

the Butter Gap Trail for this in-and-out hike along Grogan Creek.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-319

March 30

Holmes Educational Forest

1:00 PM\*

Hike 5, Drive 75, 500-ft. ascent, Rated C-C

Nonmembers, please call leader, Rusty Breeding,

828-692-0359, bree\_lw@planetusa.net

\*Note early start time. Meet at Westgate at 1:00 PM to form carpools, and meet leader at the Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo side parking lot at 1:30 PM. A good early spring hike with "talking trees" and a Forest Demonstration Trail explaining good forestry practices as well as some early wildflowers.

HALF-DAY No. H0801-344

April 6

Pulliam Creek in the

Green River Game Lands

12:30 PM\*

Hike 6.5, Drive 60, 1000 ft ascent., Rated B-B

Nonmembers, please call leader, Becky Elston,

828-749-1886, belston@cytechusa.com

\*Note early start time. Meet at Westgate at 12:30 PM to form carpools and meet hike leader at NW corner of parking lot of Cracker Barrel off Exit 53 of I-26 at 1:00 PM. This pretty in-and-out hike goes along Pulliam Creek for part of the way, and our break might include viewing kayakers on the Green River and seeing trillium and other early spring wildflowers. Join leader for dinner at Cracker Barrel after the hike.

Carolina Mountain Club

P.O. Box 68

Asheville, NC 28802

Return Service Requested

## NEXT CMC COUNCIL MEETING

**When:** Thursday, February 7, 2008

**Where:** Greenlife Community House, Merrimon Avenue

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Info:** Call Becky at 828-298-5013 if you would like to attend. All CMC members are welcome.

Further information is available at [www.carolinamtclub.org](http://www.carolinamtclub.org) about regulations

**HIKING INFORMATION:** CMC hikes are open to all and we welcome guests, but hikers are expected to join CMC after participating in a few hikes. Non-CMC members need to call or e-mail 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. Dogs 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 towards 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 e-mail 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.carolinamtclub.org](http://www.carolinamtclub.org)) 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.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION:** CMC maintains 92 miles of the Appalachian Trail, 130 miles of the Mountains-To-Sea Trail, and over 100 miles of other trails. It is also active in the construction of new trails. There are a variety of ways for individuals to become involved in these activities. Phone the Councilor for Trail Maintenance for details.

**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 completing a Membership Application Form and paying dues. Membership Application Forms are available on the Club website or by mail. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Applications should be sent to Carolina Mountain Club, P.O. Box 68, Asheville, NC, 28802. Hikers are expected to join CMC after participating in a few hikes. Some trail maintenance activities are only open to members.

### CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB OFFICERS

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**CMC officers elected at Annual Meeting:** On November 3, the 2007 annual meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Asheville. One hundred members enjoyed a great meal catered by the church, a photograph contest and slide show, and the introduction of a new slate of officers. Pictured from left to right on the front row are Ruth Hartzler, Councilor for Conservation; Becky Smucker, President; Cindy McJunkin, Councilor for Education; Ashok Kudva, Councilor for Membership; Don Gardner, Councilor-at-large. Second row, left to right are Carroll Koepplinger, Treasurer; Charlie Ferguson, Councilor for Hiking; Bill Newton, Councilor for Maintenance; Lenny Bernstein, Immediate Past President; Barth Brooker, Vice President. Not pictured are Kathleen Hannigan, Secretary and Jim Reel, Councilor-at-Large.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The state of our club is very good. With nearly 900 members, we are 10 percent larger than we were this time last year. We scheduled 185 hikes this past year, which attracted



over 2300 participants. In the 12 months ending on September 30, 258 individuals put in 13,444 hours on trail maintenance. That's an average of more than 50 hours per individual, which shows how dedicated our trail maintainers are. The Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters Division recognized that dedication by naming CMC its volunteer of the year.

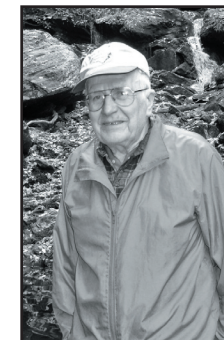
Our conservation efforts, along with

those of many other organizations dedicated to preserving our natural heritage, had great success this year. Chimney Rock was saved and will become part of a new state park. The National Park Service has come out in favor of a cash settlement with Swain County. Hopefully the financial settlement will follow and we'll be on the way to finally closing the book on the proposed North Shore Road.

This is my last President's column. It's been a pleasure serving as your President for the past two years, and I look forward to continuing to serve CMC in whatever role is appropriate. I wish Becky Smucker, your new President, and all the members of the 2008 CMC Council, continued success.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

It was with great pleasure that we watched two friends recognized for their efforts at the annual dinner. What more can be said about Sherman Stanbaugh, our oldest active hiker. Sherman was awarded an Honorary Life membership, the highest award given by the club. Throughout his years with the club, he has been an MST section leader, a hike leader, and received the American Hiking Society's NC volunteer of the year award. Sherman is a symbol of what we are about.



Honorary Life member Sherman Stanbaugh

Our club has many volunteers, but no one attacks her volunteer activity with the passion and fervor of Ruth Hartzler. As councilor for the Conservation Committee, she worked tirelessly against the North Shore Road, the selling of Forest Service Lands, and supported the acquisition of Chimney Rock State Park. These two members have raised the bar for all of us.



Ruth Hartzler receives the CMC Award of Appreciation from Carroll Koepplinger.

## Photography contest winners

Digital photography has turned many hikers into avid photographers; so what better entertainment at our annual dinner than a photography contest. The categories were Mountain Scenes, Trail Work, CMC'ers on Hikes, Close-Ups, and Forest Scenes. The contest was the idea of Becky Smucker and organized and run by Gerry McNabb. Gerry, Brad Van Diver, and Bernard Elias were the judges. The winners were:

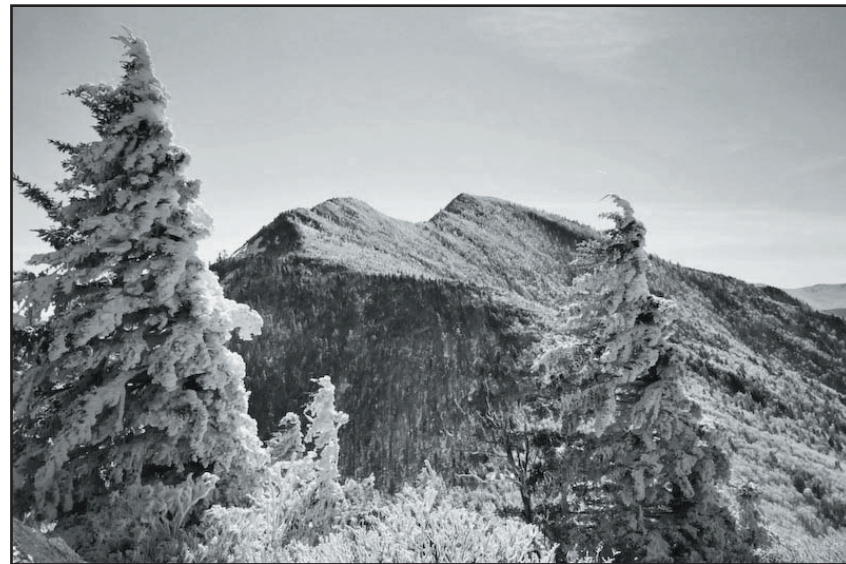
**Mountain Scenes:** First place, Martha K. Mason; second place, Stuart Tauber; third place, Paul Benson.

**Trail Work:** First place, Becky Smucker; second place, Charlie Ferguson; third place, Danny Bernstein.

**CMC'ers on Hikes:** First place, Liz King; second place, Danny Bernstein; third place, Ted Connors.

**Close-Ups:** First place, Charlie Ferguson; second place, Ashok Kudva; third place, Ted Connors.

**Forest Scenes:** First place, Ted Connors; second place, Martha K. Mason; third place, Liz King.



Paul Benson's winter view earned him third place in the Mountain Scenes category.

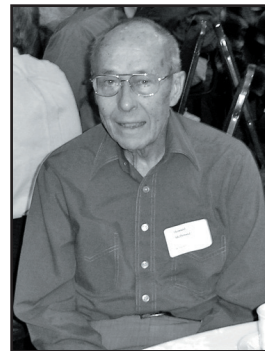
## Howard McDonald: Trails facility manager

Howard McDonald's new Trails Facilities Manager position in CMC is a club-wide position to manage the physical structure of shelters, privies, signs, stiles, bridges, and

bear cables (aerial food storage cables). Major effort is now on the privies and the bear cables.

Our privies are being converted to an improved moldering process procedure that may lead to never having to move privies again. The Deer Park Mountain Shelter privy is complete and the Flint Mountain Shelter privy will be finished soon. The next one is the Spring Mountain Shelter privy.

The bear cable design and the materials list are complete. Sources and prices are being obtained so that the request for funds to build eleven cables can be made to the ATC. Funds are available from the License Plate Program. Installation may start this year but will definitely be progressing next year. Thanks, Howard, for all you do.



Howard McDonald

## Spring social and old-timers

This year at our annual Spring Social on April 19, we will have an Old-Timer's event. A special invitation is issued to "Old-Timers" (you define this), which includes both current and past members. Bring your old-timey gear, old documents, old pictures and old stories to share with the group. Remember, what's already old-timey to some members of the club may surprise some of you REALLY old-timers! Young-timers, bring your questions!



**A trip to Hike Inn:** On November 6-8, 18 CMC members enjoyed three days of hiking, fun, and fellowship in the beautiful North Georgia mountains. The Len Foote Hike Inn is a lodge that must be reached by hiking. It is in the Amicalola Falls State Park and is a gateway to the Southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. The Inn is an environmentally efficient structure with an elaborate organic waste system and partial solar energy. We were treated one evening to a talk by Richard Judy, who through-hiked the AT, as did his son and daughter at different times. The weather was perfect; although cold and invigorating, and approximately 20 miles of hiking was accomplished in the three days. Our thanks go to Chris Ogden for organizing this event.

## ATC to offer free memberships to CMC members

As an AT maintaining club, CMC is a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Many CMC members also are individual members of ATC.

To introduce itself, ATC will give free one-year memberships to CMC members who are not already ATC members. However, CMC will need to provide the

names and addresses of its members who are not already members of ATC. We will not be sending phone numbers or e-mail addresses to ATC, and ATC will not share this information with anyone else. ATC will give us the names of their members who live in Western North Carolina but who are not CMC members. We will send these people information about CMC and an invitation

to join our Club. CMC promises its members that it will not share their personal information with third parties. Since as a Club we are members of ATC, and this offer will benefit both CMC members and the Club as a whole, the Council felt we should make an exception. However, if you have an objection to having your name and address shared with ATC, please let Lenny Bernstein know by e-mail (lsberns@worldnet.att.net) or letter (488 Kimberly Ave., Asheville, NC 28804) by Jan. 15, 2008. No phone calls please. We will remove the name of any member who objects from the list we send ATC.



Liz King's first place winner in the CMC'ers on Hikes category in the photo contest.

## Obituaries in CMC publications

— from the editors

With the increasing size of the club and the limited space we have available, obituaries will not be published unless the deceased is extremely well known among most of the active club members.

An obituary will be considered only if someone

submits the obituary to the *eNews* editor ready to print; content should be limited to the deceased individual's CMC activities. It will not be repeated in *Let's Go* because of space considerations and the timeliness of publication, appearing only once a quarter. The Council may override this policy.

— CMC Communications Committee

## CMC joins search for lost hikers John and Irene Bryant

By Jean Gard

Today we know so much more about this tragic story. Below is just a report of CMC's help on a search for the Bryants in early November.

On November 7, Dick Johnson, a CMC trail crew member, called Gerry McNabb, asking him to contact as many CMC hikers as possible for the next day's search. Gerry contacted about 80 people and I contacted about forty more. Unluckily, many active CMC hikers were at Hike Inn, so there were only three volunteers from our club, Bobbi Powers, Dick Johnson and me. We had two other ex-CMC trail maintainers with us, Jim Farley and Tom Joyce. We all signed up under the CMC header and worked with three Forest Service firefighters. There were about 10 people from High Country Hikers plus area citizens who had heard the call. In total, there were 44 people working in different teams in the Pink Beds area.

The search was led by the Brevard Search and Rescue Team. Local

trainers provided dogs able to locate live humans as well as dogs trained to find cadavers. After the dogs were sent out, our CMC team worked on a grid system, forming broad lines across an area and then keeping fifteen to twenty feet on either side of us. We were out there for four hours. Essentially, we were bushwhacking and it was tough going from start to finish. We were called back at 3 PM. Three hikers in another group were lost and the light and temperature were changing for the worse. (Of the lost hikers, two were found at 5 PM but one wasn't located until 8 PM.) No one on the search saw any sign of the Bryants. One of our leaders said there was a chance that foul play was involved and a possibility the story would eventually get broader media coverage.

Although disappointed in the search's success, Bobbie and I found volunteering to be very worthwhile. It was a first-time experience for both of us and we were impressed with how it all works, as well as with the kindness and dedication of the employees on the job that day. As a next procedural step for our club, let's ensure we can contact all CMC hikers and get more participation when we're needed again.

### Time to Renew Membership!

This is a gentle reminder that all CMC membership dues need to be in by Jan. 1, 2008. Please fill out the application in this issue of *Let's Go* and send it, with your dues, to:

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the ridgeline, hikers must be mentally and physically prepared for a dramatically steep and risky descent (1000 ft. in 1/3 mile) to Jarrett Creek Rd. near Star Gap. From here, the hike will follow the road to Heartbreak Ridge and retrace the route back to the trailhead. **Second meeting place: parking lot adjacent to McDonald's at exit 64 of I-40 at 8:20 AM.** Topos: Old Fort, Montreat

## 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 Paula Robbins, 828-281-3253, paularww@bellsouth.net, and Lucy Prim, lucette32@mchsi.com, 828-693-6580. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All hikes assemble at the east end of the Westgate Shopping Center near Exit 3B off I-240 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. Some hikes will have second meeting places as described in hike listings.

HALF-DAY No. H0801-500 **Jan. 6**  
**Mountains-to-Sea Trail: US 25 to I-261:15 PM\***  
 Hike 3.5, Drive 15, Rated C-C  
 Non-members, please call leader, Gerry McNabb, 828-274-0057, gerrymcnabb@charter.net  
 \***Note early start time.** A pleasant winter hike through the woods on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, yet still close to town, from US 25 at the Blue Ridge Parkway to I-26. Walk on a CMC-built bridge. Short car shuttle.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-172 **Jan. 13**  
**John Rock Loop 1:00 PM\***  
 Hike 5.7, Drive 72, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated C-B  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Tom Sanders, 828-252-6327, tomary2@charter.net  
**P400** \***Note early start time.** This moderate loop hike, with good views from the top, starts at the Fish Hatchery parking lot, at the end of the paved portion of FR 475, off US 276. **Second meeting place: Fish Hatchery parking lot, at the end of the paved portion of FS 475, off US 276 at 1:40 PM.**

HALF-DAY NO H0801-490 **Jan. 20**  
**Craven Gap to Folk Art Center 1:15 PM\***  
 Hike 5.4, Drive 11 miles, 750 ft. ascent, Rated C-C  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Pat Elias, 828-687-1651, patelias@bellsouth.net  
 \***Note early start time, and that the only meeting place is the Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway, lower parking lot.** A pleasant winter hike along the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, with a gradual 1640 ft. descent.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-485 **Jan. 27**  
**Old U.S. 70 and the Railroad 1:00 PM\***  
 Hike 5, Drive 60, 1000 ft ascent, Rated C-B  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Gail Lamb, 828-350-0450, galmb46@aol.com

\***Note early start time.** We will walk up on old U.S. 70, now blocked off from traffic, to Swannanoa Gap, where we will enjoy a view of the valley, the railroad and tunnel, featured in The Road by John Ehle, a book about building the railroad up to Swannanoa Gap. **Second meeting place: Parking lot adjacent to McDonald's in Black Mountain at exit 64 of I-40 at 1:20 PM.** Topos: Old Fort, Black Mountain.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-499 **Feb. 3**  
**French Broad River Greenway 1:30 PM**  
 Hike 4, Drive 10, Rated C-C  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Paula Robbins, 828-281-3253, paularww@bellsouth.net  
 Asheville's Greenway System now provides several opportunities for city walking. The leader, a former member of the Greenway Commission, will describe plans for extending this riverfront trail and other existing and planned greenways within the City.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-278 **Feb. 10**  
**Kitsuma Peak 12:30 PM\***  
 Hike 6, Drive 60, 2000 feet ascent, Rated B-A  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Renate Rikkers, 828-298-9988, reriokers@aol.com  
 \***Note early start time. Meet at Westgate to form carpools, and meet hike leader at parking lot adjacent to McDonald's in Black Mountain off exit 64 of I-40 at 12:50 PM.** This trail from the Old Fort picnic ground to Kitsuma Peak follows Young's Ridge and is a steady and demanding climb with an elevation gain of 2000 ft. before descending to Ridgecrest – a good winter hike to keep warm! Enjoy long range views of Greybeard, Green Knob and the Mt. Mitchell region with the Swannanoa River Valley below. Car spotting at Ridgecrest for return shuttle.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-591 **Feb. 17**  
**Bent Creek Loop #10 1:00 PM\***  
 Hike 5, Drive 20, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, mwbromberg@yahoo.com  
**P400** \***Note early start time.** A pleasant winter walk along lesser-hiked trails and roads in Bent Creek, including Sidehill Connector, Lower Sidehill Trail, South Ridge Road, Chestnut Cove and Explorer.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-225 **Feb. 24**  
**Ingles Field Gap via Boyd Branch and Little Hickory Top Trails 1:00 PM\***  
 Hike 6, Drive 20, Rated B-C  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Joe Burchfield, 828-398-8413, burchfield@niu.edu  
**P400** \***Note early start time.** A moderate loop hike up to Stradley Mountain following several of the trails in the Bent Creek Experimental Forest. **Second meeting place: Ingles parking lot across from Biltmore Square Mall on NC 191 south of I-26 at 1:20 PM.**

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-168 **March 2**  
**Pink Beds 1:00 PM\***  
 Hike 5, Drive 80, 200 ft. ascent, Rated C-C  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Lucy Prim, 828-693-6580, lucette32@mchsi.com  
**P400** \***Note early start time. Meet at Westgate to form carpools, and meet hike leader at Pisgah Ranger Station at 1:35 PM.** This is an easy loop hike with little elevation change, off US 276, not far from the Cradle of Forestry.

HALF-DAY No. H0801-064 **March 9**  
**Fletcher Creek via 1:00 PM\***  
**Spencer Branch Trail**  
 Hike 6, Drive 50, Rated B-C  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Greg Goodman, 828-684-9703  
**P400** \***Meet at Westgate at 1:00 PM to form carpools, and meet leader at pull-out just before Mills River Recreation Area at 1:30 PM.** From the Trace Ridge Trailhead, we will hike in a moderate loop along the Big Creek Trail, past the Hendersonville Reservoir, and along the Spencer Branch, Middle Fork and Fletcher Creek Trails. There will be a few stream crossings.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-587 **March 16**  
**Catawba Falls 1:00 PM\***  
 Hike 4, Drive 40, 600 ft. ascent, Rated C-C  
 Don Walton, 828-654-9904, donwalton@bellsouth.net  
 \***Note early start time. Please call Don Walton in advance for reservations.** This hike is the second for the CMC in at least 20 years, and will be conducted jointly by CMC and the Foothills Conservancy. The Foothills Conservancy (www.foothillsconservancy.org) has recently purchased a 23-acre property with loan funds to secure public access to the trail, and the USFS is working to acquire the property and add it to Pisgah National Forest. Since the 1870s when Rufus Morgan photographed the Catawba Falls, people have hiked along the Catawba River to view these spectacular waterfalls. After years of being off-limits, the falls are now on their way to becoming open to the public. The first falls is a moderate hike; however, the upper falls will be an optional hike because it is very difficult and should not be undertaken lightly. **Second meeting place: Parking lot adjacent to McDonald's at Exit 73 (Old Fort) off I-40 at 1:30 PM.** Topo: Black Mountain.

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-170 **March 23**  
**Butter Gap Trail 1:00 PM\***  
**to Picklesheimer Fields**  
 Hike 5, Drive 72, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-B  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Laura Stallard, 828-697-1579  
**P400** \***Note early start time. Meet at Westgate at 1:00 PM to form carpools and meet hike leader at the Fish Hatchery parking lot, at the end of the paved portion of FS 475, off US 276 at 1:40 PM.** From the Fish Hatchery parking lot, we will follow the Cat Gap Trail to its junction with

HALF-DAY NO. H0801-170 **March 23**  
**Butter Gap Trail 1:00 PM\***  
**to Picklesheimer Fields**  
 Hike 5, Drive 72, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-B  
 Nonmembers, please call leader, Laura Stallard, 828-697-1579  
**P400** \***Note early start time. Meet at Westgate at 1:00 PM to form carpools and meet hike leader at the Fish Hatchery parking lot, at the end of the paved portion of FS 475, off US 276 at 1:40 PM.** From the Fish Hatchery parking lot, we will follow the Cat Gap Trail to its junction with

## HIKE SCHEDULE First Quarter 2008

### Hike Ratings

<b>First Letter Distance</b>	<b>Second Letter Elevation Gain</b>
<b>AA:</b> Over 12 miles	<b>AA:</b> Over 2,000 ft.
<b>A:</b> 9-12 miles	<b>A:</b> 1,500-2,000 ft.
<b>B:</b> 6-9 miles	<b>B:</b> 1,000-1,500 ft.
<b>C:</b> Under 6 miles	<b>C:</b> Under 1,000 ft.

Also in the hike descriptions, the terms easy, moderate or strenuous reflect the overall trail conditions, physical challenge and other factors influencing hike difficulty. If you have questions or if the weather on the day of the hike is questionable, contact the leader.

### CHALLENGE PROGRAMS:

**SB6K** For hiking all 40 peaks above 6000'. For information, contact Don Gardner, gardog3@charter.net  
**P400** For hiking every trail in Pisgah Ranger District. For information, contact Don Gardner, gardog3@charter.net  
**900M** For hiking every trail in GSMNP. For information, contact John Gallemore, kelarco@aol.com

### WEDNESDAY HIKES

Wednesday hikes submitted by Charlie Ferguson, ccfl108@gmail.com. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All Wednesday hikes assemble at the east end of Westgate Shopping Center near I-240 exit 3B UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. Note that some hikes have second meeting places as described in hike listings.

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-104 **Jan. 2**  
**Wolfe Ford & High Falls 8:30 AM**  
 Hike 9, Drive 60, 600 ft. ascent, Rated A-C  
 Charlie Ferguson, 828-333-5165, ccfl108@gmail.com

**P400** From the gauging station on the South Mills River, we'll hike this mostly level trail to High Falls, then cross the footbridge at Wolfe Ford. We'll take the Rigby Cutoff (named for CMC hiker Ed Rigby) near Squirrel Gap to return to the trailhead. **Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Ranger Station at 8:35 AM.** Topo: Pisgah Forest; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-598 **Jan. 9**  
**Pink Beds to Soapstone Ridge 8:30 AM\***  
 Hike 6.7, Drive 90, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
 Becky Elston, 828-749-1886, belston@cytechusa.com

**P400** \***Meet at Westgate at 8:30 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Pisgah Ranger Station at 9:05 AM.** From the Pink Beds parking lot we will do part of the Pink Beds loop, then hike the Barnett Branch trail up to Rich Mountain on the Black Mountain trail for lunch and views to north

and south. Then down to the Cradle of Forestry via the Club Gap trail. Topo: Shining Rock; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-053 **Jan. 16**  
**East Fork Pigeon River 8:30 AM**  
 Hike 8, Drive 74, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
 Tom Sanders, 828-252-6327, tomary2@charter.net  
**P400** A stroll along one of WNC's most beautiful streams, the East Fork of the Pigeon River, which is often spectacular in the winter. We will ascend to Dark Prong for lunch and then return. Wilderness area, limit 10, so contact leader for reservation. **Second Meeting Place: Big East parking area on US 276, north of BRP at 9:15 AM.** Topo: Shining Rock; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-511 **Jan. 23**  
**Florence Nature Preserve 8:30 AM**  
 Hike 8, Drive 40, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
 Don Walton, 828-654-9904, donwalton@bellsouth.net  
 Walk all of the trails in the new 600+-acre Florence Nature Preserve that may become part of a larger plan to establish a new NC State Park in the Lake Lure area. This hike has easy loops with moderate climbs. **Second Meeting Place: Nita's Grocery in Gerton, near the Preserve at 9:00 AM.** Topo: Bat Cave; also Florence Nature Preserve Trail Map

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-278 **Jan. 30**  
**Kitsuma Peak 9:00 AM**  
 Hike 8, Drive 25, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
 Ken and Carol Deal, 828-281-4530, cnkdeal@charter.net

\***Only meeting place: Parking lot next to McDonald's at exit 64 of I-40 at 9:00 AM.** Our hike up Young's Ridge offers great views of Greybeard, Green Knob and the Mt. Mitchell area. We will start from the picnic area near Old Fort. Also we'll enjoy a grandstand view of the Swannanoa valley from our lunch spot. Topos: Old Fort, Black Mtn

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-594 **Feb. 6**  
**KagleStone Ramble 8:00 AM**  
 Hike 10.4, Drive 80, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA  
 Tom Bindrim & Joan Lemire, 828-273-3880

\***Meet at Westgate at 8:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leaders at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo side parking lot at 8:30 AM.** This will be a moderately paced hike (expect late return) in a Figure 8 loop that will take us to the tops of two granitic bubbles that together with their more famous companions, comprise our local pluton. Some off-trail hiking, even bushwhacking. Topo: Shining Rock and Rosman. Nat'l Geo. PRD trail map #780 is marginally useful

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-304 **Feb. 13**  
**Shut-In Trail to Garenflo Gap to Hot Springs 8:30 AM**  
 Hike 8.6, Drive 80, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
 Jay Bretz, 828-658-1220,

williambretz1220@msn.com  
 We'll start by hiking up the East Fork Shut-in Creek trail to the AT, doing 16 stream crossings and then a pleasant AT hike down Deer Park Mtn. 5 mile car shuttle. Topo: Lemon Gap, Spring Creek, Hot Springs; also Nat'l. Geo. French Broad & Nolichucky Rivers map #782

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-428 **Feb. 20**  
**Cane River Gap to Little Butt 8:30 AM**  
 Hike 7, Drive 50, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
 Ruben Marshall, 828-299-1497, cmrcmarshall@yahoo.com

This hike begins with a 1200 ft. ascent to the ridgeline, then continues along the top of the ridge with a few gradual ups-and-downs. After Big Butt, we'll follow the narrow ridgeline with good views to our lunch spot at Little Butt, which has a great view of the Black Mtns. range across the valley. Return via the same route. Topo: Mt. Mitchell; also USFS Big Ivy map

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-599 **Feb. 27**  
**Daniel Ridge-Caney Bottom – Cove Creek Falls Loop 8:30 AM\***  
 Hike 10, Drive 80, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated A-B  
 Stuart English, 828-883-2447, stuengo@citcom.net

**P400** \***Meet at Westgate at 8:30 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Pisgah Forest Ranger Station at 9:05 AM.** We'll start with the 4-mile Daniel Ridge Loop, ending at Tom's Spring Falls, a 100 foot falls. From these falls, we'll follow an old FS road, go down a perfectly good but unmapped trail to Caney Bottom Trail. Here we'll loop around it to Cove Creek Trail and 60 foot Cove Creek Falls, then back to Caney Bottom Loop and eventually back to our cars on Davidson River Road (FS 475). Topo: Shining Rock; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-595 **Mar. 5**  
**DuPont 3 Waterfalls and 3 Lakes 8:30 AM\***  
 Hike 9, Drive 86, 1140 ft. ascent, Rated A-B  
 Ashok Kudva, 828-698-7119, ashok.kudva@mchsi.com

\***Meet at Westgate at 8:30 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo side parking lot at 9:05 AM.** Between the Lake Imaging and Buck Forest parking lots we will visit Grassy Creek Falls, High Falls, Triple Falls, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense and Lake Alford. The last two lakes are named for local executives in the DuPont Company's Imaging Systems Manufacturing

### SATURDAY WORK DAY

Here is a great chance to learn what is involved in trail maintenance. We will meet on March 22 at the Moose Cafe at the Farmer's Market on Rt. 191 at 8 AM for breakfast. We will return to Asheville around 4:00 PM. Call Les Love at 828-658-1489 (leslove@charter.net) to verify date.

Department. After an optional 0.6 mile bushwhack to the summit of Joanna Mountain, we will stop for lunch on picnic benches at Lake Dense with a backdrop view of Joanna Mountain. Short car shuttle. Topo: Standingstone Mtn.; also DuPont State Forest Map, June 7, 2005 revision

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-330 **Mar. 12**  
**Raven Cliff Falls** **8:30 AM**  
Hike 8, Drive 95, 1450 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Ruth Hartzler, 828-251-0886, ruthmtn@charter.net  
We'll do a pleasant walk to the pedestrian bridge over the top of a beautiful 250 ft. waterfall in Caesar's Head St. Park in SC. The hike will follow the Raven Cliff Falls Trail and a portion of the Foothills Trail to the bridge, and then return with a side trip to the spectacular overlook of the falls and Matthew Creek Gorge. **Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo side parking lot at 9:05 AM.** Topo: Table Rock; also Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area trail map

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-600 **Mar. 19**  
**Pink Beds-Buckhorn Gap/ South Mills River Loop** **8:00 AM\***  
Hike 10, Drive 75, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated A-B  
Jack Fitzgerald, 828-685-2897, suejackfitz@bellsouth.net

**P400 \*Meet at Westgate at 8:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Pisgah Forest Ranger Station at 8:35 AM.** Hike starting on Pink Beds Loop to Barnett Branch (Art Loeb Trail), go up to Buckhorn Gap, then down to South Mills River. Hike to Gauging Station, then back to cars on the Pink Beds Loop trail. Lots of variety. Topo: Shining Rock; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-056 **Mar. 26**  
**Black Mountain Ramble** **8:30 AM**  
Hike 9.4, Drive 60, 2600 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA  
Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, bbente@bellsouth.net  
**P400 \*Meet at Westgate at 8:30 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Boyleston Baptist Church on NC 280 at 9:00 AM.** This great hike starts at Turkey Pen parking area, goes over Sharpy Mtn. and around Black Mtn., and ends at the Pisgah Maintenance parking lot. A long uphill, but with good views from our lunch spot at Black Mtn. Car shuttle. Topo: Pisgah Forest; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

WEDNESDAY NO W0801-439 **Apr. 2**  
**Pounding Mill Loop** **8:00 AM\***  
Hike 8, Drive 55, 950 ft. ascent, Rated B-C  
Greg Goodman, 828-684-9703  
**\*Meet at Westgate at 8:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Boyleston Baptist Church on NC 280 at 8:30 AM.** This hike takes the South Mills River Trail to the Pounding Mill Trail and on to Squirrel Gap Trail. We'll continue onto Pea Gap and then return on the Bradley Creek Trail. Topo: Pisgah Forest; also, Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

## ALL DAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 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 east end of Westgate Shopping Center near I-240 exit 3B UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. Some hikes will have second meeting places as described in hike listings.

NEW YEARS DAY NO. A0801-281 **Jan. 1**  
**Green River Gamelands**  
**8:00 AM breakfast, 9:00 AM hike\***  
Hike 6.5 or 8, Drive 70, 1300 or 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, bbente@bellsouth.net  
**\*Meet at Westgate at 7:30 AM to form carpools and meet leader at times above at the NE corner of the Cracker Barrel parking lot in Hendersonville (exit 53 on I-26).** After breakfast, we'll do a pleasant loop on a series of trails around the Green River Gamelands. We'll hike down to and along the Green River, with a late lunch at the big rocks on the Green River, and then hike up and out on the Pulliam Creek trail. Short car shuttle. Topo: Clifffield Mtn.; also Map of the Green River Gamelands Trails

ALL DAY NO. A0801-503 **Jan. 6**  
**Mt. Sterling via Baxter Creek Trail 7:45 AM\* (strenuous)**  
Hike 12.4, Drive 110, 4100 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA+  
Becky Smucker, 828-298-5013, bsmucker@charter.net  
**900M \*Note early start time.** This major climb in the Smokies is strenuous but on a gradual, well-graded trail. After passing through a mixed forest followed by Balsam and Red Spruce, we'll enjoy fine lunchtime views from the fire tower. With luck, we'll find some snow at the higher elevations. **Second meeting place: Pilot Truck Stop, exit 24 off I-40 at 8:15 AM.** Topo: Cove Creek Gap; also Nat'l. Geo. GSMNP map

ALL DAY NO. A0801-283 **Jan. 6**  
**Montreat Ramble #2** **9:00 AM\***  
**(moderate)**  
Hike 8, Drive 40, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Marlene Santa Maria, 828-299-9095, marlena98@hotmail.com  
**\*Note later start time. Meet at Westgate at 9:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at parking lot adjacent to McDonald's at exit 64 of I-40 at 9:20 AM.** This will be a moderate loop hike starting in Montreat and climbing to the great view from Lookout Mtn. Then on to Pot Cove Gap and down the Graybeard Trail to our cars. This close-to-home hike promises a good workout and nice views. Topo: Montreat; also Montreat Trail Map

ALL DAY NO. A0801-186 **Jan. 13**  
**Little Pisgah Mountain** **8:00 AM**  
Hike 9, Drive 36, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Kathleen Hannigan, 828-230-4883, kathleen.hannigan@pgnmail.com  
A pleasant hike, close to home for our coldest month. We'll hike from Hickory Nut Gap through part of the Florence Preserve and up into an open meadow to the summit of Little Pisgah Mtn. If the weather is clear, the view doesn't get any better. Topo: Bat Cave

ALL DAY NO. A0801-504 **Jan. 20**  
**Lane Pinnacle from Bull Gap** **8:30 AM\***  
Hike 10, Drive 30, 2900 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+  
Jay Bretz, 828-658-1220, williambretz1220@msn.com  
**\*Note later start time.** This will be a challenging winter hike on the MST, past the Rattlesnake Lodge site and up to good views from our lunch stop at Lane Pinnacle. Due to the substantial altitude change, we may find snow at the higher end. **Second meeting place: Bull Gap at 9:00 AM.** Topo: Craggy Pinnacle; also pg. 63-64 of MST Profiles book

SATURDAY NO. A0801-326 **Jan. 26**  
**Pump Gap (non-AT) loop** **8:00 AM**  
Hike 9.3, Drive 66, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated A-A  
Tom Sanders, 828-252-6327, tommary@charter.net  
This will be a moderate low-altitude ramble through the area between Tanyard Gap and Pump Gap. The hike won't include any of the AT, but we'll do all of Pump Gap Trail, connecting through woods roads and manways north and south of the AT. Topo: Hot Springs

ALL DAY NO. A0801-439 **Jan. 27**  
**Pounding Mill Loop** **8:30 AM\***  
Hike 9.5, Drive 55, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B  
Danny Bernstein, 828-236-0192, danny@hikertohiker.com  
**P400 \*Note later start time.** This hike takes the South Mills River Trail to the missing bridge, then backtracks and ascends the Pounding Mill and Squirrel Gap Trail. We'll continue on to Pea Gap and then return on the Bradley Creek Trail. **Second meeting place: Turkey Pen parking lot at 9:00 AM.** Topo: Pisgah Forest; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

ALL DAY NO. A0801-502 **Feb. 3**  
**Deep Creek – Sunkota Ridge loop** **7:30 AM\* (strenuous)**  
Hike 13, Drive 135, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated AA-A  
Charlie Ferguson, 828-333-5165, ccf108@gmail.com  
**900M \*Note early start time.** We will hike alongside Deep Creek, one of the beautiful streams on the east side of the Smokies, and then climb up to and down Sunkota Ridge, which will have good winter views. **Second meeting place: Rest area beyond Waynesville on US 23/74 at 8:00 AM.** Topos: Bryson City, Clingman's Dome; also

Nat'l. Geo. GSMNP map #229

ALL DAY NO. A0801-106 **Feb. 3**  
**Ferrin Knob via Spencer Branch and Bad Fork** **8:30 AM\* (moderate)**  
Hike 9, Drive 42, 1550 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
Ruben Marshall, 828-299-1497, cmrmarshall@yahoo.com  
**P400 \*Note later starting time.** This moderate jaunt in the North Mills River area is a loop hike that starts at the Trace Ridge trailhead and climbs via Spencer Branch trail past the Hendersonville Reservoir to our lunch spot atop 4064 ft. Ferrin Knob, the former site of a fire tower. We will return via the Bad Fork trail. **Second meeting place: Trace Ridge Trailhead at 9:00 AM.** Topo: Dunsmore Mtn.; also Natl. Geo. PRD map #780

ALL DAY NO. A0801-505 **Feb. 10**  
**The Other Cold Mtn.** **8:00 AM\***  
Hike 8, Drive 120, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
Dave Wetmore, 828-884-7296, davewetmore@citcom.net  
You may have climbed the Cold Mountain above Waynesville, but have you climbed the Cold Mountain above Panthertown Valley? This is a pleasant hike with good views of the Pisgah Ledge and at our lunch spot down into Panthertown Valley. **\*Meet at Westgate at 8:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Bi-Lo side parking lot in Pisgah Forest at 8:30 AM.** Topo: Big Ridge; also Panthertown Trail Map

ALL DAY NO. A0801-592 **Feb. 17**  
**ALT – Butter Gap – Long Branch Loop** **8:00 AM\***  
Hike 9, Drive 80, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Stu English, 828-883-2447, stuengo@citcom.net  
**P400 \*Meet at Westgate at 8:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at the side parking lot of the Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 8:30 AM.** This new CMC hike will start at Gloucester Gap and follow the Art Loeb Trail over Rich Mtn. to Butter Gap. At the gap, we'll turn downhill onto the Butter Gap Trail, then the Long Branch Trail and Cemetery Loop past the McCall Cemetery. There will be a short side trip to a beautiful, but rarely visited waterfall. We'll finish with a short road walk back to the trailhead. Topo: Shining Rock; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

SATURDAY NO. A0801-593 **Feb. 23**  
**AT: Lemon Gap – Bluff Mtn.** **8:00 AM**  
Hike 7.6, Drive 120, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
Don Walton, 828-654-9904, donwalton@bellsouth.net  
This AT hike takes us past the historic Walnut Mtn. shelter (built in 1938 by CCC) and recently cleared bald area, through Kale Gap and to the summit of Bluff Mtn. We may also bushwhack to the real peak of Bluff Mtn. **Second meeting place: Pilot Truck Stop off I-40 at exit 24 at 8:30 AM.** Topo: Lemon Gap

ALL DAY NO. A0801-420 **Feb. 24**  
**AT: Allen Gap to Tanyard Gap** **8:30 AM\***  
Hike 8.8, Drive 80, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
Tish Desjardins, 828-656-2191, desraylet@aol.com  
**\*Note later start time. Meet at Westgate at 8:30 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at parking lot on US 25 at intersection with NC 208 at 9:10 AM.** Great views from Rich Mtn. tower, a visit to Spring Mtn. shelter and one of the prettiest sections of the AT in our area highlight this pleasant winter hike. Car shuttle. Topo: Hot Springs

ALL DAY NO. A0801-594 **March 2**  
**KagleStone Ramble** **8:00 AM\* (strenuous)**  
Hike 10.4, Drive 80, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA  
Tom Bindrim & Joan Lemire, 828-273-3880  
**\*Meet at Westgate at 8:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leaders at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo side parking lot at 8:40 AM.** This will be a moderately-paced hike (expect late return), in a Figure 8 that will take us to the tops of two granitic bubbles that together with their more famous companions, comprise our local pluton. Some off-trail hiking, even bushwhacking. Topos: Shining Rock and Rosman; Nat'l. Geo. PRD trail map is marginally useful

ALL DAY NO. A0801-595 **March 2**  
**DuPont 3 Waterfalls and 3 Lakes** **8:30 AM\* (moderate)**  
Hike 9, Drive 86, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B  
Ashok Kudva, 828-698-7119, ashok.kudva@mchsi.com  
**\*Meet at Westgate at 8:30 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo, side parking lot, at 9:00 AM.** Between the Lake Imaging and Buck Forest parking lots we will visit Grassy Creek Falls, High Falls, Triple Falls, Lake Imaging, Lake Dense and Lake Alford. The last two lakes are named for local executives in the DuPont Company's Imaging Systems Manufacturing Department. After an optional half-mile bushwhack to the summit of Joanna Mountain, we will stop for lunch on picnic benches at Lake Dense with a backdrop view of Joanna Mountain. Short car shuttle. Topo: Standingstone Mtn.; also DuPont Forest Trail map, 6/7/05 revision

ALL DAY NO. A0801-330 **March 9**  
**Raven Cliff Falls** **9:00 AM\***  
Hike 8, Drive 95, 1450 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Kathy Kyle-Cornn, 828-698-3672, knkyle@yahoo.com  
**\*Note later start time and that this is the first day of Daylight Savings Time; meet at Westgate at 9:00 AM to form carpools, and meet leader at Bi-Lo in Pisgah Forest 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 St. Park in SC. The hike will follow the Raven Cliff Falls Trail and a portion of the Foothills Trail

to the bridge, and then return with a side trip to the spectacular overlook of the falls and Matthew Creek Gorge. Topo: Table Rock; also Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area trail map

ALL DAY NO. A0801-596 **March 16**  
**Foothills Trail: Rocky Bottom Access to Lake Jocassee** **8:00 AM**  
Hike 11.8, Drive 103, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated A-B  
Paul Benson, 828-251-1909, pdbenson@charter.net  
Come hike in the warm weather at the lower elevations! We'll do a hike new to CMC on the Foothills Trail in SC, from US 178 to Lake Jocassee. This in-and-out hike across Laurel Fork Gap and along Laurel Fork Creek features a scenic lakeside lunch spot. **\*Second Meeting Place: side parking lot of Bi-Lo in Pisgah Forest at 8:30 AM.** Topos: Eastatoo Gap, Reid; also Foothills Trail map

ALL DAY NO. A0801-076 **March 23**  
**Craggy to Little Snowball** **8:00 AM (moderate)**  
Hike 7.2, Drive 40, 2600 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
Lenny Bernstein, 828-236-0192, lsberns@worldnet.att.net  
From Bee Tree Gap we will take the Snowball trail to High Rock, with its views, and then on to Snowball Gap. We will then follow an old road around Little Snowball Mtn. to the old lookout atop Little Snowball. There are great views from the top of Little Snowball. Topo: Craggy Pinnacle

SATURDAY NO. A0801-423 **Mar. 29**  
**Pilot Rock, Laurel Mtn., Slate Rock Creek Trails** **8:00 AM**  
Hike 10, Drive 90, 1600 ft. ascent, Rated A-A  
Les and Catherine Love, 828-658-1489, lesrlove@charter.net  
**P400** We will hike up the Pilot Rock Trail, stopping to enjoy the views. Then we'll turn downhill on the Laurel Mtn. Trail and a no-name trail to the Slate Rock Creek Trail, one of the gems of Pisgah Nat'l. Forest. Short car shuttle. **Second meeting place: North Mills River Recreation Area parking lot at 8:30 AM, but call leader beforehand.** Topo: Dunsmore Mtn.; also Nat'l. Geo. PRD map #780

ALL DAY NO. A0801-597 **March 30**  
**Heartbreak Ridge – Rocky Mtn. Loop** **8:00 AM**  
Hike 13, Drive 70, 4600 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA+  
Stuart Tauber and Joanne Tulip, 828-254-0824, sdtauber@charter.net  
*This very strenuous hike will be limited to ten hikers, and hikers are required to contact the leader beforehand.* The hike will start at Graphite, climbs to and up Heartbreak Ridge past Glass Rock Knob to the summit of Rocky Mtn. A spectacular view of nearby mountains appears here. From