at Mt. LeConte we will make a brief stop at the lodge and start the 9 mile descent back to the Porters Creek Trailhead.

If weather conditions are not favorable, the leaders will reserve the option of doing an alternate hike. This is a difficult and demanding hike that will require strength, speed and skills well beyond that of typical club hikes. Although the entire hike is generally challenging, one rock face section of the hike is particularly dangerous and should only be attempted by very experienced off-trail hikers. *Pre-registration with the leaders is required* and the group will be limited to 8, including the leaders.

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

Two June Wednesdays

Jun 6 - Schoolhouse Gap- Turkeypen Ridge- Finley Cane- & Bote Mtn Trails. 9 miles
Jun 27 - Anthony Creek- Russell Field- AT- Bote Mtn- & Anthony Creek Trails. 11.5 miles
Both Leave Alcoa Food City at 8:00 Ronald 482-5078

MEETING PLACES: "Asheville Hwy Food Lion"= From exit 394 ramp off -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 3 rd & 4th stoplight (on Hall Rd., TN 35), just before Big Lots- where we are not wanted.

"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.

COMING EVENTS - July

1 – Sat AT Worktrip
8 - Sun Shuckstack- Lost Cove- Lakeshore
14 - Sat Virginia Creeper Trail Bike Ride
28 - Sat Collins Creek Manway- Kanati Fork Trail <offtrail>
28 - Sat Newton Bald- Thomas Divide- Kanati Fork Trails

Ideas for 2008 Hikes ?? Something you'd like to see us do? Something you'd like to lead ? Tell us about it (them). Call, write, e-mail to Program Committee Coordinator — Charlie (see above).