FOURTH QUARTER 2019
Quarterly Hike Schedule

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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Hwy 215 to Big Ridge O/L

HIKE SCHEDULE
Fourth Quarter 2019

Hike Ratings

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YOUTH PARTNER CHALLENGE HIKES
The Youth Partnership Challenge is designed to introduce youth to fun and educational hiking experiences. Hikes are open to CMC members as well as newcomers. Call the leader before the hike. YPC hikes submitted by Jan Onan, 828-606-5188, janonan59@gmail.com and Kay Shurtleff, 828-280-3226 or 828-749-9230, kshurtleff@msn.com. Driving distance is round trip from meeting place.

SUNDAY NO. Y1904-466  Oct. 13
Buck Spring Lodge Site 11:00 AM
Hike 3, 300 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, P400
Jan Onan, 828-698-3237, cell: 828-606-5188, janonan59@gmail.com

ONLY MEETING PLACE: Pisgah Inn parking lot near convenience store. Enjoy the mountain views along the MST from Pisgah Inn to the Buck Spring Overlook. Visit the site of Vanderbilts historic Buck Spring Lodge and see the springhouse, the only original structure remaining. We will have lunch at a picnic area, then hike back to the cars via the campground trail. Please contact leader beforehand.

SUNDAY NO. Y1904-316  Nov. 16
Carl Sandburg Natl. Historic Park 10:00 AM
Hike 4, 600 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Jan Onan, 828-698-3237, cell: 828-606-5188, janonan59@gmail.com

ONLY MEETING PLACE: Carl Sandburg parking lot. Driving Directions: I-26 E to Exit 53; right onto Upward Rd. to end of road (name changes to Highland Lake Rd. after US 176); left onto US 225; right onto Little River Rd.; left into parking lot for Carl Sandburg Nat’l. Historic Park. Traverse the same trails that poet/author Carl Sandburg enjoyed. Hike to overlook on Big Glassy Mountain. Return via same route, but turn at barn trail. After hike, you may opt to tour on your own by visiting the goats in the barn or touring Carl Sandburg’s historic house for a small fee. Contact leader in advance.

Tope(s): Hendersonville

ALL-DAY WEDNESDAY HIKES
Wednesday hikes submitted by Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, bdworley@gmail.com. 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. W1904-68 Oct. 2**

**Big Butts from Balsam Gap** 8:30 AM  
Hike 6.3, Drive 55, 1650 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
Bob Levy, 828-670-1611, cell: 240-604-5000, rlevy@cato.org

*Only Meeting Place:* back parking lot of Folk Art Center. We will hike in high elevations to view the first fall leaves. We’ll take the Big Butts Trail from Balsam Gap on the BRP, following the ridgeline to Big Butt, at just under 6000 ft., and return via the same route. We will stop on the way back at Little Butt for lunch and views of the Black Mtns. There are about 365 sturdy wooden step forms filled in with hard-packed dirt which make this hike not only beautiful but a good workout.

**Topo(s):** Montreat

**Wednesday No. W1904-436 Oct. 2**

**Mt. Pisgah from Pisgah Inn** 10:30 AM  
Hike 5.1, Drive 35, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, AT-MST, P400  
Richard Zimmerer, 828-785-9593, dd1zz@yahoo.com

*First Meeting Place:* Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.  
*Second Meeting Place:* Pisgah Inn parking lot near convenience store at 11:00 AM. View beautiful scenery from the top of Mt. Pisgah on this in-and-out hike. Last 1/2 mile to the top is very steep and rocky. This is a fairly tough C-B hike.

**Topo(s):** Dunsmore Mtn., Cruso

**Wednesday No. W1904-459 Oct. 9**

**NC 128 to Greybeard Overlook** 8:00 AM  
Hike 8.9, Drive 55, 2600 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, AT-MST, SB6K  
Susan Hutson, 336-406-9279, pic assete48@gmail.com

*Only Meeting Place:* back parking lot of Folk Art Center. We will head up into the old-growth balsam and spruce forests south of Mount Mitchell and over 6359-ft. Blackstock Knob. This is a scenic hike with dramatic views and several rocky cliffs. We expect to have beautiful leaf color as well. Car shuttle.

**Topo(s):** Montreat, Mt. Mitchell

**Wednesday No. W1904-295 Oct. 9**

**Pump Gap Loop** 9:00 AM  
Hike 5.1, Drive 66, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated C-B  
George Shepherd, 405-596-2632, shepherdgeorge@att.net

*First Meeting Place:* 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26.  
*Second Meeting Place:* NOC parking area off US 25 along the French Broad River at 9:30 AM - but contact leader first.

This loop hike begins north on the A.T. with a climb to Lover’s Leap, where we will stop for the view and photos! We will continue on the A.T. along a ridge above Hot Springs until it intersects with the Pump Gap Trail. This will take us back to our starting point, passing Silvermine Campground.

**Topo(s):** Hot Springs

**Wednesday No. W1904-458 Oct. 16**

**Sams Gap to Big Bald** 8:00 AM  
Hike 13, Drive 52, 3300 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA+, AT-MST  
Sharon Smith, 704-877-7804, waltersharon204@gmail.com

*Only Meeting Place:* 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. We will take the A.T. from Sams Gap to Big Bald to experience one of the most outstanding panoramic vistas in the eastern United States. This peak, at 5516-ft., is the loftiest point on the Appalachian Trail between the Great Smoky Mountains and Roan High Knob.

**Topo(s):** Sams Gap

**Wednesday No. W1904-712 Oct. 16**

**Purchase Knob - Hemphill Bald** 9:00 AM  
Hike 7.5, Drive 68, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, 900M  
Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296, bbente@bellsouth.net

*Only Meeting Place:* Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. This hike offers a good workout with beautiful scenery. We will hike from the Science Center access road via Ferguson Cabin to our lunch spot at Hemphill Bald in the GSMNP. This time of year we expect great leaf color. We will return to our cars via the Science Center.

**Topo(s):** Dellwood

**Wednesday No. W1904-762 Oct. 23**

**Mt. Cammerer from Davenport Gap** 8:00 AM  
Hike 11.4, Drive 99, 3000 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA, LTC, 900M  
Mike Kines, 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. 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. Fall colors should be at their peak!

**Topo(s):** Waterville

**Wednesday No. W1904-795 Oct. 23**

**Turkeypen & South Mills River Loop** 9:00 AM  
Hike 6.3, Drive 36, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, P400  
Beth Fluharty, 828-253-1626, cell: 828-231-5785, elfl karty@gmail.com

First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.  
*Second Meeting Place:* Turkey Pen Parking Lot at 9:30 AM. From the Turkey Pen parking lot, we will take the Turkey Pen Gap Trail over Sharpay Mountain to where it intersects with Wagon Road Gap. We will follow the Wagon Road Gap Trail to the beautiful South Mills River Trail back to our cars.

**Topo(s):** Pisgah Forest

**Wednesday No. W1904-330 Oct. 30**

**Raven Cliff Falls** 9:00 AM  
Hike 8, Drive 80, 1450 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, WC100  
Barbara Morgan, 828-460-7066, barbc129@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 9:30 AM. We’ll do a pleasant walk to the pedestrian bridge over the top of a beautiful 250-ft. waterfall in Caesar’s Head State Park in S.C. The hike will follow the Raven Cliff Falls Trail and a portion of the Foothills Trail to the bridge and return on the same trails. Note: $2 per person park trail use fee.

**Topo(s):** Table Rock

**Wednesday No. W1904-120 Nov. 6**

**Charles Bunyon, Kephart Prong, with Mt. Kephart** 8:00 AM  
Hike 10.2, Drive 128, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B, SB6K, 900M  
Randy Fluharty, 828-423-9030, rfluharty54@gmail.com

*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. An outstanding rock outcrop along the A.T. and stunning views are the highlights of our trip. From Newfound Gap, we’ll hike four miles to our lunch spot at Charles Bunion, then hike Dry Sluice Gap, Grassy Branch and Kephart Prong Trails down to US 441. Note that this hike has 2800 ft. of descent. Car shuttle.

**Topo(s):** Clingmans Dome

**Wednesday No. W1904-642 Nov. 6**

**Smokemont Loop** 10:00 AM  
Hike 6.2, Drive 104, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, 900M  
Carroll Koepplinger, 828-667-0723, cakoep29@gmail.com

*First Meeting Place:* Maggie Valley Post Office at 10:30 AM - but contact leader first. A loop hike from Smokemont Campground that goes up Bradley Fork Trail, paralleling the beautiful stream. We’ll turn left onto Smokemont Loop Trail, crossing Bradley Fork on a long and narrow split-log bridge with a steel cable handrail, to
complete the loop over Richland Mountain, with a stop at Bradley Cemetery on the way back. A wonderful late-autumn hike in the Smokies.

**Topo(s):** Smokemont

**Wednesday No. W1904-56**  
**Nov. 13**  
**Turkey Pen Roller Coaster**  
**8:00 AM**  
Hike 9.4, Drive 40, 3200 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+, **P400**
Sallye Sanders, 208-550-2070, sallye_sanders@yahoo.com

**First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** intersection of NC 280 and Turkey Pen Rd. at 8:30 AM.

This great hike starts at Turkey Pen parking area, climbs over Sharp Mountain, along a ridge and almost to the top of Black Mountain, ending at the Pisgah Maintenance parking lot. A long uphill, but with good views from our lunch spot at Black Mountain. Car shuttle.

**Topo(s):** Pisgah Forest

**Wednesday No. W1904-403**  
**Nov. 13**  
**Fawn Lake P.l., #5 - Reasonover Creek**  
**9:00 AM**  
Hike 6, Drive 61, 200 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, **WC100**
Stuart English, 828-384-4870, stueno@comporium.net

**First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:30 AM.

This pleasant loop hike in the DuPont Forest includes the Fawn Lake, Corn Mills Shoals, Bridal Veil Falls, Lake Julia and Reasonover Creek Trails.

**Topo(s):** Standingstone Mtn.

**Wednesday No. W1904-255**  
**Nov. 20**  
**NC 80/BRP - Black Mtn. Campground**  
**8:00 AM**  
Hike 7.9, Drive 85, 1600 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
Steve Pierce, 828-724-4999, cell: 828-442-8482, stevepierce50@gmail.com

**First Meeting Place:** River Ridge Market Place across from McDonald’s off Exit 53B of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain) at 8:15 AM.

Expect good views as we hike north on the MST from Black Mountain Campground to Buck Creek Gap at NC 80. Six-mile car shuttle.

**Topo(s):** Celo

**Wednesday No. W1904-270**  
**Nov. 27**  
**Cedar Rock Mountain and John Rock**  
**8:00 AM**  
Hike 8.0, Drive 27, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, **P400**
Debbi Jones, 404-731-3119, DJones715@aol.com

**First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 8:30 AM.

This trip features two of the spectacular bare rock faces in the Pisgah National Forest, with great views from both. Starting at the Fish Hatchery, we’ll have our major climb up to Cat Gap and then on to Cedar Rock to enjoy the view during lunch. We’ll return via John Rock.

**Topo(s):** Shining Rock

**Wednesday No. W1904-630**  
**Nov. 27**  
**Bent Creek - Shut-in**  
**10:00 AM**  
Hike 8, Drive 6, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C  
William Snow, 857-756-3815, cell: 508-308-6103, billsnow123@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. This is a modification 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 to the cars.

**Topo(s):** Skyland

**Wednesday No. W1904-93**  
**Dec. 4**  
**Graybeard Mountain**  
**8:30 AM**  
Hike 9.2, Drive 31, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+  
Jeff Wilcox, 828-505-2815, cell: 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unca.edu

**First Meeting Place:** River Ridge Market Place across from McDonald’s off Exit 53B of I-40.

**Second Meeting Place:** Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain) at 8:45 AM.

We will take a loop using Big Piney Ridge up to Graybeard Mountain and return to Montreat via Walker Knob and Pot Cove Gap. There’ll be good views, a delightful hike and a good workout. We’ll take it at a moderate pace. The first mile is very steep.

**Topo(s):** Montreat

**Wednesday No. W1904-492**  
**Dec. 4**  
**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, keikomerl@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. W1904-203**  
**Dec. 18**  
**Tanyard Gap to Lovers Leap**  
**8:00 AM**  
Hike 8.3, Drive 60, 790 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, **AT-MT**
Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452, desrayel@aol.com

**First Meeting Place:** 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 8:30 AM.

We’ll do a moderate loop in the Hot Springs area, starting and ending at Tanyard Gap. We’ll start on the A.T. up to Mill Ridge, continue over Lovers Leap, take the Lovers Leap and Pump Gap Trails back up to the A.T. and then retrace our steps to Tanyard Gap.

**Topo(s):** Hot Springs

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**ALL-DAY WEEKEND HIKES**

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, bbente@bellsouth.net. 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.
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.
This hike will be during the peak of the color season in the Smokies with much of the drive along the high ridge Heintooga/Balsam Mountain Road with spectacular views. After the gentle initial climb through open forests the hike will then descend to visit the Enloe Creek Bridge campsite which is one of the prettiest places in the national park with massive boulders in the stream and rushing waterfalls. The hike will include sections of the Beech Gap, Hyatt Ridge and Enloe Creek Trails. Short car shuttle.

Topo(s): Bunches Bald, Smokemont

Saturday No. A1904-480 Oct. 26
Buck Spring to US 276 via Barnett Branch Trail 8:00 AM
Hike 11.9, Drive 70, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA, P400
Sarah Broughton, 828-564-3662, sarahbroughton@icloud.com
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 8:30 AM.
This strenuous hike will start at the Buck Spring Trailhead on US 276 and hike down to the maintenance yard via a series of trails. It will feature great views from Clawhammer and Black Mountains along the way. Car shuttle.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. A1904-770 Oct. 27
Burningtown Gap to Wayah Bald 8:00 AM
Hike 8.6, Drive 150, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, LTC, AT-MST
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, 1950 Great Smoky Mtn Expy (US 23/74), Waynesville, NC at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.
This is an in-and-out hike, starting at Burningtown Gap and running south on the Appalachian Trail to top out on Wayah Bald (5342’). On the rock tower there are lots of plaques identifying peaks on the skyline.
Topo(s): Wayah Bald

Sunday No. A1904-248 Nov. 3
Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River 8:00 AM
Hike 11.2, Drive 110, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, AT-MST
Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528, hkassell@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Follow the A.T. north from Spivey Gap to the hostel at the Nolichucky River. Great view of the Nolichucky Gorge. Car shuttle.
Topo(s): Clingmans Dome

Sunday No. A1904-290 Nov. 10
Shut-in Trail through Bent Creek 10:00 AM
Hike 8, Drive 10, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, AT-MST
Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879, heyk127@hotmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. From the park on NC 191 along the French Broad River, we will embark on a hike through Bent Creek via the Shut-In, Carolina Mountain, Wesley Branch, and Old Mill Trails, with stops at Lake Powhatan and lunch in the Arboretum.
Topo(s): Asheville

Saturday No. A1904-60 Nov. 16
Pilot Mountain from Gloucester Gap 10:00 AM
Hike 6.5, Drive 80, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, P400
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, cell: 860-798-9905, mbromberg@yahoo.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 10:30 AM.
This hike is usually done in the spring to take advantage of spring wildflowers and the beautiful pink-shell azaleas. By doing it in the fall we’ll have more views and, hopefully, we’ll be able to gaze down at fall leaves in all their beauty. The hike starts with a steep climb to the summit of Pilot Mtn., then down to Deep Gap. We’ll return on a pleasant, seldom-used gravel road forest road. We can also extend the hike to 8 miles by going on to Sassafras Knob and Farlow Gap. I’ll let the hikers make this choice.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. A1904-119 Nov. 17
Charles Bunion from Newfound Gap and return 8:30 AM
Hike 8, Drive 135, 2400 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, SB6K, 900M
Randy Fluharty, 828-423-9030, rfluharty54@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post Office at 9:00 AM - but contact leader first.
This scenic in-and-out hike will follow the A.T. from Newfound Gap to a spectacular lunch spot at Charles Bunion. After lunch we’ll do a side trip to Mt. Kephart and the Jumps. Topo(s): Clingmans Dome

Saturday No. A1904-200 Nov. 23
Jones Gap Park to US 276 8:00 AM
Hike 11.2, Drive 95, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656,
**Time to Renew Membership!**

This is a gentle reminder that all CMC membership dues need to be in by Jan. 1, 2020. 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

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**Guion Farm P.l. #2  8:00 am**

**First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Cracker Barrel Restaurant off Exit 53 of I-26 in parking lot close to I-26 at 8:30 AM.

An in-out hike. Follows the Jones Gap Trail (part of the Foothills Trail) along the Middle Saluda River most of the way, with lunch at a nice double waterfall. Elevation change is a very gradual 1200 feet. Remember S.C. Jones Gap State Park is a fee area with $5 per person for hiking.

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn., Waynesville area with $5 per person for hiking.

Hike 8.8, Drive 80, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, Sunday No. A1904-420

**Topo(s):** Barnardsville Creek Trails to the cars.

the contour with beautiful views since leaves are off FS road 74 and walk 0.3 mile down the road to parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. On this variation of hike #611, we’ll begin on Walker Creek Trail to FS road 74 and walk 0.3 mile down the road to lovely Walker Falls, then up the Perkins Trail to Laurel Gap Trail. Our next 2 miles is a stroll on the contour with beautiful views since leaves are absent. Next down the steep Bear Pen and Staircase Creek Trails to the cars.

Topo(s): Barnardsville

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**Sunday No. A1904-611  Nov. 24**

**Big Ivy - Walker Ridge Loop**

Hike 8.6, Drive 35, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated B-A

Les Love, 828-658-1489, cell: 828-230-1861, leslove55@gmail.com and Catherine Love, 828-658-1489, cattllove2@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. On this variation of hike #611, we’ll begin on Walker Creek Trail to FS road 74 and walk 0.3 mile down the road to lovely Walker Falls, then up the Perkins Trail to Laurel Gap Trail. Our next 2 miles is a stroll on the contour with beautiful views since leaves are absent. Next down the steep Bear Pen and Staircase Creek Trails to the cars.

Topo(s): Barnardsville

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**Sunday No. A1904-420  Dec. 1**

**Tanyard Gap to Allen Gap**

Hike 8.8, Drive 80, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, AT-MST, LTC

Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452, desrayt@aol.com

**First Meeting Place:** 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Corner of US 2570 & NC 208 at 9:00 AM.

Great views from Rich Mountain fire tower, a visit to Spring Mountain shelter and one of the prettiest sections of the A.T. in our area highlight this pleasant hike. Car shuttle.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

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**Sunday No. A1904-567  Dec. 8**

**Guion Farm P.L. #2**

Hike 10.5, Drive 70, 1850 ft. ascent, Rated A-A

Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747, danny@hikeronthiker.com

**First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 8:30 AM.

Strenuous plus or half-day hike: This moderate, low-elevation “double back in-and-out” hike starts and ends at the Guion Farm Parking Lot in DuPont Forest. After a 1200-ft. ascent and descent to enjoy the views from Stone Mountain, we will hike to scenic Wintergreen Falls on a flat trail and return to the cars. The hiking pace will be moderate.

Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.

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**Sunday No. A1904-642  Dec. 14**

**Smokemont Loop**

Hike 6.2, Drive 110, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, 900M

Carroll Koepplinger, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cacokep29@gmail.com

**First Meeting Place:** Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.

**Second Meeting Place:** Maggie Valley Post Office at 10:30 AM - but contact leader first.

A loop hike from Smokemont Campground that goes up Bradley Fork Trail, paralleling the beautiful stream. We’ll turn left onto Smokemont Loop Trail, crossing Bradley Fork on a long and narrow split-log bridge with a steel cable handrail, to complete the loop over Richland Mountain, with a stop at Bradley Cemetery on the way back. A wonderful late-autumn hike in the Smokies.

Topo(s): Smokemont

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**Sunday No. A1904-545  Dec. 15**

**Bent Creek #11 - Boundary Trail**

Hike 8.3, Drive 15, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, P400

Becky Smucker, 828-231-2198, bjdworley@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.

**Second Meeting Place:** Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 8:30 AM.

Highlights of this trip, which begins and ends at the Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery, are the McCall family cemetery, views from Rich Mountain, Chestnut Mountain, the Art Loeb Trail and a visit to Grogn Creek Falls.

Topo(s): Shining Rock

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**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 Gail Lamb, 828-338-0443, glamb46@gmail.com and Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, leehsilver@aol.com. 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.*

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**Sunday No. H1904-717  Oct. 6**

**Sunburst to Waterfalls**

Hike 6.2, Drive 54, 700 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, P400

Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, bobbipowers23@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. We will walk mostly on a scenic FS road with...
two side trips on trails. Highlights: fall colors, three waterfalls, cool rock formations. 
Topo(s): Sam Knob, Waynesville

Mt. Pisgah from Pisgah Inn 10:30 AM 
Hike 5.1, Drive 44, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, AT-MST, P400 
Richard Zimmerer, 828-785-9593, rd11zz@yahoo.com 
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. 
Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Inn parking lot near convenience store at 11:00 AM. 
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.

Sunday No. H1904-453 Oct. 20 
Max Patch Loop 10:00 AM 
Hike 4.4, Drive 100, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, AT-MST 
Jack Dalton, 828-622-3704, jckdalton9@gmail.com and 
Gail Lamb, 828-338-0443, cell: 828-275-4500, glamb464@gmail.com 
First Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Form carpools with Gail and meet Jack at second meeting place. 
Second Meeting Place: Old Spring Creek School building on NC 209 in Spring Creek at 10:45 AM. 
Drive to Max Patch parking area, hike up to top to join the A.T., enjoy views and head south on A.T. to pick up Buckeye Ridge Trail, loop around back to A.T. to top of Max Patch, then return to cars. 
Hike will be led by Jack Dalton, with Gail Lamb leading slower group. Awesome 360-degree panoramic views from summit of Max Patch make this a favorite hike. 
Topo(s): Lemon Gap

Sunday No. H1904-573 Oct. 27 
Devils Courthouse from NC 215 12:00 PM 
Hike 6, Drive 60, 700 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, AT-MST, P400 
Matthew Kearney, 828-406-3274, matti@verygoodphotographer.com 
Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. 
We will hike east on the MST from the parking area off NC 215 through patches of mountain laurel and a dense pine cluster, crossing over the Blue Ridge Parkway tunnel on a connector trail to Devil's Courthouse, where we will pause for a snack to enjoy 360-degree mountain views before returning. 
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Sunday No. H1904-52 Nov. 3 
Lunch at Swag & Hike Purchase Knob 11:00 AM 
Hike 3, Drive 90, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C 
Bev MacDowell, 828-777-5806, bevmaecdowellhappy@gmail.com 
Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Buffet lunch 12:30 at the Swag (Conde Nast top South Resort) and hike to Purchase Knob along the Cataloochee Divide Trail in the GSMNP. 
Beautiful views and possible late fall colors. A check written to The Swag for $54 is your reservation, until max. filled. (Mimosas, craft beer & wine extra). Lunch will happen rain or shine. Hikers need to be diners. Mail to be received by October 27. Bev MacDowell, 190 Mt. Royal Drive, Arden, NC 28704. 
Topo(s): Dellwood

Sunday No. H1904-547 Nov. 10 
Waterrock Knob - Balsam Gap 11:00 AM 
Hike 5.5, Drive 80, Rated C-C, SB6K 
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, cell: 860-798-9905, mw bromberg@yahoo.com 
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. 
Second Meeting Place: Rest area beyond Waynesville on US 23/74 at 11:30 AM - but contact leader first. 
This is a shorter version of hike #547 on the newest CMC-constructed section of the MST. We’ll hike down approximately 5.5 miles and 2000-ft., including a short on-road segment. We’ll have lots of beautiful views and, hopefully, some late leaf peeping. Car shuttle. Topo(s): Hazelwood, Sylva North

Sunday No. H1904-101 Nov. 17 
Lower Big Laurel Creek 12:00 PM 
Hike 6, Drive 50, 350 ft. ascent, Rated C-C 
Ron Navik, 855-662-8047, ron.navik@gmail.com 
Only Meeting Place: Wells Fargo/Publix parking lot (opposite McDonald’s) off Exit 19B of I-26 west. 
Hike along a beautiful stream with white-water, big rocks and surrounding high cliffs to the French Broad River. Interesting flora. Parts of the trail are rocky – hiking boots/shoes are recommended. 
Topo(s): Hot Springs

Sunday No. H1904-706 Nov. 24 
Big Bradley and Little Bradley Falls 11:00 AM 
Hike 3.5, Drive 60, 300 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, WC100 
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. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place. 
Second Meeting Place: Cracker Barrel Restaurant off Exit 53 of I-26 in parking lot close to I-26 at 11:30 AM. 
There are six wet creek crossings, so bring your water shoes, sandals, or old sneakers. The water level is expected to be above ankle to mid-calf high. We hike downstream along Cove Creek to an overlook to see Big Bradley Falls, and back. This trip will not include going down to the base of the falls, which is dangerous and is not required by the WC challenge. Then we cross the road to get to the trailhead and hike upstream about 3/4 mile to the picturesque Little Bradley Falls and back. 
Topo(s): Cliffsfield Mtn.

Sunday No. H1904-640 Dec. 1 
Walker’s Knob - Montreat 10:00 AM 
Hike 5, Drive 40, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated C-A 
Sarah Broughton, 828-564-3662, sarahbroughton@icloud.com 
First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place across from McDonald’s off Exit 53B of I-40. 
Second Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain) at 10:15 AM. 
Popular with Montreaters for generations, the hike to Walker’s Knob is moderately difficult and very rewarding. Using the Greystone Trail, we have a steady climb to reach Walker’s Knob, a rock outcropping with spectacular views of Swannanoa River Valley and mountains beyond. Not suggested for beginning hikers. 
Topo(s): Montreat

Sunday No. H1904-509 Dec 8 
Sky Valley P.L. #1 11:00 AM 
Hike 5, Drive 40, 900 ft. ascent, Rated C-C 
Stuart English, 828-384-4870, stuenego@comporium.net 
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place. 
Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 11:30 AM. 
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. H1904-767 Dec. 15 
Lookout Mountain in Montreat 11:30 AM 
Hike 5, Drive 40, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated C-B 
Linda Blue, 828-296-7537, cell: 828-273-6696, lgblue@bellsouth.net 
First Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40. 
Second Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain) at 11:45 AM. 
A modification of hike #767. This loop hike will start steeply uphill on the Lookout Trail, then will turn onto Old Trestle Rd., and will include the Buck Gap and East Ridge Trails, then return on Rainbow Road after an optional 0.4 mile round trip side trip to Lookout Mountain Overlook. 
Topo(s): Montreat

Sunday No. H1904-102 Dec. 22 
Coottree Loop 11:30 AM 
Hike 3.7, Drive 65, 1050 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, P400 
Ted Altman, 513-532-7766, tedaltman2@gmail.com 
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet hike leader at second meeting place.
Further Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 12:00 PM.

This loop hike is partially along a lovely creek, with views from Coontree Mountain. Some steep areas.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H1904-711 Dec. 29
US 25 to BRP Visitor Center 11:00 AM
Hike 5, Drive 10, 400 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Dennis Bass, 828-367-7792, cell: 828-367-8619, dbass3607@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: BRP Visitor Center at MM 383 of BRP. This is a shorter version of Hike # 711.

This in-town part of the MST is a pleasant winter walk in the woods. Car shuttle.

Topo(s): Asheville, Oteen

**Hiking Regulations**: 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. All hikers are encouraged to call or e-mail the leader if they have questions about the hike or the location of the meeting place. 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.

Hikers will carpool from the meeting places to the trailhead and back.
Passengers are expected to contribute 10 cents per mile toward the driver’s operating expenses. Most CMC hikes do not require reservations. However, check the hiking schedule to determine whether a reservation is required, and if so, call or email the leader to reserve your space.

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 harm-

**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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**Rabies Prevention**: Pet owners are expected to contribute 10 cents per mile toward the driver’s operating expenses. Most CMC hikes do not require reservations. However, check the hiking schedule to determine whether a reservation is required, and if so, call or email the leader to reserve your space.

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