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 16 (Monday) Cohutta Wilderness. Benton MacKaye, Hemp Top and Jacks River Trails. We will start hiking from Watson Gap, enter the Cohutta Wilderness on the BMT, then use the Hemp Top and Jack’s River Trails to complete a circle and return over a 2.6 repeat of the BMT to Watson Gap again. About 8.3 miles. Hike Leader Steve Dennison.
For more information contact hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

August 20 (Friday) Cohutta Wilderness. Benton MacKaye and Jacks River Trails in the Cohutta Wilderness. Moderate 8-mile hike through forest of hemlocks and rhododendrons. Requires a 5-mile drive on a USFS road to Dally Gap. Hike Leader Steve Dennison.
For more information contact hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

August 20 (Friday) BMT from Reliance, TN, to the Lost Creek Campground and back, 8 miles. This hike parallels the beautiful Big Lost Creek through a deep limestone gorge with rippling cascades and lovely waterfalls. The rating is moderate due to the length of the hike, only two hills. We'll cross the cool creek to eat lunch at the campground. Water shoes are a must for three creek crossings both ways. We'll return a slightly different trail with magnificent views of rock
formations. There's ice cream at the Hiwassee Outfitters store at the end of the hike. Hike Leader Clare Sullivan.
For more information contact hikeleaderCS2@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.

**August 28 (Saturday) TN Work Trip** Section 13d. Annual logout and refresh blazes. For more information contact Anne Anderson, ahander@aol.com or Mary Alton Altongd@aim.com.

**August 30** (Monday) Amadahy trail at Carter’s Lake. Easy/moderate 4-5 miles if you go out to the “boat/hike campground.” This will be a leisurely hike. Hike Leader Steve Dennison.
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**September**

**September 10** (Friday) Gahuti Lite: Five Intersecting Trails Loop at Fort Mountain State Park. Dog friendly hike (adult humans may bring a leashed dog). About 5 moderate miles. Highlights include cascading creeks, a long-distance view and a lakeside walk. Ends with a moderate uphill walk. Hike leader Ken Cisnna. For more information contact hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

**September 11 (Saturday) GA Work Trip** Sections 8 e, f, g, h. Logout, brushout and tread repair.
For more information contact Bob Cowdrick GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

**September 12-17** (Sunday-Friday) Campout at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Hike each day, Monday –Thursday. Reserve your campsite now. Rick and Brenda Harris will be in campsite A30. You may also opt to reserve a room in the lodge if open by
then (being rebuilt) or reserve a cabin. They go quickly.
September 13 (Monday) we will hike trails at the State Park.
September 14 (Tuesday) we will hike to Virgin Falls.
September 15 (Wednesday) we will hike at Burgess Falls.
September 16 (Thursday) we will hike to Cummins Falls and swim below the falls (online permit required).
Leaders Rick and Brenda Harris harrisri@aol.com. Note: Joint BMTA and Cherokee Hiking Club event.

**September 25 (Saturday) TN Work Trip** Section 16c-d. Annual logout and refresh blazes. For more information contact Rick Harris harrisri@aol.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)