

## Smoky Mountains Hiking Club Schedule for August 2010

(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. ( Subscriptions are no longer offered. Everyone may now become a member by sending in appropriate dues and the signed Application form found at *Join the SMHC* in this website.)

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- 14 – Sat Election Picnic at Louisville Point Park
- 15 – Sun Tennessee Gulf Trail: Martha Sundquist State Forest
- 22 – Sun Stratton Bald, Haeo and Hangover
- 28 – Sat Cades Cove: Bike Ride
- 29 – Sun *EZ*: Huckleberry Bald

### A.T. WORK TRIP August 7 – Saturday

Sweat Helper-Boulevard with Franklin LaFond See ATMNews

### CLINGMANS DOME TO SILERS BALD August 8 – Sunday

The high elevation should give some relief from the summer heat. Our hike starts with a short section of paved trail that takes us from the Clingmans Dome parking lot to the AT. Most of the hike is on the crest of the mountain and has good views of the TN and NC sides. After about 4 miles of downhill we will make a short climb to the bald and have lunch here or a short distance further at the shelter. We will return the same way, gaining about 1400'.

Meet at Comcast on Asheville Hwy at 7:30 or at Sugarlands Visitor Center at 8:15. Please note that the hike leaders will not be at the Comcast location - the hikers that meet there can meet the leaders at the trailhead (no need to stop at the visitors center). Round trip mileages: drive- 115 {8¢=\$9.20}, hike- 9.8. Rated moderate.

Leaders: Charles Hurst 803-4010 charlesbh@charter.net  
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### ELECTION PICNIC at LOUISVILLE POINT PARK August 14 – Saturday 10AM – 2PM

Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun at this year's election picnic! Blue Ridge Mountain Sports will provide boats, life jackets, and assistance for all who would like to kayak or canoe, and David Smith will provide a stroll around the park and surrounding areas. Please bring a covered dish to share and soft drink of your choice (if desired). Iced tea, lemonade, water, and desserts will be provided along with all paper goods. We will also have door prizes from Blue Ridge Mountain Sports.

Driving directions: **From Knoxville or Oak Ridge:**

Exit from Pellissippi Parkway (I-140) at Topside Road, turn right onto Topside Rd. Travel to the end at 2.8 miles. Turn right onto Louisville Road and at 1.4 miles turn right onto Cox Rd. 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

Oh yes, there will be a short business session/election.  
Hike leader sign-up sheets will be available for 2011 hikes.

There will be a **Meeting of the New Board afterward** to assign "Monthly Coordinator" jobs and check out the 2011 Schedule, and begin assigning hike leaders. **BE THERE!**

**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 ..... Rebekah Bell\*  
Record'g Sec'y..... Claudia Dean    Director ..... Ray Payne  
Memb'p Sec'y..... Pam Reddock    Director .....Will Skelton  
Newsletter Ed.. Charlie Klabunde    Director..... Connie Tatgenhorst  
( \* New to Board.)

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

**One August Wednesday**

**Aug 11** Lead Cove- Bote Mtn- Spence Field (+ Rocky Top, weather permitting); down Bote Mtn- Anthony Creek- Crib Gap Trail to Turkey Pen Trail. 14 miles including Rocky Top.  
Meet at the Alcoa Food City at 8:00am.      Michael Zielinski 363-6527 kf4yws@comcast.net

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**TENNESSEE GULF TRAIL  
MARTHA SUNDQUIST STATE FOREST  
August 15 – Sunday**

This Leader's Choice hike will explore a newly opened trail on the Martha Sundquist SF (formerly known as the Gulf Tract). Once we navigate the confusing approach roads to the lower trailhead, we'll hike a long loop through the heart of the forest. The TN Gulf Trail climbs close by Brown Fork Creek through a mature forest dotted with trillium and lady slipper. At the upper trailhead we'll begin a gentle return leg around the edge of the forest. Despite a recent newspaper article, few hikers have yet explored this property, newly acquired by the State. Our scouting hike encountered more bears (1) than people (0).

Meet at **Comcast at Asheville Hwy** at 7:30. Round trip mileages: drive- 130 {8¢=\$10.40}, hike- 9.6. Rated moderate.

Leaders: Ed Fleming 436-4719 EdwrdFlm@aol.com  
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**STRATTON BALD, HAOE AND HANGOVER  
August 22 – Sunday**

Following eroded and overgrown wilderness trails, this hike will lead us to Stratton Bald (5341'), Haoe (5249') and the Hangover (5129'). There are only partial views at Stratton Bald, none at Haoe and a spectacular (360°) view at the Hangover. After a 1.8 mile walk on a jeep road, the 1.5 mile climb to Stratton Bald is steep in places and gains 900'. After hiking on Stratton Bald for about 0.7 mile there is a 500' descent in the distance of about 0.5 mile to Naked Ground. From there to Haoe about 400' is regained in 0.9 mile. The section from Haoe to the Hangover is about 1/3 mile over rough footing with a low place midway. These trails are not blazed and are minimally maintained.

Leave from the **ex-Bi-Lo in Maryville** <see list> at 7:30. Round trip mileages: drive- 125 {8¢=\$12}, hike- about 11.5, rated moderately difficult due to trail conditions.

Leaders: Tab Peryam 238-0124 johnperyam@comcast.net  
Mary Brewer 384-6386 emiebrewer@gmail.com

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**CADES COVE: BIKE RIDE  
August 28 – Saturday**

Join us for a **bike ride** around the beautiful and historical Cades Cove. Along the way we will see the homesteads of the original settlers, churches, cemeteries, old mill and wildlife. There aren't any cars until 10:00 a.m. when the park service opens the road for traffic. Need a bike? They are for rent at the visitor center.

Meet at **Alcoa Food City** <see list> at 7:00 AM, or 8:00 at the Cades Cove visitor center. Round trip mileages: drive- 70 {8¢=\$5.60}, bike ride- 11.

Leaders: Mary Brewer 384-6386 emiebrewer@gmail.com      Jim Stanley 734-735-2251

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**HUCKLEBERRY BALD**

**EASY, Short Hike:**      **August 29- Sunday**      2.5 miles  
Meet: Alcoa Food City at 1:15; drive Cherohala Skyway to a high, cool hike. Blueberries?  
Priscilla Watts 966-4142 sigmtingirl@earthlink.net

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## COMING EVENTS - September

- 4 - Sat A.T. Work Trip
  - 5 - Sun Cucumber Gap Loop
  - 12 - Sun Maddron Bald via Snake Den Mtn <date shift>
  - 18-19 - S&S Multi-Club Meet (Car Camp & Hikes): Rocky Fork
  - 26 - Sun Chimney Tops
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**MEETING PLACES: "Comcast on Asheville Hwy"** = From exit 394 ramp off I-40 go left (east) on Asheville Hwy, US-11E/25W/70, to signal light at top of hill; turn right, down into Comcast lot. Park to left of entry, about 2 lanes over toward the exit end of lot.

**"Food City in Alcoa"**= on right between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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