



Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of PATC Hike and Work Trip Schedule Dec. 2018 – Jan. 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.

Mid-Week Hikes

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

- Dec. 12. **Humpback Picnic Area to Dripping Rock.** Meet at Howard Johnson's at Rockfish Gap at 9:00 a.m. Get together at Theresia's house after the hike.
- Jan. 9. **South River Falls** Meet at Swift Run Gap at 9:00 a.m

Hikes and Worktrips

Sun. Dec. 2 **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'). On the way back we'll have the option to visit the Hog Camp Gap shelter and return on the Old Hotel Trail to Hog Camp Gap and pick up the AT to Salt Log Gap. We'll pass Tar Jacket Ridge and have 360-degree views along the trail. Meet at 9:00 at Reids Gap parking area. Leader is David Bennick, dbennick@verizon.net or 540-337-5330.

Mon. Dec. 3. **SSVC's Annual Meeting and Potluck.** Bridgewater Arey Assembly Hall, ground floor, 201 Green St., Bridgewater, VA. We will gather at 5:00 and have our meeting at 5:30. It will include recognition of members' accomplishments, a summary of SSVC activities in the last year, and plans for next year. Bring your ideas! Dinner will start at about 6:15. Contact: Malcolm Cameron at malcolmgcameron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273.

Sun. Dec. 9. **Hidden Rocks Trail** near Hone Quarry. 3 miles. This short trail offers so much: interesting rock outcrops, lovely rhododendron-lined stream and waterfall, and nice views – a perfect hike for the holidays. Meet at Turner Ashby High School in Bridgewater at 9:30. Hike leaders: Lynn and Malcolm Cameron, slynnccameron@gmail.com, (540)234-6273.

Sat. Dec. 15. **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, yet the trail is never steep for long and is level much of the way. Meet at the Verona park and ride at 8:00 or Massanutten Presbyterian Church on Rt. 33 at 8:30. Hike leaders: Jim Fye: 540-830-2023, jfye40@icloud.com, Pam Heinrich 540-290-5595, pamheinrich13@gmail.com

Sat. Dec. 29. **Stairway to Heaven hike in Orkney Springs** 6.2 miles and includes a cave. A 3 mile relatively easy loop (minus the cave) is possible for those who want a shorter hike. Both versions of the hike go through an old shrine that is worth the drive just to see. The extra section for the longer hike starts off muddy then gets steep, but the mud and the climb are worth it for the views at the top and along the way. Meet at Harmony Square Food Lion on 42 North in Harrisonburg (near EMU) at 9:00 a.m. Hike leader: Christa Neher, cm.neher@yahoo.com or (540) 405-7404.

Tues. Jan. 1. **New Years Day Hike – Braley Pond to Bald Ridge Overlook.** Start the New Year off on the right foot – with an invigorating hike. 7 miles with a 3-mile option for those who want a shorter hike and 11-mile option for those wanting a long hike. Meet at Churchville TasteFreez at 9:30 a.m. Those who wish may eat at a local restaurant after the hike. Leaders: Lynn and Malcolm Cameron, slynnccameron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273.

Sat. Jan 5: **Bald Knob** - This is a 6-mile round trip hike on the AT north from Route 60 (2,065') to the summit of Bald Knob (4,059') the crash site of a U.S. Navy A-6 Intruder. We hiked this section a couple of years ago but did not have directions that were good enough to find the crash site. Meet at 9:00 at Reids Gap parking area. Leader is David Bennick, dbennick@verizon.net or 540-337-5330.

Sat. Jan. 12. **Annual Spaghetti Hike.** This is a long-time tradition for our club. Hike 4-5 miles at Madison Run and then enjoy spaghetti dinner afterwards at the Radloff house in Keezletown. Meet at Grottoes Food Lion on Rt. 340 at 10 a.m. Contact hike leader Ron Radloff at radloff.ronald@gmail.com or (540) 269-8131 to let him know if you are coming for the hike and/or to Ron's and Ann's house north of Keezletown for dinner afterwards. Let Ron know what you will bring to accompany the spaghetti - salad, bread, dessert or hors d'oeuvre.

Sat. Jan. 19. **Fridleys Gap and Massanutten South Trails.** 5.9 miles. Moderate ++. Approximately 1500' elevation change. Check out trail building done with University of Maryland Terrapin Outdoor Club. Total valley view from Woodstock to Staunton on return loop. Meet at Verona Park and Ride at 8:00 a.m., Massanutten Presbyterian Church on Rt. 33 at 8:30 a.m. or at the Fridley Gap Trailhead at 9:00. Leader: Jim Fye, jfye40@icloud.com, (540) 830-2023.

Sat. Jan 26. **Sherando.** Hike is 5 miles round trip, easy to moderate. The gate to Sherando is closed, so we will start at the Fisherman's Parking area on the north end of Sherando Lake. We will hike along the Lake, through the campground, and to the upper reservoir where we will pick up White Rock Gap Trail for a ways and then double back. Meet at the Food Lion on Route 340 in Stuarts Draft at 9 A.M. Contact hike leaders Mike and Karen Waterman at karenswaterman@gmail.com or (540) 337-1273.

Sat. Feb. 2. **Narrowback Mountain loop.** 8 miles. 650 feet elevation change. Begin and end on Tilman Rd. This is a nice lower elevation hike for Winter months. Meet at Turner Ashby High School in Bridgewater at 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Lynn and Malcolm Cameron, slynnccameron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273.

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