



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

**Two January Wednesdays**

Jan 9 - Haw Ridge 8.5 mi. Meet 9:00 at *The Rush*, Illinois Ave, Oak Ridge  
Jan 23 - Jakes Creek–Miry Ridge & site #26 11.4 mi 8:00 at Alcoa Food City

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**JOHN OLIVER CABIN FROM COVE LOOP START**

**EASY, Short Hike :**

**January 12 – Saturday** 3 miles

(If bad weather, will do Maryville Greenbelt.)

Meet: 9:00 at Alcoa Food City David 984-4621 [dcshiker@bellsouth.net](mailto:dcshiker@bellsouth.net)

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**HALL TOP**

**January 13 - Sunday**

On a clear day, this hike offers nice views of Max Patch, Mt Pisgah, Mt Cammerer, and Martha Sundquist State Forest during an ascent up Hall Top along the Devils Backbone ridgeline. We begin at an elevation of 1480' and proceed on graded Forest Service route 110 for ¼ mile before turning left onto a short, steep trail that climbs 800' over 1.5 miles to rejoin the FS road at 2200' elevation. We will hike along the contour of the mountain side until we reach the Devils Backbone at 2500' and begin the scenic 2.5 mile ridgeline hike up to the summit and tower at 3610' where we will have lunch. The return trip back down will skip the steep trail section and instead follow the easier but longer FS road.

Meet at the **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> at 8 AM or the trailhead at 9. Round trip mileages: drive- 110 (5¢=\$5.50), hike- 10, rated difficult.

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**HAW RIDGE PARK**

**January 20-Sunday**

Haw Ridge Park contains more than 25 miles of trails tucked into 800 acres along a bend in the Clinch River, conveniently located midway between Oak Ridge and Knoxville. The club has visited the park before on shorter trips, but this will be our first chance to explore the entire park. We'll walk the myriad of trails that trace the perimeter of the park to maximize our scenery along the shore of Melton Hill Lake and minimize the park's many steep hills. The park is a favorite locale for hikers, runners, and mountain bikers, and also boasts good wildlife watching.

Meet at 9 AM at Haw Ridge Park Trailhead, one mile east of Oak Ridge Hwy (TN-62)\*\* on Edgemoor Road (TN-170) in Oak Ridge. Use the parking area with the prominent signboard. Hike 9 Miles, rated moderate. \*\*Exit ramp from 62 to 170 is at Oak Ridge end of bridge over Melton Hill Lake.

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**GOLDMINE, COOPER ROAD, BEARD CANE AND ACE GAP TRAILS — A KEYSWAP**

**January 26 - Saturday**

This keyswap hike in the southwest area of the GSMNP will cover a fair amount of terrain at low elevation. The description here is for hikers going in same direction as the title says. We begin with a short, steep descent on the Goldmine trail; then along Cooper Road to the Beard Cane trail. After descending into the valley of Beard Cane Creek, we go along the floor of this narrow valley, crossing the creek numerous times (some may be wet), and hopefully avoiding the worst of the muddy sections. At campsite #3, the likely lunch stop, we prepare for a (normally) wet crossing of Hesse Creek. Then we climb to the gap to follow the Ace Gap Trail to the cars at Rich Mountain Road. Those hikers going the other way get a steep climb at the end. This hike is recommended only for those with considerable experience in Smokies hiking. The short day will necessitate a steady pace to cover the long mileage; the creeks will be cold, and the air temperature could well be quite chilly. Please bring pants and clean shoes to change into afterwards (if you get muddy) as a courtesy for those who will be offering their cars for transportation. (cont. next page)

## GOLDMINE, COOPER ROAD, BEARD CANE AND ACE GAP TRAILS —(continued)

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> to leave at 7:30. Round trip mileages: drive- 50 (5¢=\$2.50), hike- about 13-14, rated difficult – with stream crossings, muddy sections, and short daylight hours.

Leaders: Guy 482-1295  
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### OUTING MEETING PLACES:

**"Asheville Hwy Food Lion"**= 6221 Riverview Crossing Dr., Knoxville. 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. [Map](#)

**"Food City in Alcoa"**= 121 North Hall Rd. Alcoa. On right between 3 rd & 4th stoplight (on Hall Rd., TN 35) [Map](#)

**"NOAA in Oak Ridge"**= 456 S Illinois Ave., 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. [Map](#)

Note: Please do not park at other locations. Use these designated meeting places only. Several of the owners of former meeting places no longer allow hiker parking, including the Big Lots in Alcoa and the former Food City in Oak Ridge on Illinois Ave.

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### COMING EVENTS - February

2 - Sat Noisy Creek Falls <EZ off-trail>  
9 - Sat Mt. Winnesoka Traverse  
16 - Sat Green Camp Manway <~off-trail>  
17 - Sun Albright Grove  
23 - Sat River Bluff Trail Below Norris Dam

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