



Let's Go eNews

From The Editor

When Ted Snyder organizes a barbecue he does it right. He plans, buys and executes an all you can eat buffet for nearly 30 hungry hikers, and dinner starts on time. Plus he leads a hike the same day. In July, the efficacious Ted catered his second official CMC camporee. The Mountain Treasures camporees are more than a time to over eat. We hike in another part of the mountains we wouldn't normally see in a day hike, and see places that are being considered for more protection by the federal government. Read Ted's story about The Mountain Treasures.

If you haven't gone on one of the camporees, plan to go in the fall to Curtis Creek. Revel with regular hikers, and meet first time hikers to the club. Brent Martin and Jill Gottesman of [The Wilderness Society](#) have provided both leadership and insight into the areas as well as brought in naturalists who enrich our experience. Keep the barbecue and hikes coming Ted!

This issue has opportunities to give back to CMC. If you enjoy half-day hikes or helping others enjoy them, consider becoming the half-day hike scheduler. Help is also needed with the website. The club needs you.

If anyone has any articles for the newsletter, send them to me at eNews@carolinamountainclub.org

The newsletter will go out the last Friday of every month. The deadline to submit news is the Friday before it goes out.

Sincerely,
Kathy Kyle
Carolina Mountain Club

Hike
Save Trails
Make Friends



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CMC Members Extend Mountains To Sea Trail

Story Provided By Blue Ridge Parkway Staff

What would bring a dentist, a colonel, an electrician, a postal worker and an engineer together? The answer is National Trails Day, an annual celebration that encourages appreciation, awareness and enjoyment of America's trails. This event was celebrated at the most visited National Park Service site in America: [The Blue Ridge Parkway](#).

Volunteers from Western North Carolina gathered on the parkway near Waterrock Knob on Saturday morning with a common purpose - to extend a section of the [Mountains To Sea Trail](#) by 800 feet through dense woods. Of the more than two-dozen people present, at least three had never built a trail in their life. That didn't matter, because they were with the Carolina Mountain Club, whose mission is to enjoy and maintain the trails in the region.

"Anybody who loves the outdoors would love the Carolina Mountain Club," said Pat Johnson, a resident of Asheville. A first-time trail builder, Johnson was not deterred by the hard work, steep hills, or getting his hands dirty. He stated "I've been a hiker for years, and I enjoy trails so much."

Johnson and the other volunteers ascended the steep slope of the mountainside to reach the location of the new section of trail, marked only by blue ribbon. After a safety briefing, the volunteers spread out over the trail section and began clearing the shrubs, top layer of soil, and rocks. Slowly the winding trail began to take shape. Although it would be easy for mechanical equipment to cut a road through the forest on the Parkway, the Carolina Mountain Club chooses to build meandering, windy trails that move around natural features instead of through them.

"There are two reasons we have for going around things," said Piet Bodenhorst, a crew leader with the volunteer organization. "First," he said with a laugh, "we're lazy. Second, there's no reason to take the

character out of the trail. The mind needs to be active while you hike and (it) needs to see things."

Bodenhorst has built trails with the Carolina Mountain Club for more than a decade. For him, building trails isn't the most rewarding part of what he does with his free time - it's walking those trails he's helped make a reality.

"When you walk on a trail you've helped to build," Piet exclaimed, "you see how everyone contributes a little and doesn't think it's much. But when you see what lots of hands can do ... you really see what can be accomplished."

The trail crew was not made up of young men and women in the prime of their youth. Most of the regular trail crews the Carolina Mountain Club directs are made up of retirees. On Saturday, the oldest person swinging a hazel hoe was 86 years young.

"Anyone can see how an older person can lose their wits when they lay around all day. Your memory starts to leave you. With nowhere to go, older folks just walk around the house all day," Bodenhorst said. He added, "if you give folks a place to go out in nature, away from a sterile environment, you'd be surprised how sharp it keeps them."

Even though trail building involves sharp implements used to cut through underbrush, trees and soil, in addition to the chains and winches used to uproot tree stumps, there are few injuries among members of the Carolina Mountain Club. All members train under experienced trail builders before they are permitted to operate the more dangerous equipment. Novice trail builders are not novices in life, however. Almost every member of the trail club has years of experience in a professional trade. While many may not think the skills of a dentist would be useful in building a trail, members of the Carolina Mountain Club would beg to differ.

"The trail bosses aren't the only ones who are able to offer valuable advice when we come across a problem," Bodenhorst said. He continued, "Instead, we get input from 40 years of experience. Electricians approach a problem differently from a dentist, but they both have different ways of solving problems. Everyone has something valuable to offer."

When the volunteers called it a day in the mid-afternoon, everyone walked back toward their vehicles along the trail they spent the day building. What began as a thinly marked path through the woods ended as a meandering trail, built to last and to be enjoyed by thousands. Everyone from the new trail builders to the old hands left with a smile. National Trails Day is designed to encourage all Americans - young and old - out on the trails like the ones these volunteers helped to build. Perhaps there is something to the saying that 'the outdoors keeps a person young.'

"I've lost weight, my health is better, and I feel better getting out and working every day," Bodenhorst said with a grin. He added, "We like to say 'Come out with the Carolina Mountain Club, and we'll keep you going for 10 more years.'"

Danny Bernstein

By Bobbi Powers

Meet Danny Bernstein. Well maybe meet is the wrong word. Everybody knows Danny, but there are some things you don't know about this author and hiker.

Meet Danny Bernstein. Well, maybe meet is the wrong word. We all know Danny, at least the public Danny who has been the subject of many interviews and has written two hiking books with a third under way.

I set out to learn some behind-the-scenes, personal stories about a woman we already know - publically at least. During an enlightening hike/lunch/chat time at the NC Arboretum, Danny shared anecdotes ranging from the hardest hike she's ever done (You'll be surprised!) to whether a fourth book is in her future. Let's begin at the beginning.



Danny was born in France and lived there until she was 10 years old. She's not French but was named Danielle for a French actress. Danielle was not the popular name it is today, and teachers continually mispronounced it, so in 7th grade, when the teacher called the roll on the first day of school, she said, "My name is Danny," and it stuck. She sped through high school and college in Brooklyn, NY, graduating from Brooklyn College at age 20 with a major in math and economics. Upperclassmen were allowed to take one computer class (remember, this was 1966); that class was an "Aha Moment." Danny had found her career niche!

And about the same time, she found her man. Danny's friend set her up on a blind date in Brooklyn. It was Lenny.

Danny says, "He was an older and sophisticated man and he had a car. As a New Yorker, that was important." (He was in graduate school at Purdue University in Indiana.) After six months of writing letters back and forth and Lenny's coming to Brooklyn during each school break, they got engaged. Danny graduated from college; they got married and moved to West Lafayette where Danny earned a Master's Degree in statistics and a minor in computer science while Lenny finished his PhD in chemical engineering.

Danny's hiking lifestyle began back in 1967 when she and Lenny drove their VW Bug around the West as Lenny interviewed for jobs. Their Grand Tour took them to Yellowstone, San Francisco, and the Grand Canyon. Here they took their first hike, "the hardest hike we've ever done." They wanted to see the bottom of the canyon, but mule trips are booked months in advance. So at 6 am, with Lenny wearing street shoes and Danny in sneakers, they began their descent carrying a water bottle. Of course, the water was gone by the time they got to the bottom, and the hot August sun was beating

down on them. The only way out was UP. There were water stations or telephones at half-mile intervals.

At mile 4.5 Lenny had had it. He lay on the ground under the water spigot and announced he could go no further. Danny trudged onward and upward and at mile 3 found a telephone and two other hikers. She phoned, saying, "I need an emergency mule!" The guy said, "That mule will cost you \$25." Danny ordered the mule and trekked the rest of the way out with the other two hikers for moral support. Danny's day ended at the top at 6 pm. Lenny arrived astride a mule two hours later. Yep, that is the hike that hooked them on hiking! They began joining hiking clubs as soon as they got their first jobs in New Jersey and are still hiking together 46 years later.

Danny worked at Bell Labs in New Jersey for more than a decade. In the 1980's she moved into academia, teaching Computer Science at Kean University in Union, NJ, and earned her PhD in Information Systems. I asked Danny what her students thought of her, and she answered, "I was entertaining. I knew many of them were first or second- generation Americans and they were stuck with me for 50 minutes."

Danny has been a teacher ever since. She said, "I want people to reap the benefits, both physically and emotionally, of an outdoor life style. The family that hikes together stays together!" She is unrelentingly optimistic about the benefits of hiking and firmly believes anyone can become a hiker. She just completed her third annual Family Nature Summit at Rocky Mountain National Park with her 9- year-old granddaughter. She is passing on the joys of being outdoors. No doubt when her 3-year-old granddaughter is old enough, she will be included in these yearly outings.

Danny's first book, *Hiking the Carolina Mountains*, is in its fourth or fifth printing. She followed it with *Hiking North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains* and is working hard to meet a November deadline for her third book, *Walking the Mountains to Sea Trail: 1000 Miles through North Carolina*. (A working title at this point) She enjoys the marketing part of selling her books, even though the books are not money-makers. However, she loves educating the public about the outdoors. When I asked if there is a fourth book rolling around in her head, she laughed and answered, "That's like asking a pregnant woman when she is going to have another child!"

In the 11 years Danny has been a CMC member, she has organized the Wilderness First Aid Class and the Hike Leaders Dinner, both while serving as the first chairperson of the CMC Education Committee. She is currently secretary of the CMC. Danny recently retired from seven years as editor of the eNews. She is proud that she consistently included "hard-core news" in this online newsletter. Danny also leads lots of hikes for CMC (as well as for Friends of the Smokies), saying, "I like watching regular folks start hiking and progress to doing things they never thought they could do." Peering into the future for the club, Danny "would love to see more active members and more publicity for CMC."

Danny is well-known in the CMC for her prodigious accomplishments. She's hiked all 800 miles of trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. She has completed the entire A.T. (2000+miles), the entire

Mountains to Sea Trail (1000 miles), and the South Beyond 6000 Challenge. Physically, she said doing the A.T. was the hardest, but logistically, being the 21st finisher of the MST was most difficult because of the lack of camping and other facilities. She has dreams of hiking the French part of the El Camino, perhaps starting the DuPont Challenge with hiking buddy Sawako Jager, and she admits to being “a national parks geek” and visits as many parks as possible and then writes about her experiences for nationalparkstraveler.com.

Danny’s busy, highly-organized “punch the clock” lifestyle did not end with retirement from her work career. This Super Woman makes time to do it all - hiking, writing, educating, travelling, grandmothing, and yes, she even reads books and attends cultural events. She crams a lotta livin’ into each day!

I wish her a long, vigorous, and happy life and look forward to more of her amazing feats



Trail Maintainers Annual Picnic Albrights To Host Gathering On Sept. 15

Jack and Lois Albright will be hosting the Annual CMC Trail Maintainers Picnic at their house in Alexander, NC on the third Saturday of September. This year that is September 15th.

The format remains the same. Everyone attending should bring their favorite dish to share, and a LAWN CHAIR or blanket for sitting. Anyone who has wielded a hazel hoe or a Pulaski on behalf of the Club's commitment to maintain over 400 miles of trails in WNC is invited. This includes the Quarterly Saturday folks as well.

Jack and Lois will provide burgers, brats, dogs and chicken as well as plates, plastic ware, condiments, and cold drinks. Please provide your own Adult Beverages. Invited guests will provide their favorite salads, casseroles and mouth watering desserts. There will be live entertainment through out the afternoon by the "Unnamed Rangers". Their mix of country, western and Blue Grass offers something for everyone and they have been a favorite for the past two years.

There is no rain date so it's 'rain or shine' but the weather has cooperated every year so far and this year, besides tents for shade and

rain protection there is a new 4 bay garage in case the skies do open up. So don't let the weather keep you away.

Come on out a meet your fellow maintainers from other crews or from the ranks of the section maintainers from the AT and MST.

Please RSVP before September 5th to either 828 275 8331 or ME7679@aol.com



Mountain Treasures: Camporees Highlight Areas Being Considered For Status Change

Pictures By Sawako Jager Story By Ted Snyder

Over the past several years conservationists have met a number of times to identify places on Western North Carolina National Forests that deserve protection This effort reached its culmination in 2011 by The Wilderness Society with the publication of its booklet: North Carolina's Mountain Treasures. This book identifies the 41 places on the Nantahala/Pisgah National forests that are in need of more protective measures and special designations.

This publication comes at an opportune time. The U.S. Forest Service is set to begin a revision soon of the Forest Management Plan for the Nantahala/Pisgah. An earlier version of Mountain Treasures was published just before work began on the forest Management Plan currently in place. It had a strong effect leading to protection of many special places by that plan.

A goal of the Conservation community in Western North Carolina is to secure a high degree of protection for the Mountain Treasures highlighted by [The Wilderness Society](#).

Some of the Mountain Treasures already have a modest level of protection. Three are congressionally designated Wilderness Study Areas, one is a congressionally designated Wild and Scenic River Study Area. The Clinton Administration identified 20 places in Western

North Carolina, now known as "Inventoried Roadless Areas", under the Roadless Areas Rule. That process also identified a number of small additions to existing designated Wilderness areas; and one large roadless area, a part of which lies in Tennessee. Many others of the Mountain Treasures have no protection at all, and could be logged or developed at any time.

When the Forest Management Plan is being revised, conservationists will be making a major effort to secure further and permanent protection for the Mountain Treasures. Such protection could include recommendations for Wilderness designation, recommendations for Wild and Scenic River designation, National Recreation or Scenic Area designation, Research Natural Area designations, and others. We will want all Inventoried Roadless Areas to retain at least the level of protection they now have.

In order for this effort to be successful, it is important that as many citizens as possible visit the Mountain Treasures, and begin to catalog and assess their attributes. This is the beginning step in securing their protection. We must develop a cadre of visitors who are personally acquainted with each area and have personal knowledge of the qualities that make them unusual and worthy of protection.

When the Mountain Treasures booklet was published, the Carolina Mountain Club undertook as a project the sending of a hike into each of them. Doing this as a series of individual hikes would have taken an unduly long time. We hit on the idea of a series of Camporees to make shotgun blasts at the list. A camporee is a car camping weekend, set at a selected central point. From a camporee site a number of hikes can be sent into nearby Mountain Treasures, some on Saturday and more on Sunday. CMC plans on holding three camporees in 2012 and three more in 2013. In 2012 we have held camporees in April at Mortimer and in July at Appletree. Those camporees hosted 7 hikes each. The next camporee will be held October 5-7 at Curtis Creek (near Old Fort), with a similar blast of hikes planned.

There will be a few areas we can't reach from camporees. We will fill them in as "outliers" with individual hikes, and they will be advertised with the standard CMC hike schedule as the Mountain Treasures series.

One feature of a successful camporee has been a group meal on Saturday night. We plan to continue those.

The response of CMC hike leaders to help with the camporee hikes has been superb. We couldn't pull this project off without deep and caring support.

For more information and maps of the North Carolina's Mountain Treasures, please visit www.ncmountaintreasures.org .



Will leads CMC hikers in yoga.



Hungry hikers eat.

Sawako Finishes Latest Challenge Pisgah 400



Photo and Story by Danny Bernstein

Sawako Jager finished all the trails in Pisgah National Forest on Monday July 16, 2012, the [P400](#). Congratulations! I was privileged to be on her last hike - Black Mountain Trail.

Sawako should really be proud of this accomplishment. The trails in Pisgah District are rugged, steep, and not always well-marked. But it is only by finishing a hiking challenge like the [Pisgah 400](#) that you really learn the area.

According to her records,

"There are 122 trails on the latest [P400](#) list and the total is 456.9 miles." But to finish 456.9 miles, you must repeat many sections that you've already done, so she may have hiked 600 miles.

Sawako reports that "the first trail I did was #358 Graveyard Field Loop trail on September 27, 2007." Her favorite summer hike was #102 Big Creek to #353 North Mills River where she enjoyed many wet creek crossings.

Her favorite winter hike was # 117 Slick Rock Falls, #601 Sunwall and #132 North Face trails to see three different faces of Looking Glass Rock up close. If you're lucky, you can see rock climbers in action.

Carolina Mountain Club administers several hiking challenges. For the [Pisgah 400](#), it's real simple. Buy the National Geographic map #780 for the Pisgah Ranger District and hike all the trails on the map. There's a form on the CMC site which lists all the trails. Keeping good records is key to success.

When you're done, let the contact person for this challenge know that you've done them. No one checks. It's all on the honor system.

And again, congratulations Sawako!



"Why Does That Woman Have Rocks In Her Pack?!"

by Maggie Marshall

The next time you see a slightly dazed-looking woman taking boulders out of her backpack and putting them on the trail, be nice to her - it might be me. I am currently training to do Muir's March, a 7-day, 47-mile fundraising backpacking trip in the wilderness of Yosemite National Park.



Training for a backpacking trip is probably the least enjoyable way to participate in day hiking, but trying to keep up with a bunch of seasoned day hikers who have only a sandwich and a bottle of water in their fanny packs while you're toting 35 lbs is a great way to challenge yourself! I trained for a similar trip last year, even though I had never backpacked before, had not been camping since I was 12, and had taken somewhat of a sabbatical from the trail in general for a good 5 or 6 years. In other words, I was not in good shape. But I was determined to change that, and fast, since Day 3 of the planned trip involved climbing up out of a 4000 foot canyon with a full pack. Here is how I spent the roughly 8 weeks before the hike to make sure they weren't going to have to helicopter me out:

First, just to get my hiking chops back, I went on every group hike I could find. I worked my way up to three hikes a week, of varying lengths and levels - from 5 miles up to 12, with elevation rises of 400 to 2000 ft. As my huffing and puffing grew less noticeable, I began to add weight to my pack. My normal day pack weight is about 12 lbs; I added weight in increments of about 3 lbs, progressing within a few short weeks to the 35 lbs I would be expected to carry.

The huffing and puffing returned, only to be drowned out by me loudly proclaiming that I was toting a lot of weight in my pack lest anyone think I was a complete wuss. First I used rocks, weighing them on my bathroom scale. The idea was that if I was really suffering on an uphill I could simply remove the rocks and leave them on the trail. Here's the downside of that idea: while hiking the trail to Little Butt I tripped and fell to my knees, allowing my unbelted day pack to fly forward and conk me in the back of the head with 20 lbs of rocks. Luckily I was more embarrassed than injured.

Next I tried bags of sugar and flour, much less deadly when they attack. These worked fine, soft and cushy in the pack, but unless I wanted to bake a cake over a campfire there would be no getting rid of them on the trail. Finally one of the many wise people I hike with wondered gently if I'd thought about just carrying massive amounts of water. A half gallon of water weighs 8.5 lbs! Who knew?

I'm back at it again this year. This current trip, in progress by the time you read this, will include a 2500 foot climb up to 9000 feet on our very first day out. The other day I hiked with 37 lbs in my pack. Besides my usual pack junk, here is what I carried: a half gallon of water, a 36 oz. bottle of water, two 2 lb bags of sugar, one 5 lb bag of flour. I've found the combination of water plus sugar and flour bags less sloshy than all water and more balanced. And who knows, maybe on our next hike I will bake you a cake.

For more information about my hike as part of Muir's March and the Restore Hetch Hetchy Project, go to:

<http://muirsmarch.landingpage.dojiggy.com/index.cfm>

Wanted:

Website Maintainer, Half-Day Hike Scheduler

By Stuart English

Bonnie Allen is stepping down from the job of scheduling the half-day hikes. The Hiking Committee is searching for someone to fill her shoes. The responsibilities for the schedulers are:

- Send emails to CMC hike leaders asking them to choose a date and a hike to lead for the quarter.
- Receive emails from leaders and fill in the schedule template with the hike information.
- Make suggestions for hikes to leaders that want to help.
- Submit the finished schedule for proofreading and printing in Lets Go.

Members of the hiking committee will assist in every step of the training and scheduling process. The next scheduling cycle, for the winter quarter, begins about the second week of October. We would like to have our new scheduler by then.

Although CMC has a number of areas of interest, particularly trail maintenance, the hikes that CMC schedules and leads have been the core of what we do. The benefits of scheduling hikes are getting to know about the available hikes better and getting to work directly with the hike leaders and Hiking Committee more closely. It is rewarding to see the reports from hike leaders as they are reported in the eNews and help leaders with any issues they have as their hike dates approach. Thank you Bonnie, for all you've done.

Help Needed With Website

If you have computer skills and would like to help CMC, this is a great opportunity for you. A volunteer is needed to troubleshoot, identify problems and help users with our website. This volunteer will act as a liaison with Nathan and Lynn Ebanks, the professional technical support team from Stratos, the company that built our new website.

Problems that can't be solved in-house would be passed on to them by our new volunteer. If you have ever wondered what went on behind the scenes of our busy organization and would like to be in the loop, then contact Marcia Bromberg at president@carolinamountainclub.org.



CMC Hike Features Science Learning Center

Photo and Story by Ashok Kudva

CMC members have the opportunity to help with ongoing research projects. Paul Super of [The Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center](#) at Purchase Knob recently spoke to CMC members about research projects and more during a scheduled July hike that started at The Swag.

Super, the research coordinator of the Center, talked to us about the history of acquisition of purchase and current research programs and hosted a Q&A session. One of his interns is working on a monitoring project studying phenology (when plants go through different life stages like leafing out, flowering, and changing color in the fall). The project will involve volunteers to visit some of the sites periodically to record the data. It is possible for interested CMC members to volunteer time to assist in this and other research programs to enrich ourselves. If you are interested, contact Paul directly at 828-926-6251 or e-mail at paul_super@nps.gov

The learning center is accessible only through a gated gravel road, an extension of Hemphill Road off US276. It is open to the public only when the staff opens the gate for scheduled education events. We can find out if they will be open on the days of our hikes a few days in advance (828 926 6251).

The history of acquisition of purchase has an interesting history. During the Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built the 13-mile Cataloochee Divide Trail between Cove Creek Gap and Polls Gap. A split-rail fence isolated adjoining private properties from the then newly created Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Many CMC hikers have hiked this trail in key-swap all day hikes and seen adjoining private lands. Five miles from Cove Creek Gap on this trail, there is a 535 acre land parcel next to the original Park called Purchase by the locals.

In 1964, the late Voit Gilmore and Kathryn K. McNeil, his first wife, bought the Purchase and built a summer retreat home for their family of five children. Gilmore, a graduate of the University of North Carolina (UNC) with degrees in journalism and political science and a doctorate in geography, was a member of the North Carolina Senate, mayor of Southern Pines, Director of the North Carolina Zoo, president of National and North Carolina Forestry Associations, and the first director of The U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. He also donated land for Pinecrest High School and established the Voit Gilmore Distinguished Professor of Geography position at UNC. Kathryn K. McNeil, the author of "Purchase Knob, Essays from a Mountain Notebook, 1999", is one of the founders of The Friends of the Smokies.

In 2000, they donated the property including the scenic Purchase Knob, historic Ferguson Cabin and their home to the Park. One of their requests was to use the donated property for educational purposes. The Park Service honored the donors' request immediately by establishing The Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob at the donors' home and staffing it with highly proficient people.

The building includes a 50-person classroom, a laboratory, offices, a kitchen, and housing for eight visiting scientists. It is one of five original national park research and learning centers moving towards a goal of 32 nationwide centers. Researchers from Duke, N.C. State and other universities with supervised assistance from students in middle and high schools, and academic interns from all over the world participate. Research includes wildlife, insects, vegetation, and weather. School children and teachers frequently visit the center for educational

programs. The [Purchase Knob Webcam](#) provides views and weather conditions, and the website is very popular.

Trails Closed In The Smokies

By Tom Wainner

The following trails are closed as a result of the storm damage of July 5, 2012: Ace Gap, Chestnut Top, Finley Cane, Rabbit Creek from junction with trails from Hatcher and Hannah mountains to Abrams Falls trailhead, Scott Mountain, West Prong

The following trails remain closed from previous damage: Hatcher Mountain, Beard Cane, Gunthers Fork.

The following trails are closed to horseback riders and are recommended to be avoided by hikers until full assessment is made: Rich Mountain, Indian Grave Gap, Rich Mountain Loop, Crooked Arm Ridge, Crib Gap, Turkey Pen Ridge, Lead Cove Schoolhouse Gap, Bote Mountain, Cooper Road, Anthony Creek, Russell Field, Gold Mine,

The following roads are closed: Little River between Townsend Wye and Metcalf Bottoms, Forge Creek and Parsons Branch, Abrams Creek Road to campground, Tremont Road beyond the institute at Tremont.

Reminder: HIKING ON ANY OF THESE CLOSED TRAILS OR ROADS CAN SUBJECT THE VIOLATOR TO A CITATION BY PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT. This fact was confirmed by resource education park ranger (and former park law enforcement ranger) Mike Masalona on July 9, 2012

The Small Print

The next issue will come out on Friday, August 31. Wednesday hike reports for the hike just before the eNews comes out will be published in the next eNews.

Hiker leaders, please send all your eNews hike reports and photos to hikereports@carolinamountainclub.org

So send your news by Friday evening at 9 P.M. before the newsletter comes out, that is, by Friday evening August 24 to Kathy Kyle at eNews@carolinamountainclub.org. Include your email address at the end of your story. Thank you.

The CMC Calendar is meant to answer the perennial question "When is this happening again?" It is also meant to prevent conflicts between competing CMC events. Please check it often.

Westgate parking - Park in the northernmost part of the lot - past EarthFare, in the last row of parking spaces.

How to join the Carolina Mountain Club

1. Go to www.carolinamountainclub.org
2. Click on "Join CMC" on the right side and follow the instructions

For CMC members only - Send all address and email changes to Gale O'Neal at gogalemail@gmail.com. Do not resubscribe yourself to the eNews. That will be done automatically. If you are a non-member subscriber, you need to go back to the eNews and make the change yourself.

