

	<p>2017 OLD TIMERS HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE—April-May-June</p> <p>Founded August of 1991 by CB Willis and Don Frederick and named by Jim Widener</p> <p>25 YEARS OF HIKING AND COUNTING</p>
Mon.-April,3	A 5.2 mile hike on the AT from Greasy Creek Hostel to Iron Mountain Gap. Meet the leader at the church. We will stop for breakfast at Clarence's and pick-up other hikers. Leader: Lana Scott 423-929-9094 or cell 423-741-7058.
Wed, April, 5	There are approximately 12 miles of hiking trails in Roan Mountain State Park. These easy to strenuous trails follow along the creeks and ridges, skirt the cabins and campgrounds and climb to Raven Rock Overlook. We will explore several of these including one called Moonshiners Run Trail that has recently opened. Distance will be 8.5 miles or less, depending on participants' preference. Breakfast will be at Eric and Laura's Café. Leader, Judy Middlemas <a href="tel:423-282-6987">423-282-6987</a>
Mon, April 10	A 7 mile, moderate loop hike starting high atop Holston Mountain and following Holston Mountain Trail to Flint Mill Gap. We will then take the Flint Mill Trail to Flint Rock which has views of many "arms" of Holston Lake and the mountains and valleys beyond. We may also take a peek (from a distance) at the various venomous snakes that often hide in the fissures of Flint Rock. We will return via old Flint Mill Gap Road. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; <a href="mailto:emiddlemas@live.com">emiddlemas@live.com</a> .
Wed, April,12	This moderate hike begins on the A.T. at Chestoa, crosses the active railroad, and then climbs along side hill trail high above the Nolichucky River. It then passes through Jones Branch Valley, a beautiful forested area, before it begins the climb to Curly Maple Gap Shelter. Just after the shelter, we come to the remnants of an old CCC shelter. It is here that we turn onto an old logging road which leads us to Martin's Creek Falls on the outskirts of Erwin. Total distance is 7-8 miles. Breakfast stop will be at Clarence's. Leader, Judy Middlemas 423-282-6987
Mon, April,17	A five mile moderate in and out wild flower hike on the Laurel Run Trail: starting from Laurel Run Park near Church Hill Tenn. There will be two creek crossings that we should be able to rock hop. Breakfast at Hardees in Kingsport just off interstate 26. Leader: David Douthat 423-639-8567, Cell 423-620-3437.
Wed, April,19	A 10 mile moderate to strenuous hike on Holston Mountain starting at Griffith Branch. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
Thursday, April 20th	Annual Pot Luck Dinner at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The dinner will start at six. This year the club will be providing a barbecue meal for its members. Since we are ordering the meal we will need an RSVP from you if you plan to attend, so we can get a number of those planning to join us. We will need to know by April the 15 <sup>th</sup> . You can let me know by e-mail at <a href="mailto:wegonehiking@embarqmail.com">wegonehiking@embarqmail.com</a> ; or phone at 423-753-4072 – Gil will be there and this will be the time to pay our yearly dues of \$10.00/per family. Faye
Mon, April,24	A strenuous 8 to 9 mile hike from near Ripshin to the AT and then on to Little Rock Knob for our lunch spot and turn-a-round point. There is a

	short section of off-trail on this hike and some wildflowers if we hit the timing. Leader: Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Wed, April,26	Strenuous 9 mile in and out hike north on the AT from Hughes Gap. In April this should be a beautiful wildflower hike. There is a nice overlook at Beartown Mountain at 2.5 miles which can be a turnaround point for those wishing a short hike. At 3 miles we reach Ash Gap. After a climb of just over 2200' we reach Toll House Gap and the picnic area and restrooms; which will be our lunch stop \ turnaround point. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader: Lana Scott <a href="tel:423-929-9094">423-929-9094</a> or cell <a href="tel:423-741-7058">423-741-7058</a> .
Mon, May,1	<b>Pinnacle Natural Area, Lebanon, VA;</b> This easy to moderate hike will follow Big Cedar Creek and will pass Big Falls, and then it will circle past the 400-foot dolomite Pinnacle. We will pick up another trail which climbs to an overlook of the confluence of Big Cedar Creek and the Clinch River. This Virginia Conservancy-protected area features some endangered species and many spring wildflowers. Total hike distance is about 5 miles. Leader, Judy Middlemas <a href="tel:423-282-6987">423-282-6987</a>
Wed, May,3	Moderate 8.2 mile hike on the AT from Devil's Fork Gap- to Sam's Gap. We will drop cars at each end. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader Wayne Jones <a href="tel:423-737-4852">423-737-4852</a>
Mon, May,8	A 10 mile moderate to strenuous hike at Clarks Creek. We will take the Sills Branch Trail, then FS 5066 and then down the Long Arm Branch Horse Trail, where we will take a side trail to a waterfall, just before we end our hike. There are creeks to cross that we should be able to rock hop. Leader: Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Wed ,May,10	A 7.4 mile in and out hike from Low Gap to McQueen's Gap on the AT. Leader Howard Guinn , <a href="tel:423-753-4072">423-753-4072</a> cell <a href="tel:423-747-4881">423-747-4881</a>
Mon, May,15	A 5.2 mile in and out moderate hike on the AT south from Spivy Gap to Whistling Gap or those who wish a little less hiking can hike only to High Rocks for a 4 mile hike. Breakfast at Clarence's. Leader: Jeannine Edwards <a href="tel:423-202-7207">423-202-7207</a> cell <a href="tel:901-351-1779">901-351-1779</a>
Wed, May,17	Little Hump & Big Hump Mountain; An in and out 8 to 9 mile moderate hike on the AT starting at Roaring Fork Trail head. We will hike up to the heavens of Little and Big Hump and sing the hills are a live! Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Food City for second pick up. Leader: Janice Miller <a href="tel:423-543-5602">423-543-5602</a>
Mon.May,22	A 7 to 8 mile hike at Bays Mountain using the nature trail at Eastman Lodge as a starting point and the leader will pick the trails we take during the hike. Leader: Howard Guinn <a href="tel:423-753-4072">423-753-4072</a> cell <a href="tel:423-747-4881">423-747-4881</a>
Wed, May,24	<b>Shortoff Mountain Trail</b> - A strenuous 5-6 mile hike on the Shortoff trail in the Linville Gorge wilderness. This hike has grand vistas of Lake James, Linville Gorge, Hawksbill and Table Rock mountains. If it's clear we will be able to see Hump mountain, and the profile of the Black Mountain Crest Trail. The trail gains 1,321 feet in elevation in the first mile and is rocky with switchbacks. The last 1.25 miles of the trail, however, are mostly level across the broad summit with plenty of spots

	for panoramic views. No breakfast stop; travel time approximately two hours each way. Leader: Eric Middlemas, 423-282-6987.
Mon, May,29	Memorial Day. Make sure that your hiking boots stay dusty by doing this short, easy hike before your cookout or other observation of the day. Hike the Tweetsie Trail. We will meet at the church, leave at the usual 8:00 a.m., and go to the trail head on Legion Street. From there, we will walk to the 3-mile marker and back, for a total of 6 miles. No breakfast stop, but we should finish early enough that some may want to go to brunch. Hike Leader: Jeannine Edwards jeannine21@bellsouth.net Cell phone 901-351-1779 House phone 423-202-7207
Wed, May 31	Strenuous 8.9 mile hike on the AT from Allen Gap to Tanyard Gap. We will drop a couple of cars at each end. Breakfast at Ma and Pa's. Leader, Wayne Jones 423-737-4852
Mon, June,5	A Moderate 6 mile hike on the A/T north starting at TN 91 to the Double Spring shelter and return. Breakfast at The Burger Hut. Leader Wayne Jones 423- 737-4852
Wed, June,7	Moderate to strenuous 6 mile hike from the Houston Mt. Campground to the Meadow Creek observation tower and back. Leader: Howard Guinn 423-753-4072—cell 423-747-4881
Mon, June,12	A 6 mile moderate hike from Carvers Gap to Grassy Ridge; where we will hike out to some rocks for lunch and our turn-a-round point. Leader: Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Wed, June,14	A moderate, 8.2 mile hike on the Appalachian, Iron Mtn, and Feathercamp Trails. We will park at Straight Branch and travel south on the Appalachian Trail approximately 2 miles to Cuckoo Gap where we will meet the Iron Mtn. Trail and follow it north 4 miles to the Sandy Flats Shelter. We will then turn right onto the Feathercamp Trail, which will take us 2.2 miles back to Straight Branch. There will be approximately 5-6 creek crossings. Bathroom and snack stop at Cowboys in Damascus. Leader: Eric Middlemas, (423) 282-6987 emiddlemas@live.com.
Mon, June,19	A 6.5 mile moderate to strenuous in and out hike from Carvers Gap, starting south on the AT; through the Rhododendron Gardens to Roan High Bluff and back. Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland in Roan Mountain, Tenn. Leader: David Douthat 423-639-8567 or cell 423-620-3437.
Wed, June,21	Our summer work day on the OTHC section of the AT. Our work will focus on mowing, clearing the trail of debris and blow downs, and painting blazes. Form your carpools at the church and meet at Clarence's in Unicoi for your a hearty breakfast and work assignments before getting to work. Leader: Eric Middlemas 423-282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com
Mon.,June,26	We will leave this date open for the second day of weed cutting if needed.
Wed.,June,28	A strenuous but beautiful, 8.7 mile hike on the Iron Mountain Trail from Sandy Gap on Hwy 421 to Shingletown off of Hwy 91 near Laurel Bloomery. Since the trail closely follows the ridgeline, there should be scenic views of Shady and Doe Valley below. We will plan to do a key swap to avoid shuttling automobiles. Sign in and arrange carpools at the

	church. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com.
<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[per year/per family \$10.00]-Gil Derouen 423- 283-7767 –or 2702 Avondale Drive—Johnson City, Tenn. 37604 -- gilderrouen@comcast.net</p> <p>Website---<a href="http://oldtimershikingclub.weebly.com">http://oldtimershikingclub.weebly.com</a></p> <p>Trail Work Coordinator—Eric Middlemas 423-282-6987 Mike Hupko-423-929-2626</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>	