

2014 OLD-TIMERS HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE--OCT-NOV-DEC

Founded in 1991 by CB Willis and Don Frederick and named by Jim Widener

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



The jokes, the laughter, the fireworks, the bear bells, the wooden hiking sticks and the unique hiking outfits will always be remembered by those who hiked with him and from the time he found our club and joined us for the first time on a workday he was there on hike day if he could get a way and once he got his colorful pick-up he rarely missed a hike. Rest in peace Lou.

Monday Sept.29

**Tweetsie Trail Hike** The Tweetsie Trail follows the route of the old East Tennessee / Western North Carolina railroad from Johnson City to Elizabethton. Trains have not run on this track for a number of years, so it is being transformed into a rails-to-trails project. The section from Alabama Street in Johnson City and Sycamore Shoals State Park opened August 30, 2014. It is approximately 4.5 miles long, so we will decide at the church whether to hike it in-out, key swap, or shuttle. Breakfast plans will be made when we form carpools. Hike leader: Jeannine Edwards: phone 423-202-7207; cell 901-351-1779

Wed,Oct,1

A 9 mile strenuous lollipop hike from Streets Gap across Big Bald. High

	clearance vehicles will be needed to reach the trailhead, on a Forest Service Road. Form your car pools at the church and come to McDonalds for breakfast and meet the leader at the parking area in front of Pal's at 8:45, where there will be a sign-up sheet. Hike leader: Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
Mon, Oct,6	A five mile hike on the Boone Fork Trail at Julian Price Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. This hike is moderate but it is a wet obstacle course of muddy spots, roots, rocks and Bee Tree Creek to rock hop several times. I hope we have a dry couple of weeks before the hike. I suggest you might want to have hiking poles on this hike. We will take the Hebron Falls trail down to Boone Fork River for lunch on the rocks. Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland. Leader Howard Guinn: 423-753-4072 cell 423-741-7755.
Wed,Oct, 8	9-10 mile strenuous hike at Sand Cave near Ewing, Va. (93 miles one way). NOTICE 7AM start time from Church. There will not be a breakfast stop but we will take a rest stop at the junction of Hwy 23 and Hwy. 58. The early start is due to the driving distance. We will enjoy the mountain top views from White Rocks while we eat our lunch. Then we hike on to see Sand Cave and make a loop back to our cars. Hike leader: Wayne Jones: 423-737-4852
Mon, Oct, 13	Moderate 5 mile in and out hike in the Bald Mountain Ridge scenic area. We'll take Horse Creek Rd to Poplar Cove Trail to Pete's Branch Falls. After the Falls we will continue on to a campsite for an early lunch/snack before returning the way we came. There are creek crossings so wear waterproof boots or footwear that may or may not get wet as you rock hop. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Hardees in Jonesborough for breakfast. Leader Howard Guinn :423-753-4072 cell 423-741-7755
Wed, Oct,15	A 7 mile strenuous in and out hike starting at the bottom of the Sugar Mountain Ski Slopes in Banner Elk North Carolina on the National Cross Country Trail to the Sugar Mountain Summit Overlook. Beautiful views of Grandfather Mountain, Hanging Rock, Beach Mountain and Horney Hollow; we should be hiking this during leaf turning peak. Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland. Leader David Douthat: 423-639-8567 cell 423-620-3437.
Mon, Oct ,20	A 5 mile moderate loop hike starting and ending at Hot Springs on the Pump Gap Trail. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Ma and Pa's for breakfast. Leader Lamar Adcox: 423-234-0296 cell 423-823-1768
Wed, Oct ,22	A 5 mile strenuous shuttle hike starting at Low Gap near Camp Creek Bald on a forest service road to the Spruce Thicket Trail, to the Phillips Hollow Trail and ending in the Margarett Falls parking area. There are creeks to rock hop. Form your carpools at the church: eat breakfast and meet the leader at the Margarett Falls Parking Area. Leader David Douthat: 423-639-8567 cell 423-620-3437
Mon, Oct, 27	A 7 to 8 mile moderate in and out hike from the Roaring Fork Trailhead to the Yellow Mountain Overlook, where the view should be in color. Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland. Leader Howard Guinn: 423-753-4072 cell 423-741-7755
Wed, Oct 29	A 6.4 mile in and out strenuous hike to Jerry's Cabin Shelter on the AT starting at the Fork Ridge Trail [trail 285] off road 111 in North Carolina. Some will hike on for another 1.9 miles from the shelter to Big Butt Mountain for a 10.2 mile strenuous in and out hike. Or some may want to hike on another 1.6 miles

	to the Shelton Grave Sites; on some relocated AT, for a 13.4 mile hike. Breakfast stop will be decided at the church. Those doing the 10 miles or more should eat breakfast before coming to the church because you will not stop for breakfast. Leader David Douthat: 423-639-8567 cell 423-620-3437
Mon, Nov, 3	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 the church. Lamar Adcox: 423- 234-0296 or cell (423) 823-1768
Wed, Nov, 5	A 9.5 mile strenuous in/out hike on the AT from FS293 to a rock outcropping just before Moreland Gap Shelter. No breakfast stop. Leader Howard Guinn: 423-753-4072. cell 423-741-7755
Mon, Nov, 10	A 4-mile in and out hike from Indian Grave Gap to Beauty Spot. Breakfast at Clarences.Hike leader: Jeannine Edwards: 423-202-7207 cell 901-351-1779
Wed Nov, 12	A 10 mile strenuous in and out hike on the Appalachian Trail from Watauga Dam Road to the Vandeventer Shelter. No breakfast stop. Leader Lamar Adcox: 423-234-0296 cell 423-823-1768
Mon, Nov 17	A 4.3 mile hike on Lake Road, at Bays Mountain Park. For something a little different at Bays Mountain Park let's not cross the lake after crossing the dam but take Lake Road up for a mile then take it across and come down around the other side of the lake and follow it back to parking. Breakfast at Hardees on Dennis Bypass in Kingsport, if meeting the leader there please let her know. Leader Lana Scott: 423-929-9094
Wed, Nov, 19	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 cell 423-741-7755
Mon, Nov, 24	A moderate in and out 6.4 mile hike on the AT from Walnut Mountain Road to USFS 293. Breakfast at Bob's Dairy Land. Leader John Parks 423-773-9643
Wed, Nov ,26	6 mile moderate in and out hike from Hughes Gap to the Clyde Smith Shelter. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Clarence's for breakfast, where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Howard Guinn: 423-753-4072, cell 423-741-7755
Mon, Dec, 1	A 4 mile in and out hike that will start in the lower parking lot at Buffalo Mountain Park and take the white blazed trail to White Rock. Breakfast at Hardees. Leader: Jeannine Edwards: phone 423-202-7207; cell 901-351-1779
Wed, Dec, 3	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 Pal's, where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072.
Mon, Dec, 8	A moderate 9.2 mile in and out hike south on the AT from Hwy. 91 at Cross Mt. to the Iron Mountain Shelter. Breakfast at the Burger Hut. Leader Wayne Jones phone 737-4852
Wed, Dec, 10	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 : 423-234-0296 or cell (423) 823-1768

Mon, Dec 15	A 7.2 mile moderate in and out hike south on the AT from Sam's Gap about 3.6 miles to Rice Gap. After reaching the dirt road at Rice Gap we will backtrack to Hogback Ridge Shelter for lunch before returning to our cars. Form your carpools at the church and come to McDonalds for breakfast and meet the leader at 8:45 in the parking area in front of Pal's, where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Howard Guinn: 423-753-4072 cell 423-741-7755
Wed, Dec, 17	White Rocks Mountain Ramble--A moderate to strenuous 8 miles—little more?-little less?—starting at Dennis Cove we hike south on the AT for 3.5 miles then go off trail to lunch on the Lacy Trap Trail and then backtrack to an old road and do a half mile strenuous climb to where the White Rocks Fire Tower used to be: then bushwhack a short distance back to the AT. No breakfast stop. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-741-7755
Mon, Dec ,22	Lou's trail--A 5 mile hike from the bridge at Chestoe south on the AT along the Nolichucky, then off onto an old trail that Lou was clearing---when you reach a lot of down trees or the trail starts disappearing turn around because you are now on private property. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Daryl Loyd :423-753-2859 cell 423-202-5238
Wed, Dec, 24	Christmas Eve---Everyone enjoy your Christmas.
Mon, Dec,29	6.5 mile loop hike at Steele Creek Park starting from Rooster Front Park. Breakfast at the Bluff City Diner. Leader Wayne Jones: phone 737-4852
Wed,Dec,31	An 8 mile moderate hike on the AT from Shook Branch to Pond Flats and back. Breakfast at Hardees in Elizabethton. Leader Lamar Adcox: 423-234-0296 or cell (423) 823-1768
<p>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.</p> <p>President and founder of Old-Timers Hiking Club—CB Willis 423-282-3325. cbwillis@charter.net</p> <p>Treasurer and person to give your membership dues-Gil Derouen 423- 283-7767 –2702 Avondale Drive—Johnson City,Tenn 37604 -- gilderrouen@comcast.net</p> <p>Website---<a href="http://oldtimershikingclub.org">http://oldtimershikingclub.org</a></p> <p>Trail Work Coordinator—Mike Hupko-423-929-2626 mcmbhupko@comcast.net</p> <p>Hike schedule—Faye Guinn-423-753-4072 wegonehiking@embarqmail.com [SEND ME YOUR HIKES written up exactly as you wish them to appear in the schedule]</p>	