2013 OLD-TIMERS HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE--OCT-NOV-DEC

PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL THE DAY BEFORE A HIKE IN CASE THAT HIKE CHANGES—LEADERS LET ME KNOW THE CHANGE AND I WILL SEND E-MAIL

In 2008 in his intro to the schedule CB wrote—"Attending and participating is what makes the club go." Still true today—so thank-you to those who chose to participate by leading hikes and thank-you to those who chose to participate by showing up each week to hike. Without either one there is no hiking club. CB says he is doing well and IF well enough may try to attend Bob Millers hike, on November the 4th. I hope some of our long time hikers who no longer hike much might come and walk at Bays Mountain with Bob— maybe a time for walking slowly and talking to both new and old hiking friends.

I think everyone who hikes knows that they can do an in and out to shorten any hike and in some cases could be of great help with shuttles and on most hikes the stronger hikers can go further if they wish, so I hope all of you will find some hikes on this schedule to attend and enjoy. If you are a hike leader you will find a sign-up sheet form attached, when you finish using the ones you now have printed please use this one to print from, thank-you.

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Wed,Oct,2	A 9.2 mile hike on the AT from Devils Creek Gap to Chestoa. Form your carpools at the church and have breakfast at McDonalds in Erwin and meet the leader at the parking across from McDonalds at 8:45; where there will be a sign-up sheet and we can decide on a keyswap or a driver's car drop. David Douthat 423-639-8567-cell 423-620-3437
MonOct,7	A 6 mile moderate hike from Carvers Gap to Grassy Ridge and then hike on to a lunch spot with a view. We have been here once this year back in the spring but Roan Mountain should be hiked at least twice a year. Breakfast at Bobs Dairyland. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
Wed,Oct 9	A 5 mile moderate loop hike starting and ending at Hot Springs on the Pump Gap Trail. Andrew Cleland will have friends visiting from Holland and has asked Howard to lead a short hike in Hot Springs. No breakfast stop, we are to meet Andrew and his friends at 9:30 in Hot Springs. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 423-741-7755.[Andrew and his friends are planning lunch and a visit to the hot springs after the hike—this will not be part of the hiking club activity so if interested make sure you make your own driving arrangements. Contact Andrew Cleland at 423-579-0659; or greezle43@gmail.com.]
Mon, Oct 14	Read it all[Chimney Tops in the GSMNP for intrepid hikers. Leave from the church at 7am, [that's right SEVEN O'CLOCK]. The leader sez this will be a long day and there is no time for a breakfast stop. This is a strenuous hike, even dangerous at the top. A steady uphill for over 2200 feet of elevation change. Leader, Daryl Loyd.] This was CB's write up for this hike on Oct. the 5 th of 2005. The 4.2 mile hike has not been on our schedule since then.—Glenn Marshall tells me there have been some improvements on the trail but I am sure the 2.1 mile climb to the top has not changed and neither has the top of this rock. You will spend as much or more time in the cars as hiking but if you have not done this hike!!! The drive on 441 in the Smokies should be beautiful in October. Daryl says we will leave the church at 7am and there will be a fast food

	breakfast stop. Leader Daryl Loyd 423-753-2895—cell 423-202-5238.
Wed, Oct,16	An 8 to 10 mile moderate to strenuous hike starting at the Hinkle Branch Trailhead on Holston Mountain. We will hike the Taylor Ridge Trail and the Rye Patch Trail making a loop back to parking. The first trail has 4 creek crossings, be prepared in case we cannot rock hop. These trails on Holston are horse riding trails and Howard and I have not been on this trail in several years. No breakfast stop. Leader Howard Guinn-753-4072.
Mon, Oct ,21	An 8 mile in and out moderate hike from Dogwood Bench south on the AT to Double Springs Shelter. Breakfast stop at burger hut. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072, Cell 423-753-7755.
Wed, Oct ,23	A 7 to 8 mile moderate to strenuous in and out hike from the Roaring Fork Trailhead to the Yellow Mountain Overlook, with its picture perfect view. Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland. Leader Jamie Wheeler 423-676-1767.
Mon, Oct, 28	A 7 mile strenuous in and out hike from Hughes Gap to Roan high Bluff. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Clarence's for breakfast and a sign-up sheet. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072.
Wed, Oct 30	A 9.6 mile strenuous in/out hike from FS293 on the AT to Moreland Gap shelter. No breakfast stop. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072.
Mon, Nov, 4	An easy 2.5 mile hike around the lake at Bays Mountain Park. If you want to hike with a 95 year old leader, this may be your last chance. Don't miss it. If you elect to take a longer hike, be sure you have a ride home. I will plan to meet the hikers for breakfast about 8:30 at Hardees on Dennis By-Pass just off of I-26 rather than drive to Johnson City and back. Bring water, plenty of warm, layered clothes, rain gear and lunch if you plan to hike further. Bob Miller, 423/245-1465, cell 423/276-3432.
Wed, Nov, 6	Our annual 8 mile loop hike at Hickey Fork. About half the hike is climbing so is strenuous. Form your carpools at the church and have a quick breakfast at McDonalds and meet the leader at 8:45 in the parking area in front of McDonalds, where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072. Cell 423-741-7755.
Mon, Nov, 11	A 9 to 10 mile moderate loop hike on the AT and the Mills Ridge Trail, starting at Tanyard Gap. If you wish to hike less miles— if you just hike the Mills Ridge Trail it is about 5 milescarpool with that in mind. Form your car pools at the church and meet the leader at Ma and Pa's for breakfast. David Douthat 423-639-8567-cell 423-620-3437
Wed Nov, 13	A 10 mile strenuous in and out hike on the Appalachian Trail from Watauga Dam Rd to the Vandeventer Shelter. No breakfast stop. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at the trailhead by 9. Leader Ernie Hartford 423-543-1276
Mon, Nov 18	A 6 to 7 mile moderate hike at Warriors Path State Park mostly on the Devil's Backbone trail. We will start on this side of the bridge near the Visitors Center. Where to eat Breakfast decided at church. Lamar Adcox, 234-0296 or cell (423) 823-1768
Wed, Nov, 20	We will start at Margarette Fall parking area and hike 8 strenuous miles on the Bullen Hollow and Jenkins Ridge Trails. Form your car pool and meet your leader for breakfast at the first McDonald's on left as you

	approach Greeneville. Lamar Adcox, 234-0296 or cell (423) 823-1768.
Mon, Nov, 25	A 5 to 6 mile easy to moderate hike at Hungry Mother State Park near Marion, Va. Maybe hike Molly's Knob Trail to Molly's Vista Trail for
	lunch; then return to our cars on the Lake Trail. Breakfast somewhere along the drive. Leader Daryl Loyd 423-753-2895, cell 423-202-5238.
Wed, Nov ,27	A strenuous 7-mile lolly-pop loop hike in the Greystone area, starting on
	Davis Creek Trail and hiking on unnamed trails to Greystone Mountain
	and return. Form your car pool and meet the leader for breakfast at the
	first McDonald's on left as you approach Greeneville. Leader, Lamar
	Adcox, 234-0296 or cell 423-823-1768.
Mon, Dec, 2	An easy in and out 6.4 mile hike on the AT from Walnut Mountain Road to USFS 293. Breakfast at Bob's Dairy Land. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 423-741-7755
Wed, Dec, 4	An 8.8 mile strenuous hike on the AT from Tanyard Gap to Allen Gap.
	No breakfast stop. We will try for a keyswap, if not we will drop a
	driver's car at Allen Gap. Leader Wayne Jones 423-928-5398
Mon, Dec, 9	Laurel Fork Gorge (Hampton Blue Blaze) Trailhead: A 4 mile moderate
	loop starting at the trailhead to Laurel Falls via AT low water trail. Laurel
	Falls to Laurel Fork Shelter via high water blue trail. Laurel Fork Shelter
	to AT via old logging railroad bed, then return on blue blaze trail. Where
	to eat breakfast decided at church. Leader, John Parks 423-773-9643.
Wed, Dec, 11	An 8 mile moderate hike on the AT from Shook Branch to Pond Flats and
	back. No breakfast stop. Form your carpools at the church and meet the
	leader at the trailhead. Leader Ernie Hartford 423-543-1276
Mon, Dec 16	An 8 mile loop out to the Nolichucky Overlook or a 6 mile in and out up
	the creek to the Overlook. The weather will determine if we can go up the creek. Breakfast at Clarences.Leader Rick Culbertson 423-246-7298.
Wed, Dec, 18	A strenuous 6 mile hike at Weaver's Bend on the Paint Mountain and
	Chimney Rock Trail off Houston Valley Road south of Greeneville. Form
	your carpool and meet your leader at Ma and Pa's Restaurant for
	breakfast. Lamar Adcox 234-0296 or cell (423) 823-1768
Mon, Dec 23	An easy 5 mile hike from the bridge at Chestoe south along the
	Nolichucky. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader for
	breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Lou Haase 423-202-6185.
Wed, Dec 25	Merry Christmas and I hope everyone is looking forward to lots of great hiking in 2014.
Mon, Dec30	A 4 mile in and out hike at Buffalo Mountain that will start in the lower
	parking lot and take the white blazed trail to White Rock. Where to
	parking for and take the write brazed trail to write Rock. Where to
	eat breakfast decided at church. Leader John Parks 423773-9643.

We leave Covenant Presbyterian Church, 603 Sunset Drive, Johnson City, Tenn. each Monday and Wednesday at 8am. 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. We are an alcohol free activity. Participation in club activities carries with it the obligation to hold the club and its representatives free of liability for individual safety.

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