

The Cherokee Hiker

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~CHC Hike and Events Calendar~

JANUARY HIKES

Any January hikes will be announced to club members via email. Or check the club website or Facebook page (see below). Please stay tuned!

Hikes and events in January: be sure to check the club website at <http://www.cherokeehikingclub.org> or the Cherokee Hiking Club Facebook page (click on the Facebook graphic shown below) for more January hikes and other events that may be planned on short notice.

*NOTE: As a courtesy, **ALWAYS** contact the hike leader **in advance** of the hike to facilitate planning.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Annual Hike Planning/January Club Meeting – January 20, Sunday

We will meet at **2:00 p.m.** at the Family Resource Agency conference room located at **3680 Michigan Avenue Road in Cleveland**. James Anderson will host the meeting.

Hike leaders, please make plans to attend if possible. If you cannot attend the hike planning meeting, please submit the hikes you will be willing to lead to Richard Foster, our secretary, via email to habitahound@gmail.com prior to the meeting. Include the date of your hike along with an alternate date if you can. Also, if you can host a monthly meeting during 2013, but can't attend the planning meeting, please email Richard your intentions.

Driving directions: The Family Resource Building is located at 3680 Michigan Avenue Road in Cleveland. At the Paul Huff Parkway/Highway 11 (North Lee Highway) intersection take Stuart Road east passing Golden Corral and Hobby Lobby (Paul Huff Parkway will turn into Stuart Road as you continue east through the intersection). Follow Stuart Road until you come to the intersection of Stuart Road & Michigan Avenue Road, right past the YMCA on your left. Turn right onto Michigan Avenue Road. The Family Resource Building is approximately 0.1 mile on the left. There is a sign in front of the large brick building and a large parking lot in front.

2013 Club Dues

The 2013 Cherokee Hiking Club dues of **\$15 per household** are currently due. You may bring the dues to the January Hike Planning Meeting on January 20 or mail them (checks only, made out to the Cherokee Hiking Club) to the club treasurer at the address listed below:

**Cherokee Hiking Club
198 Crews Drive
Benton, TN 37307**

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Recent Hike & Event Reports

Coker Creek Falls Hike – December 1, 2012, Saturday

The weather was perfect for this hike: mild temperatures and slightly overcast. Five hikers, including three from the Club and two guests, met up at the Coker Creek Welcome Center to drive to the Falls' upper parking lot. A couple of hunters stationed there informed us that there were a number of hunters and 80 some dogs running hogs "on the mountain" and suggested we wear something "bright colored". Note to hike leaders: **suggest bringing bright colored safety vests in future hike announcements.**

One vehicle was stationed down at the bridge to shuttle the hikers back to the parking lot at hike completion.

The Forestry Service had installed a new sign for travelers heading south on Duckett Ridge at the entrance to the Falls road. This sign seems to have survived so far, probably because it was a short ways into the FS road, but still visible enough for those looking. The trail had a few downed trees across the tread, but was passable. The two trees with root balls pulled up had damaged the trail. Those sections will need some serious work and rock hauling to fix.

Near the bottom, we met an ambitious family with kids who were hiking the trail in and back out, UP from the bottom. We never did see or hear the hunters or their dogs while hiking. However, there were pick-up trucks parked all along the road, a sure sign of hunters.

Making the hike were club members David and Debbie Flowers with their dog Abby, Marc Bernatti (hike leader), and our two guests, Jamie Mayfield and Amy Cass. See the picture at right.



Laurel-Snow Hike – December 8, 2012, Saturday

This hike was cancelled due to injury.

Cherokee Hiking Club Christmas/December Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2012
Golden Corral Restaurant in Cleveland TN

We met at 6:00 p.m. 25 members attended. The meeting was ceremonial and a minimal amount of business was conducted. Club treasurer Randy Morris reported our balance.

Routine Business:

2013's club officers were nominated, elected, and installed with a ceremony.

We are late planning next year's activities and scheduled that activity for the next meeting.

There was a gift exchange.

Activities Planned:

Program planning is scheduled for the January meeting.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at James Anderson's office in Cleveland.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Foster, Secretary