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.

John Whitehouse, johnwhitehouse@ccvn.com
Greybeard O/L to Black Mtn Campground
BRP Visitor Ctr to Greybeard O/L
Big Ridge O/L to BRP Visitor Center

Todd Eveland, pepsitodd1@gmail.com
Robert Bolt, otherob@inbox.com
Old Bald to Hwy 215

Larry Sobil, lsobil@bellsouth.net
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Greybeard O/L to Black Mtn Campground
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HIKE SCHEDULE
Fourth Quarter 2021

First Letter Second Letter
Hike Distances Elevation Gain
AA: Over 12 miles AA: Over 2,000 ft.
A: 9.1-12 miles A: 1,501-2,000 ft.
B: 6.1-9 miles B: 1,001-1,500 ft.
C: Up to 6 miles C: 1,000 ft. or less

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

CHALLENGE PROGRAMS
A.T.-MST For hiking the 228 miles of the A.T. and MST on CMC maintained sections. Contact ATMST@CarolinaMountainClub.com
FH100 For hiking all 100 trails in the “100 Favorite Trails of the Smokies and Carolina Blue Ridge.” Contact Steve Pierce, stevepierce50@gmail.com
LTC For hiking all 24 lookout towers in WNC. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com
P400 For hiking every trail in Pisgah Ranger District. Contact P400@CarolinaMountainClub.org
SB6K For hiking all 40 peaks above 6000’. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com
WC100 For hiking the 100 best waterfalls in the area. Contact Jack Fitzgerald, 828-685-2897, suejackfitz@bellsouth.net
YPC For hiking eight different Land Management areas with youth 17 and under. Contact Kay Shurtleff at kshurtleff@msn.com
900M For hiking every trail in GSMNP. Contact Steve Pierce, stevepierce50@gmail.com

FOURTH QUARTER 2021
Quarterly Hike Schedule

SCHEDULED HIKES
The remaining Quarterly Saturday Trail Maintenance Workday is October 9. We meet at 8:30 and return to Asheville by 3:00. Contact Les Love for details and where to meet.

leslove55@gmail.com | 828-658-1489

YOUTH PARTNER CHALLENGE HIKES
The Youth Partnership Challenge is designed to introduce youth to fun, educational hiking experiences. Hikes are open to CMC members as well as newcomers. 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. Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of fifteen hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation.

Saturday No. Y2104-746 Dec. 4
Bearwallow Mtn. 9:30 AM
Hike 2.5, Drive 40, 500 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Jan Onan, 828-606-5188, janonan59@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles on US 64 off Exit 49 of I-26 (Hendersonville). We will hike to the grassy summit with a nearly 360-degree view. A historic fire lookout tower occupies the summit. Bring a camera to capture the beautiful views of the mountains. The summit of Bearwallow Mtn. can be very windy and cold. Dress appropriately. Please contact leader beforehand so we know you are coming.
Topo(s): Bat Cave

SCHEDULED HIKES
Wednesday hikes submitted by Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, bdworley@gmail.com. Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation. Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. 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.

ALL-DAY WEDNESDAY HIKES
Wednesday No. W2104-943 Oct. 6
Roundtop Mountain Loop from Sassafras Mountain 8:00 AM
Hike 7.5, Drive 85, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Norm Sharp, 864-268-9409, cell: 864-609-7182, norm.sharp@att.net
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Form carpools and meet leader at the second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Sassafras Tower parking lot at 9:00 AM.
This trip in the Jocasse Gorges on the Palmetto Trail goes through the Carolina Hemlock Loop and features a great view of Rock Mountain. We will see groves of Carolina Hemlock being preserved by South Carolina DNR. We will begin at Sassafras Mtn., South Carolina’s highest, and see the new overlook there, then follow the Foothills Trail to the Roundtop Mountain Passage of the Palmetto Trail. Please note that part of the hike is in DNR game lands, and beginning October 1 all hikers must wear a blaze orange hat or vest for safety as mandated by SC law.
Topo(s): Eastatoe Gap, Table Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-475 Oct. 6
Hump Mountain and Yellow Mountain Area 8:00 AM
Hike 8.4, Drive 133, 2400 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA
Diane Saccone, 703-283-1068, reemscreekyoga@aol.com
Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Join us along one of the most scenic areas on the A.T. near Roan Mountain (Roan-Unaka Range) for great views of the fall colors. We will hike from Roaring Creek Road to Yellow Mountain Gap, joining the A.T. along an open ridge to Little Hump Mtn. and Hump Mtn. We will have lunch on a grassy bald at 5587 ft. and return to Yellow Mtn. Gap, then take the Overmountain Victory Loop back to the trailhead. This hike is #99 of the 100 Favorite Trails.
Topo(s): Carvers Gap

Wednesday No. W2104-634 Oct. 13
High Top Tower Site 8:30 AM
Hike 6, Drive 57, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated C-AA, P400
Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jqs290@gmail.com and Judy Magura, 828-606-1490, quilter290@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation. Since we are no longer allowed to access the forest road which leads to the High Top Tower Site via the Daniel Boone Camp, we will cross the west prong of the Pigeon River and ascend to the forest service road to High Top Tower via the Fork Ridge Trail. We will return the same way. Expect beautiful views. Two wet stream crossings are required. Bring water shoes and a towel for the water crossings. We can store our water shoes at a rock so we don’t have to carry them on the hike. This hike is strenuous because of the climb. Most of the 2200 ft. ascent is attained on the very steep first three miles. Hiking poles are recommended.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-874 Oct. 13
Chasteen Creek Falls 9:00 AM
Hike 7.5, Drive 125, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Carroll Koeppling, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Maggie Valley Post Office at 9:30 AM - but contact leader first.
We’ll hike along Bradley Fork and Chasteen Creek Trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where we will marvel at the changing leaves, late fall flowers, and a tumbling waterfall. After the hike, we’ll walk to the Bradley Cemetery and the Luftee Church, which is always open to visitors.
Topo(s): Smokemont

Wednesday No. W2104-337 Oct. 20
Shining Rock from Black Balsam #1 8:00 AM
Hike 11, Drive 60, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B, P400, SB6K
Karen Scharmann, 312-241-3329, Schulz.KarenJ@GMail.com and Ken Scharmann, 847-772-4693, Krsuns@Comcast.net
First Meeting Place: Ashevile Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: BRP Cold Mountain Overlook at MM 412 at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.
Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation. Contact Karen Scharmann for reservations. We will take the ALT from FS 816 to Shining Rock (6040 ft.), climbing Black Balsam (6214 ft.), Tennent Mtn. (6040 ft.) and Grassy Cove Top (6040 ft.) along the way. This will be your chance to bag four SB6K peaks while enjoying beautiful views covering the area from Pilot Mtn. to Cold Mtn. We ‘ll return via the Ivestor Gap Trail to get a different perspective on the same area. This hike is #49 of the 100 Favorite Trails.
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Wednesday No.W2104-941 Oct. 20
Standing Indian Loop 8:00 AM
Hike 9.6, Drive 160, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Carroll Koeppling, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 8:30 AM.
This hike begins at the Pisgah Forest Maintenance parking lot and follows the Black Mountain and Club Gap Trails. We will climb to beautiful views of the surrounding mountains, and continue on to Club Gap and down to FS 477. Car shuttle. This hike is #66 of the 100 Favorite Trails.
Topo(s): Pisgah Forest, Shining Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-578 Oct. 27
Flat Laurel Creek, Little Sam Knob, M ST Loop 8:30 AM
Hike 8, Drive 66, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, AT-MST
Sharon Smith, 704-877-7804, waltersharon204@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools at first meeting place and meet leader at second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Gravel parking lot on NC 215 1/4 mile north of BRP at 9:15 AM.
This is a pleasant loop trail with views of Sam Knob, Fork Ridge and Flat Laurel Creek. This year we’ll be hiking in a counter-clockwise direction, up the MST with a side trip to Devils Courthouse for lunch, down the Little Sam Knob Trail to Flat Laurel Creek and then a gentle return on the Flat Laurel Creek Trail. We’ll end with a short walk along NC 215 to our cars.
Topo(s): Sam Knob

Wednesday No. W2104-542 Nov. 3
Wesser Creek - Wesser Bald 8:00 AM
Hike 10.8, Drive 144, 2350 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA, LTC
Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381, butcher.tom3381@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Waynesville Publix
parking lot, east end, off Exit 102 of U.S.74 at 8:30 AM. This excellent route starts at the end of the Wasser Creek Road and climbs to the ridge on the old route of the Appalachian Trail, a beautiful forest environment along a mountain stream. On reaching the ridge, we join the A.T. and continue south to the Wasser Bald Tower. This is the old fire tower, the top half of which has been removed and a large deck added. Here are 360-degree views. Return on the new route of the A.T. to N.O.C. Short car shuttle.

**Topo(s):** Wasser

**Wednesday No. W2104-833 Nov. 3**

**Highlands Plateau**

**Progressive Hikes 8:00 AM**

Hike 8.2, Drive 50, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B, and Shuck Falls extension 8:30 am Wednesday No. W2104-062

Topo(s): Mt. Mitchell

Our lunch spot at Little Butt, which has a great gradual ups-and-downs. After Big Butt, we continues along the top of the ridge with a few formations, and on to the spectacular view from Blackrock Mtn. From there we will descend a bit and then hike out to even more spectacular views of craggy Pinnacle Park. We will then backtrack a short distance before descending steeply to our vehicles at the Fisher Creek Trailhead. 30-minute car shuttle. If the parkway is closed, another hike will be announced.

Topo(s): Sylva North

**Wednesday No. W2104-632 Nov. 24**

**Cantrell Lodge History Hike 9:00 AM**

Hike 8.5, Drive 70, 700 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, P400

Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747, dannyhiker@gmail.com

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

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

This in-and-out hike begins at the Turkey Pen parking area and follows the South Mills River Trail to the Cantrell Lodge, following an old logging railroad grade. On the way, we’ll cross three pedestrian bridges and pass a couple of unusual Carstone signs. We’ll learn more about the history of this historic lodge and area. This hike is #64 of the 100 Favorite Hikes. CMC members only, no guests.

Topo(s): Pisgah Forest

**Wednesday No. W2104-762 Dec. 1**

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

Hike 14, Drive 100, 3000 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA, LTC, 900M

Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381, butler.tom3381@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at trailhead. 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. This hike is #29 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Waterville

**Wednesday No. W2104-325 Dec. 1**

**Tanyard Gap to Rich Mountain 9:30 AM**

Hike 5.5, Drive 61, 1350 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, AT-MST, LTC

Karen Scharmann, 312-241-3329, Schulz.KarenJ@GMail.com and Ken Scharmann, 847-772-4693, Ksruns@Comcast.net

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

**Second Meeting Place:** Corner of US 25/70 & NC 208 at 10:00 AM. Contact Karen for reservations. A moderate
hike, with views from Rich Mountain fire tower. Hike north on the A.T. 2.4 miles to a short, steep side trail (wooden sign on the left) leading to the tower. The fire tower is open, enabling hikers to climb to the top for views. We will retrace our steps southbound on the A.T. to return to the parking lot. This hike is #42 of the 100 Favorite Hikes.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Wednesday No. W2104-420 Dec. 8
Tanyard Gap to Allen Gap 8:00 AM
Hike 8.8, Drive 60, 2100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, AT-MST, LTC
Tish Desjardins, 828-380-1452, desraylet@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 8:45 AM.

This is one of the prettiest sections of the A.T. in our area. We will take a side trip to the newly renovated Rich Mountain fire tower and visit the Spring Mountain shelter. Please bring enough cars so that all hikers can be safely belted in for the car shuttle. This hike is #42 of the 100 Favorite Trails.

Topo(s): Hot Springs

Wednesday No. W2104-712 Dec. 8
Mackey Creek / Buckeye Knob 8:30 AM
Hike 8, Drive 55, 2090 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA
Jeff Wilcox, 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unce.edu

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 9:00 AM - but contact leader first.

The Mackey Mtn./Buckeye Knob area was part of the first purchase of national forest land under the Weeks Act of 1911 and is designated “Mountain Treasure” by the Wilderness Society. Hike from Curtis Creek campground via Hickory Branch Trail. We will take a connector trail to Lead Mine Gap Trail. From there, we take the Buckeye Knob Trail. There are several ups and downs along the trail across Buckeye Knob as we follow the ridge line. We return to our cars via a forest service road.

Topo(s): Old Fort

Wednesday No. W2104-492 Dec. 8
Annual Cookie Hike, Bent Creek Ramble to MST past Sleepy Gap 9:00 AM
Hike 7, Drive 10, 300 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, P400
Keiko Merl, 828-298-7634, cell: 828-231-2126, keikomerrl@att.net

First 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. W2104-733 Dec. 15
Rumbling Bald 8:30 AM
Hike 5.1, Drive 43, 670 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Virginia Bower, 828-273-2486, clabberger57@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: Ingles on US 74-A 1/12 miles south of I-40 Exit 53. We will hike to Eagle Rock and Grey Rock and take a 1/2 mile side trip to Tunnel Rock. We will follow an old road for 4 miles to Party Rock for its beautiful views and return to our cars via the same road.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Wednesday No. W2104-592 Dec. 15
Bitter Gap - Long Branch Loop 8:30 AM
Hike 10, Drive 67, 1950 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, P400, WC100
Susan Hutson, 336-406-9279, picassue48@gmail.com

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

Second Meeting Place: Ingles off US 74-A 1-1/2 miles south of I-40 Exit 53. We will hike to Eagle Rock and Grey Rock and take a 1/2 mile side trip to Tunnel Rock. We will follow an old road for 4 miles to Party Rock for its beautiful views and return to our cars via the same road.

Topo(s): Bat Cave

Wednesday No. W2104-212 Dec. 22
Sassafras Mountain to Pinnacle and Return 8:00 AM
Hike 11.5, Drive 92, 2500 ft. ascent, Rated A-AAA
Jeff Wilcox, 828-989-8755, jwilcox@unce.edu

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

Second Meeting Place: Ingles off US 74-A 1-1/2 miles south of I-40 Exit 53. We will hike to Eagle Rock and Grey Rock and take a 1/2 mile side trip to Tunnel Rock. We will follow an old road for 4 miles to Party Rock for its beautiful views and return to our cars via the same road.

Topo(s): Table Rock

Wednesday No. W2104-278 Dec. 22
Kitsuma Peak 8:15 AM
Hike 10, Drive 46, 1550 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Marie Chamberlin, 678-492-6718, marie.m.chamberlin@gmail.com

ALL-DAY WEEKEND HIKES

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296, bbente@bell-south. Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation. Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. All hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary.

Sunday No. A2104-870 Oct. 3
Sampson Mountain Wilderness and A.T. 8:00 AM
Hike 11.2, Drive 130, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+, Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation.

Les Love, 828-230-1861, leslove55@gmail.com

Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. We’ll start from the Sampson Mountain Wilderness Area.
in eastern Tennessee, hike through the Sampson Mountain Wilderness Area on the Middle Springs Trail, and continue on the undesignated Middle Springs Ridge Trail to the heath bald and Ball Ground to Big Butt and the A.T. We’ll follow the A.T. south across Cold Springs Mountain and then down the Sarvis Cove Trail. Note: Five rock-hop stream crossings - poles are recommended. Optional dinner at Farmer’s Daughter after the hike.

Topos: Greystone

Sunday No. A2104-941 Oct. 10
Standing Indian Loop 8:00 AM
Hike 9.6, Drive 160, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Carroll Koeppinger, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40.
Second Meeting Place: Haywood County Rest Area 19500 Great Smoky Mtn. Expwy. (US 23/74) Waynesville NC at 8:30 AM - but contact leader first.
This new CMC hike will begin at the Backcountry Information Center of Standing Indian Campground, hike alongside the scenic Nantahala River, then turn uphill along and occasionally crossing Park Creek to Penland Gap. We’ll return on the ridgeline on Park Ridge Trail. Topo: Rainbow Springs

Saturday No. A2104-244 Oct. 16
Firescald Knob 10:00 AM
Hike 6, Drive 95, 1600 ft. ascent, Rated C-A, AT-MST
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, cell: 860-798-9905, nbromberg@yahoo.com
Only Meeting Place: 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. We’ll begin this hike by enjoying the views from Jones Meadow, once the site of the Viking Mountain Resort. Then we’ll take a short access trail to the A.T. and backtrack to enjoy the views into North Carolina from Whiterock Cliff. Returning to the A.T. and heading north we’ll enter a beautiful area of mossy rocks. After a mile or so, we’ll begin climbing to the top of the world on a trail that is one of the CMC’s great accomplishments, enjoying magnificent views into North Carolina and Tennessee and stopping to honor Howard McDonald for his trail-building leadership. We’ll return on the A.T. alternate trail that was once the main trail and now serves as a bad weather alternative.
Topos: Greystone

Sunday No. A2104-151 Oct. 17
Big East Fork to Shining Rock via Old Butt #2 8:00 AM
Hike 8.5, Drive 60, 3100 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA+, Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers, contact leader for reservation. P400, SB6k
Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528, hkassell@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. We will hike from the Big East Fork parking lot up the very steep Chestnut Ridge Trail over Dog Loser and Old Butt Knobs to lunch at Shining Rock (6040 ft.), with its exceptional views. We’ll return via a steep descent to the North Fork of Shining Creek.
Topos: Shining Rock

Sunday No. A2104-072 Oct. 24
Graybeard via Pot Cove Gap 8:30 AM
Hike 9.5, Drive 35, 2450 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA Lorraine Bernhardt, 828-699-8857, lshbernhardt50@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40. Cross Flat Creek bridge, and in one mile, turn right onto trail with rock hops of Flat Creek. Short spur on right goes to Graybeard Falls. At each trail junction, follow blue blazes to Graybeard summit (elevation 5408 ft.) with great views. Return via same trail with option of short in-out to Walker Knob at the shelter. This hike is #82 of the 100 Favorite Hikes.
Topos: Montreat

Saturday No. A2104-089 Oct. 30
Lemon Gap to Max Patch 8:00 AM
Hike 11, Drive 100, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, AT-MST
Thomas Butler, 361-484-3381, butler.tom3381@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Form carpools and meet leader at second meeting place.
Second Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop off Exit 25 of I-40.
We’ll see the A.T. shelter built by the CMC along a beautiful section of the A.T. We will begin at Lemon Gap, have lunch on top of Max Patch with its beautiful views and return to our cars at Lemon Gap. This hike is #40 of the 100 Favorite Hikes.
Topos: Hot Springs

Sunday No. A2104-265 Oct. 31
Panthertown West Entrance 8:00 AM
Hike 9.3, Drive 120, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, WC100
Michael Cornn, 828-458-1281, mwcornn@gmail.com and Kathy Cornn/Kyle, 828-458-1282, katherinenkyle@gmail.com
First Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
Second Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
We will hike the MST from the NC 151 / BRP junction to Pisgah Inn, and have lunch on the grounds of the Inn. Great views from Little Pisgah Mountain if clear weather. Pack for wind and cold. If the parkway is open we will drive on the parkway to Pisgah Inn. If closed, the hike is dependent on weather and ability to reach the top of NC 151 by car.
Topos: Dunsmore Mtn.

Sunday No. A2104-679 Nov. 7
Elk Pasture Gap - Mt. Pisgah via MST 9:00 AM
Hike 7, Drive 24, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA, P400
Susan Hutson, 336-406-9279, picassue48@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. We will hike the MST from the NC 151 / BRP junction to Pisgah Inn, and have lunch on the grounds of the Inn. Great views from Little Pisgah Mountain if clear weather. Pack for wind and cold. If the parkway is open we will drive on the parkway to Pisgah Inn. If closed, the hike is dependent on weather and ability to reach the top of NC 151 by car.
Topos: Dunsmore Mtn.
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2. Click on Join (top left) or Join CMC! (right center).
3. You will see instructions for joining online or via mail, or write to us at CMC, PO Box 68, Asheville, NC 28802 and we'll mail you an application.

### How to find the CMC

- **Topo(s):** Skyland
- **Saturday No. A2104-529 Nov. 27**
  - **Fletcher Fields**
  - **and Spencer Branch**
  - **9:00 AM**
  - **Hike 8, Drive 40, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C, P400**
  - **Henry Kassell, 845-656-5528, hkassell@gmail.com**
  - **First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
  - **Second Meeting Place:** Ingles off NC 191/280 in Mills River behind gas pumps at 9:15 AM. For P400 fans, this hike will cover a number of short trails in the Trace Ridge Trailhead area, including Fletcher Creek, Spencer Gap and Middle Fork.
  - **Topo(s):** Dunsmore Mtn.
- **Sunday No. A2104-372 Nov. 28**
  - **Big Fork Ridge**
  - **to Rough Fork Loop**
  - **8:00 AM**
  - **Hike 9.6, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A, 900M**
  - **Danny Bernstein, 828-450-0747, dannyhiker@gmail.com**
  - **Only Meeting Place:** Home Depot off Exit 44 I-40. From the end of the road in Cataloochee Valley, hike up the Rough Fork Trail, then turn left onto the Caldwell Fork Trail. Pass by record-size tulip poplar trees, then hike up and over the ridge on the Big Fork Ridge Trail. This hike is #35 of the 100 Favorite Hikes. CMC members only, no guests.
  - **Topo(s):** Dellwood
- **Sunday No. A2104-511 Dec. 5**
  - **Florence Nature Preserve**
  - **9:00 AM**
  - **Hike 6.5, Drive 24, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-C**
  - **Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879, heyk127@hotmail.com**
  - **First Meeting Place:** Ingles on US 74-A 1-1/2 miles south of I-40 Exit 53.
  - **Second Meeting Place:** Florence Nature Preserve by chimney at 9:15 AM - but contact leader first.
  - **This hike is a loop in the Florence Nature Preserve, a 600+ acre tract in the Hickory Nut Gorge. It has easy loops with moderate climbs. We’ll hike on the Yellow, Blue and Orange Trails to a nice overlook, then take the Blue, Red and Orange Trails to the Rattlesnake Knob overlook. We’ll return via the Red, Blue and Yellow Trails. This is hike #76 of the 100 Favorite Trails.**
  - **Topo(s):** Bat Cave
- **Sunday No. A2104-031 Dec. 12**
  - **South Mtms. Loop**
  - **8:15 AM**
  - **Hike 10.9, Drive 120, 2300 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA, WC100**
  - **Donna Lanning, 828-684-7083, cell: 828-606-7956, dbllanning@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 8:30 AM. South Mountains State Park, south of Morganton, has outstanding views, a beautiful waterfall, and a new visitor center. We’ll climb to Jacob Fork River Gorge Overlook and then continue to Chestnut Knob Overlook, a rocky outcropping with outstanding views toward the Kings Mountain Range and on a clear day, Charlotte’s skyline. Later, after another climb, we’ll reach the top of High Shoals Waterfall - truly awesome. Awesome too are the wooden staircase and platform which allow a close look at the falls and the jumble of rocks in Jacob Fork. Since this is a state park, the trails are meticulously maintained.
  - **Topo(s):** Benn Knob
- **Sunday No. A2104-216 Dec. 19**
  - **Sams Gap to Devil Fork Gap on the A.T.**
  - **8:00 AM**
  - **Hike 8.5, Drive 90, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, AT-MST**
  - **Tishi Desjardins, 828-380-1452, desraylet@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:** US 25/NC 208 intersection at 8:30 AM. This hike requires a car shuttle. Please bring enough cars to shuttle hikers. This section of the A.T. features nice views into Tennessee from the ridgeline, traversing a series of knobs along an unusual section of the TN-NC state line where Tennessee is east of N.C. and the southbound hiker is actually traveling north.
  - **Topo(s):** Sams Gap
- **Sunday No. A2104-223 Dec. 26**
  - **Folk Art Center to Ox Creek Road**
  - **9:00 AM**
  - **Hike 7.5, Drive 13, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A, AT-MST**
  - **Eva Blinder, 828-275-6447, ejb5711@gmail.com**
  - **Only Meeting Place:** Back parking lot of Folk Art Center. An easy, enjoyable hike on a choice part of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail in the vicinity of Asheville. Diversified woods and periodic good views. Though generally uphill, this is not strenuous. Car shuttle.
  - **Topo(s):** Oteen

### HALF-DAY SUNDAY HIKES

Newcomers are welcome, but non-members MUST call the leader before the hike to determine the requirements. Half-day hikes submitted by Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, mhsrunning@yahoo.com. Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation. Driving distance is round trip from the first meeting place. Hikes assemble at the location described for that hike. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary. **Times listed are departure times – arrive early.**

**Sunday No. H2104-316 Oct. 3**
- **Carl Sandburg Nat’l. Historic Park**
  - **10:00 AM**
  - **Hike 4, Drive 60, 700 ft. ascent, Rated C-C**
  - **Judy Magura, 828-606-1490, quilter290@gmail.com and Jim Magura, 828-606-3989, jsp290@gmail.com**
  - **First Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26.
  - **Second Meeting Place:** Carl Sandburg parking lot at 10:30 AM. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. 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. Masks are required inside the house.
  - **Topo(s):** Hendersonville

**Sunday No. H2104-244 Oct. 10**
- **Firescald Knob**
  - **10:00 AM**
  - **Hike 5, Drive 96, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, AT-MST**
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, cell: 860-798-9905, mw bromberg@yahoo.com

**Only Meeting Place:** 160 Zillicoa St. (USFS parking lot) off Exit 25 of I-26. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. We’ll begin this hike by enjoying the views from Jones Meadow, once the site of the Viking Mountain Resort. Then we’ll take a short access trail to the A.T., entering a beautiful area of mossy rocks. After a mile or so, we’ll begin climbing to the top of the world on a trail that is one of the CMC’s great accomplishments, enjoying magnificent views into North Carolina and Tennessee, stopping to honor Howard McDonald for his trail building leadership. After about 2.5 miles, we’ll retrace our steps.

**Topo(s):** Greystone

Sunday No. H2104-453 Oct. 17
**Max Patch Loop** 10:00 AM
Hike 4.4, Drive 100, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, AT-MST
Jack Dalton, 828-622-3704, cell: 404-376-5785, jckdalton9@gmail.com and Gail Lamb, 828-338-0443, cell: 828-275-4500, glamb46@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.

Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. We’ll pass through woods to Buckeye Ridge and follow the ridge, enjoying views of Max Patch, then loop around to intersect with the A.T. Our route back will be either via Max Patch summit or Buckeye Ridge Trail. Group size is limited to 10 hikers on Max Patch, so we may split up if our group is too large. Hikers must be vaccinated as carpools will be encouraged.

**Topo(s):** Lemon Gap

Sunday No. H2104-092 Oct. 24
**Star Gap** 9:00 AM
Hike 3.6, Drive 20, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, William Snow, 857-756-3815, billsnow123@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain). Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 40 miles. This shortened and modified version of hike #92 will be on the Star Gap Trail to see the fall foliage. There should be spectacular views of the fall colors. We will have an option to continue to Jarrett Creek Road and out to the stream crossing, bringing the hike to 5.6 miles and 1500 ft. ascent. The Star Gap trailhead is on Graphite Road. This will be an out-and-back hike. There will be many interesting trestles and tunnels on our driving route to Graphite.

**Topo(s):** Old Fort

Sunday No. H2104-020 Oct. 31
**Walnut Cove Overlook to Chestnut Cove Overlook** 11:00 AM
Hike 5.4, Drive 15, 550 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, AT-MST, P400
Barbara Morgan, 828-460-7066, barbc129@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Asheville Outlets parking lot behind Waffle House off Exit 33 of I-26. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This is a combination of CMC hikes #20 and #21. The hike will start at Walnut Cove Overlook, going 1.8 miles to Sleepy Gap. We will continue on the MST from Sleepy Gap to the Chestnut Cove Overlook for another 0.9 miles, then return to Walnut Cove Overlook.

**Topo(s):** Skyland

Angled tree on Pounding Mill Trail. Photo by Bruce Bente.

Sunday No. H2104-347 Nov. 7
**Twin Falls** 11:00 AM
Hike 6, Drive 80, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C, P400, WC100
Karen Lachow, 703-395-5879, heyk127@hotmail.com

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

**Second Meeting Place:** Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell) at 11:30 AM.

Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This is a moderate hike in the Pisgah National Forest, starting on the Buckhorn Gap Trail, taking the Twin Falls Bypass to view two nice waterfalls and returning on the beautiful Clawhammer Cove Trail. The hike will be completed with a short walk on a Forest Service Road. This is hike #63 of The 100 Favorite Trails.

**Topo(s):** Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2104-196 Nov. 14
**Vineyard Gap Loop** 1:30 PM
Hike 5, Drive 40, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, P400
Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296, bbente@bellsouth.net

**Only Meeting Place:** Turkey Pen parking lot. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 40 mi. roundtrip. We’ll start on an interesting manway and continue on a dry-foot loop hike on the Vineyard Gap and Riverside Trails, including a scenic trail along the S. Mills River. Note that there is a steep 400-ft. climb on a rough uneven trail near the end of the hike.

**Topo(s):** Pisgah Forest

Sunday No. H2104-402 Nov. 21
**Little East Fork of the Pigeon River from Camp Daniel Boone** 9:30 AM
Hike 5.7, Drive 50, 1150 ft. ascent, Rated C-B, P400
Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, bobbipowers23@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Home Depot off Exit 44 of I-40. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This is a variation of hike #402. The hike begins near the trailhead for Cold Mountain/Art Loeb Trail. The trail goes steadily up along the river with magnificent views of multiple cascades and cool rock formations. We stop where the trail crosses the river and return by the same route.

**Topo(s):** Sam Knob

Sunday No. H2104-942 Nov. 28
**Rice Pinnacle P.L. #3 - Corvair Trail** 11:00 AM
Hike 4.5, 700 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Carol Koepplinger, 828-667-0723, cell: 828-231-9444, cakoep29@gmail.com

**Only Meeting Place:** Rice Pinnacle Parking Lot in Bent Creek. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. This new CMC hike in the Bent Creek area does a loop in the Rice Pinnacle area, including Corvair, Neighborhood, Ledford and Wolf Branch Trails.

**Topo(s):** Skyland, Asheville, Dunesmore Mtn.

Sunday No. H2104-501 Dec. 5
**Hickory Nut Gap to Ferguson Peak** 12:45 PM
Hike 3.5, Drive 40, 750 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Lee Belknap, 828-698-9394, cell: 828-231-9444, rive@psys.com

**First Meeting Place:** River Ridge Market Place behind CVS off Exit 53B of I-40.

**Second Meeting Place:** Hickory Nut Gap on US 74-A at 1:00 PM.

Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. An in-and-out hike from US 74 in Fairview. A fairly steep climb is rewarded with excellent views to the west. The second meeting place at Hickory Nut Gap on US 74-A has a new

Angled tree on Pounding Mill Trail. Photo by Bruce Bente.
parking area just south of the gap, or roadside parking at the gap.
Topo(s): Bat Cave

Sunday No. H2104-432  Dec. 12
Montreat Toll Road Loop  12:30 PM
Hike 6, Drive 10, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036, cell: 408-887-3666, daisytk@yahoo.com
Only Meeting Place: Ingles off Exit 64 of I-40 (Black Mountain). Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Driving mileage from Asheville is 35 miles round trip. We will start by hiking up the Graybeard Trail, which has been partly relocated to parallel the creek, up to the toll road. Once on the toll road, it is down, down, down with some beautiful views. We will end up on the Montreat campus and may stop at the chapel for a look at the frescoes.

There is one small steep section and four stream crossings on rocks. The leader reserves the right to change the hike to suit the weather.
Topo(s): Montreat

Sunday No. H2104-035  Dec. 19
Looking Glass Rock  10:00 AM
Hike 5, Drive 10, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated C-A, P400
Dennis Bass, 828-367-7792, cell: 828-367-8619, dbass3607@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: Pisgah Forest Walmart Parking (back of center aisles close to Taco Bell), Limit of 10 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. Driving distance from Asheville is 60 miles round trip. A pleasant hike to this outstanding pluton with views along the way and a spectacular view of the Blue Ridge Parkway and mountains to the north at the end of the trail. In-and-out hike.
Topo(s): Shining Rock

Sunday No. H2104-711  Dec. 26
MST from US 25 to Crossridge Rd and return  1:00 PM
Hike 5, Drive 10, 660 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, bobbipowers23@gmail.com
Only Meeting Place: BRP Visitor Center at MM 383. Limit of 15 hikers, contact hike leader via email for reservations. We will hike from the gravel parking lot on the BRP near US 25 along the best-maintained section of the MST you will ever hike. This is a gentle hike to walk off your Christmas dinner.
Topo(s): Asheville, Oteen

Hiking Information: CMC hikes are open to all and we welcome guests. Non-members need to call or email the hike leader to introduce themselves and find out more about the hike. Due to COVID-19, all hikes have a limit of 15 hikers unless stated otherwise. Contact leader for reservation. Hikes may be canceled by the leader due to adverse weather or dangerous roads. Minors are welcome on CMC hikes, if accompanied by a responsible adult. Pets are not allowed on CMC hikes. Hike leaders have the right to reject participants who are not properly equipped for the hike or who are unlikely to be able to complete the hike. All hikers are expected to follow the leader’s instructions. No one should get ahead of the leader, or lag behind the sweep, without specific permission. Hikers should obtain the leader's permission if they wish to leave the hike before its completion.

Clothing and Equipment: CMC’s website (www.carolinamountainclub.org) provides a list of recommended clothing and gear for hiking. Always wear layered clothing – you’ll want to take layers off during a strenuous climb or as the day proceeds, then put them back on in cooler conditions.

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

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

Next CMC Council Meeting

When:  October 12, 2021
Where:  Please check Breaking News in October
Time:  6:00 - 9:00 PM
Info:  Call Debby at 404-731-3119 if you would like to attend. All CMC members are welcome.

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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