

## Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for August 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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1 - Sat	A.T. Work Trip(s)
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

### A.T. WORK TRIP(S) August 1 – Saturday See ATMN for details.

### POLLS GAP TO PURCHASE KNOB August 8 - Saturday

We will drive around to leave half the vehicles on the gated road to the Purchase area, not far from The Swag. Then we'll drive to Polls Gap to begin our hike out Hemphill Bald trail and down to the Purchase Knob area and the *Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center*. We may see some purple fringed orchids and other summer wildflowers along our hike. There should be great views from Hemphill Bald and again from the open bald at The Purchase. We will then walk a short distance down the shady gravel lane to the car(s).

Meet 7:30 AM at **Alcoa Food City** <see list>. Round trip mileages: drive- 175 (or 206 depending on return route choice), hike- 8.3, rated moderate.

Leaders: Dana Koogler 983-4082 (cell 414-4984) (Kathy Scruggs cell 607-6158)

### BACKPACK: ART LOEB TRAIL- SHINING ROCK August 15-16 – Saturday-Sunday

We'll head out from just off the Blue Ridge Parkway and hike up Black Balsam Knob and follow a portion of the Art Loeb Trail over several other >6000' peaks to a very scenic camping area near Flower Gap. This entire hike will be above 5500' elevation which should provide some warm weather relief and maybe even some late wildflowers and ripe blueberries. We'll explore the Shining Rock peak. On the return trip we'll take a loop trail and a side trail to Sam Knob which is another 6000' peak. Hike 12 miles. Drive 240 miles round trip. Contact the leader to pre-register.

Leader: Bobby Trotter 621-1646 whiteblazing@yahoo.com

### BOBS BALD August 16 – Sunday

After we drive on the Cherahola Skyway to the TN/NC border at Beech Gap, the hike starts by walking 1.8 miles down an old road. At a large trail junction we will take the trail which starts up steeply, then becomes a ridge walk. Another trail junction marks the 1/2 mile-to-go point, and we climb up to the Bald. Return by same route.

Leave from the **ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville** <see list> at 8:00 Round trip mileages: drive- 130, hike- 6.8, rated moderate.

Leaders: Andy Zimmerman 579-0497 andyz2@juno.com  
Dianne Gruber 599-5165 gruber.d.r@gmail.com

\*\*\*>>> MID-WEEK HIKE <<<\*\*\*  
**No scheduled Wednesday hike this month.**

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**EASY, Short Hike(s): None this month**

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**ELECTION PICNIC  
August 22 – Saturday**

**10-11:30 Socialize**, or tour Historic Downtown Buildings – a short drive away-(different from last year's tour) w/ David Smith  
**11:30-12:30 Lunch**                      **12:30-2:30 Election & Meeting**

**Please bring** a generous portion of your favorite covered dish, vegetable, salad or meat. The Social Committee will supply the desserts along with ice, water, tea and lemonade. Also all tableware will be supplied. A small donation will be accepted. Also, please bring your own chairs and sodas if that is your choice of beverage.

Same Location as last year:  
**Louisville Point Park**, 3272 Cox Road, Louisville, TN

Driving directions: **From Knoxville or Oak Ridge:**  
Exit from Pellissippi Parkway (I-140) at Topside Road (it's between the Bridge over Lake and Alcoa Hwy). Turn right onto Topside Rd. Travel to the end at 2.8 miles. Turn right onto Louisville Road and drive past the marina and shortly after, turn right onto Cox Rd, at 1.4 miles. Drive to the end of Cox Rd into the park. Picnic is at the pavilion on the right.

Directions **From Maryville:** From the Walmart on Hwy 129 turn onto Louisville Road. Travel 5.2 miles and turn right onto Cox Road. Drive to the end of Cox Rd to the park. Picnic is at the pavilion on the right. Restrooms nearby and various recreation facilities are scattered in park.

For more information call: Debbie Goddard 382-3047

Hike leader sign-up sheets will be available for 2010 hikes.

There will be a **Meeting of the New Board afterward** to assign "Monthly Coordinator" jobs and check out the 2010 Schedule, and begin assigning hike leaders. **BE THERE** Board Members!

**Candidates nominated for the 2010 Executive Board of SMHC**

President .....	Ed Fleming	Historian .....	Tim Bigelow
Vice Pres .....	Andy Zimmerman*	Director .....	Debra Barton*
Treasurer .....	George Ritter	Director .....	Dianne Gruber
Record'g Sec'y.....	Claudia Dean	Director .....	Ray Payne
Memb'p Sec'y.....	Pam Reddock	Director .....	Connie Tatgenhorst
Newsletter Ed..	Charlie Klabunde	Director.....	Will Skelton
(* New to Board.)			

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**MAX PATCH  
August 23 – Sunday**

This hike will climb from the Max Patch parking area at 4200' to the nearby fields of Max Patch at 4629' where a gorgeous 360 degree view awaits, similar to that in the *Sound of Music*. On a clear day here, one can see dozens of landmarks including the eastern peaks of the Smokies, Mt Pisgah, Douglas Lake, and the Clinch, Chilhowee, and Black Mountains. After enjoying the morning view, we will descend northeast along the A.T. for 6 miles, passing the new shelter, to the vicinity of the old Roaring Fork shelter at 3500' where we will have lunch. After lunch we will retrace our steps back up to Max Patch for an afternoon panoramic view and descend back to our cars.

Meet at the **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> at 8:00 or Max Patch parking area at 9:30. Round trip mileage: drive- 140, hike- 12. Rated moderate.

Leaders: Steven Miller 828-651-8165 samiller71@rocketmail.com

Heather & Mark Shipley mark.shipley@townoffarragut.org

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**SHUCKSTACK- LOST COVE- LAKESHORE LOOP  
August 29 – Saturday**

This hike starts just across Fontana Dam and follows the A.T. up to Shuckstack Mtn and tower where excellent views can be expected. After lunch, we'll hike down the Lost Cove trail to the headwaters of Eagle Creek Cove. Some cooling off of feet in Fontana Lake may be possible before we return along the

Lakeshore Trail where scenic views of the lake are frequently seen. A total elevation gain of 3000' and a length of 12 miles makes this a moderately difficult hike.

Meet at 8:00 at the **ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville** <see list>. Drive 100 miles RT.

Leaders: Tim Bigelow 607-6782 bigelowt2@mindspring.com

Ron Beatty 966-0195 ronbeatty@aol.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. (\*The exit ramp is again accessible from I-640 and I-40.)

**"Food City in Alcoa"**= on right between 3rd & 4th stoplight (on Hall Rd., TN 35), a block before Big Lots  
**"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. (There's still no ID on the empty store.)

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#### COMING EVENTS - September

- 5 - Sat A.T. Work Trip
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  - 6 - Sun Frozen Head: North & South Old Mac Trails
  - 12 - Sat Mt. Sterling via Baxter Creek Trail
  - 19 - Sat Fort Loudon History Hike
  - 26 - Sat Crossing Horseshoe Mtn. <off trail>
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