

The Cherokee Hiker

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CHC Calendar

Jan 27	Oswald Dome
Jan 28	Thunder Rock
Feb 3	Big Frog BP
Feb 3 & 4	Hiwassee WR
Feb 8	Meeting (TH)
Feb 10	Dry Pond
Feb 24	Brush Creek
Mar 3	Starr Mountain
Mar 10	Tellico River Clean-up

January Hikes

Jan 27 Oswald Dome, 8 miles, Moderate.

Hike Leader Ken Jones, 745-2451, ***deleted on purpose***

Bring lunch, water & rain gear. Meet in Athens at Comcast @ 9 AM, Etowah BiLo @ 9:15 AM or at Quinn Springs on US 30 @ 9:30 AM.

Jan 28 Thunder Rock on BMT, 6 miles, Easy.

Hike Leader Clayton Pannell, 263-9730, ***deleted on purpose***

Meet at Hardee's in Ocoee @ 1:30 PM.

It's Renewal Time!

If you have not submitted your 2007 membership dues, please do so ASAP. One look at the new hike schedule & you won't want to let your membership lapse! Send a check for \$10 made payable to Cherokee Hiking Club (address above) or remit to Ann Gray.

February Hikes

Feb 3 Big Frog Backpack – HL Rich Bowerman 828/808-2891

2 Day Mileage – 21.1 Miles.

Meet Saturday, February 3 @ 10:00 AM at the Thunder Rock Campground just behind Ocoee No. 3 Powerhouse. Hike to the top of Big Frog and then over to the Licklog Ridge Trail – total 9.8 miles. Sunday hike back to the trailhead for a total of 11.3 miles.

This is a Wilderness Area and participation is limited, so be sure to call the hike leader if you are interested.

Feb 3 & 4 Sandhill Crane /Cherokee Heritage Event – Jane Bohannon 745-9534, *deleted on purpose*****

View Sandhill Cranes at the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency's Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge & see presentations about Cherokee life, heritage & culture by members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation at Birchwood School. **The festival is free and there will be heated tents.**

Feb 10 Dry Pond –HL Randy Morris 728-0805, *deleted on purpose*****

8.2 Miles – Moderate to Strenuous.

Hike begins at Thunder Rock Campground. Steady climb bordering Little Frog Wilderness Area. Good views of Brock & Big Frog Mountains. Part of Benton MacKaye Trail ending at Kimsey Hwy. Meet at Ocoee Hardee's @ 0830. Email or call to confirm. For questions, phone 338-9464.

Feb 24 Brush Creek – HL James Anderson 476-1028 or 715-8824, *deleted on purpose*****

7 Miles – Relatively Easy

Trail Head begins at first overlook on Hwy 64 (Boyd's Gap) & offers nice views of lake upstream from Whitewater Center. One-way walk w/ some vehicles at eastern end of trail to carpool back. Meet in Cleveland in parking lot of Hobby Lobby, Stuart Rd. @ 0900; Ocoee Hardee's @ 0915.

Club News

January Meeting: 18 members and 2 guests met on Wednesday, January 10 at the Golden Corral for the monthly meeting. After the meal, President Clayton Pannell called the meeting to order. Outgoing Secretary Aggie Scott read both November & December minutes, which were approved. Ann Gray, Treasurer, reported a current balance of \$***deleted on purpose*** in club funds. Clayton encouraged members to attend the 2007 planning session at his home on January 14. The club will send a sympathy card to members Adrian & Ann Strother to acknowledge the loss of their son.

Hike Planning Session: Six members participated in the hike planning session. 2007 Hike Schedule is attached. Thanks to all who showed up to help plan and also to those who volunteered to lead a hike or hikes. We have some GREAT trips planned for this year.

February Meeting: The February meeting will be held on Thursday the 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Stuart Road in Cleveland. Come eat a Dutch treat dinner and enjoy the wonderful fellowship that our club is blessed with. Business meeting begins at 7:30 PM.

From the President: After a great year in 2006, I hope everyone is ready for another year of activity with the club. I thank all officers for their work in past years and those continuing to serve in 2007. A special thanks to Diana Ristom for her work on the newsletter & Aggie Scott for her meticulous work as secretary the last two years. We welcome Jane Bohannon, who takes over as Secretary and Evette Strickland as Newsletter Editor. To the people who led hikes, camping, canoe and work trips; and to those who hosted meetings in their homes – Thank you! Keep up the good works. - Clayton

Recent Hike Reports

Clayton's hike on the John Muir Trail scheduled for December 31 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Jane Bohannon hiked the Athens Regional Park Trail. Clayton hiked to Panther Cave on Starr Mountain. Marc Bernatti hiked 12 miles on the John Muir Trail, which was rough, strenuous and in need of maintenance. Ken Jones reported work trips he has done on the Benton McKaye - Stiff Knee Trail. He does regular trail maintenance on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays and extended an open invitation for help. Ester Nunnley reported a Hiawassee Club hike to McKinley Branch Wildlife Area near Dayton led by husband Ron. Hikers viewed several Sandhill Cranes.

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