

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

(Extracted from the published Newsletter\*)

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**A T WORKTRIP  
No Major Trip Planned, BUT...  
See ATMNews for more info**

**BACKPACK: DEEP CREEK – SITE #57  
October 6-7 – Saturday-Sunday**

Our hike will begin at the Deep Creek campground. We will take the Deep Creek trail 6.5 miles to Campsite 56. It's a nice, easy trail the first few miles before hitting a few moderate pulls. The trail follows Deep Creek most of the way. At times, we will be crossing some ridges above the creek. Last fall, when we scouted the hike, there had just been considerable work done on the trail (water bars, steps, etc.). Sunday, we will take Martins Gap trail over to Indian Gap trail before returning to the campground. Round trip about 13-14 miles.

The campsite will hold only 8 people so please check with a leader beforehand. We will meet at the Sugarlands Visitors Center at 8 AM Saturday.

Leaders: David 216-0363

Lenny 719-0449

**MADDRON BALD AND COSBY KNOB SHELTER via SNAKE DEN RIDGE AND A.T.  
October 13 – Saturday**

From Cosby Campground we'll climb Snake Den Ridge Trail to Maddron Bald Trail. Then we'll hike down 0.5 mile through the heath bald to an open rocky spot to sit, eat the first part of lunch, and look out on Old Black and Mount Guyot. We'll backtrack to the trail junction, go about a mile up to the AT, and hike northbound (but actually east) for a little more than 4 miles (mostly down except for the climb out of Camel Gap) to Cosby Knob Shelter to eat the rest of lunch and celebrate the first anniversary of the shelter renovation by SMHC. From there it's a short way to Low Gap Trail, which will take us back down (somewhat steeply) to Cosby Campground. We'll go through laurel and rhododendron tunnels, patches of yellow coneflowers, and possibly a bramble or two. This AT section will have several good views; —we might choose one as an additional lunch spot.

Meet at **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> to leave at 7:00 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 120, hike- about 14, rated moderately difficult because of mileage and elevation change.

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**ISLAND HOME; WILL SKELTON GREENWAY; MEAD'S QUARRY**

**EASY, Short Hike #1:**

**October 13 – Saturday**

up to 5 miles

Meet at Island Home Park: Estelle Circle off Spence Place at 9:00

Elsie 584-1705 [bedodson06@comcast.net](mailto:bedodson06@comcast.net)

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

Two October Wednesdays

**Oct 10** Gregory Bald via Gregory Ridge Trail 11.5 miles meet 8:00 @ Alcoa Food City  
**Oct 24** Mt. Cammerer via Low Gap & AT 11.2 miles meet 8:00 @ Asheville Hwy Food Lion  
Bobby 621-1646 whiteblazing@yahoo.com

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**FALL PHOTO SHOW**  
**October 19 – Friday**

Did you or a fellow hiker enter the photo contest? Come see who won, and displays of other adventures. Complete details about the contest are on p.41 of our Handbook or on our website. Entry drop off window is between Sept 17th and OCT 6th at either Thompson Photo Product location. Or if you've had a wonderful trip this year, and would like to bring slides or digitals (on CD or USB flash drive) to share for the evening— Please do!

Meet at 6:30 PM at the TN Valley Unitarian Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. This is a fun evening open to all. A \$2 donation is requested, and please bring snacks or drinks to share.

Info: Nan tallwaters@earthlink.net

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**BASKINS CREEK TRAIL & FALLS**

**EASY, Short Hike #2:** **October 20 - Saturday** 2.7 miles  
Meet: Alcoa Food City at 9:00. Caution: steep, slippery manway to falls.  
Laura 985-3194 tntanker@hotmail.com

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**MT. CAMMERER VIA TOMS CREEK AND ROCKY FACE**  
**October 21 – Sunday**

This hike was originally listed as Cammerer via Toms Creek and Rocky Face. However after our first scouting trip the leaders vowed never to visit Rocky Face again. Instead we will follow our second scouting hike, a pleasant route that begins from the Lower Mt. Cammerer Trail and wanders past several old homesites. Farther up Toms Creek, we'll battle a bit of rhodo before making a long steep ascent which should put us on the AT just below Sunup Knob. Then we'll take easy trail to the firetower for lunch. Our return will be on the AT and back down the Low Gap Trail.

Contact the leaders for registration and meeting information. Drive 122 miles round trip. Hike 11.4 miles (including two miles off trail). Rated difficult.

Leaders: Hiram 584-7310 hiramrogers@yahoo.com Nan 692-1212 tallwaters@earthlink.net

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**MT. CAMMERER VIA CHESTNUT BRANCH TRAIL**  
**October 21 – Sunday**

This hike starts at the Big Creek Ranger Station and follows the Chestnut Branch trail up to its junction with the AT. We turn left on the AT and climb to the main ridge top and Mt. Cammerer trail junction. A right turn and short hike on this spur brings us to the summit and renovated fire tower. Views of 360 degrees from the top, weather permitting, are outstanding and fall colors should be on display. After lunch on top, we return by the same route.

Meet at **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> ready to go at 8:00 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 115, hike- 12, with 3300 feet elevation gain, rated moderately difficult due to length and the climb.

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**BEECH GAP, BOB AND STRATTON BALDS, THE HANGOVER**  
**October 27 – Saturday**

Starting at Beech Gap on the Cherohala Skyway, at the TN/NC state line, we follow a gated road for 1.5 miles. Hunting seasons will be on here, so best wear something orange. Then we go up a trail which is always briary and with some muddy spots, about 1.1 miles, climbing 750' to join the Big Fodderstack trail. There we turn right for about 1/4 mile to Bob Stratton Bald, where old Bob and sons had a herder's cabin which they used about 1835 to 1858 and which others used for many years. (Around here, they all called these high meadows—which were here back then—"naked grounds"). We go through the officially named Naked Ground, over Haeo to the Hangover for spectacular views all around. There are ups and downs along the way, but little net gain.

Meet at **ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville** <see list> to leave at 7:30 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 150, hike- 10.8. Rated moderate.

Leaders: Jim 828-479-9271 jhlowejr@hotmail.com Debbie 382-3047 debbiegoddard@bellsouth.net

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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 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.

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#### **COMING EVENTS - November**

3 - Sat AT Worktrip  
4 - Sun Honey Creek  
17 - Sat Shop Creek-Shop Ridge-Blacksmith Branch <off-trail>  
23 - Fri Hemphill Bald

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