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FOURTH QUARTER 2021 Quarterly Hike Schedule



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TRAIL MAINTENANCE

All members are encouraged to participate in trail maintenance activities. Non-members are invited to try it a few times before deciding if they want to join the Club and be a regular part of a crew. We train and provide tools.

Below is a general schedule of work days. Exact plans often are not made until the last minute, so contact crew leaders for details. MST and AT section maintainers work on their own schedule.

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HIKE SCHEDULE Fourth Quarter 2021

Hike Ratings

First Letter

Distance

AA: Over 12 miles

A: 9.1-12 miles

B: 6.1-9 miles

C: Up to 6 miles

Second Letter

Elevation Gain

AA: Over 2,000 ft.

A: 1,501-2,000 ft.

B: 1,001-1,500 ft.

C: 1,000 ft. or less

If it's not possible to go on the regularly scheduled hike, it may be possible to accompany the leader when the hike is scouted. Hike cancellations are announced on the CMC website in the Breaking News box. Hike Leaders will announce a cancellation or significant change at least a few hours before the hike. Hikers that do not have internet access or live hours away from the meeting place: call the hike leader to ensure that you are informed about hike changes. See the Hike Schedule on the CMC website for more complete and timely information, including scout reports, at www.carolinamountainclub.org.

CHALLENGE PROGRAMS

A.T.-MST For hiking the 228 miles of the A.T. and MST on CMC maintained sections. Contact ATMST@CarolinaMountainClub.com

FH100 For hiking all 100 trails in the "100 Favorite Trails of the Smokies and Carolina Blue Ridge." Contact Steve Pierce, stevepierce50@gmail.com

LTC For hiking all 24 lookout towers in WNC. Contact Peter Barr, pjbar@gmail.com

P400 For hiking every trail in Pisgah Ranger District. Contact P400@CarolinaMountainClub.org

SB6K For hiking all 40 peaks above 6000'. Contact Peter Barr, pjbar@gmail.com

WC100 For hiking to the 100 best waterfalls in the area. Contact Jack Fitzgerald, 828-685-2897, suejackfitz@bellsouth.net

YPC For hiking eight different Land Management areas with youth 17 and under. Contact Kay Shurtleff at kshurtleff@msn.com

900M For hiking every trail in GSMNP. Contact Steve Pierce, stevepierce50@gmail.com

SATURDAY WORKDAYS

The remaining Quarterly Saturday Trail Maintenance Workday is October 9. We meet at 8:30 and return to Asheville by 3:00. Contact Les Love for details and where to meet.

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YOUTH PARTNER CHALLENGE HIKES

The Youth Partnership Challenge is designed to introduce youth to fun, educational hiking experiences. Hikes are open to CMC members as well as newcomers. YPC hikes submitted by Jan Onan, 828-606-5188, janonan59@gmail.com and Kay Shurtleff, 828-280-3226 or 828-749-9230, kshurtleff@msn.com. Driving distance is round trip from meeting place. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of fifteen hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.**

Saturday No. Y2104-746

Dec. 4

Bearwallow Mtn.

9:30 AM

Hike 2.5, Drive 40, 500 ft. ascent, Rated C-C

Jan Onan, 828-606-5188,

janonan59@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles on US 64 off Exit 49 of I-26 (Hendersonville). We will hike to the grassy summit with a nearly 360-degree view. A historic fire lookout tower occupies the summit. Bring a camera to capture the beautiful views of the mountains. The summit of Bearwallow Mtn. can be very windy and cold. Dress appropriately. Please contact leader beforehand so we know you are coming.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

ALL-DAY WEDNESDAY HIKES

Wednesday hikes submitted by Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, bjdworley@gmail.com. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. Hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places as described in the schedule; start times vary. **Times listed are departure times – arrive early.**

Wednesday No. W2104-943
**Roundtop Mountain Loop
from Sassafras Mountain**
Hike 7.5, Drive 85, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Norm Sharp, 864-268-9409, cell: 864-609-7182,
norm.Sharp@att.net

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking
lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Form carpools and meet leader at the second
meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Sassafras Tower park-
ing lot at 9:00 AM.

This trip in the Jocassee Gorges on the Palmetto
Trail goes through the Carolina Hemlock Loop
and features a great view of Rock Mountain.
We will see groves of Carolina Hemlock being
preserved by South Carolina DNR. We will
begin at Sassafras Mtn., South Carolina's high-
est, and see the new overlook there, then follow
the Foothills Trail to the Roundtop Mountain
Passage of the Palmetto Trail. *Please note that
part of the hike is in DNR game lands, and
beginning October 1 all hikers must wear a
blaze orange hat or vest for safety as mandated
by SC law.* Topo(s): Eastatoe Gap, Table Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-475
**Hump Mountain
and Yellow Mountain Area**
Hike 8.4, Drive 133, 2400 ft. ascent,
Rated B-AA

Diane Saccone, 703-283-1068,
reemscreekyoga@aol.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS
parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Join us along
one of the most scenic areas on the A.T. near
Roan Mountain (Roan-Unaka Range) for great
views of the fall colors. We will hike from
Roaring Creek Road to Yellow Mountain Gap,
joining the A.T. along an open ridge to Little
Hump Mtn. and Hump Mtn. We will have lunch
on a grassy bald at 5587 ft. and return to Yellow
Mtn. Gap, then take the Overmountain Victory
Loop back to the trailhead. This hike is #99 of
the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Carvers Gap

Wednesday No. W2104-634
High Top Tower Site
Hike 6, Drive 57, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated C-AA,
P400

Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com
and Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,
quilter290@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44
of I-40. *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers,
contact leader for reservation.* Since we are no
longer allowed to access the forest road which
leads to the High Top Tower Site via the Daniel
Boone Camp, we will cross the west prong of
the Pigeon River and ascend to the forest ser-
vice road to High Top Tower via the Fork Ridge
Trail. We will return the same way. Expect
beautiful views. Two wet stream crossings are

required. Bring water shoes and a towel for the
water crossings. We can store our water shoes
at a rock so we don't have to carry them on
the hike. This hike is strenuous because of the
climb. Most of the 2200 ft. ascent is attained on
the very steep first three miles. Hiking poles are
recommended.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-874
Chasteen Creek Falls
Hike 7.5, Drive 125, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,
cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44
of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post
Office at 9:30 AM - but contact leader first.

We'll hike along Bradley Fork and Chasteen
Creek Trails in Great Smoky Mountains
National Park, where we will marvel at the
changing leaves, late fall flowers, and a tum-
bling waterfall. After the hike, we'll walk to the
Bradley Cemetery and the Luftee Church, which
is always open to visitors.

Topo(s): Smokemont

Wednesday No. W2104-337
**Shining Rock
from Black Balsam #1**
Hike 11, Drive 60, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B,
P400, SB6K

Karen Scharmann, 312-241-3329,
Schultz.KarenJ@GMail.com and
Ken Scharmann, 847-772-4693,
Ksruns@Comcast.net

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking
lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: BRP Cold Mountain
Overlook at MM 412 at 8:30 AM - but contact
leader first.

*Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, con-
tact leader for reservation.* Contact Karen
Scharmann for reservations. We will take the
ALT from FS 816 to Shining Rock (6040 ft.),
climbing Black Balsam (6214 ft.), Tennent Mtn.
(6040 ft.) and Grassy Cove Top (6040 ft.) along
the way. This will be your chance to bag four
SB6K peaks while enjoying beautiful views
covering the area from Pilot Mtn. to Cold Mtn.
We'll return via the Ivestor Gap Trail to get a
different perspective on the same area. This hike
is #49 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Sam Knob

Wednesday No. W2104-941
Standing Indian Loop
Hike 9.6, Drive 160, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,
cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44
of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Haywood County Rest
Area 19500 Great Smoky Mtn. Expy. (US

23/74) Waynesville NC at 8:30 AM - but contact
leader first.

This new CMC hike will begin at the
Backcountry Information Center of Standing
Indian Campground. We will hike alongside the
scenic Nantahala River, then turn uphill along
and occasionally crossing Park Creek to Penland
Gap. We'll return on the ridgeline on Park Ridge
Trail. Topo(s): Rainbow Springs

Wednesday No. W2104-944
Black Mountain Trail to Club Gap
Hike 10, Drive 51, 3200 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA+

Sallye Sanders, 208-550-2070,
sallye_sanders@yahoo.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking
lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Form carpools and meet leader at second meet-
ing place.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart
Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell)
at 8:30 AM.

This hike begins at the Pisgah Forest
Maintenance parking lot access parking lot,
and follows the Black Mountain and Club Gap
Trails. We will climb to beautiful views of the
surrounding mountains, and continue on to
Club Gap and down to FS 477. Car shuttle. This
hike is #66 of the 100 Favorite Trails. Topo(s):
Pisgah Forest, Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-578
**Flat Laurel Creek, Little Sam Knob,
MST Loop**
Hike 8, Drive 66, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
AT-MST

Sharon Smith, 704-877-7804,
waltersharon204@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44
of I-40. Form carpools at first meeting place and
meet leader at second meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Gravel parking lot on
NC 215 1/4 mile north of BRP at 9:15 AM.

This is a pleasant loop trail with views of Sam
Knob, Fork Ridge and Flat Laurel Creek. This
year we'll be hiking in a counter-clockwise
direction, up the MST with a side trip to Devils
Courthouse for lunch, down the Little Sam
Knob Trail to Flat Laurel Creek and then a gen-
tle return on the Flat Laurel Creek Trail. We'll
end with a short walk along NC 215 to our cars.
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Wednesday No. W2104-542
Wesser Creek - Wesser Bald
Hike 10.8, Drive 144, 2350 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA, **LTC**
Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
butler.tom3381@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44
of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at sec-
ond meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Waynesville Publix

parking lot, east end, off Exit 102 of U.S.74 at 8:30 AM.

This excellent route starts at the end of the Wesser Creek Road and climbs to the ridge on the old route of the Appalachian Trail, a beautiful forest environment along a mountain stream. On reaching the ridge, we join the A.T. and continue south to the Wesser Bald Tower. This is the old fire tower, the top half of which has been removed and a large deck added. Here are 360-degree views. Return on the new route of the A.T. to N.O.C. Short car shuttle.

Topo(s): Wesser

Wednesday No. W2104-833 **Nov. 3**
Highlands Plateau

Progressive Hikes 8:00 AM

Hike 8.5, Drive 122, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879,
heyk127@hotmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.

Highlands is a treasure trove of short, scenic hikes featuring outstanding views and waterfalls. Discover Whiteside Mountain, Sunset Rocks, Glen Falls and Chiquapin Mountain. This hike covers #10, #11 and #12 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Highlands

Wednesday No. W2104-428 **Nov. 10**
Cane River Gap to Little Butt 8:30 AM

Hike 7.5, Drive 52, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA
Diane Saccone, 703-283-1068,
reemscreakyoga@aol.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. This hike begins with a 1200 ft. ascent to the ridgeline, then continues along the top of the ridge with a few gradual ups-and-downs. After Big Butt, we'll follow the narrow ridgeline with good views to our lunch spot at Little Butt, which has a great view of the Black Mtns. range across the valley. Return via the same route.

Topo(s): Mt. Mitchell

Wednesday No. W2104-062 **Nov. 10**
Daniel Ridge Loop Trail

and Shuck Falls extension 8:30 AM

Hike 8.2, Drive 60, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
P400, WC100

Virginia Bower, 828-273-2486,
clabbergirl57@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 9:00 AM.

We'll climb gradually on the Daniel Ridge Loop along a stream beside small waterfalls. Then we'll add a bit of the Farlow Gap Trail to Shuck

Falls and back. Our final descent will take the other leg of the Daniel Ridge Loop, where we will see yet another waterfall shortly before the end of our hike. This hike covers #54 & #55 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-945 **Nov. 17**

Art Loeb Trail from Davidson River to Cat Gap to Bracken Mountain Preserve Trailhead 8:00 AM

Hike 11.5, Drive 52, 2300 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA

Steve Pierce, 828-442-8482,
stevepierce50@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 8:30 AM.

Hike six miles on the Art Loeb Trail from the Davidson River Trailhead to Cat Gap. There are several climbs and descents on this section of the trail. At Cat Gap, take the unmarked but evident social trail to an old road that leads to the Bracken Mountain Trail. Follow the Bracken Mountain Trail (blue blazes) to a short yellow blaze connector, then rejoin the Bracken Mountain Trail to the end at the Bracken Mountain Preserve Trailhead parking lot. A good workout with good views and a pleasant descent at the end to our cars. Car shuttle. Topo(s): Pisgah Forest, Shining Rock, Rosman

Wednesday No. W2104-572 **Nov. 17**
Mt. Le Conte via Alum Cave Trail 8:00 AM

Hike 11, Drive 136, 3000 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA, **SB6K, 900M**

Donna Lanning, 828-684-7083,
cell: 828-606-7956, dblanking@bellsouth.net

First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post Office at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.

A hike up and down Mt. LeConte on the Alum Cave Trail. Under the Trails Forever program, the Alum Cave Trail has had extensive restoration work from top to bottom, adding to the stability and safety of the trail. Enjoy great views from Cliff Tops at lunch and a visit to the LeConte Lodge and the summit of LeConte for SB6K peak baggers. This hike is #23 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Mt. Le Conte

Wednesday No. W2104-938 **Nov. 24**
Waterrock Knob to The Pinnacle 8:00 AM

Hike 9.2, Drive 90, 1560 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,
SB6K

Mike Knies, 828-628-6712, knies06@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This hike will begin from the Waterrock Knob lower parking lot and continue along a

rough trail, passing Yellow Face and mega rock formations, and on to the spectacular view from Blackrock Mtn. From there we will descend a bit and then hike out to even more spectacular views of craggy Pinnacle Park. We will then backtrack a short distance before descending steeply to our vehicles at the Fisher Creek Trailhead. 30-minute car shuttle. If the parkway is closed, another hike will be announced. Topo(s): Sylva North

Wednesday No. W2104-632 **Nov. 24**
Cantrell Lodge History Hike 9:00 AM

Hike 8.5, Drive 55, 700 ft. ascent, Rated B-C,
P400

Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747,
dannyhiker@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Ingles on NC 191/280 north end of parking lot in front of the Pardee Urgent Care at 9:30 AM.

This in-and-out hike begins at the Turkey Pen parking area and follows the South Mills River Trail to the Cantrell Lodge, following an old logging railroad grade. On the way, we'll cross three pedestrian bridges and pass a couple of unusual Carsonite signs. We'll learn more about the history of this historic lodge and area. This hike is #64 of the 100 Favorite Hikes. CMC members only, no guests.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Wednesday No. W2104-762 **Dec. 1**
Mt. Cammerer

from Davenport Gap 8:00 AM

Hike 11.4, Drive 100, 3000 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA, **LTC, 900M**

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
butler.tom3381@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at trailhead. This hike follows the A.T. from Davenport Gap to the historic fire lookout atop Mt. Cammerer. Strenuous, but the payoffs are a good workout and what *Backpacker* magazine calls the best Tennessee view in the Smokies. This hike is #29 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Waterville

Wednesday No. W2104-325 **Dec. 1**
Tanyard Gap to Rich Mountain 9:30 AM

Hike 5.5, Drive 61, 1350 ft. ascent, Rated C-B,
AT-MST, LTC

Karen Scharmann, 312-241-3329,
Schultz.KarenJ@GMail.com and

Ken Scharmann, 847-772-4693,
Ksruns@Comcast.net

First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leaders at second meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 10:00 AM.

Contact Karen for reservations. A moderate

hike, with views from Rich Mountain fire tower. Hike north on the A.T. 2.4 miles to a short, steep side trail (wooden sign on the left) leading to the tower. The fire tower is open, enabling hikers to climb to the top for views. We will retrace our steps southbound on the A.T. to return to the parking lot. This hike is #42 of the 100 Favorite Hikes.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Wednesday No. W2104-420 **Dec. 8**
Tanyard Gap to Allen Gap 8:00 AM
Hike 8.8, Drive 60, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA,
AT-MST, LTC

Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452,
desraylet@aol.com

First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 8:45 AM.

This is one of the prettiest sections of the A.T. in our area. We will take a side trip to the newly renovated Rich Mountain fire tower and visit the Spring Mountain shelter. Please bring enough cars so that all hikers can be safely belted in for the car shuttle. This hike is #42 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Wednesday No. W2104-712 **Dec. 8**
Mackey Creek / Buckeye Knob 8:30 AM
Hike 8, Drive 55, 2090 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA
Jeff Wilcox, 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unca.edu
First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain) at 9:00 AM - but contact leader first.

The Mackey Mtn./Buckeye Knob area was part of the first purchase of national forest land under the Weeks Act of 1911 and is designated "Mountain Treasure" by the Wilderness Society. Hike from Curtis Creek campground via Hickory Branch Trail. We will take a connector trail to Lead Mine Gap Trail. From there, we take the Buckeye Knob Trail. There are several ups and downs along the trail across Buckeye Knob as we follow the ridge line. We return to our cars via a forest service road.

Topo(s): Old Fort

Wednesday No. W2104-492 **Dec. 8**
Annual Cookie Hike, Bent Creek
Ramble to MST past Sleepy Gap 9:00 AM
Hike 7, Drive 10, 300 ft. ascent, Rated B-C,
P400

Keiko Merl, 828-298-7634, cell: 828-231-2126,
keikomerl@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. This is a moderate loop hike in the Bent Creek area. We will start from the parking area for Cold Knob Road (FS 479H off Bent Creek

Road beyond Lake Powhatan). Using a variety of short sections of trails, we will hike up to the MST, follow it past Sleepy Gap, and descend by the Stambaugh Trail to the Lake Powhatan picnic area for lunch and a cookie feast. Bring cookies to share. The afternoon walk back to the cars is approximately 2 miles.

Topo(s): Asheville, Skyland

Wednesday No. W2104-733 **Dec. 15**
Rumbling Bald 8:30 AM
Hike 5.1, Drive 43, 670 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Virginia Bower, 828-273-2486,
clabbergirl57@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles on US 74-A 1-1/2 miles south of I-40 Exit 53. We will hike to Eagle Rock and Grey Rock and take a 1/2 mile side trip to Tunnel Rock. We will follow an old road for 4 miles to Party Rock for its beautiful views and return to our cars via the same road.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Wednesday No. W2104-592 **Dec. 15**
Butter Gap - Long Branch Loop 8:30 AM
Hike 10, Drive 67, 1950 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,
P400, WC100

Susan Hutson, 336-406-9279,
picassue48@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 9:00 AM - but contact leader first.

This hike will start at Gloucester Gap and follow the Art Loeb Trail over Chestnut Mtn. to Butter Gap. At the gap, we'll turn downhill onto the Butter Gap Trail, then the Long Branch Trail and Cemetery Loop past the McCall Cemetery. There will be a short side trip to a beautiful but rarely visited waterfall. We'll finish with a short road walk back to the trailhead. This hike is #58 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. 2104-212 **Dec. 22**
Sassafras Mountain
to Pinnacle and Return 8:00 AM

Hike 11.5, Drive 92, 2500 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA

Jeff Wilcox, 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unca.edu
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 8:45 AM.

On this variation of Hike #212, we will begin at Sassafras Mtn., then follow the Foothills Trail to Pinnacle Mtn. and return via the same trail.

Topo(s): Table Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-278 **Dec. 22**
Kitsuma Peak 8:15 AM
Hike 10, Drive 46, 1550 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Marie Chamberlin, 678-492-6718,

marie.m.chamberlin@gmail.com
and Kay Haskell, 610-613-4858,
HaskellKM@Gmail.com

First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain) at 8:45 AM - but contact leader first.

Hike up Young's Ridge and see great views of Greybeard, Green Knob and the Mount Mitchell area. There is also a great view of the Swannanoa Valley from our lunch spot. We will take alternate #1, which passes along the original US 70, paved in the 1920s, and we'll stop at the Point Lookout overlook. The road parallels and crosses over a railroad and one of its many tunnels. This hike is #80 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Old Fort

Wednesday No. W2104-567 **Dec. 29**
Guion Farm P.L. #2 8:30 AM

Hike 10.5, Drive 70, 1850 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Marie Chamberlin, 678-492-6718,
marie.m.chamberlin@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 9:00 AM - but contact leader first.

Hikers limited to ten. This moderate low-elevation "double back in-and-out" hike starts and ends at the Guion Farm Parking Lot in DuPont Forest. After a 1200-ft. ascent and descent to enjoy the views from Stone Mountain, we will hike to scenic Wintergreen Falls on a flat trail and return to the cars.

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

ALL-DAY WEEKEND HIKES

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296, bbente@bell-south. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. All hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary.

Sunday No. A2104-870 **Oct. 3**
Sampson Mountain Wilderness
and A.T. 8:00 AM

Hike 11.2, Drive 130, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.*

Les Love, 828-230-1861,
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Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. We'll start from the Sampson Mountain Wilderness Area

in eastern Tennessee, hike through the Sampson Mountain Wilderness Area on the Middle Springs Trail, and continue on the undesignated Middle Springs Ridge Trail to the heath bald and Ball Ground to Big Butt and the A.T. We'll follow the A.T. south across Cold Springs Mountain and then down the Sarvis Cove Trail. Note: Five rock-hop stream crossings - poles are recommended. Optional dinner at Farmer's Daughter after the hike.

Topo(s): Greystone

Sunday No. A2104-941 **Oct. 10**
Standing Indian Loop **8:00 AM**

Hike 9.6, Drive 160, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Carroll Koeppinger, 828-667-0723,
cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Haywood County Rest Area 19500 Great Smoky Mtn. Expy. (US 23/74) Waynesville NC at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.

This new CMC hike will begin at the Backcountry Information Center of Standing Indian Campground, hike alongside the scenic Nantahala River, then turn uphill along and occasionally crossing Park Creek to Penland Gap. We'll return on the ridgeline on Park Ridge Trail. Topo: Rainbow Springs

Saturday No. A2104-244 **Oct. 16**
Firescald Knob **10:00 AM**

Hike 6, Drive 95, 1600 ft. ascent, Rated C-A,
AT-MST

Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471,
cell: 860-798-9905, mwbromberg@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. We'll begin this hike by enjoying the views from Jones Meadow, once the site of the Viking Mountain Resort. Then we'll take a short access trail to the A.T. and backtrack to enjoy the views into North Carolina from Whiterock Cliff. Returning to the A.T. and heading north we'll enter a beautiful area of mossy rocks. After a mile or so, we'll begin climbing to the top of the world on a trail that is one of the CMC's great accomplishments, enjoying magnificent views into North Carolina and Tennessee and stopping to honor Howard McDonald for his trail-building leadership. We'll return on the A.T. alternate trail that was once the main trail and now serves as a bad weather alternative.

Topo(s): Greystone

Sunday No. A2104-151 **Oct. 17**
Big East Fork to Shining Rock
via Old Butt #2 **8:00 AM**

Hike 8.5, Drive 60, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA+, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400, SB6k**

Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528,
hkassell@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. We will hike from the Big East Fork parking lot up the very steep Chestnut Ridge Trail over Dog Loser and Old Butt Knobs to lunch at Shining Rock (6040 ft.), with its exceptional views. We'll return via a steep descent to the North Fork of Shining Creek.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. A2104-072 **Oct. 24**
Graybeard via Pot Cove Gap **8:30 AM**

Hike 9.5, Drive 35, 2450 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA
Lorraine Bernhardt, 828-699-8857,
lsbernhardt50@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40. Cross Flat Creek bridge, and in one mile, turn right onto trail with rock hops of Flat Creek. Short spur on right goes to Graybeard Falls. At each trail junction, follow blue blazes to Graybeard summit (elevation 5408 ft.) with great views. Return via same trail with option of short in-out to Walker Knob at the shelter. This hike is #82 of the 100 Favorite Hikes.

Topo(s): Montreat

Saturday No. A2104-089 **Oct. 30**
Lemon Gap to Max Patch **8:00 AM**

Hike 11, Drive 100, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,
AT-MST

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
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First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop off Exit 24 of I-40 at 8:30 AM.

We'll see the A.T. shelter built by the CMC along a beautiful section of the A.T. We will begin at Lemon Gap, have lunch on top of Max Patch with its beautiful views and return to our cars at Lemon Gap. This hike is #40 of the 100 Favorite Hikes.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Sunday No. A2104-265 **Oct. 31**
Panthertown West Entrance **8:00 AM**

Hike 9.3, Drive 120, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,
WC100

Michael Cornn, 828-458-1281,
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828-458-1282, katherinenkyle@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 8:30 AM.

This moderate loop hike has everything: waterfalls, granite domes with impressive cliffs, high-altitude bogs, a lovely valley floor, and great views from the tops of Little Green and Big Green Mountains.

Topo(s): Big Ridge

Sunday No. A2104-679 **Nov. 7**

Elk Pasture Gap - Mt. Pisgah
via MST **9:00 AM**

Hike 7, Drive 24, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA,
P400

Susan Hutson, 336-406-9279,
picassue48@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. We will hike the MST from the NC 151 / BRP junction to Pisgah Inn, and have lunch on the grounds of the Inn. Great views from Little Pisgah Mountain if clear weather. Pack for wind and cold. If the parkway is open we will drive on the parkway to Pisgah Inn. If closed, the hike is dependent on weather and ability to reach the top of NC 151 by car.

Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Saturday No. A2104-778 **Nov. 13**

Bracken Mountain -
Brushy Creek Trails **10:00 AM**

Hike 7.8, Drive 60, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com

and Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,
quilter290@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 10:30 AM.

This hike will include the Bracken Mtn. and Brushy Creek Trails. This is a great cold weather hike with good views. This hike is #60 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Rosman, Shining Rock

Sunday No. A2104-548 **Nov. 14**
Sams Gap to Big Bald **8:00 AM**

Hike 13, Drive 50, 3300 ft. ascent,
Rated AA-AA+, **AT-MST**

Mike Knies, 828-628-6712, knies06@att.net

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. This strenuous A.T. hike goes north from Sams Gap to Big Bald, then reverses direction to the start point. Beautiful views along the way. Big Bald is like a mini-Max Patch!

Topo(s): Sams Gap

Sunday No. A2104-545 **Nov. 21**
Bent Creek #11 - Boundary Trail **9:00 AM**

Hike 8.3, Drive 15, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
P400

Carroll Koeppinger, 828-667-0723,
cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. This moderate loop hike explores several trails close to Asheville. From Bent Creek Gap we will follow the MST to the Bent Creek Boundary Trail, on to Ingles Field Gap, to Ledford Branch Rd. and down to Deer Lake Lodge Trail and the Rice Pinnacle parking lot. Great views (if the weather

cooperates). Car shuttle.
Topo(s): Skyland

Saturday No. A2104-529 **Nov. 27**
**Fletcher Fields
and Spencer Branch** **9:00 AM**

Hike 8, Drive 40, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C,
P400

Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528,
hkassell@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking
lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Ingles on NC 191/280
in Mills River behind gas pumps at 9:15 AM.

For P400 fans, this hike will cover a number of
short trails in the Trace Ridge Trailhead area,
including Fletcher Creek, Spencer Gap and
Middle Fork.

Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Sunday No. A2104-372 **Nov. 28**
**Big Fork Ridge
to Rough Fork Loop** **8:00 AM**
Hike 9.6, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A,
900M

Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747,
dannyhiker@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44
of I-40. From the end of the road in Cataloochee
Valley, hike up the Rough Fork Trail, then turn
left onto the Caldwell Fork Trail. Pass by record-
size tulip poplar trees, then hike up and over the
ridge on the Big Fork Ridge Trail. This hike is
#35 of the 100 Favorite Hikes. CMC members
only, no guests.

Topo(s): Dellwood

Sunday No. A2104-511 **Dec. 5**
Florence Nature Preserve **9:00 AM**
Hike 6.5, Drive 24, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C
Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879,
heyk127@hotmail.com

First Meeting Place: Ingles on US 74-A 1-1/2
miles south of I-40 Exit 53.

Second Meeting Place: Florence Nature
Preserve by chimney at 9:15 AM - but contact
leader first.

This hike is a loop in the Florence Nature
Preserve, a 600+ acre tract in the Hickory Nut
Gorge. It has easy loops with moderate climbs.
We'll hike on the Yellow, Blue and Orange Trails
to a nice overlook, then take the Blue, Red and

Orange Trails to the Rattlesnake Knob overlook.
We'll return via the Red, Blue and Yellow Trails.
This is hike #76 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Saturday No. A2104-746 **Dec. 11**
**Bearwallow Mtn.
& Little Bearwallow Cliffs** **9:30 AM**

Hike 5.5, Drive 25, 1050 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Bev MacDowell, 828-777-5806,
bevmacdowellhappy@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles on US 74-A 1-1/2
miles south of I-40 Exit 53. We will hike
from Bearwallow Gap to the grassy summit of
Bearwallow and its great views, with a nearly
360-degree view, then continue over Wildcat
Rocks down to US 74. Car shuttle.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Sunday No. A2104-031 **Dec. 12**
South Mtns. Loop **8:15 AM**

Hike 10.9, Drive 120, 2300 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA, **WC100**

Donna Lanning, 828-684-7083,
cell: 828-606-7956, dblanking@bellsouth.net

First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place
behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of
I-40 (Black Mountain) at 8:30 AM.

South Mountains State Park, south of Morganton,
has outstanding views, a beautiful waterfall,
and a new visitor center. We'll climb to Jacob
Fork River Gorge Overlook and then continue
to Chestnut Knob Overlook, a rocky outcrop-
ping with outstanding views toward the Kings
Mountain Range and on a clear day, Charlotte's
skyline. Later, after another climb, we'll reach
the top of High Shoals Waterfall - truly awe-
some. Awesome too are the wooden staircase
and platform which allow a close look at the
falls and the jumble of rocks in Jacob Fork.
Since this is a state park, the trails are meticu-
lously maintained.

Topo(s): Benn Knob

Sunday No. A2104-216 **Dec. 19**
**Sams Gap
to Devil Fork Gap on the A.T.** **8:00 AM**

Hike 8.5, Drive 90, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A,
AT-MST

Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452,
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First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS
parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools
and meet leader at second meeting place.

Second Meeting Place: US 25/NC 208 intersec-
tion at 8:30 AM.

This hike requires a car shuttle. Please bring
enough cars to shuttle hikers. This section of
the A.T. features nice views into Tennessee from
the ridgeline, traversing a series of knobs along an
unusual section of the TN-NC state line where
Tennessee is east of N.C. and the southbound

hiker is actually traveling north.

Topo(s): Sams Gap

Sunday No. A2104-223 **Dec. 26**
Folk Art Center to Ox Creek Road **9:00 AM**
Hike 7.5, Drive 13, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A,
AT-MST

Eva Blinder, 828-275-6447,
ejb5711@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk
Art Center. An easy, enjoyable hike on a choice
part of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail in the vicini-
ty of Asheville. Diversified woods and periodic
good views. Though generally uphill, this is not
strenuous. Car shuttle.

Topo(s): Oteen

HALF-DAY SUNDAY HIKES

Newcomers are welcome, but non-members
MUST call the leader before the hike to deter-
mine the requirements. Half-day hikes submit-
ted by Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, mhsrunning@
yahoo.com. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have
a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise.**
Contact leader for reservation. Driving dis-
tance is round trip from the first meeting place.
Hikes assemble at the location described for
that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting
places, and starting times may vary. **Times listed
are departure times – arrive early.**

Sunday No. H2104-316 **Oct. 3**
Carl Sandburg

Nat'l. Historic Park **10:00 AM**

Hike 4, Drive 60, 700 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,
quilter290@gmail.com and Jim Magura,
828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking
lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Carl Sandburg parking
lot at 10:30 AM.

*Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email
for reservations.* Driving Directions: I-26 E to
Exit 53; right onto Upward Rd. to end of road
(name changes to Highland Lake Rd. after US
176); left onto US 225; right onto Little River
Rd.; left into parking lot for Carl Sandburg Nat'l.
Historic Park. Traverse the same trails that poet/
author Carl Sandburg enjoyed. Hike to overlook
on Big Glassy Mountain. Return via same route,
but turn at barn trail. After hike, you may opt to
tour on your own by visiting the goats in the barn
or touring Carl Sandburg's historic house for a
small fee. Masks are required inside the house.
Topo(s): Hendersonville

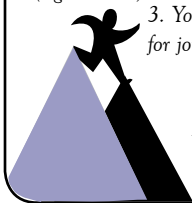
Sunday No. H2104-244 **Oct. 10**
Firescald Knob **10:00 AM**

Hike 5, Drive 96, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C,
AT-MST

How to join the CMC

1. Go to www.carolinamountainclub.org
2. Click on **Join** (top left) or **Join CMC!**
(right center).

3. You will see instructions
for joining online or via mail.
or ... write to us at
CMC, PO Box 68,
Asheville, NC 28802
and we'll mail you an
application



Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, cell: 860-798-9905, mwbromberg@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* We'll begin this hike by enjoying the views from Jones Meadow, once the site of the Viking Mountain Resort. Then we'll take a short access trail to the A.T., entering a beautiful area of mossy rocks. After a mile or so, we'll begin climbing to the top of the world on a trail that is one of the CMC's great accomplishments, enjoying magnificent views into North Carolina and Tennessee, stopping to honor Howard McDonald for his trail building leadership. After about 2.5 miles, we'll retrace our steps.
Topo(s): Greystone

Sunday No. H2104-453 **Oct. 17**
Max Patch Loop **10:00 AM**
Hike 4.4, Drive 100, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **AT-MST**

Jack Dalton, 828-622-3704, cell: 404-376-5785, jckdalton9@gmail.com and Gail Lamb, 828-338-0443, cell: 828-275-4500, glamb46@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools with Gail and meet Jack at second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Old Spring Creek School building on NC 209 in Spring Creek at 10:45 AM.

Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. We'll pass through woods to Buckeye Ridge and follow the ridge, enjoying views of Max Patch, then loop around to intersect with the A.T. Our route back will be either via Max Patch summit or Buckeye Ridge Trail. Group size is limited to 10 hikers on Max Patch, so we may split up if our group is too large. Hikers must be vaccinated as carpools will be encouraged.

Topo(s): Lemon Gap

Sunday No. H2104-092 **Oct. 24**
Star Gap **9:00 AM**
Hike 3.6, Drive 20, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
William Snow, 857-756-3815, billsnow123@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain). *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving distance from Asheville is 40 miles. This shortened and modified version of hike #92 will be on the Star Gap Trail to see the fall foliage. There should be spectacular views of the fall colors. We will have an option to continue to Jarrett Creek Road and out to the stream crossing, bringing the hike to 5.6 miles and 1500 ft. ascent. The Star Gap trailhead is on Graphite Road. This will be an out-and-back hike. There will be many interesting trestles and tunnels on our driving route to Graphite.

Topo(s): Old Fort

Sunday No. H2104-020 **Oct. 31**
Walnut Cove Overlook **11:00 AM**
to Chestnut Cove Overlook **11:00 AM**
Hike 5.4, Drive 15, 550 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **AT-MST, P400**
Barbara Morgan, 828-460-7066, barbc129@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* This is a combination of CMC hikes #20 and #21. The hike will start at Walnut Cove Overlook, going 1.8 miles to Sleepy Gap. We will continue on the MST from Sleepy Gap to the Chestnut Cove Overlook for another 0.9 miles, and then return to Walnut Cove Overlook.
Topo(s): Skyland



Angled tree on Pounding Mill Trail. Photo by Bruce Bente.

Sunday No. H2104-347 **Nov. 7**
Twin Falls **11:00 AM**
Hike 6, Drive 80, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **P400, WC100**
Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879, heyk127@hotmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 11:30 AM.

Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This is a moderate hike in the Pisgah National Forest, starting on the Buckhorn Gap Trail, taking the Twin Falls Bypass to view two nice waterfalls and returning on the beautiful Clawhammer Cove Trail. The hike will be completed with a short walk on a Forest Service Road. This is hike #63 of The 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2104-196 **Nov. 14**
Vineyard Gap Loop **1:30 PM**
Hike 5, Drive 40, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, **P400**
Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296, bbente@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Turkey Pen parking lot. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving distance from Asheville is 40 mi. roundtrip. We'll start on an interesting manway and continue on a dry-foot loop hike on the Vineyard Gap and Riverside Trails, including a scenic trail along the S. Mills River. Note that there is a steep 400-ft. climb on a rough uneven trail near the end of the hike.
Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2104-402 **Nov. 21**
Little East Fork of the Pigeon River **9:30 AM**
from Camp Daniel Boone **9:30 AM**
Hike 5.7, Drive 50, 1150 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, **P400**

Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, bobbipowers23@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* This is a variation of hike #402. The hike begins near the trailhead for Cold Mountain/Art Loeb Trail. The trail goes steadily up along the river with magnificent views of multiple cascades and cool rock formations. We stop where the trail crosses the river and return by the same route.

Topo(s): Sam Knob

Sunday No. H2104-942 **Nov. 28**
Rice Pinnacle P.L. #3 - **11:00 AM**
Corvair Trail **11:00 AM**

Hike 4.5, 700 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Rice Pinnacle Parking Lot in Bent Creek. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* This new CMC hike in the Bent Creek area does a loop in the Rice Pinnacle area, including Corvair, Neighborhood, Ledford and Wolf Branch Trails.
Topo(s): Skyland, Asheville, Dunsmore Mtn.

Sunday No. H2104-501 **Dec. 5**
Hickory Nut Gap to **12:45 PM**
Ferguson Peak **12:45 PM**

Hike 3.5, Drive 40, 750 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Lee Belknap, 828-698-9394, cell: 828-674-3631, rivergypsy@sprintmail.com

First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Hickory Nut Gap on US 74-A at 1:00 PM.

Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. An in-and-out hike from US 74 in Fairview. A fairly steep climb is rewarded with excellent views to the west. The second meeting place at Hickory Nut Gap on US 74-A has a new

parking area just south of the gap, or roadside parking at the gap.
Topo(s): Bat Cave

Sunday No. H2104-432 **Dec. 12**
Montreat Toll Road Loop **12:30 PM**
Hike 6, Drive 10, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036,
cell: 408-887-3666, daisytk@yahoo.com
Only Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40
(Black Mountain). *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving mileage from Asheville is 35 miles round trip. We will start by hiking up the Graybeard Trail, which has been partly relocated to parallel the creek, up to the toll road. Once on the toll road, it is down, down, down with some beautiful views. We will end up on the Montreat campus and may stop at the chapel for a look at the frescoes.

There is one small steep section and four stream crossings on rocks. The leader reserves the right to change the hike to suit the weather.
Topo(s): Montreat

Sunday No. H2104-035 **Dec. 19**
Looking Glass Rock **10:00 AM**
Hike 5.8, Drive 10, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated C-A, **P400**
Dennis Bass, 828-367-7792, cell: 828-367-8619, dbass3607@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell). *Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. A pleasant hike to this outstanding pluton with views along the way and a spectacular view of the Blue Ridge

Parkway and mountains to the north at the end of the trail. In-and-out hike.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2104-711 **Dec. 26**
MST from US 25 **1:00 PM**
to Crossridge Rd and return **1:00 PM**
Hike 5, Drive 10, 660 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, bobbipowers23@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: BRP Visitor Center at MM 383. *Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations.* We will hike from the gravel parking lot on the BRP near US 25 along the best-maintained section of the MST you will ever hike. This is a gentle hike to walk off your Christmas dinner.
Topo(s): Asheville, Oteen

NEXT CMC COUNCIL MEETING
When: October 12, 2021
Where: Please check Breaking News in October
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Info: Call Debby at 404-731-3119 if you would like to attend. All CMC members are welcome.



Further information about regulations is available at www.carolinamountainclub.org

HIKING INFORMATION: CMC hikes are open to all and we welcome guests. Non-members need to call or email the hike leader to introduce themselves and find out more about the hike. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Hikes may be canceled by the leader due to adverse weather or dangerous roads. Minors are welcome on CMC hikes, if accompanied by a responsible adult. Pets are not allowed on CMC hikes. Hike leaders have the right to reject participants who are not properly equipped for the hike or who are unlikely to be able to complete the hike. All hikers are expected to follow the leader's instructions. No one should get ahead of the leader, or lag behind the sweep, without specific permission. Hikers should obtain the leader's permission if they wish to leave the hike before its completion.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT: CMC's website (www.carolinamountainclub.org, click on Hiking) has a full list of day hiking needs. Most critical are water, footwear, rain gear and a first aid kit. Carry at least two quarts of liquid (water, Gatorade, juice) for a full day hike, no matter what time of year. Hiking boots are recommended for all hikes. They should be broken in before the hike. Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Even if there is no sign of rain in the morning, you need to be prepared for an afternoon shower. Your first aid kit should include any personal medication, including allergy medication, if needed. Wear layered clothing – you'll want to take layers off during a strenuous climb or as the day proceeds, then put them back on in cooler conditions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY: Each CMC member and guest agrees to accept personal responsibility for his or her own safety and for the safety of accompanying minors. The Club cannot ensure the safety of any participant on hikes or trail maintenance activities. Each participant agrees to hold harmless and free from blame event leaders and the CMC, its officers and members, for any accident, injury or illness which might be sustained from participating in Club hikes and other activities.

CONSERVATION: CMC works with other organizations concerned about the protection of our natural heritage to protect trails and the hiking experience in our hiking area. Phone the Councilor for Conservation for details.

MEMBERSHIP: Everyone is eligible for CMC membership by joining and paying dues. To join online or by paper application, go to www.carolinamountainclub.org and click on the green Join button just below the Member Login. Choose either Join CMC online or CMC application form (pdf). Don't have internet access? Mail a note to the CMC address requesting an application form be mailed to you. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Hikers are expected to join CMC after participating in a few hikes. Some trail maintenance activities are only open to members.

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