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FOURTH QUARTER 2020 Quarterly Hike Schedule



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TRAIL MAINTENANCE

All members are encouraged to participate in trail maintenance activities. Non-members are invited to try it a few times before deciding if they want to join the Club and be a regular part of a crew. We train and provide tools.

Below is a general schedule of work days. Exact plans often are not made until the last minute, so contact crew leaders for details. MST and AT section maintainers work on their own schedule.

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HIKE SCHEDULE Fourth Quarter 2020

Hike Ratings

First Letter

Distance

AA: Over 12 miles

A: 9.1-12 miles

B: 6.1-9 miles

C: Up to 6 miles

Second Letter

Elevation Gain

AA: Over 2,000 ft.

A: 1,501-2,000 ft.

B: 1,001-1,500 ft.

C: 1,000 ft. or less

If it's not possible to go on the regularly scheduled hike, it may be possible to accompany the leader when the hike is scouted. Hike cancellations are announced on the CMC website in the Breaking News box. Hike Leaders will announce a cancellation or significant change at least a few hours before the hike. Hikers that do not have internet access or live hours away from the meeting place: call the hike leader to ensure that you are informed about hike changes. See the Hike Schedule on the CMC website for more complete and timely information, including scout reports, at www.carolinamountainclub.org.

CHALLENGE PROGRAMS

SB6K For hiking all 40 peaks above 6000'. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com

P400 For hiking every trail in Pisgah Ranger District. Contact Kathy McAuley, kathymcauley4031@gmail.com

900M For hiking every trail in GSMNP. Contact Steve Pierce, stevepierce50@gmail.com

LTC For hiking all 24 lookout towers in WNC. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com

WC100 For hiking to the 100 best waterfalls in the area. Contact Jack Fitzgerald, 828-685-2897, suejackfitz@bellsouth.net

A.T.-MST For hiking the 228 miles of the A.T. and MST on CMC maintained sections. Contact Chris Koebelin, chriskoebelin@yahoo.com

YPC For hiking eight different Land Management areas with youth 17 and under. Contact Kay Shurtleff at kshurtleff@msn.com

ALL-DAY WEDNESDAY HIKES

Wednesday hikes submitted by Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, bjdworley@gmail.com. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of ten hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. Hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places as described in the schedule; start times vary. **Times listed are departure times – arrive early.**

Wednesday No. W2004-113

Oct. 7

Cold Mtn. from

Camp Daniel Boone

8:30 AM

Hike 10.4, 3400 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+, Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation. **P400, SB6K**

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,

tom3381@outlook.com

Only Meeting Place: Cold Mountain Trailhead at Daniel Boone Scout Camp. Driving distance from Home Depot in West Asheville is 60 miles round trip. From the BSA Daniel Boone Camp, we will climb and climb past laurel and rhododendron to Deep Gap and then continue to the top of 6030-ft. Cold Mountain for great views towards the BRP and Mt. Hardy.

Topo(s): Cruso, Waynesville

Wednesday No. W2004-311

Oct. 7

Pantherstown Valley -

East Entrance

8:30 AM

Hike 9, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **WC100**

Judy Magura, 828-606-1490,

quilter290@gmail.com and Jim Magura,

828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 120 miles round trip. This is a variation of hike #311. This hike in Pantherstown Valley uses several trails and has waterfalls and scenic views. From the trailhead we will take Macs Gap Trail to Greenland Creek Trail to Greenland Creek Falls. Next, we will climb up Big Green Trail to Big Green Mountain for views. We will come down the Big Green Trail and connect to the Great Wall Trail to view the Great Wall, with a stop at the shelter. We will continue to Granny Burrell Falls. We will connect to the Pantherstown Valley Trail and stop at Schoolhouse Falls and a side trail

SATURDAY WORKDAYS

The final Quarterly Saturday Trail Maintenance Workday in 2020 is October 10. We meet at 8:30 and return to Asheville by 3:00. Contact Les Love for details and where to meet.

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behind the falls. After viewing the falls, we'll follow Little Green and Panthertown Valley Trails back to the parking area.
Topo(s): Big Ridge

Wednesday No. W2004-151 **Oct. 14**
Big East Fork to Shining Rock
via Old Butt #2 **8:00 AM**

Hike 8.5, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA+, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400, SB6K**
Sallye Sanders, 208-550-2070,
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Only Meeting Place: Big East Fork large parking area on US 276. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 60 miles round trip. We will hike from the Big East Fork parking lot up the very steep Chestnut Ridge Trail over Dog Loser and Old Butt Knobs to lunch at Shining Rock (6040 ft.), with its exceptional views. We'll return via a steep descent to the North Fork of Shining Creek.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2004-845 **Oct. 14**
Bearwallow - Trombatore Trails **9:00 AM**

Hike 7.6, 1850 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Bob Levy, 828-670-1611, cell: 240-604-5000,
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Only Meeting Place: Bearwallow Trailhead. Driving distance from Ingles on US 74A is 35 miles round trip. Good footing, rolling hills, lots of shade, and great views from both Bearwallow Mountain and Blue Ridge Pastures are what you can expect on this moderate hike. We will take Bearwallow Mountain Trail to the peak, and return on Fire Tower Rd. Then, from the same trailhead, we'll hike the Trombatore Trail to Blue Ridge Pastures for a snack break, and return the same way.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Wednesday No. W2004-336 **Oct. 21**
Mt. Cammerer from Big Creek **8:00 AM**

Hike 12.2, Drive 97, 3300 ft. ascent,
Rated AA-AA+, **LTC, 900M**
Mike Knies, 828-628-6712, knies06@att.net
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop off Exit 24 of I-40 at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.

A strenuous hike, but the payoffs are first class: great 360-degree views from the lookout tower rated the best view in Tennessee by Backpacker magazine. We expect to have some color this time of year. From Big Creek Trailhead, we follow the Chestnut Branch Trail, A.T. and a side trail to the historic forest lookout atop Mt. Cammerer and return to our cars via the same trails.

Topo(s): Waterville

Wednesday No. W2004-343 **Oct. 21**

Mount Mitchell Loop
via Commissary Ridge **8:30 AM**
Hike 7, Drive 60, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
SB6K

Eva Blinder, 828-275-6447,
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Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. We will hike from the Ranger Station to the summit via Old Mitchell Road Trail and return via the Commissary Ridge Trail and Camp Alice Road. We'll enjoy the view from the Mount Mitchell observation platform.

Topo(s): Mt. Mitchell

Wednesday No. W2004-475 **Oct. 28**

Hump Mountain
and Yellow Mountain Area **8:00 AM**

Hike 8.4, Drive 140, 2400 ft. ascent,
Rated B-AA

Sharon Smith, 704-877-7804,
walterssharon204@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. This is one of the most scenic areas on the A.T. near Roan Mountain (Roan-Unaka Range). We will hike from Roaring Creek Road to Yellow Mountain Gap, joining the A.T. along an open ridge to Little Hump Mtn. and Hump Mtn. We will have lunch on a grassy bald at 5587 ft. and return to Yellow Mtn. Gap, then take the Overmountain Victory Loop back to the trailhead.

Topo(s): Carvers Gap

Wednesday No. W2004-371 **Oct. 28**

Squirrel Gap to Horse Cove Gap **8:30 AM**
Hike 11.4, Drive 80, 500 ft. ascent, Rated A-C,
P400

Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723,
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First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 8:45 AM.

This moderate hike will be a shorter version of hike #371. We will start from the Gauging Station, hike to Wolfe Ford and take the Squirrel Gap Trail to Squirrel Gap. Return will be via the same route. Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

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Wednesday No. W2004-762 **Nov. 4**

Mt. Cammerer
from Davenport Gap **8:00 AM**

Hike 11.4, Drive 99, 3000 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA, **LTC, 900M**

Steve Pierce, 828-442-8482,
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Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This hike follows the A.T. from Davenport Gap to the historic fire lookout atop Mt. Cammerer. Strenuous, but the payoffs are a good workout and what *Backpacker* magazine calls the best Tennessee view in the Smokies.

Topo(s): Waterville

Wednesday No. W2004-903 **Nov. 11**

Cataloochee and Little Cataloochee
via Little Cataloochee Trail **8:30 AM**

Hike 9.5, 1850 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, **900M**

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
tom3381@outlook.com

Only Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop off Exit 24 of I-40. Driving distance from Home Depot in Asheville is 80 miles round trip. We follow Pretty Hollow Trail for 0.8 miles, turn right and follow Little Cataloochee Trail to a chapel in Little Cataloochee where we will stop for lunch and maybe see an elk on the way. We will return to our cars via the same route.

Wednesday No. W2004-280 **Nov. 18**

North Slope and Art Loeb Trails **8:30 AM**

Hike 7.5, 1600 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, **P400**

Sallye Sanders, 208-550-2070,
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Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 60 miles round trip. We'll start at the Davidson River Campground and ascend on the Art Loeb Trail to the North Slope Connector. We'll eat lunch at the intersection before we start down the connector to the North Slope Trail, then return to our cars.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Wednesday No. W2004-630 **Nov. 18**

Bent Creek -
Shut-in and Hardtimes Rd. **10:00 AM**

Hike 7, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C

William Snow, 857-756-3815,
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Only Meeting Place: BRP French Broad Overlook at MM 393.8. This is an extension of Hike #630. We will park at the French Broad Overlook and do an in-and-out via the Shut-in/MST to Walnut Cove Overlook and return on Hard Times Road.

Topo(s): Skyland

Wednesday No. W2004-493 **Nov. 25**

Pine Mtn. Loop II **8:30 AM**

Hike 9.5, Drive 13, 2400 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA,
P400

Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656,
cell: 828-606-7297, bjdworley@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. This is a hike up to Pine Mountain from the Bent Creek side via Explorer Loop, Chestnut Cove Trail, and MST. We'll bushwhack up to Pine Mountain from the BRP, then down the other side to the MST, down Ruth's Ridge and the Lower Sidehill Trail to cars. A nice mix of trails, some bushwhacking, and wonderful views at the lunch spot on Double Head.

Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Wednesday No. W2004-421 **Dec. 2**
Canebrake Trail **8:30 AM**
Hike 10, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Jeff Wilcox, 828-505-2815, cell: 828-989-8755,
jwilcox@unca.edu

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo.
Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 90 miles round trip. We'll start the hike at the Frozen Creek Rd. parking lot in Gorges State Park and hike down the Canebrake Trail to our lunch spot at the Foothills Trail pedestrian bridge, where the Toxaway River enters Lake Jocassee. Return via same route.
Topo(s): Reid

Wednesday No. W2004-492 **Dec. 2**
Annual Cookie Hike, Bent Creek Ramble to MST past Sleepy Gap **9:00 AM**
Hike 7, Drive 10, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **P400**
Keiko Merl, 828-298-7634, cell: 828-231-2126, keikomarl@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. This is a moderate loop hike in the Bent Creek area. We will start from the parking area for Cold Knob Road (FS 479H off Bent Creek Road beyond Lake Powhatan). Using a variety of short sections of trails, we will hike up to the MST, follow it past Sleepy Gap, and descend by the Stambaugh Trail to the Lake Powhatan picnic area for lunch and a cookie feast. Bring cookies to share. The afternoon walk back to the cars is approximately 2 miles.
Topo(s): Asheville, Skyland

Wednesday No. W2004-492 **Dec. 2**
Annual Cookie Hike in Bent Creek, Shorter Version **10:00 AM**
Hike 2.5, Drive 10, 300 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **P400**
Diane Stickney, 828-333-3207, magenta97@charter.net

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. We will start on the Lake Powhatan Connector and hike to the picnic area to meet the other group for lunch and to share cookies. After lunch we will return to the cars on the same trail.
Topo(s): Asheville, Skyland

Wednesday No. W2004-355 **Dec. 9**
Devil Fork Gap to Big Butt **8:30 AM**
Hike 8, Drive 95, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, **AT-MST**

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First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 9:00 AM.

Meet leader at second meeting place. This is a variation of hike #355. We will hike from Devil

Fork Gap to Big Butt on the A.T., and return to our cars via the same trail. Expect beautiful views from atop Big Butt. Topo(s): Greystone

Wednesday No. W2004-907 **Dec. 9**
Wildcat Rock Trail **9:00 AM**
Hike 5.8, 1635 ft. ascent, Rated C-A
Jeff Wilcox, 828-505-2815, cell: 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unca.edu

Only Meeting Place: Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trailhead (Florence Nature Preserve). Driving distance from Asheville is 35 miles round trip. The trail goes around an apple orchard and crosses Hickory Creek on a wooden bridge before beginning the ascent. We will climb 100 log steps to reach the 100-foot Little Bearwallow Falls at about 1 mile. After viewing the waterfall, we will climb more than 130 rock stairs as we ascend the side of the cliff line on our way to the Wildcat Rock Overlook Trail. We will continue on for another mile to the ridgeline of Bearwallow Mountain. From the ridgeline we will return to climb an additional 90+ rock stairs up to the Wildcat Rock, where we will enjoy great views and lunch and climb back down to our cars.

Wednesday No. W2004-923 **Dec. 16**
Sassafras Parking Lot to Glady Fork Road **8:30 AM**
Hike 8.3, 1886 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Norm Sharp, 864-268-9409, cell: 864-609-7182, norm.Sharp@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Sassafras Tower parking lot. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 83 miles round trip. This new hike begins at the Sassafras Mountain Tower parking lot and continues to the gate on Glady Fork Road via the Foothills Trail and the new 6700-acre Headwaters State Forest. When we reach the gate on Glady Fork Road, we will return to our cars. On the drive back, we will stop and take a short side trail to Beech Bottom Falls in Jocassee Gorges. Driving Directions: Take US 64 S through Brevard. Turn left onto Pole Miller Rd., turn left onto Island Ford Rd., turn right onto Walnut Hollow Rd., continue onto E. Fork Rd., slight right onto Glady Fork Rd., turn left to stay on Glady Fork Rd., turn left onto Continental Divide Rd./Sassafras Mountain Rd., continue to follow Sassafras Mountain Rd. to enter South Carolina, continue onto F. Van Clayton Memorial Hwy. to Sassafras Mountain Tower parking lot.

Wednesday No. W2004-256 **Dec. 23**
Moore Cove Falls Figure 8 Loop **9:00 AM**
Hike 7, 1050 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **P400**, **WC100**

Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, cell: 828-606-7297, bjdworley@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville Outlets is 65 miles round trip. This moderate double-loop

trail follows two overgrown USFS paths. Expect a lot of scrambling over blowdowns, a couple of short, steep sections and two minor creek crossings. There is one good view of Looking Glass Rock, three waterfalls, and other views visible only when there are no leaves on the trees.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2004-283 **Dec. 30**
Montreat Ramble #2 **8:30 AM**
Hike 7.5, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Randy Fluharty, 828-423-9030, rfluharty54@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain). Driving distance from Asheville is 35 miles round trip. This will be a moderate loop hike starting in Montreat at the Lookout parking lot, climbing to the great view from Lookout Mountain, then on to Pot Cove Gap and down the Old Trestle and East Ridge Trails to our cars. If the weather is good, we might go up to Walker's Knob, another mile or so. This is a slight variation of the original route to make it an easier loop in this no-carpool environment.
Topo(s): Montreat

ALL-DAY WEEKEND HIKES

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, bbente@bellsouth.net. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of ten hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.** Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary.

Sunday No. A2004-383 **Oct. 4**
Fawn Lake P.L. #2 **9:00 AM**
Hike 7.9, Drive 35, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **WC100**

Lorraine Bernhardt, 828-676-0255, cell: 828-699-8857, lsbernhardt50@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Distance from Asheville is 80 miles round trip. Have you hiked the Reasonover Creek Trail recently? This hike will give an opportunity to hike to two lakes, Lake Julia and Fawn Lake, and beautiful Bridal Veil Falls.
Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

Sunday No. A2004-242 **Oct. 11**
Sam Knob - Devils Courthouse **9:30 AM**
Hike 9, Drive 60, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, **P400**, **SB6K**

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381, tom3381@outlook.com
Only Meeting Place: BRP Cold Mountain Overlook at MM 412. Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. We should see good leaf color on this hike in the cool high

elevations. From FS 816 we will ascend Sam Knob (6040-ft.) with its 360-degree views, then hike through high meadows on the Flat Laurel and Little Sam Trails. We then return via the MST across FS 816 and up to the summit of Black Balsam (6214-ft.), then down to our cars.
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Saturday No. A2004-612 **Oct. 17**
Devils Courthouse - Flat Laurel Creek **10:00 AM**
Hike 7.5, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, **P400, SB6K**
Sarah Broughton, 828-564-3662, sarahbroughton@icloud.com
Only Meeting Place: BRP Cold Mountain Overlook at MM 412. Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. We will go south on the Art Loeb Trail, view Pilot Mountain from an off-trail overlook and then hike to Devils Courthouse for lunch. Next we'll hike back to the MST, down Little Sam Trail to the Flat Laurel Creek Trail, which we'll follow back to FS 816 and our cars. Optional side trip to SB6K Chestnut Bald for any peak-baggers.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. A2004-371 **Oct. 18**
Squirrel Gap to Horse Cove Gap **8:30 AM**
Hike 11.4, Drive 80, 500 ft. ascent, Rated A-C, **P400**
Carroll Koeplinger, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM.
Make reservations by email only. This moderate hike will be a shorter version of hike #371. We will start from the Gauging Station, hike to Wolfe Ford, and take the Squirrel Gap Trail to Squirrel Gap. Return will be via the same route.
Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. A2004-165 **Oct. 25**
Mt Leconte, via Boulevard & Alum Cave Trails **8:00 AM**
Hike 13, Drive 145, 2600 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA, **900M, SB6K**
Donna Lanning, 828-684-7083, cell: 828-606-7956, dblanning@bellsouth.net
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Haywood County Rest Area 19500 Great Smoky Mtn Expy (US 23/74) Waynesville NC at 8:45 AM - but contact leader first.
This classic and exciting hike features great views from the A.T., Boulevard Trail, our lunch spot at Cliff Tops on 6593-ft. Mt. LeConte, and the spectacular Alum Cave Trail. In addition, you can check out the LeConte Lodge cabins, see many interesting old photos in the common room of the lodge and perhaps buy a T-shirt.

Plan on a long day. Car shuttle; hike will be changed if carpooling is still not permitted.
Topo(s): Clingmans Dome

Saturday No. A2004-337 **Oct. 31**
Shining Rock from Black Balsam #1 **7:30 AM**
Hike 11, Drive 65, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B, **P400, SB6K**
Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com and Judy Magura, 828-606-1490, quilter290@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: end of FS 816 (Black Balsam parking lot) at 8:30 AM.
We will take the ALT from FS 816 to Shining Rock (6040 ft.), climbing Black Balsam (6214 ft.), Tennesse Mtn. (6040 ft.) and Grassy Cove Top (6040 ft.) along the way. This will be your chance to bag four SB6K peaks while enjoying beautiful views covering the area from Pilot Mtn. to Cold Mtn. We'll return via the Investor Gap Trail to get a different perspective on the same area.
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Sunday No. A2004-782 **Nov. 1**
Thomas Divide - Smokemont **8:00 AM**
Hike 11.5, Drive 125, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated A-B, **900M**
Mike Knies, 828-628-6712, knies06@att.net
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post Office at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.
A scenic fall hike on the Thomas Divide and Newton Bald Trails down to Smokemont. May still be some late leaf color along the way. Note: 4000 ft. descent. Car shuttle; hike will be changed if carpooling is still not allowed.
Topo(s): Clingmans Dome, Smokemont

Sunday No. A2004-778 **Nov. 8**
Bracken Mountain - Brushy Creek Trails **9:00 AM**
Hike 7.8, Drive 65, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879, heyk127@hotmail.com
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:30 AM.
Reservations by email only. This hike will include the Bracken Mtn. and Brushy Creek Trails. This is a great late fall hike so depending on the leaves, we should have some great views.
Topo(s): Rosman, Shining Rock

Saturday No. A2004-193 **Nov. 14**
NC 215 to Mt. Hardy **9:30 AM**
Hike 7, Drive 75, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400, SB6K**

Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, cell: 860-798-9905, mwrbromberg@yahoo.com
Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. For those who wish to convoy, meet at Asheville Outlets at 9:30 AM. Meet leader at gravel parking area 1/3 mile north of the BRP on NC 215 at 10:30 AM. On this variation of hike #193, we'll hike the MST into the Middle Prong Wilderness and to the base of Mt. Hardy, gradually gaining 700' in elevation along the way. Then we'll head up the short steep trail to the top of Mt. Hardy where the summit is in a beautiful grove of trees. (Sorry no views). If we want to add a little extra to the hike we can take a short side hike to an open field where we'll catch all those views we missed at the top of Mt. Hardy.
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Sunday No. A2004-278 **Nov. 15**
Kitsuma Peak **9:00 AM**
Hike 10, 1550 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747, dannyhiker@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Old Fort Picnic Area. Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. Full driving instructions to trailhead meeting place when you sign up. The hike takes us up Youngs Ridge and offers great views of Greybeard, Green Knob, and the Mt. Mitchell area. We will return on old US 70, blocked off to traffic, where we will see the railroad and numerous tunnel portals. Email to reserve your spot. Must be paid-up CMC member.
Topo(s): Old Fort

Sunday No. A2004-186 **Nov. 22**
Little Pisgah Mountain **9:15 AM**
Hike 10, Drive 20, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Bev MacDowell, 828-777-5806, bevmacdowellhappy@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Ingles on US 74-A 1-1/2 miles south of I-40 Exit 53.
Second Meeting Place: Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trailhead (Florence Preserve) at 9:30 AM.
Meet leader at the second meeting place at 9:30 AM. We'll hike from the parking lot up into an open meadow leading to the summit of Little Pisgah Mtn. If the weather is clear, the view doesn't get any better.
Topo(s): Bat Cave

Saturday No. A2004-151 **Nov. 28**
Big East Fork to Shining Rock via Old Butt #2 **8:00 AM**
Hike 8.5, Drive 60, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA+, *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.* **P400, SB6K**
Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com and Judy Magura, 828-606-1490, quilter290@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.

Second Meeting Place: Big East Fork large parking area on US 276 at 8:45 AM.

We will hike from the Big East Fork parking lot up the very steep Chestnut Ridge Trail over Dog Loser and Old Butt knobs to lunch at Shining Rock (6040-ft.), with its exceptional views. We'll return via a steep descent to the North Fork of Shining Creek.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. A2004-558 **Nov. 29**
Round Top Ridge to Rich Mtn. 8:30 AM
Hike 10, Drive 70, 3000 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA,
AT-MST

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desraylet@aol.com

First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 9:15 AM.

Meet leader at second meeting place. From near Hot Springs we will climb to the lookout tower on the summit of Rich Mountain via the Round Top Ridge Trail, then return on the same route.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Sunday No. A2004-399 **Dec. 6**
Loop around Cedar Rock Mtn. 8:00 AM
Hike 8.9, Drive 70, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A,
P400

Michael Cornn, 828-458-1281,
mwcornn@gmail.com and Kathy Cornn/Kyle,
828-458-1282, katherinenkyle@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery off FS 475 at 8:30 AM.

We will do a loop hike from the Fish Hatchery, including Butter Gap, a little-known manway up the south ridge of Cedar Rock Mtn., and Cat Gap. If the weather is clear, our lunch spot will provide great views.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Saturday No. A2004-845 **Dec. 12**
Bearwallow - Trombatore Trails 9:00 AM
Hike 7.5, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656,
cell: 828-606-7297, bjdworley@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Bearwallow Trailhead.
Limit of 7 hikers, contact leader for reservation.

The Bearwallow trailhead is at Bearwallow Gap, and is marked with a prominent signboard. We will first hike to Bearwallow Mountain with its great views, then return past the Gap onto the Trombatore Trail to a beautiful meadow with long-distance views. We will return on the gravel access road.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Sunday No. A2004-676 **Dec. 13**
Hooker Falls P.L. #4 - circular 8:30 AM
Hike 9.5, Drive 75, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B,
WC100

Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528,
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First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM.

This hike takes in four waterfalls, three lakes, and two cemeteries in one wonderful place - Dupont Forest. Scenes from *The Last of the Mohicans* were filmed here.

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

Sunday No. A2004-203 **Dec. 20**
Tanyard Gap to Lovers Leap 9:00 AM
Hike 8, Drive 70, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B,
AT-MST

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381,
tom3381@outlook.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. We will do a variation of hike #203, hiking the A.T. to Lovers Leap and returning via the same route.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Saturday No. A2004-550 **Dec. 26**
Paris Mtn. 8:00 AM
Hike 8.7, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Norm Sharp, 864-268-9409, cell: 864-609-7182,
norm.Sharp@att.net

Only Meeting Place: Walmart parking lot at US 25 & State Park Rd. Travelers Rest SC. Driving time from Asheville is one hour and distance is 130 mls. round trip. Cross road from shelters #5-6 and take Sulphur Springs Trail to Brissy Ridge Trail, Pipsissewa Trail, R onto North Lake Trail (lunch on lakeshore), Kanuga Trail, Fire Tower Trail, R in-and-out to remains of fire tower attendant's house, Sulphur Springs Trail to Mountain Lake, and continue on Sulphur Springs Trail back to trailhead.

Topo(s): Paris Mtn.

Sunday No. A2004-588 **Dec. 27**
Coontree Loop Extended 9:30 AM
Hike 8.7, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, **P400**

Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036,
cell: 408-887-3666, daisytk@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 65 miles round trip. We'll hike the Coontree Loop, but extend it by including the Perry Cove and

Bennett Gap Trails, with a short walk on FS 477 to connect the two.

Topo(s): Shining Rock S

HALF-DAY SUNDAY HIKES

Newcomers are welcome, but non-members MUST call the leader before the hike to determine the requirements. Half-day hikes submitted by Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, mhstrunning@yahoo.com. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of ten hikers unless stated otherwise.**

Contact leader for reservation. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. Hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary. **Times listed are departure times - arrive early.**

Sunday No. H2004-346 **Oct. 4**

**Folk Art Center
to Haw Creek Overlook 1:00 PM**

Hike 5, 850 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **AT-MST**
Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, cell: 828-442-6549,
mhstrunning@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This favorite moderate hike on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail rewards hikers with great views of the Haw Creek Valley.

Topo(s): Oteen

Sunday No. H2004-168 **Oct. 11**
Pink Beds Loop Trail 9:15 AM

Hike 5, Drive 80, 200 ft. ascent, Rated C-C,
P400

Tom Lucha, 828-696-9117, cell: 828-712-0736,
luchat@bellsouth.net

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.

Second Meeting Place: Pink Beds parking lot just north of the Cradle of Forestry on US 276 at 10:00 AM.

Form caravan at first meeting place and meet hike leader at second meeting place. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This regional favorite includes numerous boardwalks over and around beaver habitat through a beautiful forest.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2004-815 **Oct. 18**
Sams Gap to Street Gap 10:00 AM

Hike 4.6, Drive 60, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated C-B,
AT-MST

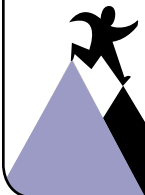
Dick Zimmerer, 828-785-9593,
ddlzz@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via e-mail for reservations. This is a short hike on the Appalachian Trail from Sams Gap north to Street Gap, returning

Time to Renew Membership!

This is a gentle reminder that all CMC membership dues need to be in by Jan. 1, 2021. Please fill out the application on the website carolinamountainclub.org and send it, with your dues, to:

Carolina Mountain Club
P.O. Box 68
Asheville, NC 28802



along the same path. After a somewhat strenuous uphill at the start of this hike, the trail levels off on a ridge that runs along the NC-TN border. At this time of year and at this altitude (about 4,000 ft.), I'm hoping we will see fall color here.

Topo(s): Sams Gap

Sunday No. H2004-436 **Oct. 25**
Mt. Pisgah from Pisgah Inn **10:00 AM**
Hike 5.1, Drive 35, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated C-B,
AT-MST, P400

William Snow, 857-756-3815,
billsnow123@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Inn parking lot near convenience store. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via e-mail for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 35 miles round trip. View beautiful scenery from the top of Mount Pisgah on this in-and-out hike. Last 1/2 mile to the top is very steep and rocky. This a fairly tough C-B hike. Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.

Sunday No. H2004-062 **Nov. 1**
Daniel Ridge Loop Trail **10:00 AM**

Hike 4, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **P400, WC100**
Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419,
bobbipowers23@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery off FS 475. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via e-mail for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 70 miles round trip. This moderate loop hike has lots to "C": Creeks, Chasms, end-of-season Color, and a Cool Cascade finale.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2004-196 **Nov. 8**
Vineyard Gap Loop **1:30 PM**

Hike 5, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **P400**
Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296,
bbente@bellsouth.net

Only Meeting Place: Turkey Pen parking lot. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 40 miles round trip. We'll do a dry-foot loop hike on the Vineyard Gap and Riverside Trails, including a scenic trail along the S. Mills River. Note that there is a steep 350-ft. climb near the end of the hike.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2004-567 **Nov. 15**
Stone Mountain /

DuPont State Forest **9:30 AM**

Hike 6, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated C-B

William Snow, 857-756-3815,
billsnow123@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 80 miles round trip. This is a moderate hike to the summit of Stone Mountain, the highest point in the DuPont State Forest, where we will have magnificent views. We will start

the hike at the Guion Farm parking lot, go up the Sky Valley Road to the Rocky Ridge Trail and to Stone Mountain Trail, and return to the parking lot. This is a shorter version of hike #567.

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

Sunday No. H2004-509 **Nov. 22**
Sky Valley P.L. #1 **12:00 PM**

Hike 4, 200 ft. ascent, Rated C-C

Stuart English, 828-384-4870,
stuengo@comporium.net

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 80 miles round trip. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This is a short version of hike #509. We'll take a series of trails starting at the Guion Farm parking lot, go around Hickory Mountain Loop, then Hooker Creek Trail, and back to our cars. Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

Sunday No. H2004-929 **Nov. 29**
Hard Times P.L. #1 -

Bent Creek Ramble **10:00 AM**

Hike 6, Drive 15, 600 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747,
dannyhiker@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Hard Times parking area in Bent Creek. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. CMC members only. We will start at the Hard Times parking lot. We will walk down the road and turn left up Hard Times Road to the Arboretum. We will turn left to Old Mill Trail and left on Bent Creek Road to go up to the Arboretum buildings. We will return on Carolina Mountain Trail.

Sunday No. H2004-802 **Dec. 6**
Sycamore Cove /

Grassy Road Trail **10:30 AM**

Hike 4.5, 500 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **P400**

Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471,
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Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 55 miles round trip. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This is a shorter version of hike #802. This pleasant late fall hike winds along and across a creek gently uphill through beautiful woods. We should have winter views along the way. We'll follow another creek on the way down the hill.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2004-324 **Dec. 13**
Bent Creek Loop #4 **12:00 PM**

Hike 5, Drive 15, 600 ft. ascent, Rated C-C,

P400

Sarah Broughton, 828-564-3662,
sarahebroughton@icloud.com

Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. A pleasant, moderate loop hike

in the Bent Creek Experimental Forest, starting at Hard Times Trailhead and using parts of Homestead Trail, Small Creek Trail, Deerfield Loop, Pine Tree Loop, South Ridge Rd., Sleepy Gap Trail, Explorer Loop, Pine Tree Loop and then along FS 479.

Topo(s): Skyland

Sunday No. H2004-035 **Dec. 20**
Looking Glass Rock **11:00 AM**

Hike 5.8, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated C-A, **P400**

Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036,
cell: 408-887-3666, daisytk@yahoo.com

Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. A moderate, well-graded trail leads to the top of this pluton and then downhill to the first viewpoint, with beautiful views of the mountains. After visiting the west face, we'll hike downhill, turn right and past the helicopter pad to the second viewpoint. Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2004-280 **Dec. 27**
Art Loeb Trail -

Joel Branch Road **9:30 AM**

Hike 5.6, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, **P400**

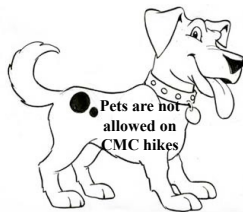
William Snow, 857-756-3815,
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Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo. Driving distance from Asheville is 55 miles round trip. Limit of 8 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This modified and shortened version of hike #280 is a moderate hike on the Art Loeb Trail from the Davidson River Campground to Neil Gap. We will return part way on the Art Loeb Trail and then continue on Joel Branch Road (#5002) back to the campground.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

NEXT CMC COUNCIL MEETING

When: Oct. 6, 2020
Where: Please check Breaking News in October
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Info: Call Debby at 404-731-3119 if you would like to attend. All CMC members are welcome.



Further information about regulations is available at www.carolinamountainclub.org

HIKING INFORMATION: CMC hikes are open to all and we welcome guests. Non-members need to call or email the hike leader to introduce themselves and find out more about the hike. **Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of ten hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation. Carpooling has been discontinued due to COVID restrictions.** Hikes may be canceled by the leader due to adverse weather or dangerous roads. Minors are welcome on CMC hikes, if accompanied by a responsible adult. Pets are not allowed on CMC hikes. Hike leaders have the right to reject participants who are not properly equipped for the hike or who are unlikely to be able to complete the hike. All hikers are expected to follow the leader's instructions. No one should get ahead of the leader, or lag behind the sweep, without specific permission. Hikers should obtain the leader's permission if they wish to leave the hike before its completion.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT: CMC's website (www.carolinamountainclub.org, click on Hiking) has a full list of day hiking needs. Most critical are water, footwear, rain gear and a first aid kit. Carry at least two quarts of liquid (water, Gatorade, juice) for a full day hike, no matter what time of year. Hiking boots are recommended for all hikes. They should be broken in before the hike. Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Even if there is no sign of rain in the morning, you need to be prepared for an afternoon shower. Your first aid kit should include any personal medication, including allergy medication, if needed. Wear layered clothing – you'll want to take layers off during a strenuous climb or as the day proceeds, then put them back on in cooler conditions.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY: Each CMC member and guest agrees to accept personal responsibility for his or her own safety and for the safety of accompanying minors. The Club cannot ensure the safety of any participant on hikes or trail maintenance activities. Each participant agrees to hold harmless and free from blame event leaders and the CMC, its officers and members, for any accident, injury or illness which might be sustained from participating in Club hikes and other activities.

CONSERVATION: CMC works with other organizations concerned about the protection of our natural heritage to protect trails and the hiking experience in our hiking area. Phone the Councilor for Conservation for details.

MEMBERSHIP: Everyone is eligible for CMC membership by joining and paying dues. To join online or by paper application, go to www.carolinamountainclub.org and click on the green Join button just below the Member Login. Choose either Join CMC online or CMC application form (pdf). Don't have internet access? Mail a note to the CMC address requesting an application form be mailed to you. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Hikers are expected to join CMC after participating in a few hikes. Some trail maintenance activities are only open to members.

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