

	<p>OLD-TIMERS HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE- SPRING 2012- APRIL-MAY- JUNE ---TIS THE WILD FLOWER SEASON</p>	
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MONDAY-APRIL-2	Darwin's Revenge and Whitetail Loop, 4.5 moderate miles at Warrior's Path State Park. Leader, Jerry Jones. 423- 282-2199
WED-APRIL-4	<p>PINE MOUNTAIN TRAIL, HOLSTON MOUNTAIN FS ROAD 4002</p> <p>Hike along a wide culverted trail beside Delaney, Big and Little Pine Mountains. We will swap keys and lunch leisurely after a 2 mi.RT side hike to Tom's Pond. Total 7 mi. approximate time 5 hours, alternate starting/finishing point US 421 on Holston Mountain or Wyatt Hollow Road. Moderate ups and downs at 2000 feet elevation, good views, varied forest management, many culverted creeks except one on the side trail to lunch that may require rock hopping. Meet at the church for carpooling. After breakfast, meet leader Powell Foster (cell 423/366-2273) at the intersection of US 421S with the Denton Valley and Boy Scout Roads.</p>
MONDAY –APRIL-09	A 5.4 mile moderate hike from Carvers Gap to the end of the Roan High Bluff trail and back. Breakfast at Bobs Dairyland. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
WED-APRIL-11	An 8 to 10 mile moderate to strenuous hike from Bays Mt.Park to Laurel Run Park. There are two creeks to cross near Laurel Run Park that may require wading. Bring wading shoes and two poles if you are not good at rock hopping Key swap-no shuttle. Leaders-Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 and Dave McMillin 423-913-234—Howard will lead from Laurel Run Park.
MONDAY-APRIL-16	Monday, April 16, Porters Creek in the Smokies, a veritable treasure store of wild flowers. We hope to hit the peak on this date. In and out round trip is about 7 miles. I may need a volunteer to lead those who wish to hike further than I do. Because of the distance (about 2 hours each way), let's leave the Covenant parking lot at 7:30AM. We will

	have a quick breakfast in Newport just off I-40. Take seasonable clothes, lunch, plenty of water, comfortable boots and rain gear. Leader, Bob Miller, 423- <u>245-1465</u> . Jerry Jones also turned in this hike so he can be the co-leader 423-282-2199
WED.-APRIL-18	A strenuous 12.5 mile hike from Davenport Gap to Browns Gap on the AT. We will key swap, with the most elevation gain being done by those starting at Davenport Gap—the other direction is not easy either. Leaders Dave McMillin 423-913-2345 and Howard Guinn 753-4072—Howard will lead from Browns Gap
THURSDAY-APRIL19	Our annual dinner at the Covenant Presbyterian Church at 6 PM. The meat, bread, and drinks will be provided, hikers bring vegetables, salads and desserts. Gil will be there and so it will be a good time to pay our dues for 2012. Please take time to provide him with your current information and any member who does not have e-mail should let him know if they need their schedule by mail and give him an address. Everyone please come, there will be lots of food and good company.
MONDAY-APRIL-23	We will be leaving Horse Creek Park and hiking a moderate 4 miler on the Squibb Creek Trail to Squibb Creek Falls and return. This trail has lots of creek crossing which are normally easy to rock hop, but come prepared. Form your car pool, have breakfast and meet your leader at Horse Creek Park, Lamar Adcox, <u>234-0296</u> or cell <u>823-1768</u>
WED.-APRIL-25	An 8 mile moderate to strenuous in and out hike to the old Lost Cove settlement. We will start on the FS road near Spivy Gap and take the Devils Creek Trail. Once at the Cove we will go right and have lunch at one of two old houses remaining in the Cove. We will take time to visit the other house which belonged to the Rev. Bob Miller and near there you will find a set of steps which are the only remains of the church which was also the school, it closed its doors for the last time in 1957. We can also visit the old cemetery. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at McDonalds for Breakfast. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 741-7755
MONDAY-APRIL-30	Virginia Channels State Forest - Moderate 5 mile in-and-out hike. Trail Head (71 miles): Intersection of SR80 with Russell/Washington counties. Breakfast Stop: Cracker Barrel I-81, Exit 7. Leader John Parks <u>423 773-9643</u>
WED.-MAY-2	Moderate eight and two tenths miles on the AT between Devil's Fork Gap and Sam's Gap. Key Swap. Leader, Jerry Jones <u>282-2199</u> .
MONDAY-MAY-7	Easy, five miles. Sinking Waters Trail and Woodland Ridge Trail at Warrior's Path State Park. Leader, Jerry Jones. 423- <u>282-2199</u> .
WED-MAY-O9	Hiker's choice at Hungry Mother State Park. Easy hike around the lake, 5.7 miles or take the strenuous Molly's Knob trail and add up to an additional 1.5 miles. Leader, Jerry Jones. 423- <u>282-2199</u>
MONDAY-MAY-14	A moderate 4 mile hike from Spivey Gap south on the AT to High Rock and return. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader, Lamar Adcox, <u>234-0296</u> or cell <u>823-1768</u> . {The wildflowers should be in bloom so some may wish to hike an extra mile or two.}
WED-MAY-16	An 11.8 mile strenuous keyswap hike on the section of AT that we

	maintain from Indian Grave Gap to Iron Mountain Gap. Breakfast will be at Clarence's. Leader Dave McMillin 423-913-2345.
Monday-MAY-21	An 8.4 mile moderate hike from the Nolichucky River to the Curley Maple Shelter and back. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
WEDNESDAY MAY-23	Our annual moderate with strenuous parts 10-mile loop hike at Clarks Creek to see wildflowers in bloom. We will take the Sills Branch Trail to the waterfall, then on to FS 5066 and then down the Long Arm Branch Horse Trail. There are creek crossings that we should be able to rock hop but be prepared to wade. Leader: Howard Guinn 423-753-4072-cell 741-7755
MONDAY-MAY-28	Our annual Memorial Day joint hike with the Greeneville Hiking Club. A 6 mile strenuous hike at Horse Creek Park near Greeneville on the Turkey Pen and Middle Springs Trails. This hike has several creek crossing. Form your carpool, have breakfast on the way and meet your leader at Horse Creek Park. Lamar Adcox, <u>234-0296</u> or cell <u>823-1768</u>
WED-MAY-30-	Key swap between 19E and Elk River Falls via Jones Falls. Moderate; About seven Miles. Leader, Jerry Jones. 423- <u>282-2199</u> .
MONDAY-JUNE-4	Starting at Dennis Cove and hiking south on the AT, we will take Coon Den Falls Trail with a trip to the falls and follow the trail out to the road. We will then walk the road back to our cars for a moderate 4 mile hike. Breakfast at Dee's in Elizabethton. Leader, Lamar Adcox, <u>234-0296</u> or cell <u>823-1768</u> ,
WED.-JUNE-6	Pond Mountain-- Hike 7.2 miles moderate - Trail Head: Laurel Falls parking area (US-321 Hampton blue trail) to Watauga Lake parking area US-321. Breakfast Stop: Decided at church. Leader: John Parks <u>423 773-9643</u>
MONDAY-JUNE-11	Difficult to strenuous Forest Road Trail, 5.4 miles in and out at Roan Mountain State Park. Those desiring a shorter hike can hike the trail one way, 2.7 miles, beginning at the Visitor Center and ending at the campground. Leader, Jerry Jones. 423- <u>282-2199</u> .
WED.-JUNE-13	A strenuous 10 mile?? Not sure of mileage could be more could be less?? Hike from Hampton Cove to Big Yellow Mountain?? And back. Since this is in and out you can go as far as you wish and back, just carpool according to mileage. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
MONDAY-JUNE-18	Easy, three and a half miles. Lake Hollow Trail, Riverbank Trail and Lakeshore Trail at Warrior's Path State Park. Leader, Jerry Jones. 423- <u>282-2199</u> .
WED.-JUNE-20	Work day on our section of AT. This will mostly be weed cutting. Form carpools at the church and meet Mike at Clarence's for breakfast where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Mike Hupko 423-929-2626
MONDAY-JUNE-25	Work day on our section of AT. Finish what we started last week. Form your carpools at the church and meet Mike at Clarence's for breakfast where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Mike Hupko 423-929-2626.
WED-JUNE-27	A strenuous -8-9-10??? Mile hike we will call a Cherokee Mountain Ramble—cause we will ramble all over the mountain to make a loop back to our trailhead on Dry Creek Road. There is a very strenuous one mile climb in this hike. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 741-7755

We leave Covenant Presbyterian Church each Monday and Wednesday at 8am. We make a breakfast stop at a small restaurant or fast food **IF** it is the only choice. Come join us; bring lunch, PLENTY of water, gas money, a snack, each person should carry a small first aid kit, you should also carry a little extra food just in case, raingear [it may rain where the hike is even if the weather here does not say rain], and most important bring yourself and a smile and come enjoy our hikes. Everyone is welcome, member or not. Participation in club activities carries with it the obligation to hold the club and its representatives free of liability for individual safety. **Some of the members routinely change the distances on the longer hikes to limit them to between six and eight miles. Call Jerry Jones, 282-2199, if you want to hike less than eight miles for details regarding any hike modification where the distance is more than eight miles.**

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