



Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of PATC Hike and Work Trip Schedule Feb. - March 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.

- Feb. 13: **Chessie Nature Trail** in Lexington. Easy grade along the river; 4 Mi., Meet at Stuarts Draft Food Lion at 9:00
- March 13: **Va. Blue Ridge Railway Trail**. Scenic trail follows the Piney and Tye Rivers. 4 Mi., Meet at Stuarts Draft Food Lion at 9:00

Hikes and Worktrips

Sat. Feb. 9. **AT from Milam Gap to Bearfence Mountain**-5 miles moderate (Shuttle hike). Optional hike on Bearfence Mountain Trail. The trail at Bearfence is short but includes a rock scramble. Meet at Verona Park and Ride at 8:30 AM or Massanutten Presbyterian Church at 9:00 AM. Hike Leader: Pam Heinrich
540-290-5595 pamheinrich13@gmail.com

Sat. Feb. 16. **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. Feb. 23 **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 north of 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 for dinner afterwards. Let Ron or Ann know what you would like to bring to accompany the spaghetti (or check to see what is needed) - salad, bread, dessert or hors d'oeuvre.

Sat. March 2 **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 leaders: Jim Fye: [540-830-2023](tel:540-830-2023), jfye40@icloud.com, Pam Heinrich [540-290-5595](tel:540-290-5595), pamheinrich13@gmail.com

Sat. Mar. 9. **U.S. Marine Airplane Crash Site** - 6.0 miles, easy to moderate. If the Government Shutdown has ended, meet at Humpback Rocks Parking at 9:00 and we'll carpool and head for Dripping Rock. If the Shutdown has not ended, we'll meet at Reids Gap Parking at 9:00 and drive to Dripping Rock via Wintergreen. 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 cars. Leader is David Bennick, dbennick@verizon.net or 540-337-5330.

Sat. Mar. 16. **Shenandoah Mountain Trail** Beginning from Confederate Breastworks. 5 miles total in and out, easy to moderate. Meet at Churchville Tastee Freeze, behind bank at back of the lot at 9:00 a.m. Optional stop for lunch at White's Wayside. Leaders: Mike and Karen Waterman, karenswaterman@gmail.com, 540-337-1273 or cell 540-290-8304

Sat. Mar. 23. **Wild Oak Trail – Section B** Hike with some work midway. 5.8 miles. 1800 ft. elevation gain. Hike up Springhouse Ridge Trail from Camp Todd to Big Bald and descend to FR 96 via Dividing Ridge Trail. Requires a shuttle. We will clip vegetation and remove blowdowns on a 1-mile section from the summit of Big Bald to Dividing Ridge Trail intersection. Meet at Churchville TasteeFreez behind bank at 9:00. Contact: Lynn and Malcolm Cameron, sllynncameron@gmail.com, 540-234-6273
Bring loppers, clippers, or a Corona (saw).

Sat. Mar. 30. **Work Trip on SSVc's section of AT.** We will clear ice storm damage, or if that is already done, we will clean waterbars. Meet at Simmons Gap Ranger Station at 9:30 or Ivy Creek Overlook at 10:00. Work trip leader: Bill Markunas, billmarkunas@yahoo.com, 540-830-5778 and Malcolm Cameron, malcolmgcameron@gmail.com, 540-234-6273

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