

2014 OLD-TIMERS HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE—JAN,FEB, and MARCH

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
Please note that any hike can be make shorter by hiking in and out, if there are shorter options on a hike I will try to note that in the hike write-up.



Wayne Jone's picture of "winter 2012 on the Pinnacle Trail"

Wed,Jan-1	Start your New Year right with an 8 to 9 mile hike in the Mt Rogers area. You need to meet at the upper end of the Kroger Parking lot—112 Sunset Drive—Browns Mill Road and North Roan [just a hop, skip and jump on up the road from the church,] at 8am. No breakfast stop. This is always the hike for the Johnson City Hikers on New Year's day. Questions call Howard Guinn at 423-753-4072.
Mon.-Jan-6	An easy 6 miles on the Tusculum trail from Green Valley to the elementary school and back. Breakfast at Hardees in Jonesborough. Leader Daryl Loyd 423-753-2859---cell 423-202-5238
Wed,Jan-8	An 8 mile moderate hike on Holston Mountain from Griffith Branch to Hinkle Branch—short shuttle. Breakfast at Food City in Elizabethton. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 or cell 423-741-7755.
Mon, Jan13	A 6 mile moderate to easy hike from the Jonesborough Post Office parking to Persimmon Ridge where we can hike the 3 miles of wooded trails before walking back to the post office. Form your carpools at the church, breakfast at Hardees' in Jonesborough? And meet the leader at the

	post office from 8:30 to 8:45—Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072.
Wed, Jan-15	Moderate with short strenuous sections 8 to 9 mile hike starting on Dry Creek Road. We will take a trail to the crest of Cherokee Mountain. After two miles or so the trail sort of ends but we will continue across the crest to a power line for lunch. We return on the FS road and the Renage Trail. Quick breakfast at Hardees's. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
Mon, Jan-20	A 5-6-7 mile hike at Steele creek park. Where to eat breakfast decided at the church. Leader Wayne Jones 423-737-4852.
Wed, Jan-22	AT Nolichucky River to Indian Grave Gap. Key swaps 8.3 miles Elevation gain 2598'. Rated moderate. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Wayne Jones 423-737-4852
Mon, Jan-27	An easy 8 miles on the Virginia Creeper Trail from Taylors Valley to Creek Junction and Back. Breakfast at Cowboys. Leader Daryl Loyd 423-753-2859—cell 423-202-5238
Wed, Jan-29	A Strenuous 10 mile hike from Rock Creek Park to Rattlesnake Ridge.—since this is up and back you can shorten the hike if you wish. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Jamie Wheeler 423-676-1767
Mon, Feb-3	A 4 mile moderate hike on the AT from Indian Grave Gap to Beauty Spot and back. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Lana Scott 423-929-9094
Wed, Feb-5	A 10 mile loop using the Beech Cove and Iron Mountain Trails to hike to Damascus where we can have lunch at one of the little restaurants in town before returning to our cars on the AT or should there be snow we might want to return on an easier path on the Creeper Trail. No breakfast stop. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 423-742-7755
Mon, Feb-10	An easy 8 mile hike on the Virginia Creeper Trail starting at Abingdon and walking 4 miles to Watauga and then back. Where to eat breakfast decided at the church. Leader John Parks 423-773-9643.
Wed ,Feb-12	Moderate to Strenuous 10 mile hike at Bays Mountain. We will cross the dam and then the bridge at the end of the water and make a sharp left onto the Cherry Knobs Trail which we will follow for 1.6 miles to the Cross Ridges Trail; which ends at an old barn and a three way cross roads—we will go straight ahead onto the Pretty Ridge Trail which will take us to the Indian Pipes Trail and in 2.3 miles will take us to the fire tower.[total of 5.5 miles to the fire tower] From the fire tower those who wish a shorter hike can go down the fire tower trail to the lake and back to the Nature Center.[about 1.5 miles back to parking] The others will go on River Mountain Road to the Antennas and then take the Azalea Trail back to parking. Breakfast at Hardees in Kingsport, where the leader will meet you. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072-cell 423-741-7755.
Mon, Feb-17	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, Feb-19	A strenuous 7 mile lolly-pop loop hike in the Greystone area, starting on Davis Creek Trail and hiking to Greystone Mountain. Form your carpool

	and meet leader for breakfast at the first McDonald's on left as you approach Greeneville. Lamar Adcox, 234-0296 or cell 423-823-1768 .
Mon.Feb-24	A7.5 mile moderate in and out hike on the Greene Mountain Trail in Greene County, Tenn.; starting on the Green Mountain Road. Meet the leader for breakfast at the crossroads of Highways 350 and 351 [old 107 cutoff] at the Marathon Gas Station [Quick Stop Market]-Leader David Douthat -Home ph. 423-639-8567, cell 423-620-3437.
Wed, Feb-26	A moderate 8 mile loop on Buffalo Mountain starting at the Lone Oak Trailhead and returning to the Lone Oak Trailhead. Quick breakfast at Hardees. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
Mon, March-3	A 7 mile hike on the Laurel River Trail to the French Broad River and return. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader John Parks 423-773-9643.
Wed, March-5	Sam's Gap to Devil's Fork Gap on the AT. 8.5 miles- key swap. Rated moderate to strenuous. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Wayne Jones 423-737-4852.
Mon, March-10	A moderate 6.8 mile in and out hike on the AT from Devil's Fork Gap to Flint Gap. Form your car pools at the church, eat breakfast at Clarence's and meet the leader at McDonalds in Erwin somewhere around nine o'clock. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072.
Wed, March-12	We will start at Margarette Falls parking area and hike 8 strenuous miles on the Bullen Hollow and Jenkins Ridge Trail. Form your carpool 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, March-17	Moderate 6 mile hike from the Houston Mt. Campground to the Meadow Creek observation tower and back. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Ma and Pa's for your breakfast stop. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 423-741-7755.
Wed, March-19	An 8 mile moderate in and out hike on the Camp Creek Falls Trail in Greene County; starting at Low Gap on the Upper Paint Creek Road. Meet the leader for breakfast at the crossroads of Highways' 350 and 351[old 107 cutoff] at the Marathon Gas Station [Quick Stop Market.] Leader David Douthat-home ph.423-639-8567-cell 423-620-3437.
Mon, March-24	A 5 mile moderate hike starting on the AT at Tanyard Gap and after 2 miles taking the Round Top Ridge Trail to Hot Springs. Short shuttle. We have not done the Round Top trail in many years, so the leader cannot tell you what to expect. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader for breakfast at the crossroads of Highways' 350 and 351[old 107 cutoff] at the Marathon Gas Station [Quick Stop Market.] Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 423-741-7755
Wed, March-26	A strenuous 9 mile hike from Hughes Gap to Iron Mt Gap on the AT. 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
Mon.,March-31	WORK DAY—We will start the spring clean-up of our section of AT. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Clarence's for breakfast where Mike will have a sign-up sheet. Leader Mike Hupko-929-2626

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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