



BMTA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January – February

January

January 1 (Friday) BMT/AT Loop from Big Stamp Gap. Start the New Year off right with a hike. 5 miles, moderate hike, three minor creek crossings. Trip will include viewpoints of Springer Mountain and Owen Vista. Hike Leader Mike Pilvinsky. For more information, contact hikeleaderMP@bmtaemail.org.

January 4 (Monday) BMT from Hwy 60 to the iconic Swinging Bridge over the Toccoa River and return for 7 moderate miles. Hike Leader Steve Dennison. For more information, contact hikeleaderSD@bmtaemail.org.

January 8 (Friday) Talking Rock Nature Preserve. A dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog) utilizing the various loops in the Talking Rock Nature Preserve. We plan 5 easy miles but you may decide to add more if you wish after the hike. Hike Leader Ken Cissna. For more information, contact hikeleaderKC@bmtaemail.org.

January 9 GA Work Trip Sections 1a, 1b and 1c — Springer Mountain >> Three Forks. Water diversions, tread repair, brushout and 2a bridge completion. To RSVP contact Bob Cowdrick GAMaintDirector@bmtaemail.org.

January 13 (Wednesday) Blue Ridge Aska Road trails. Easy 4 miles on the Green Mountain, the Connector and Long Branch trails. Hike Leader Martha Fowler. For more information, contact hikeleaderMF@bmtaemail.org.

January 17(Sunday) BMT/Duncan Ridge to Rhodes Mountain. Are you ready for a little challenge? Two miles up with 1200 feet elevation change but it's downhill on the return. We might add a mile on the Duncan Ridge if desired. Total of 4 strenuous miles. Great views along the way. Hike Leader Tom Sewell. For more information, contact hikeleaderTS@bmtaemail.org.

January 20(Wednesday) Hemp Top to Spanish Oak Gap then BMT to Jacks River Trail. Easy 5.8 miles in the Cohuttas west of Blue Ridge. We'll proceed to Jacks River crossing but stop and return to our vehicles at Dally Gap. Hike Leader Carolyn Sewell. For more information, contact hikeleaderCS@bmtaemail.org.

January 22 (Friday) Brush Creek Trail. To celebrate his 82nd birthday he's leading a hike! Easy 5 miles with lots of views of the reservoir of the Ocoee River above the Whitewater Center in Ducktown, Tennessee. Hike Leader Howard Baggett. For more information, contact hikeleaderHB@bmtamail.org.

January 23 (Saturday) TN Work Trip-Two sections

Section 14a TN 68 to Coker Creek. Tread work in the middle of the section where wild boar have torn up the tread. Logout and brushout as needed. For more information, contact Linette Lynn lyn2_volunteer@myself.com.

Section 12b Dry Pond Lead Trail to Deep Gap. A section of the trail on a steep sideslope which is soft shale needs to be redug. For more information, contact Ken Jones w4zug@windstream.net.

January 29 (Friday) BMT Bushy Head Gap to Hudson Gap and back. Four Season Hike Series -Winter. A dog friendly Hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). Moderate 5.2 miles. We're going to offer this relatively short and fairly easy hike during each season this year. Come out and see great long-distance views, wild flowers in the spring, green and hot in the summer and beautiful colors in the fall. Hike Leader Ken Cissna. For more information, contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

February

February 2 (Tuesday) Blood Mountain from the Byron Reece parking lot. Moderate to strenuous 4.2 miles. Hike Leader Mike Pilvinsky. For more information contact hikeleaderMP@bmtamail.org.

February 6 (Saturday) Benton Falls at Chilhowee Campground in SE Tennessee. Easy 2.5 miles. Awesome waterfall and great views of surrounding mountains and lake. Hike Leader Larry Dumas. For more information contact hikeleaderLD@bmtamail.org.

February 13 (Saturday) GA Work Trip Sections 2b,c,d. Bryson Gap >> Ga 60. Rootball tread repair, logout and brushout. For more information, contact Bob Cowdrick GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

February 14 (Sunday) Valentines Day Hike: Discover a lost heart on Fort Mountain. Moderate 5 miles. Portions of the Gahutti Trail, Lake Loop and Overlook/Tower Trails. Hike leader Carolyn Sewell. For more information contact hikeleaderCS@bmtamail.org.

February 15 (Monday) BMT from Three Forks to No Name Bald and back. Dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). Moderate 4.3 miles. Mostly following Long Creek. Largely uphill going and reverse returning. Approximately 700' of elevation change each way. We'll include a side trip to Long Creek Falls. Hike leader Ken Cissna. For more information, contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

February 19 (Friday) Yonah Mountain and return for a total of 5 miles. 1,700' gain as you literally "climb a mountain." This shark fin-shaped mountain has a trail that is a combination of moderate with some steep and rocky sections. Excellent views but expect some icy spots in winter. Hike leader Steve Dennison. For more information, contact hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

February 22 (Monday) Fort Mountain State Park: Gahutti Trail. Moderate to strenuous 7.7 miles. State Park Pass required. Hike leader Steve Dennison. For more information, contact hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

February 27 (Saturday) TN Work Trip Section 12e. Lost Creek CG to Hiawasse River. Trail repair, refresh blazes, logout and brushout. For more information, contact Rick Harris harrisri@aol.com.

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