

## Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for September 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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	A.T. Work Trips – September
2 – Wed	Stratton Bald- Hangover via Beech Gap
5 - Sat	Full Moon Hike to Charlies Bunion (note date change)
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	EZ: Little River
26 - Sat	<del>Crossing Horseshoe Mtn.</del> <off trail>
30 – Wed	Anthony Creek, Russell Field, AT, Spence Field, Bote Mtn, Anthony Creek- Trails Loop

### A.T. WORK TRIPS

#### September

See ATMN for Projects this month.

### FULL MOON HIKE – CHARLIES BUNION September 5 – Saturday (Note: Date Change)

Join us on this Labor Day Weekend hike to Charlies Bunion. Our plans are to hike in during daylight hours, stopping by to check out Ice Water Spring Shelter on our way to the Bunion. We should have time before dark to munch down on any food we have brought in and have some good tales before dark arrives. Once the 99% visible moon rises shortly after dark, we'll start our trek back out by the light of the moon. Everyone needs to have a very good flashlight for use in the dark areas unlit by the full moon as well as a jacket when the evening temperature starts dropping. (Sunset = 0755 Moonrise = 0812)

Meet at **Food City in Alcoa** <see list> at 3:00 PM. or meet Connie at Sugarlands Visitor Center at 4:15 PM. Round trip mileages: drive- 120 {8¢=\$9.60}, hike- 9. Rated Strenuous due to hiking during hours of darkness.

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### NORTH AND SOUTH OLD MAC TRAILS IN FROZEN HEAD S. P. September 6 - Sunday

We will go up either North or South Old Mac and at the ridge top visit the Panther Gap Rock House, cruise by Tub Springs, and go up to the lookout tower. Then we'll come down the other Old Mac. Round trip hike 8 miles, including side trip to lookout tower. Moderate speed and difficulty.

Meet 8:30 at **NOAA in Oak Ridge** <see list> or 9:15 at Frozen Head Visitor Center. Round trip drive: 50 miles {8¢=\$4}.

Leaders: Claudia Dean 673-5822 claudiadean@bellsouth.net Carolyn Reeves 717-3528

### MT. STERLING VIA BIG CREEK and BAXTER CREEK September 12 – Saturday

From the Big Creek Picnic Area we'll hike up Big Creek Trail for 5 miles to join the Swallow Fork Trail. After a 4-mile climb to 5,000' and Pretty Hollow Gap, we'll take Mt. Sterling Ridge Trail to Mount Sterling and see if the tower is still safe to climb. We can hope for cool air, lots of pink turtlehead, yellow coneflower, and some early fall color at the top. And then it's downhill all the way to the cars via Baxter Creek Trail. (This hike covers part of the route of a club backpack on 9/1-2-3/1934 — exactly 75 years ago.)

Meet at the **Asheville Hwy Food Lion** <see list> at 7:30 AM. Round trip mileages: drive- 120

{8¢=\$9.60}, hike- 17, rated difficult.  
Leaders: Dan Feller 673-5822

Cindy Spangler 776-1301

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**SCOUT YOUR HIKE FOR 2010**  
**September 13, 20, 27 — are open Sundays**

The program committee decided not to set aside a weekend for leaders of next year's hikes to scout their hikes. But we are hereby reminding you that it needs to be done in time to submit your Handbook writeup by the **deadline: September 30**. The editor, Charlie Klabunde, very much prefers text **pasted into the body of an e-mail**; please, not as an attachment. (KlabundeCE@aol.com) Don't worry about format; that is always part of the editing. But do worry about keeping the length similar to what you see in the Handbook. (What you see there is 9-point Times New Roman font in a 3"-wide column.) A printed text sent by 'Snail mail' is fine too; even a neat handwritten one works if that is all that you can manage.

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**PHOTO CONTEST REMINDER**  
**Submit entries between Sept 15 and Oct 3. <Members Only>**  
See page 47 of the 2009 Handbook for all of the *what, where, and how* details.

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**HISTORY HIKE: FORT LOUDOUN**  
**September 19 – Saturday**

Join us for an interesting excursion to Ft. Loudoun State Park. This outing will include a short easy hike of about 3 miles, a visit to the reconstructed 18<sup>th</sup> century British fort and informative exhibits at the associated museum. We'll do the hike first to take advantage of the morning's relative cool and then see the museum film and exhibits and the fort. If you wish to join the group for an informal bring-it-yourself picnic following all this, plan your carpool accordingly. The park is on the Great Island surrounded by lake, so it makes for a pleasant outing.

Meet at 9:00 at **Alcoa Food City** <see list>. Round trip drive: 44 miles {8¢=\$3.50}.  
Leader: Cata Folks 982-3890 cfolks@pstcc.edu

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**CROSSING HORSESHOE MOUNTAIN**  
**September 26—Saturday**  
**CANCELLED**

When leaders Mike Harrington & Steve Miller scouted this on 8/16/09, and needed 12 hours, they realized that it would not be safe to do it on the scheduled date when the sunrise to sunset time is exactly 12 hours. They're willing to correct this scheduling boo-boo by doing it next June.

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

**Two September Wednesdays**

- Sep 2** Stratton Bald- Hangover via Beech Gap ~10mi  
Meet: 7:30 at ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville RT drive: 120, moderately difficult
- Sep 30** Anthony Creek, Russell Field, AT, Spence Field, Bote Mtn, Anthony Creek- Trails Loop  
Meet: 7:30 at Alcoa Food City 13.5 miles difficult  
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**LITTLE RIVER**

**EASY, Short Hike: September 26 - Saturday** 4.6 miles  
Easy hike with waterfall, Little River cascades, a riot of colors, cultural history and even fly-fishing if you are so inclined, and licensed. Bring lunch for picnic after the hike. Meet at Alcoa Food City at 8:00.  
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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.

**"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 Knoxville. Is between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic lights.

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### COMING EVENTS - October

- 3 - Sat A.T. Work Trip
  - 10 - Sat Siler Bald (on the A.T. in Nantahala N.F.)
  - 16 - Fri Fall Photo Show (and Contest results)
  - 18 - Sun Savage Gulf: North Rim <NEEDS LEADERS> = Hike only if somebody volunteers to Lead it !!
  - 24 - Sat Mt. Cammerer via Low Gap – { 75<sup>th</sup> }
  - 24 - Sat Mt. Cammerer via Toms Creek- Rich Butt <off trail>
  - 31 - Sat Boogerman – Caldwell Fork Loop
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