

## 2017 OLD-TIMERS HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE—JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH

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

Mon.-Jan-2	A 6 mile easy to moderate hike from the Jonesborough Visitor's center to Persimmon Ridge Park and return. Breakfast at Old Town Pancake House which is just across the road from Shell service station. We have a few that haven't done this one. Leader Wayne Jones 423- 737-4852
Wed,Jan-4	A 6 to 7 mile moderate hike at Warrior's Path SP, mostly on the Devil's Backbone Trail. Leader: Jeannine Edwards. <u>423-202-7207</u> . Cell phone, <u>901-351-1377</u> . E-mail, <u>jeannine21@bellsouth.net</u> .
Mon, Jan-9	You have one more chance to hike with a 98 year old leader. It will be a 3+ mile hike on the Kingsport Greenbelt along the South Holston River. We will park at the boat launch parking lot on Netherland Inn Rd. (just west of Netherland Inn) and do a loop hike including a just finished extension at the west end of the Greenbelt. Meet me for breakfast at Hardees on Dennis By-Pass just off of I-26 at about 8:30. Bring warm layered clothing and water but lunch only if you plan to hike further somewhere else. Bob Miller, 423/245-1465 or <u>rwm1929@hotmail.com</u> .
Wed, Jan-11	A 7 mile in and out hike on the Laurel River Trail to the French Broad River. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Mon, Jan-16	A 5 mile moderate loop at Hot Springs on the Pump Gap Trail. Form your car pool and meet you leader at the first McDonald's on left in Greeneville. No breakfast stop. Leader: Lamar Adcox 423- 234-0296 or cell <u>(423) 823-1768</u> .
Wed, Jan-18	A moderate, 10.3 mile loop starting from Taylor's Valley along the AT, and then returning on the Virginia Creeper Trail. From Taylor's Valley, we will access the Appalachian Trail from the Creeper Trail by way of a short connector trail. Once on the AT, we will climb Straight Mountain via switchbacks, enjoying some views of the valleys along the way. The trail follows small streams, and crosses some small fields before intersecting the Creeper again just below Creek Junction. From there, it is an easy 4 mile walk back to Taylors Valley. No breakfast stop. Meet at the church to sign in and arrange carpools. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; <u>emiddlemas@live.com</u> .
Mon, Jan-23	A 6.4 mile easy to moderate ,level and mostly downhill shuttle hike starting on a forest service road in Polecat Hollow in Madison County N.C; to the Jack Branch Trail[299];ending at the Murray Branch Picnic Park. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader for breakfast at Ma and Pa's. Leader David Douthat 423-639-8567 cell 423-620-3437
Wed, Jan-25	A 6 mile moderate to strenuous in and out hike from 19-E South on the A/T to the TN. /N.C. border at Doll Flats. Breakfast at Bob's Dairyland. Leader Wayne Jones 423-737-4852
Mon, Jan-30	Doe River Gorge -- If the weather will cooperate and give us a good snow day with blue skies, this easy to moderate 6 mile hike will offer some of

	the best beauty around for winter hiking. Starting at the lodge, the hike will take us along the railroad tracks with a gorge and Doe River below and breath taking ice formations on the right. Form your carpools; meet the leader at Food City in Elizabethton for second pickup. Leader: Janice Miller <u>423-543-5602</u> , or <u>423-306-2050</u>
Wed, Feb-1	An 8 mile moderate hike on Holston Mountain from Griffith Branch to Hinkle Branch—short shuttle. Let the leader know if you wish to meet at Food City in Elizabethton. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 or cell 423-747-4881.
Mon, Feb-6	Bays Mountain---from the park to the fire-tower—leaders choice of trails—Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 747-4881
Wed ,Feb-8	A strenuous 7 mile hike in the Greystone area starting on Davis Creek Trail and hiking to Greystone Mountain and return. Form your car pool and meet your leader at the first McDonald's on left as you enter Greeneville. No breakfast stop. Leader: Lamar Adcox 423-234-0296 or cell (423)823-1768.
Mon, Feb--13	A 6.4 mile, easy to moderate, out-and-back hike on the Appalachian Trail from Walnut Mtn Road to Bitter End. This section of AT crosses bog bridges, parallels cascading Laurel Fork, and offers views to the south of Hump Mountain, Little Hump and Grassy Ridge. We will plan on having a delightful breakfast at Bob's Dairy Land or similar establishment. Meet at the church to sign in and arrange carpools. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com.
Wed, Feb-15	A strenuous 7 plus mile shuttle hike over Pond Mountain from Shuck Branch on the AT south and out the Blue Line Trail near Hampton. Lamar Adcox 234-0296 or cell <u>(423) 823-1768</u> .
Mon.Feb-20	A moderate 6 miles beautiful winter hike starting on Watauga Dam Road to Shook Branch and return. This hike offers a bit of everything from rocky boulders, deep woods, crossing the dam with great views of Pond and Holston Mountain. If Watauga Dam Road is closed, starting point will be Shook Branch. Form your carpools; meet at Food City in Elizabethton for second pickup. Leader, Janice Miller <u>423-543-5602</u> or <u>423-306-2050</u>
Wed, Feb-22	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 Mt. and after two miles or so the trail sort of ends but we will continue across the crest to a power line. We return on the FS road and the Renage Trail. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Mon.Feb-27	9.6 mile in and out moderate hike to the Pinnacle Tower in Unicoi. Form your carpools at the church and eat breakfast at Clarence's then meet the leader at the trailhead where there will be a sign-up sheet. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Wed, March-1	A 10 mile moderate in and out hike on the AT from Camp Creek Bald to Jerry's Cabin Shelter. We will cross Firescald Knob and the dramatic Blackstaff Cliffs where we should have great views. We can return on the alternative bad weather trail and bypass Firescald Knob. Form your

	carpools at the church and meet the leader for breakfast at Ma and Pa's. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com.
Mon, March-6	An in and out 4.6 mile hike from Buck Mountain Road to Jones Falls. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Wed, March-8	A 7 mile, moderate to strenuous, out-and-back hike on the AT from the Fox Creek trail head to the junction of the Pine Mountain Trail in the Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area. There should be some nice views if the weather cooperates. There will be no breakfast stop, but there will be a rest stop along the way because of the long drive. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com.
Mon, March-13	A Moderate 6 mile hike on the A/T north starting at TN 91 to the Double Springs shelter and return. Breakfast at The Burger Hut. Leader Wayne Jones 423- 737-4852
Wed, March-15	A 6 mile moderate loop hike starting at the Moses Turn Parking Lot, to the Paint Creek Campground Trail; then on to Paint Mountain Trail #7, to a forest road, to the Lower Paint Creek Road by Kelly Falls to Moses Turn Parking Lot. Form your carpools at the church and meet the leader at Ma and Pa's for breakfast. Leader: David Douthat 423-639-8567 cell 423-620-3437
Mon, March-20	Steele creek park ramble—leaders choice of trails. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-747-4881
Wed, March-22	Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap--- This strenuous, 11.8 mile hike will serve a double purpose. First, we will hike to simply enjoy the section we maintain and its diverse and lovely landscapes of mature forests, mountain top groves of spruce, and open balds. Second, we will make note of the blow downs needing removal and various maintenance tasks for the Spring work trip and possibly do some minor trail work (lopping and removing debris from the trail). We can do a keyswap or a shuttle depending on the number of participants. No breakfast stop but eat a hearty breakfast before you come – it's a long hike! Meet at the church to sign in and arrange carpools. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com.
Mon, March-27	Shake out your work gloves for the spring work day on the OTHC section of the AT. We will clear the trail of winter debris, remove blow downs, and clean out water bars. Form your carpools at the church and meet at Clarence's in Unicoi for good food, good friends, and good conversation before getting to work. Leader: Eric Middlemas (423) 282-6987; emiddlemas@live.com. and we were much hope; Mike Hupko: 929-2626
Wed, March-29	A 10 mile strenuous hike on the AT north from Watauga Dam Road to the Vandeventer Shelter and return. Lamar Adcox 234-0296 or cell <u>(423) 823-1768</u> .