

## Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for July 2009

(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. Everyone may now become a member by sending in appropriate dues and the signed Application form found in the Brochure in this website.)

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11 - Sat A.T. Work Trip (also on 18 - Sat)  
11 - Sat Asbury – Long Bunk Loop  
12 - Sun EZ #2: Mystery Hike  
15 - Wed Cosby CG- Low Gap- Walnut Bottom- Camel Gap- A.T.- Low Gap  
18 - Sat A.T. Work Trip (also on 11 - Sat)  
18 - Sat Clingmans to Elkmont via A.T. & Miry Ridge  
25 - Sat Trout Branch to Mt. LeConte  
25 - Sat Mt. LeConte via Alum Cave Trail <<a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hike>>

### OBED WSR: LILLY BLUFF and POINT TRAIL

**EASY, Short Hike #1:** July 5 - Sunday 4 miles

Enjoy the views above Lilly Bluff and a waterfall; then hike to overlook above the Clear Creek/Obed River junction. Wade in the creek or take an optional side trip to a boulder field afterwards. Meet 10:00 at NOAA (Oak Ridge)

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### A.T. WORK TRIPS

July 11 & 18 – Saturdays

Work with Konnarock Crew on a relocation between Cody and Brown Fork Gaps. See ATMN for details.

### ASBURY – LONG BUNK LOOP

July 11 - Saturday

Beginning at Mt. Sterling Gap, the first 3.5 miles of the hike will be along Historic Asbury Trail, which was named after Methodist Bishop Asbury (in this area in 1810). After gaining about 250 feet en route to Scottish Mountain, the trail then descends 1700 feet in 2 miles to join with the gravel Old NC-284. Going north 1.8 miles on the road, plus about a mile on Little Cataloochee Trail, we'll reach the lower end of Long Bunk Trail. A long stop for a snack is planned before starting up Long Bunk Trail where we'll gain 1200 feet in 3.7 miles as we climb to Mt. Sterling Trail. It is less than one-half a mile down that trail to Mt. Sterling Gap.

Meet at the **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> at 7 AM or Mt. Sterling Gap at 8:45. Trip mileages: drive- 164 {8¢=\$10.70}, hike- 10.5, rated moderate.

Leaders: Hugh Morgan 604-0227 hwmorgan@comcast.net  
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### MYSTERY HIKE

**EASY, Short Hike #2:** July 12 - Sunday <5 miles

Meet 9:00 at Alcoa Food City Blueberry Crisp and Ice Cream  
Debbie Goddard 382-3047 debbiegoddard@bellsouth.net  
Gary McKenna 423-581-9248 g.mckenna36@gmail.com

\*\*\*>>> MID-WEEK HIKE <<<\*\*\*

One July Wednesday

Jul 15 Cosby CG- Low Gap- Walnut Bottom-Camel Gap- Low Gap 14.5 mi.

**Pre-registration Required** Meet: Asheville Hwy 7:30 AM.

Carol Anderson 376-4895 ander743@bellsouth.net

**“SAVE OUR SMOKIES WILDERNESS” HIKE  
CLINGMANS TO ELKMONT  
July 18 - Saturday**

As part of our celebration of the Park’s 75th anniversary, we are redoing this famous hike originally done in 1966 as a part of the successful effort to prevent the construction of a second transmountain highway through the Park. After leaving some vehicles at Jakes Creek Trailhead, we will begin our hike at the Clingmans Dome parking area by taking the Clingmans Dome Bypass Trail to the A.T., then follow the A.T. along the spine of the mountains to the Miry Ridge Trail. We will then take Miry Ridge and Jakes Creek Trails down to our vehicles in Elkmont. Hike 15.9 miles, rated moderately difficult.

**If some hikers would like to do an out and back hike on some portion of the A.T. and help with the shuttle from Jakes Creek to Clingmans Dome, their help would be greatly appreciated.**

Meet at the **Alcoa Food City** at 7:30 or Jakes Creek Trailhead at 8:45. Round trip drive 110 miles, Elkmont to Clingmans 30 miles.

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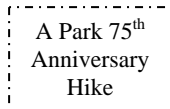
**TROUT BRANCH TO MT. LECONTE  
July 25 – Saturday**

This hike starts with a roughly two mile off trail climb up Trout Branch. Although very scenic, this section is also very challenging and will require serious off trail hiking skills. Participants will reach the Alum Cave Trail roughly below Cliff Top. From there participants will hike up to LeConte Lodge and then back down the Alum Cave Trail to the parking lot where there will be a short shuttle back to the parking area adjacent to Trout Branch.

If weather conditions are not favorable, the leaders will reserve the option of doing an alternate hike. The group will be limited to 8, including the leaders – so **pre-registration** with the leaders is required.

Leaders: Mark Shipley 693-9795 Ed Fleming 436-4719

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**MT. LECONTE VIA ALUM CAVE TRAIL  
July 25 – Saturday**



One of the SMHC’s earliest hikes, as well as one celebrated this year as part of the Smokies 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our hike to Mt. LeConte will begin at the Alum Cave Trail parking lot on Newfound Gap Road. We will pass through Arch Rock and under Alum Cave Bluffs on our way to Mt. LeConte lodge. We will break briefly at Alum Cave for water and a snack, and for lunch at the lodge. After enjoying the view and lunch our hike will retrace our steps back down the mountain.

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 7:30 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- hike- 10.4, rated difficult due to the change in elevation.

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**COMING EVENTS - August**

- 1 - Sat A.T. Work Trip
  - 8 - Sat Polls Gap to Purchase Knob
  - 15-16 S&S Backpack: Art Loeb Trail – Shining Rock
  - 16 - Sun Bobs Bald
  - 22 - Sat Election Picnic -- (& Program assignments for new BOD)
  - 23 - Sun Max Patch
  - 29 - Sat Shuckstack- Lost Cove- Lakeshore Trail Loop
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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. **\*\*Caution: must** be coming from I-640 to make this exit now.

**"Food City in Alcoa"**= on right between 3rd & 4th stoplight (on Hall Rd., TN 35), a block before Big Lots  
**"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 Knox. Is between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic lights.

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