

## Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for September 2008

(Extracted from the published Newsletter\*)

\*The printed Newsletter sent to members and subscribers also contains reports of hikes done, info on new members, full names of leaders plus e-addresses, plus the Appalachian Trail Maintainers Newsletter. (New Subscriptions are not available now — See lead Article below.)

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### SMHC Membership Now Open to All

To make SMHC Membership more inclusive, the SMHC Board of Directors decided on 7/7/08 to drop the "traditional 3-hikes rule" as a requirement for basic membership in the club.

>>See the August Newsletter for the rest of this article.<<

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- 3 - Wed Cooper Rd, Hatcher Mtn, Little Bottoms trails
- 6 - Sat A.T. Work Trip
- 7 - Sun Rocky Top via Anthony Creek, Bote Mtn, & A.T.
- 13,14 - S&S Scout-Your-Hike for 2009
- 20 - Sat Mt LeConte via Rainbow Falls & Bull Head Trails
- 24 - Wed Laurel-Snow Pocket Wilderness
- 27 - Sat EZ: Mouse Creek Falls / Brakeshoe Spring
- 28 - Sun Rowans Creek

#### A.T. WORK TRIP

**September 6 – Saturday**

With Rocky Top Crew – near Cosby Knob. See ATMN.

#### ROCKY TOP VIA ANTHONY CREEK, BOTE MTN ROAD AND A.T.

**September 7 – Sunday**

Join us for a late summer trek to Rocky Top. We'll head up Anthony Creek Trail to the Bote Mountain Road, and on up to the Appalachian Trail. Another mile takes us past the grassy bald at Spence Field to the sandstone boulders of Rocky Top, the first of the major peaks of Thunderhead Mountain.

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> to leave at 8:00 AM. Round trip mileages: drive– 56 {8¢=\$4.50}, hike– 13. Rated moderately difficult due to the 3500 foot climb and some rocky stretches of trail.

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#### SCOUT YOUR HIKE FOR 2009

**September 13 - 14 – Saturday - Sunday**

This time is set aside so that you who have hike-leading assignments for 2009 may use it to do enough scouting of your trip to be able to turn in to the *Handbook Editor* a write-up for next year's Handbook by the **September 30th deadline**. Already on August 16 the Program Committee and the 2009 Executive Board met to adjust and approve the schedule and begin making the leader assignments. (Some hike leader jobs were chosen by members that day at the Election Picnic.) Please do **your** part to maintain the progress so the 2009 Handbook can be ready for distribution at the Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Installation Banquet.

Please see the Handbook for examples of size and format of writeups. **Because this Program is again very large, most writeups will have to be short.** Send e-mail [in-message](#) text, (please, **not by attachment**) directly to KlabundeCE@aol.com —if that method is available to you.

Otherwise, mail hand-written or typed or printed text to Charlie Klabunde (mail address in Handbook).

**MT. LECONTE VIA ↑ RAINBOW FALLS, ↓ BULLHEAD**  
**September 20 – Saturday**

We will park at Cherokee Orchard and climb 6.7 miles to LeConte Lodge, gaining almost 3,000 feet elevation. After Rainbow Falls, the trail will be narrower, with two good view spots for early fall color. After the junction with Bull Head Trail there will be a steep bit to the lodge, where we can rest, eat lunch, and refill water bottles. We should be able to find monkshood, yellow coneflowers, and crimson beebalm in bloom. Then we will start down the same way, but turn left onto Bull Head Trail, which has beautiful rock ledges and several viewpoints.

Meet at 8:00 at **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list>. Round trip mileages: drive- 80 {8¢=\$6.40}, hike- 13.5. Rated moderately difficult because of elevation gain.

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

**Two September Wednesdays**

- Sep 3** Cooper Rd, Hatcher Mtn, Little Bottoms trails 10,6 mi  
Alcoa Food City at 8.00 or trailhead ~8.30 drive 40 mi RT
- Sep 24** Laurel-Snow Pocket Wilderness 8 mi  
Meet: Roan County High School <see list> at 8.00 drive 90 mi RT  
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**MOUSE CREEK FALLS / BRAKESHOE SPRING**

**EASY, Short Hike:** **September 27-Saturday** 4 or 5.6 mi

Wide old road, not steep. Beautiful rock formations, falls & natural spring. Meet at Asheville Hwy Food Lion at 8:30 or trailhead 9:30.

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**ROWANS CREEK**  
**September 28 – Sunday**

Rowans Creek flows into Cades Cove just southwest of the park's huge campground. We'll start on the Horse trail, then follow an old sled road to the end of the settlements. We will pass several old homesites on the lower, flatter areas around the edge of the cove and make two crossings of Rowans Creek. At the head of the creek begins a steep climb through a pretty forest of open hardwoods to reach the crest of Ledbetter Ridge. If the weather holds we'll head on up to Russell Field for lunch, which could add an extra

two miles or so to the hike. Our return route will be the Russell Field and Anthony Creek trails.

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 8:00 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 60 {8¢=\$4.80}, hike- 8. Rated moderate to difficult.

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**COMING EVENTS - October**

- 4 - Sat A.T. Work Trip  
5 - Sun Lone Mtn State Forest [E. Dodson 584-1705]  
11 - Sat The Hangover from Big Fat Gap  
17 - Fri Fall Photo Show (Knoxville)  
18\* - Sat Mt. Cammerer via McFalls Br. & Groundhog Ridge Mwy  
19 - Sun A.T.: Wesser ↔ Stecoah Gap  
26 - Sun Hooper Bald- Huckleberry Knob, & Falls Br. Falls  
18\* — note date change vs Handbook
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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

"**Roane County High School**"= From I-40 exit 352, go south on US-58 to light #4, turn right and go 0.2 miles to parking lot on left, across from school.

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