

## Blue Ridge Hiking Club Hike List - April, May, June 2017

Saturday, April 1st, Fred Behrend (Bear Wallow), moderate 3 miles, to Moonshiners Run, easy 1.5 miles, to Raven Rocks and Roan Mountain Camp Ground, strenuous +/- 1.5 miles. Those who choose not to do Raven Rocks can continue on Moonshiners Run for a less than a mile through a beautiful area along the Doe River, then return on that trail to the campground and car park area by the shelter. No Dogs. Call hike leader Carol Ann Mitchell. 423-772-4280, text 423-957-1207, email [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com).

Monday, April 3: Trout Lake to Manor House & Figure 8 Trail: Meet at Trout Lake parking lot at 9:30. (1st exit left off Parkway just south of Cone Manor going to Rt. 221 and then take an immediate right, a U turn, onto Shull's Mill Rd going under parkway). The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, April 5, Doughton Park hike to Caudill Cabin. The cabin is visible from atop the mountain in Doughton Park, but we will climb from the bottom, beginning at Longbottom Road. See the isolated tiny cabin where the Caudill family raised over a dozen children. Moderate to strenuous, with several water crossings. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Curly Perzel at 336-982-8591 or [allmuth@skybest.com](mailto:allmuth@skybest.com). 36.358375,-81.1752488

Saturday, April 8, Appalachian Trail to Watauga Dam: 5.5 mi. round trip around Lake to dam and back. Mostly wooded, rated easy to moderate. Meet at Watauga Lake parking area across from Shook Branch Rd., Hampton, TN. No dogs. Call hike leader Carol Ann Mitchell. 423-772-4280, text 423-957-1207, email [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com).

Monday, April 10: Bass Lake to Cone Manor loop. Meet at 9:30 at Bass Lake lower parking area, off Rt. 221 just west of Blowing Rock. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, April 12, New River Trail State Park. Travel to Virginia to hike and picnic on a section of the Rail-to-Trail 57 mile long park. About 2 hours travel to reach the park. We will do an out and back hike along the New River and Chestnut Creek, walking from Byllesby Dam past Fries Junction. Picnic at Fries Junction after our turnaround. About 7 miles, easy, flat, scenic. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Pam Hoffman, 828-262-9779

Saturday, April 15, Trout Lake to Rich Mountain: @ 6 mi. round trip to the top of Rich Mountain with 585' elevation gain. Begin at Trout Lake on a steady uphill climb on carriage trails with nice views at the top. Approximately 3-4 hrs., rated moderate. No dogs. Call hike leader Roger Bodo at 828-260-2019.

Monday, April 17: The Maze and Apple Barn at Cone Manor. Meet at 9:30 at Bass Lake lower parking area, off Rt. 221 just west of Blowing Rock. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, April 19, Banner Elk Trails: Easy hike with a few short moderate hills, about five miles. No dogs. Meet at 9:30 am across the street from Banner Elk Cafe (parking on side street Whitesell Way, (36.161565, - 81.870789). Hike Mill Pond Road, Elk River Town Trail and Banner Elk Greenway. After the hike join us for lunch at Wily's Bar and Grill on Lees McRae campus. No dogs. Text or call Jim Sramek for more info. (407) 376-3749.

Saturday, April 22, Profile Trail to Calloway Peak: 7 miles, 5 hrs. Total elevation gain 2,300 ft. The scenic lower part of the trail is moderate, then there is a steady 3.4 mile uphill climb with rocky terrain near Shanty Springs to Calloway Peak where there are 360 degree vistas at 5,946' elevation. Rocky; rated strenuous - experienced hikers only. 3 easy ladders. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Hiking sticks are suggested. We will stop at Shanty Springs for a rest. Hikers can opt at this point to return or continue on to the top. No dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams 828-295-9607.

Monday, April 24: Mountain-to-Sea Trail: Meet at the Raven Rock Overlook at 9:30, hiking south & north, BRP MP 289.5. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs.

Wednesday, April 26, Elk Knob: 3.8 mi. round trip, with 900 ft. gain in elevation. Spectacular views at the summit. The trails are mostly moderate, but steady incline; steep in some places. 2 ½ - 3 hrs. No Dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams 828-295-9607.

Saturday, April 29, Carver's Gap to Grassy Ridge, Roan Mtn. hike, 6 mi., approx. 4 hours, rated moderate to strenuous. Spectacular 360 deg. views along part of the AT that crosses the Balds. Trail is rocky with steep slopes in each direction, reaching 6,000 ft. elevations. Meet at Carver's Gap parking area on the NC/TN line at the top of NC 261. No dogs. Call hike leader Bob Heath at 828-773-0471.

Monday, May 1: Rich Mountain: Meet at Trout Lake parking lot at 9:30 (1st exit left off Parkway just south of Cone Manor onto Rt. 221 and then take an immediate right onto Shull's Mill Rd going under parkway). The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs.

Wednesday, May 3, Over Mountain Victory Trail from Mineral Museum on the Parkway (MP 331) to Altapass Orchards. About 5 and a half miles. Easy. Some gentle ups and downs - in and out of the woods on trail and on gravel road. Great view of Tabletop Mountain. Eat at Mountain View Restaurant after the hike. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Pam Hoffman, 828-262-9779.

Saturday, May 6, Colbert Ridge Trail, off Highway 80 at the bottom of Mt. Mitchell. The hike is 3.9 miles and rated moderate/strenuous, with beautiful views of Mt. Mitchell and the surrounding area. Plus, on a clear day one can see Grandfather Mtn. and Hawksbill. No dogs. Call hike leader Susan Smith 704-607-0330 for directions and to sign up for the hike.

Monday, May 8: Price Lake plus. Meet at Boat ramp parking area, BRP MP 297 at 9:30. Since this is a short hike, be prepared to hike over to and up a bit of the Tanawha Trail. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, May 10, Beacon Heights to Rough Ridge. 5.1 mi. rated moderate (with some rough, rocky areas). Hike through one of the most spectacular sections of the Tanawha Trail. Stop over at the Viaduct Visitor Center, then on to Rough Ridge. We will spot cars at the Beacon Heights parking area. Meet at Rough Ridge Parking at 9:30 AM. No dogs. Call or email hike leader, Mike Lobban - [mjlobban@bellsouth.net](mailto:mjlobban@bellsouth.net) 305-905-7000.

Saturday, May 13, Flat Rock and Storyteller: From Boone Fork Parking area, Milepost 299.9 on the BRP. The hike will take the Tanawha to Daniel Boone Scout up to Flat Rock and then down the Cragway and the Nuwati Trail to Storyteller Rock. They afford beautiful vistas of the Boone Bowl and beyond. Approx. 5 mi., some parts strenuous and rocky. No dogs. Call hike leader Skip Rackmill at 828-355-9303.

Monday, May 15: Green Knob Trail: This is a short trail with a bit of elevation change, and visit to a mystery shed. Meet at Sims Pond Overlook at 9:30, BRP MP 295.9. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, May 17, Linville Falls: Meet at the Linville Falls Parking lot, BRP, MP 316.5. Moderate to strenuous hike to both the Plunge basin overlook and Plunge Basin lower area depending on conditions, and given time, also part of the Upper falls trails. Expect about a 3.0 hour hike. Snack at one of the overlooks. No dogs, contact Eva Rand, (301)758-4375.

Saturday, May 20, Shortoff Mountain-about 5 mi. strenuous round trip on a "back door route" to what the author of "100 Classic Hikes of North Carolina" says may be the best view in the state. Mostly uphill going & downhill returning, passing by open views of Lake James, Linville Gorge and through one old growth wooded area spared from fires. Sunscreen, hat, water and snack/lunch needed. Total elevation gain of 1321 ft. No dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams 828-295-9607.

Monday, May 22: Old John's River Road to Price Lake, and a visit to King's marker. Meet at Sim's Pond Overlook, at 9:30, BRP MP 295.9. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, May 24, AT from Carver's Gap to Grassy Ridge Bald: Meet either at Carver's Gap parking area around 10:00 AM or carpool from Banner Elk parking lot by the park 9:15. Optional pizza lunch at the Smoky Mountain Bakers in Roan Mountain on the way home. No dogs. Call or email hike leader Mike Lobban - [mjlobban@bellsouth.net](mailto:mjlobban@bellsouth.net) 305-905-7000.

Saturday, May 27, Boone Fork Trail: Meet at the Price Lake picnic ground near MP 296 on the BRP. 5 mile loop, 4 ½ hrs., containing rivers, rapids, waterfalls, meadows, water crossings (easy-difficult, depending on water levels), and rhododendron tunnels. Includes 2 trail ladders. We will include a side trail to Hebron Falls. Rated moderately strenuous. Hiking sticks are suggested. No dogs. Call hike leader Eva Rand at 301-758-4375 or [twowheels28@hotmail.com](mailto:twowheels28@hotmail.com).

Monday, May 29: Cone House to Old Catawba Road. Meet in front of the Carriage House by Cone Manor at 9:30, BRP MP 294.1. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, May 31, Flat Top Observation Tower: 9:30 am. Easy hike, about five miles. No dogs. Meet in front of the Carriage House by the Cone Manor, BRP MP 294.1. Text or call Jim Sramek for more info. (407) 376-3749.

Saturday, June 3, Price Lake & Boone Fork Hike. Easy to moderate hike starting at the Price Lake Picnic Area, Boone Fork trailhead. Hike across BRP to the Lake trail, and then back to Boone Fork trailhead start with the possibility of continuing on a bit further on the Boone Fork Trail and then doubling back. Meet at Price Lake Picnic Area at 9:30. Approx. 3.5 mi. and 2 hrs. No dogs. Call Roger Bodo at 828-260-2019. Call hike leader Roger Bodo at 828-260-2019.

Monday, June 5: Old John's River Road to Boone Fork and the new MST bridge. Meet at Sim's Pond Overlook at 9:30. BRP MP 295.9. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, June 7, Three Top, Creston, NC, hike is an easy to moderate hike (need to be fit) through the woods on old logging roads. When you reach the summit you have a magnificent 360 degree view. Estimated roundtrip distance is approx. 6 miles. Three miles gradual up with switch-backs. No water crossings, lunch on the summit. Hiking sticks are to your advantage. No dogs, Contact Allmuth "Curly" Perzel 336-982-8591.

Saturday, June 10 Quarterly Meeting at the Pavillion picnic area at Linville Land Harbor. Bring a dish to share. Lunch followed by a brief business meeting. 11 o'clock. No need to reserve. Contact Arlene Weinsier, host, with any questions, arlene956@gmail.com

Monday, June 12: Tanawha Trail to Holloway Mountain Road, and on to an older community cemetery. Pruners please. Meet at boat ramp parking at Price Lake at 9:30, BRP MP 297. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, June 14, Tanawha Trail Boone Fork Parking to Rough Ridge Starting at Boone Fork Overlook parking area, mile 299.9 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, we will walk steadily, on a gradual uphill for 4.6 miles on the Tanawha trail with a lunch stop at the top of Rough Ridge. Return to Rough Ridge parking will make about 5+ miles. We will drop cars at Rough Ridge Parking area and carpool back to the starting point at Boone Fork Parking. No Dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams at 828-295-9607.

Saturday, June 17, Bill Barksdale Tree Dedication and Grandfather Trail Memorial Hike: Leslie Platek adopted a tree in memory of Bill Barksdale on Grandfather Mt. It is the first Big Red Spruce on your right at the start of the Grandfather Trail. Leslie named the tree, "Barksdale, The Rebel Hiker". She has offered to invite Becky/family, the GFMT State Rangers, The GFMT Stewardship Foundation managers and the BRHC to come up the GFMT (and waive the entry fee) for a short dedication and for those who want, a hike on the Grandfather Trail. No dogs. Call hike leader, Bob Heath at 828-773-0471.

Monday, June 19: Carriage Barn to Blowing Rock Stables: Meet in front of the Carriage House by Cone Manor at 9:30, BRP MP 294.1. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, June 21, Glen Burney: The trail starts at Annie Cannon Gardens parking lot on Laurel Lane in Blowing Rock. The trail meanders down through a gorge past 3 waterfalls on the New Years Creek. It is 3.2 miles total. Easy going down but the 700 foot elevation change is a good workout coming back up. No dogs. Call Sherrey Murray at 828-737-0248

Saturday, June 24, Carvers Gap to Hughes Gap, Roan Mountain, 6.6 miles, moderate. approx. 6 miles. No dogs. Call hike leader Carol Ann Mitchell. 423-772-4280, text 423-957-1207, email camitchell21@gmail.

Monday, June 26: Mountain-to-Sea Trail to 321. Meet at Thunder Hill Overlook at 9:30, first overlook on BRP north of 321, MP 290.4. The hike will be more or less 5 miles in length, in a relaxed pace, following an easy trail, and will be done by noon or before. Guests, visitors welcome. No dogs permitted.

Wednesday, June 28, Fred Behrend (Bear Wallow), moderate 3 miles, to Moonshiners Run, easy 1.5 miles, to Raven Rocks and Roan Mountain Camp Ground, strenuous +/- 1.5 miles. Option for doing a less strenuous return instead of going to Raven Rocks. Could continue on Moonshiners Run along the Doe River and return to the trail through the campground. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Carol Ann Mitchell, 423-772-4280 or text 423-957-1207 or [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com)