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A T WORKTRIP November 7 – Wednesday See ATMNews for details

HONEY CREEK November 4 - Sunday

Since the new Burnt Mill Bridge was built and opened for traffic in summer of 2006, the approach to Honey Creek is much improved. The plateau should still have a display of color in early November. While the distance of the loop is only 5.6 miles, the rugged terrain makes for unsure footing and a relatively moderate pace. Some of the original ladders have been replaced with sturdier models, and the geologic features are marked with signs.

Meet at **NOAA in Oak Ridge** <new: see list> at 8:00 AM EST. Round trip mileages: drive- 150 (5¢=\$7.50), hike- 5.6.
Note that Daylight Saving Time ends today. Std time looks like 1 hr earlier.

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>>> MID-WEEK HIKES <<<

Two November Wednesdays

Nov 7 Scheduled AT Maintenance + Plus a fun hike to old boiler and Andrews Bald - contact Lucinda for meeting info Nov 14 Shop Creek Off-Trail + Plus Look Rock Tower Meet at Maryville ex-Bi-Lo at 8 AM.

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MIDDLE PRONG TRAIL TO PANTHER CREEK

EASY, Short Hike:

November 10 - Saturday

4.6 miles

Meet at Alcoa Food City at 9:00 AM

Les 690-3814

SHOP CREEK- SKUNK RIDGE- TABCAT CREEK

November 17 – Saturday

We have made a bit of a change in the route from that is described in the handbook. Scouting shows that Skunk Ridge has fewer blowdowns than Shop Ridge, so we plan to use it. This will require a short car shuttle. Shop Creek is an easy off-trail hike, then a steep climb from the gap at the head of Shop Creek, generally to the, south gets us to the top of Skunk Ridge. Following Skunk Ridge to the southwest we eventually arrive at Tabcat Creek. A ways down Tabcat we will use an old trail over to US-129, crossing a low ridge on the way. It's an off-trail hike and fallen dead pines on Skunk Ridge could be a problem. On Shop Creek there is an interesting carving on a large beech tree, if the tree is still standing.

Due to the shorter daylight hours and the potential blowdown problem on Skunk Ridge, we will leave the **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 7:30 AM. Hike about 7 miles. Round trip drive about 70 miles (5¢=\$3.50).

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HEMPHILL BALD
November 23 - Friday

This annual Jim/Bob After-Thanksgiving-Day hike will start at Cove Creek Gap on the Cataloochee Divide Trail. The first segment will be a gradual climb offering views as we travel along the park boundary. We eventually work our way to just over 5000' elevation before dipping down at Purchase Gap. After passing the Swag we climb a little before reaching Double Gap. From there we'll pick up the Hemphill Bald Trail beginning a short strenuous climb. We'll enjoy lunch with a view from the bald before returning by the same route.

Meet at **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> at 7:30 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 170 (5¢=\$8.50), hike- 14.4 miles, rated moderate to strenuous.

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COMING EVENTS - December

1 - Sat Cumberland Trail: Cross Mtn to Bruce Gap Trailhead
8 - Sat Installation Dinner
15 - Sat Jakes Creek to Miry Ridge & Campsite #26

INSTALLATION DINNER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

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.

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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 Knoxville. Is between 1st & 2nd traffic lights.

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

DO NOT PARK in ex-Food City Lot !!

See above: "NOAA"

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