

## **Blue Ridge Hiking Club Hike List - January-March 2017**

Monday, January 2, Trout Lake to Carriage House. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Trout Lake parking lot (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). Meet at the Trout Lake parking lot.

Wednesday January 4, Cold Prong to flat Rock to Boone Fork parking. This hike will travel the Tanawha, Nuwati and Cragway trails, up to flat rock and return to Boone Fork parking via Daniel Boone trail. 6.3 miles total. Rated moderate to strenuous. No dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams 828-295-9607

Saturday, January 7, Bass Lake to Apple Barn (and Cone Manor depending on weather). Hike is on Cone Manor carriage trails and is rated easy. Bring a snack for rest break at Apple Barn. Meet at Bass Lake Parking area off Hwy. 221. No dogs. Call Roger Bodo at 828-260-2019.

Monday, January 9, Bass Lake to Cone Manor loop. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Bass Lake lower parking area, off Rt. 221 just west of Blowing Rock.

Wednesday, January 11, Grassy Ridge from Carver's Gap - about 8 miles round trip. Mostly moderate - some hills. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Carol Ann Mitchell, 323-772-4280 or [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com)

Saturday, January 14, Table Rock and Shortoff Mountain. Table Rock is 2 mi. of moderately strenuous hiking round trip. After returning to the parking area, depending on the mood of the group, hike the MST toward Shortoff Mountain which affords many beautiful views of the Linville Gorge. Stop at "The Amphitheater" for lunch then return. Total hike will be approximately 4-5 mi. No dogs. Call hike leader Bob Heath: 828-773-0471.

Monday, January 16, The Maze and Apple Barn at Cone Manor. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Bass Lake lower parking area, off Rt. 221 just west of Blowing Rock.

Wednesday, January 18, Leader's Choice hike. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Gloria Marquez, for information - 828-262-0357.

Saturday, January 21, Glen Burney Trail and soup hike: 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 Year's Creek. Easy going down, but steep coming back up. We will leave the trail part way back up and hike up to Juin's house for hot soup and salad. Non-hiking spouses are welcome to join us for the soup. After lunch, we will walk back to the trail and complete the hike. 600 ft. elevation change. Approximately 3.7 miles total. Rated moderate to strenuous. No dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams 828-295-9607.

Monday, January 23, Mountains-to-Sea Trail, 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at the Raven Rock Overlook to hike both south & north, BRP MP 289.5.

Wednesday, January 25, Leader's Choice hike. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Gloria Marquez, for information - 828-262-0357.

Saturday, January 28, Appalachian Trail to Watauga Dam approx 7 miles, No dogs, Carol Ann Mitchell leader, 423-772-4280, [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com)

Monday, January 30, Rich Mountain: 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Trout Lake parking lot (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).

Wednesday, February 1, Cone Manor House to China Creek. We will hike downhill from the Manor House taking the trail to the Blowing Rock Stables and then proceed down the China Creek Trail into the Johns River Gorge as far as the group desires. Moderate - but all uphill on the return. Probably about 6 miles. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Pam Hoffman, 828-262-9779.

Saturday, February 4, Bass Lake to Cone Manor, 5 miles, 3 hrs. Rated easy. This pretty hike goes along Bass Lake, climbs through woods up to the Cone manor house and then winds back down to Bass Lake, making a beautiful loop. Meet at Bass Lake parking area off Rte. 221 in Blowing Rock. No dogs. Hike will start at 9:30. Hike leader Mitch Murray, (954) 389-5177.

Monday, February 6, Price Lake plus. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at the Price Lake Boat ramp parking area, BRP MP 297.

Wednesday, February 8, Hiking in Doughton Park - Flat Rock Ridge Trail down and then the Grassy Gap Fire Road back up (total 11.5 miles). Moderate to strenuous. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Curly Perzel at [allmuth@skybest.com](mailto:allmuth@skybest.com) or 336-9828591.

Saturday, February 11 Hike TBD: Skip Rackmill, 828-355-9303

Monday, February 13, Green Knob Trail: 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Sims Pond Overlook, BRP MP 295.9.

Wednesday, February 15, Hiking to Watauga Dam on the AT. About 7 miles round trip. Easy to moderate. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Carol Ann Mitchell at 323-772-4280 or [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com)

Saturday, February 18, Roan Mountain hike - Bear Wallow/Raven Rocks/Moonshiners Run. About 7 miles, Moderate to strenuous. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Carol Ann Mitchell, 423-772-4280, or [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com)

Monday, February 20, Old John's River Road to Price Lake. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Sim's Pond Overlook, BRP MP 295.9.

Wednesday, February 22, Mountains-to-Sea Trail from Jeffress Park (MP 271.9) to Phillips Gap (MP 269.8) or continuing on to Benge Gap (MP 268). Length will depend on weather and group wishes. 5- 8 miles. Mostly moderate, but uphill after our turn-around to return to Jeffress Park. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Pam Hoffman, 828-262-9779.

Saturday, February 25, Calloway Peak via D. B. Scout Trail - Hike from Boone Fork Parking area on the BRP. 5 - 6 hrs., approximately 7 mi. round trip. Steady uphill trail with some parts near the top strenuous and rocky with ladders. Elevation gain 2,060 ft. Enjoy beautiful long range views to 3 states from the top of Calloway. No dogs. Call hike leader Bob Heath at 828-773-0471.

Monday, February 27, 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.

Wednesday, March 1, Mount Jefferson - hike a scenic peak overlooking the town of Jefferson, in Jefferson State Park. Moderate to strenuous trails, climb to the top via a new trail and then take the easy loop trail at the top. Great views. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Curly Perzel at 336-982-8591 or [allmuth@skybest.com](mailto:allmuth@skybest.com).

Saturday, March 4, Carvers Gap to Grassy Ridge. Roan Mtn. hike, 7 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 Carol Ann Mitchell at 423-772-4280, [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com)

Monday, March 6, Old John's River Road to Boone Fork. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Sim's Pond Overlook, BRP MP 295.9.

Wednesday, March 8, Hiking atop Roan Mountain in Tennessee. From Hughes Gap, climb uphill to the site of the old Cloudland Hotel. About 8 miles round trip. Moderate to strenuous. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Carol Ann Mitchell, 323-772-4280 or [camitchell21@gmail.com](mailto:camitchell21@gmail.com).

Saturday, March 11, Quarterly Meeting at the Golf Club (indoors) at Linville Land Harbor. Meet at 11 am. Bring a dish to share. Meeting will follow the lunch. No need to reserve. If questions, contact hosts: Eva Rand, [twowheels28@hotmail.com](mailto:twowheels28@hotmail.com), or Roger Bodo, [bodoira@gmail.com](mailto:bodoira@gmail.com)

Monday, March 13, Tanawha Trail to Holloway Mountain Road plus. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at boat ramp parking at Price Lake, BRP MP 297.

Wednesday, March 15, 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).

Saturday, March 18, Mountains-to-Sea Trail from Shulls Mill Rd. to Holloway Mtn. Rd. This hike will start downhill on the MST from Shulls Mills road to the new bridge crossing Boone Fork Creek. It will then join the Boone Fork trail and Tanawha trails to Holloway road. 5-6 miles rated moderate. No dogs. Call hike leader Juin Adams at 828-295-9607.

Monday, March 20, Carriage Barn to Blowing Rock Stables: 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet in front of the Carriage House by Cone Manor, BRP MP 294.1.

Wednesday, March 22, Valle Crucis hike. We will meet behind the church at the Valle Crucis Conference Center to hike to the Crab Orchard Creek waterfall and beyond. Moderate hike, about 4-5 miles round trip. No dogs. Contact hike leader, Larry Mallett at 828-260-1675 or [larry\\_mallett@yahoo.com](mailto:larry_mallett@yahoo.com).

Saturday, March 25, Rocky Knob Trails: Explore the trails at Boone's newest outdoor activity site. Trails are for mountain biking and hiking. Easy to moderate. No dogs. Call Roger Bodo at 828-260-2019.

Monday, March 27, Mountain-to-Sea Trail to 321. 9:30 am. Easy hike, under five miles. No dogs. Meet at Thunder Hill Overlook, first overlook on BRP north of 321, MP 290.4.

Wednesday, March 29, Snake Mountain - Watauga County's highest peak. Strenuous hike with some steep sections to reach the ridge. Experienced hikers only. Views from the top ridge are spectacular. Hike venue will change to Seats Road near Fleetwood if weather will not allow the Snake Mt. hike. Seats Road hike is easy and not long. Contact hike leader, Tom Goodwin for information, [tom\\_goodwin@unc.edu](mailto:tom_goodwin@unc.edu)