



BMTA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September – November 7, 2020

September

September 10 (Thursday) BMT: Mud Gap to Whigg Meadow.

5.8 miles, moderate. In recent years, we have seen professional birders catching, measuring and banding birds at Whigg Meadow in September. We hope they are there again this year.

Hike leader Tom Sewell. For more information, contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

September 11 (Friday) Stanley Gap Trail from Fall Branch Falls to where Stanley Gap and BMT diverge, and back.

About 6 miles, moderate.

Hike Leader Steve Dennison. For more information, contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

September 12 (Saturday) GA Work Trip Section 9

To RSVP, contact Phil Guhl, bmtaphil@gmail.com

September 16 (Wednesday) Emery Creek (BMTA Members Only).

5 miles, moderate. The trail for this in-and-out hike is fairly easy, but 26 stream crossings (a number up to your ankles and two around your knees) and a section of potentially slippery rock toward the beginning and again at the end make it more difficult than it otherwise would be. Holly and Emery Creeks, two lovely waterfalls and a beautiful trail make it worth the trouble.

Hike leader: Ken Cissna. For more information, contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

September 22 (Tuesday) Oglethorpe Mountain Trails.

3 miles, easy.

Hike leader: Martha Fowler. For more information, contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

September 25 (Friday) BMT: Highway 515 to Weaver Creek and return.

DOG-FRIENDLY HIKE (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). 5 miles, easy.

Mostly along dirt roads. Two “rock hopping” stream crossings that could get your feet wet depending on stream levels and recent rainfall.

Hike leader Ken Cissna. For more information, contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

September 26 (Saturday) TN/NC Work Trip Section 16c – Sledrunner Gap to Brookshire Creek Crossing and Section 16d – Brookshire Creek to Sugar Mountain Road.

To RSVP, contact Crew Leader Steve Cartwright, scdcmc@comcast.net.

September 28 (Monday) Rock Town Trail (near Lafayette, GA in Wilderness Management Area).

4.2 miles, moderate. Big boulders are pretty neat.

Hike leader Steve Dennison. For more information, contact

hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

October

October 3 (Saturday) Bob Bald DOG-FRIENDLY HIKE (adult humans may bring a leashed dog).

8 miles, moderate.

Hike leaders: Rick and Brenda Harris. For more information, contact

harrisri@aol.com.

October 9 (Friday) BMT: John Muir Trail to the Narrows.

5 miles, moderate

We'll start with a beautiful view from the swinging bridge that crosses the Hiwassee River at the Appalachian Powerhouse. The hike will be to a treasure, The Narrows, a deep narrow gorge through which the old riverbed flows. It's full of fascinating rock formations and Ruth's Golden Asters (in the Fall). You'll want to drop your pack and explore! Be prepared for water crossings. Hiking sticks recommended. Bring snack/lunch and water.

Hike Leader: Clare Sullivan. For more information, contact

hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

October 10 GA Work Trip to RSVP, contact Phil Guhl, bmtaphil@gmail.com.

October 12 (Monday) BMT: Bushy Head Gap to McKenny Gap and return.

8.2 miles, moderate. More up then down going out, reverse returning.

Hike Leader Steve Dennison. For more information, contact

hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

October 16 (Friday) Jarrard Gap Trail.

6.8 miles, moderate.

A loop hike from Lake Winfield Scott up Jarrard Gap Trail to Bird Gap and then back down to Slaughter Creek Trail

Hike leader: Larry Dumas. For more information, contact

hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

October 17 (Saturday) Hangover DOG-FRIENDLY HIKE (adult humans may bring a leashed dog).

7 miles, difficult.

Hike leaders Rick and Brenda Harris. For more information, contact

harrisri@aol.com.

October 21 (Wednesday) BMT/AT Two Upper Loops

6 miles, moderate.

Hike leader: George Owen. For more information, contact

hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

October 24 (Saturday) TN/NC Work Trip Section 17c-d Whiff Meadow to Beech Gap

To RSVP, contact Rick Harris, harrisri@aol.com.

October 26 (Monday) Four Season Hike Series – Fall: BMT - Bushy Head Gap to Hudson Gap. DOG-FRIENDLY HIKE (adult humans may bring a leashed dog.)

4 miles, moderate. We're going to offer this relatively short and fairly easy hike during each season for the next year. Come out and see fall colors this time, great views in winter, wild flowers in spring, and who knows—just get hot in the summer.

Hike leader: Ken Cissna. For more information, contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

November

November 7(Saturday) Hike A: Wonderful Waterfalls

Under 3 miles, easy.

This short hike involves several waterfalls, two at DeSoto State Park and another at Helton Creek—both locations are just a short drive from Vogel.

Hike leader: Darcy Douglas Contact hikeleader@bmtamail.org.

November 7 (Saturday) Hike B: Wagon Train Trail from Brasstown Bald

About 4 miles, easy to moderate.

Out to the second overlook, from which position you can look back at Brasstown Bald and tower.

Hike leader: George Owen Contact hikeleader@bmtaemail.org.

November 7 (Saturday) Hike C: Bear Hair Trail

About 4 miles, moderate difficulty.

This hike departs from the parking lot adjacent to the Vogel Ranger Station.

Requires more change of elevation (up and down) than hikes #A and #B. View of Vogel State Park's Lake Trahlyta.

Hike leader: Steve Dennison Contact hikeleader@bmtaemail.org.

November 7 (Saturday) Hike D: BMT: Swinging Bridge Section.

5 miles, moderate.

From the parking lot on FS 816, hike up Toonowee Mtn to summit and beyond to where the trail starts down the other side. Then back and down to the Swinging Bridge over the Toccoa River, and back to cars.

Hike leaders: Mike Pilvinsky and Ken Cissna Contact hikeleader@bmtaemail.org.

November 7 (Saturday) Hike E: AT: From Tesnatee Gap to Wolf Laurel Top.

4.6 miles, moderate to strenuous

Great hike with multiple vistas

Hike leader: Tom Sewell Contact hikeleader@bmtaemail.org.

***Before embarking on your hike, please read:**

[BMTA COVID-19 Hiker Guidelines](#)

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[Guidelines for Bringing Your Dog on a Sponsored Hike](#) (if applicable)