



BMTA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October

Hikes in Celebration of Benton MacKaye's Proposal for the AT Georgia Hikes

BMT/AT Loop from Big Stamp Gap - Moderate five miles, (600' elevation change) with three minor creek crossings. Trip will include Springer Mountain (the southern start of the AT), the Benton MacKaye Memorial Plaque at the start of the BMT and Owen Vista - a beautiful open view of the southeastern Appalachian Mountains.

October 1 (Friday) contact Hike Leader Darcy Douglas
hikeleaderDD@bmtamail.org.

October 4 (Monday) contact Hike Leader Steve Dennison
hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

October 5 (Tuesday) contact Hike Leader Gilbert Treadwell
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October 18 (Monday) contact Hike Leader Steve Dennison
hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

October 24 (Sunday) contact Hike Leader Ken Cissna
hikeleaderKC@bmtamail.org.

October 30 (Saturday) contact Hike Leader Barry Allen
hikeleaderBA@bmtamail.org.

BMT/AT Double Loop Hike West from Three Forks - Moderate six-mile hike (650' elevation change) covers the lower north flank and top of Rich Mountain.

October 1 (Friday) contact Hike Leader Steve Dennison
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October 4 (Monday) contact Hike Leader Darcy Douglas

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October 12 (Tuesday) contact Hike Leader Gilbert Treadwell

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October 27 (Wednesday) contact Hike Leader Ken Cissna

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BMT/AT Loop Three Forks to Long Creek Falls to Hickory Flats then FS road to No Name Bald rejoining the BMT back to Three Forks. Moderate 7.5 moderate miles. 1,000 ft elevation gain.

October 5 (Tuesday) contact Hike Leader Darcy Douglas

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October 8 (Friday) contact Hike Leader Gilbert Treadwell

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October 29 (Friday) contact Hike Leader Ken Cissna

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Tennessee Hikes

BMT from Hwy 68 to Buck Bald and Return - Total of four miles. Incomparable 360 view of the Appalachian Mountains. Parking area limited to around eight vehicles. Buck Bald is ½ mile off the BMT.

October 4 (Monday) contact Hike Leader Clare Sullivan

hikeleaderCS2@bmtamail.org.

October 15 (Friday) contact Hike Leader Steve Dennison

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October 20 (Wednesday) contact Hike Leader Steve Dennison

hikeleaderSD@bmtamail.org.

October 26 (Tuesday) contact Hike Leader Ann Anderson

hikeleaderAA@bmtamail.org.

Unicoi Gap on the Benton MacKaye Trail to the Doc Rogers Sanatorium -

Strenuous nine miles, 1,000 ft elevation change, with a beautiful ridge line walk along the NC/TN state line. Added attractions include an old engraved stone marker on the ridge marking the state line and the ruins of the “old” Doc Roger’s TB sanatorium. Meet up location is at the Coker Creek Welcome Center, TN.

October 30 (Saturday) contact Hike Leader Phyllis Jones

hikeleaderPJ@bmtamail.org.

North Carolina/Smokey Mountain Hikes

End of the BMT at Big Creek to end of AT Smokey Mountain Section at

Davenport Gap - Moderate/strenuous five-miles. One-mile road walk on GSNP road to Chestnut Branch Trail up to the AT then down to Davenport Gap. Four miles 1800’ gain and 1300’ loss. Requires a short shuttle if not done as an in and out for 10 miles.

October 23 (Friday) contact Hike Leaders Tom and Carolyn Sewell

hikeleaderTS@bmtamail.org.

BMT Road to No Where “Tunnel to NoWhere” to Campsite #74 - Moderate 6.5 miles.

October 19 (Tuesday) contact Hike Leader Mike Pilvinsky

hikeleaderMP@bmtamail.org.

Fontana Dam Area - BMT/AT divergence near the end of Fontana Dam to same on the south side near the Marina. Easy three miles. Could be done as a shuttle or start at multiple access points and done as round trips of up to six miles. Parking is abundant, great views of the lake and possibly a visit to the Dam’s Visitor Center.

October 18 (Monday) contact Hike Leaders Tom and Carolyn Sewell

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October 29 (Friday) contact Hike Leader Steve Dennison

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Work Trips

October 9 (Saturday) GA Work Trip Sections 8 and 9. Logout, brushout and tread repair. For more information contact Bob Cowdrick
GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

October 23 (Saturday) TN Work Trip Section 18a. Annual logout and refresh blazes. For more information contact Judy Norton jnorton193@gmail.com

November 13 (Saturday) GA Work Trip Cancelled (due to the Annual Meeting)
Please help the TN folks by attending attend the TN Work Trip on November 20.

November 20 (Saturday) TN Work Trip Section 12 c. Annual logout and refresh blazes. For more information contact Rick Harris harrisri@aol.com.

December 11 (Saturday) GA Work Trip Sections 11 a, b, c, d, e. Logout, brushout and tread repair. For more information contact Bob Cowdrick
GAMaintDirector@bmtamail.org.

December 18 (Saturday) TN Work Trip Sections 12a, b. Annual logout and refresh blazes. For more information contact Steve Cartwright scdcmc@comcast.net.

***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)