BMTA ACTIVITY CALENDAR
June - August

June

June 7 (Monday) Quartz Loop at the Whitewater Center in Ducktown, TN. Moderate 4.7 miles. Hike Leader Evelin Yarns. For more information contact hikeleaderEY@bmtamail.org.

June 9 (Wednesday) Bolling Park Trails Canton, GA. Easy 5-6 miles in this great preserve. Hike Leader Howard Baggett. For more information contact hikeleaderHB@bmtamail.org.

June 12 (Saturday) GA Work Trip Fall Branch > Weaver Creek Sections 6b,c and d. Logout, brushout and tread repair. For more information contact Bob Cowdrick GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

June 13 (Sunday) Easy to moderate 4 miles at the Ocoee Whitewater Center to see the water release arrive from two miles upriver. See rafters and kayakers on the raging rapids. Learn about the 1996 Olympic competition for kayaks and canoes. Hike one of the trails past the tasty wild raspberries and through the lovely Rhododendrons back to the Thunder Rock parking lot. Hike Leader Clare Sullivan. For more information contact hikeleaderCS2@bmtamail.org.

June 21 (Monday) BMT: Lost Creek Section. Dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). Easy 6 miles. Beautiful walk along Big Lost Creek. One stream crossing will probably get your feet a little wet so come prepared. Hike Leader Ken Cissna. For more information contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

June 23 (Wednesday) Gorges State Park near Sapphire, NC for Rainbow Falls and Whitewater Falls. Spectacular falls. One is a 411 foot fall. Moderate 5-mile hike with good possibility of seeing one of the closest rainbows ever. Two hour drive each way from Blairsville, GA. Leader will provide link to Google Maps directions from Blairsville, GA to Gorges State Park. Date subject to change if cloudy skies forecast in vicinity of falls. Leader has hiked it twice both times seeing huge rainbow around noon to 12:30 PM on sunny days with large waterfall in background during return portion of the hike. Good canopy on this trail and fairly
high elevation so heat shouldn’t be a major issue. Hike Leader Steve Dennison. For more information contact hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

**June 26 (Saturday) TN Work Trip** Section 16a Heart of Darkness. Annual logout and refresh blazes. Crew Leaders Keith Mertz and Ellie Doughty. For more information contact Rick Harris.

**June 27 (Sunday) AT/BMT double loop hike west from Three Forks.** This moderate 6-mile hike covers the lower north flank and top of Rich Mountain. Hike Leader George Owen. For more information contact hikeleaderGO@bmtamail.org.

**July**

**July 7 (Wednesday) Wildcat Creek Trail** near Ellijay, GA. Approximately 7.5 miles with stream crossing to Fall Branch Falls Trail to Ammons Falls and return. Some brief strenuous segments. Hiking poles recommended. Trail located in GA Wildlife Management Area and requires a free GA Lifetime Sportsman license for Georgia residents over 65 or obtaining a permit thru GA Department of Natural Resources. Hike Leader Steve Dennison. For more information hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

**July 10 (Saturday) GA Work Trip** Weaver Creek > Boardtown Road. Sections 7b, c and d. Logout, brushout and tread repair. For more information contact Bob Cowdrick GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

**July 12 (Monday) Cartecay River Loop Trails.** Dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). Moderate 5-6 miles, much of it along the beautiful Cartecay River. Hike Leader Ken Cissna. For more information contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

**July 14 (Wednesday) Laurel-Snow Trail to Laurel Falls** 6.1 mile moderate trail out and back in Laurel-Snow State Natural Area near Dayton, TN. Two-hour drive each way from Blue Ridge. Leader will provide link to Google Maps directions from Blairsville, GA to trailhead. Hike Leader Steve Dennison. For more information contact hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.
**July 17** (Saturday) Big Frog, Rough Creek, Benton MacKaye Trail loop of FS 221 in TN. This moderately strenuous hike has one significant climb in the morning with three creek crossings after lunch - over 6-mi. with brief gravel road walk to complete the loop. Hike Leader George Owen. For more information contact hikeleaderGO@bmtamail.org.

**July 24** (Saturday) TN Work Trip Section 16b Heart of Darkness. Annual logout and refresh blazes. Crew Leaders Keith Mertz and Ellie Doughty. For more information contact Keith Mertz keithmertz@hotmail.com.

**July 26** (Monday) Four Season Hike Series – Summer: BMT - Hudson Gap, out and back. Dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). Moderate 4-5 miles. We’re going to offer this relatively short and fairly easy hike during each season this year. Best I can offer this season may be heat and humidity, but a good hike for all is guaranteed. Hike Leader Ken Cissna. For more information contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

**August**

**August 14** (Saturday) GA Work Trip Sections 8a, b, c, d. Logout, brushout and tread repair. For more information contact Bob Cowdrick GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

**August 16** (Monday) Emery Creek. Moderate 5 miles. 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 hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

**August 27** (Friday) BMT Highway 515 to Weaver Creek and return. Dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). Easy 5 miles. Mostly along dirt roads. Two “rock hopping” stream crossings could get your feet wet depending on stream levels and recent rainfall. Hike Leader Ken Cissna. For more information contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.
**August 28 (Saturday) TN Work Trip** Section 13e. Annual logout and refresh blazes. For more information contact Steve Bayliss stevebayliss801@gmail.com.

*Before embarking on your hike, please read:*

- **BMTA COVID-19 Hiker Guidelines**
- **Hiker Guidelines**
- **Guidelines for Bringing Your Dog on a Sponsored Hike** (if applicable)