



Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of PATC Hike and Work Trip Schedule April-May 2019

Please call or email a few days ahead of a hike to let us know you are coming and to find out about any changes in hike location. Bring lunch, water and sturdy shoes. No dogs please.

Note: Tick season is here. Be sure to take precautions and spray your pants with permethrin and let dry before wearing. You can find permethrin products at outdoor stores.

Mid-Week Hikes

2nd Wednesday each month; short, 3-4 miles max. Usually have lunch afterwards. Leader: Theresia Barger (540) 337-1567.

- April 10: **Pocosin Mission and Cemetery**; Hike in and out, 4 mi. total, Meet at Swift Run Gap at 9:00.
- May 8: **Torry Ridge Trail from Mt. Torry Furnace**; In and out. 4 mi. total, Meet at Stuarts Draft Food Lion at 9:00.

Hikes and Worktrips

Sun. April 7 **Salt Log Gap to Cole Mountain** We'll hike 7.0 miles round trip on the AT from Salt Log Gap (3,257') to the summit of Cole Mountain (4,022'). We'll pass Tar Jacket Ridge with great views and have 360-degree views along the trail. Meet at 9:00 at the Stuarts Draft Food Lion on Route 340 in the aisle by Ciro's Pizza. Leader is David Bennick, dbennick@verizon.net or 540-337-5330.

Sat. April 13: **Staunton Earth Day**; 10:00 to 2:00. Contact Mark and Betty Gatewood to help out: mwgatewood@gmail.com or 540-248-0442

Sun. April 14: **Turk Branch-Moormans River Loop**--7.8 miles, moderate difficulty. We would hike from Jarman's Gap parking lot, down Moorman's river trail to the intersection of Turk branch trail and take that across the Skyline Drive and hike south on the AT back to Jarman's Gap. Meet at old Howard Johnsons at Rockfish Gap at 8:30. Leaders: Betsy Solomon; kj4rmm@gmail.com or 540-836-0584 and Tom Berkeley 4tomberkeley@gmail.com or 434-610-1033

Sat. April 20: **Hardscrabble Knob Hike** in Ramseys Draft Wilderness and proposed addition. 8.5 mi. 1300 ft. elevation gain. Start at FR 95 and take Shenandoah Mountain Trail, then upper Ramseys Draft Trail to Hardscrabble Knob (4282' elev.) where we will see the remains of a historic fire tower. Then we will proceed to Hiner Spring and descend to Camp Todd via Springhouse Ridge Trail. We should see ladyslippers and painted trilliums along the way. This hike requires a short shuttle. Hike leaders: Malcolm and Lynn Cameron, slynnccameron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273. Meet at Churchville TasteeFreez behind the bank at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. April 27. **Shenandoah Mountain Wildflower Walks** sponsored by Headwaters Master Naturalists and Friends of Shenandoah Mountain. 3-4 short, easy hikes. Registration required. Sign up at headwatersmn.org.

Sat. May 4. **Mt. Pleasant – Mt Pompey loop** Blue Ridge in Amherst County. 7 miles. Moderate. This is a great wildflower hike and a good chance to see the Mount Pleasant National Scenic Area. Meet at Staunton Mall near J.C. Penneys at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Lynn and Malcolm Cameron, slynncaeron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273.

Sat. May 4. **Riverfest, Waynesboro**; 9:00 to 4:00. Contact Mark and Betty Gatewood to help with PATC exhibit: mwgatewood@gmail.com or (540) 248-0442

Sun. May 12. **U.S. Marine Airplane Crash Site** - 7.5 miles, easy to moderate. Meet at Humpback Rocks Parking at 9:00. We'll carpool and head for Dripping Rock. The crash site requires an 800 foot bushwhack away from the AT which is the moderate part of this hike. Then we'll return to the AT, hike north to Humpback Parking and retrieve the cars. Leader is David Bennick, dbennick@verizon.net or 540-337-5330.

Sat. May 18. **Doyles River Falls and Jones Run**. Moderate, 4.7 miles with shuttle. The trail passes by three distinctive waterfalls. We will stop and enjoy the view at each. The trail begins with a descent from the Doyles River parking lot (mile 81.1 on the Skyline Drive) and ascends as we make our way back to the Skyline Drive along Jones Run. Total descent is 1,500 feet. Meet at King's Gourmet Popcorn at Rockfish Gap at 9:00 or at Doyles River Parking Lot at 10:00. Hike leader: Pam Heinrich, pamheinrich13@gmail.com, 540-290-5595

Sat. May 25. **Bear Church Rock from Bootens Gap**. Moderate 9.4 miles, out and back with an 800' change in elevation. Hike leads along the ridge of Jones Mountain to an incredible view from Bear Church Rock. You are above 3,000 feet most of the hike. There are a few steeper climbs along part of the trail, but it is a short section. Meet at the Verona park and ride at 8:30 or Massanutten Presbyterian Church on Rt. 33 at 9:00. Hike leader: Pam Heinrich [540-290-5595](tel:540-290-5595), pamheinrich13@gmail.com

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