

## Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for July 2008

(Extracted from the published Newsletter\*)

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**NOW: 8 cents /mile /passenger is Recommended**

### CONTENTS: Items listed here for July

5 - Sat AT Work Trip  
11-13 - Fri-Sun Mystery Car Camp  
12 - Sat EZ: Mystery Hike (Not related to the car camp)  
13 - Sun Mt Collins to Newfound Gap  
16 - Wed Newfound Gap to Charlies Bunion & The Jump Off  
19 - Sat Maddron Bald via Little Greenbrier Creek  
27 - Sun Rich Mtn Loop

### A.T. WORK TRIP

**July 5 – Saturday**

Help Konnarock Crew on A.T. in Nantahala National Forest between NC-28 and Walker Gap.  
Leaders are hosting dinner for workers afterwards. See ATMN for details.

### MYSTERY CAR CAMP

**July 11 - 13 – Friday - Sunday**

Join us on a 2-night car camp to an awesome place just outside the Smokies but with great views of the mountains. We'll be camped out at a high elevation, so, no matter how hot it is in the valley, you'll never know it here. On Saturday, we'll have a mystery hike that will be rated moderate and in the 10-mile range. After the hike everyone will be asked to provide and share a dish for a pot luck supper. Leaders will supply the firewood for the nightly campfires. **Reservations will be required.** Details will be given to the sign-ups closer to car camp date. Cost for the two-night stay will depend on number of tents set-up. Campout will be limited to 8 tents and one vehicle per tent due to limited camping/parking space. Tents need to be 3 person type or smaller in size. No pets allowed during campout including any left in vehicles. Round trip drive is approximately 160 miles from Knoxville.

Leaders: Jim 660-3351 Lynda 435-7924

### MYSTERY EASY HIKE

**EASY, Short Hike: July 12 - Saturday** 6-7 miles max

Alcoa Food City - 8:00 Blueberry Crisp & Ice Cream Afterwards  
Debbie 382-3047 debbiegoddard@bellsouth.net

### MOUNT COLLINS TO NEWFOUND GAP

**July 13 – Sunday**

Escape to mile high elevations on a hot July day. (With luck, we'll get rained on). We will descend, for the most part, from Mt. Collins A.T. access down to Newfound Gap. Admire the maintaining work done by our club on this heavily used section of the A.T.

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 8:00 AM. Hike 4.1 miles. Drive 108 miles roundtrip (8¢=\$8).

Leaders: Dianne 977-0807 grub9382@bellsouth.net Karen 984-4560 heartwork4@gmail.com

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

**One July Wednesday**

**July 16** Newfound Gap to Charlies Bunion & The Jump Off  
Meet at 8 AM at Alcoa Food City. Hike 9 miles.  
Carol & Dave 387-4895 ander743@bellsouth.net

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**MADDRON BALD VIA LITTLE GREENBRIER CREEK**

**July 19 – Saturday**

This splendid off-trail route begins at campsite #34 on the Gabes Mtn Trail which we will access from the fire road trailhead near Rocky Grove. Our route will be a steep climb of over 2000' following the creek through mostly open woods to Maddron Bald, which is a thick heath bald with some views, where we will have lunch. Our (fair weather) route back down will be a little more challenging—involving 10 minutes or so of being on our hands and knees before breaking out into the more open Cole Creek drainage. Here we may have shoulder-high stinging nettle in places, but an interesting route overall. We will descend steeply back down to the Gabes Mtn Trail and retrace our steps back to the trailhead.

This approximately 9-mile hike is rated difficult and the roundtrip drive is 120 miles. Interested hikers must contact a leader in advance for the time and meeting place.

Leaders: Alan 908-9867 Dick 483-3792

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**RICH MOUNTAIN LOOP**

**July 27 – Sunday**

This is a popular hike involving three named trails to form a scenic loop. Starting near the gate at the beginning of the Cades Cove Loop road on the Rich Mountain Loop Trail, we shortly begin our climb. We soon begin the counter-clockwise loop on the Crooked Arm Ridge Trail which begins to climb along a creek which tumbles down its course in a series of waterfalls. Occasional openings in the trees provide views of Cades Cove and surrounding mountains. Nearing the crest of the ridge we pass the Scott Mountain Trail heading off to the right. Continuing on up the ridge we reach the trail to the Rich Mountain crest where we will stop for lunch. It is a long trail down making use of the Indian Grave Gap Trail, turning off onto the Rich Mountain Loop Trail which takes us back to the cars by way of the John Oliver Cabin.

Meet at the **Alcoa Food City** <see list> to leave at 8:00 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- (50-60), hike- 8.7, rated moderate.

Leaders: Carol & Bill 922-3920 kerr427@gmail.com

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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

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**COMING EVENTS - August**

- 2 - Sat AT Work Trip
  - 3 - Sun Charlies Bunion
  - 9 - Sat Virginia Creeper Bike Ride: Whitetop Sta'n - Damascus
  - 16 - Sat Election Picnic
  - 17 - Sun Sweat Heifer – Kephart Prong from Newfound Gap
  - 23 - Sat Benton MacKaye Trail from Cherohala Skyway
  - 30 - Sat Chimney Tops Loop (Road Prong, A.T., etc)
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**COMING SOON**

The Board of directors is about to delete the "3-hikes rule" from the requirements for membership in SMHC. The details are still being worked out and will be reported in the next Newsletter. Stay tuned.