



Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of PATC Hike and Work Trip Schedule June- August 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.

- June 12: **Blackrock-Furnace Mountain Trail, SNP**; Hike in and out, 4 mi. total, Meet at Rockfish Gap at old Howard Johnson's at 9:00.
- July 9: **Hoover Camp from Milam Gap, SNP**; Hike in and out. 4 mi. total, Meet at Swift Run Gap at 9:00.

Hikes and Worktrips

Sat. June 8: **Work Trip on SSV's AT Section**; Pinefield Gap to Ivy Creek Overlook. The briars and laurel are growing fast and we need to get our section in good shape for the thru hikers. We'll clip back vegetation overall and weed eat several hundred feet and also check on water bars. 2 miles one way. We need 10 people or more to get the job done in one day. Please come and help if you can. We will stop working at 2:30. Meet at Simmons Gap Ranger Station (milepost 73.3) at 9:30. Worktrip leaders: Malcolm Cameron, malcolmgcameron@gmail.com, (540)234-6273 and Bill Markunas, billmarkunas@yahoo.com or (540) 830-5778 .

Sat. June 15: **Big Branch Falls from Blackrock Gap** (mile 87.4 on the Skyline Drive). Moderate 7.6 miles (out and back) with a 900 feet elevation change. We will travel down the Moormans River Fire Road and N. Fork Moormans River Trail to Big Branch Falls and return. This hike does involve water crossing along the Moormans River. Meet at King's Gourmet Popcorn at Rockfish Gap at 9:00 or the Blackrock Gap parking lot at 9:45. Hike leader: Pam Heinrich (540) 290-5595 or pamheinrich13@gmail.com

Sat. June 22: **Riprap Hollow in SNP**. Moderate 7.5 mile hike. We'll leave a shuttle car at Wildcat Ridge parking at Mile 92. Hike starts at Riprap Trail passing Calvary Rocks and Chimney Rocks, and return on the Wildcat Ridge Trail. There are views, small waterfalls and a swimming pool. Meet at the closed Howard Johnson restaurant with the orange roof on Afton Mountain at 9:00 or at Wildcat Ridge parking at Mile 92 at 9:30. Hike Leader: David Bennick at dbennick@verizon.net or (540) 337-5330.

Sat June 29 : **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. July 6: **Bearwallow Trail in Laurel Fork, Highland Co.** 5.4 miles, easy. Hike through a red spruce forest with beaver ponds, then down Bearwallow Run to Laurel Fork, one of Virginia's premier brook trout streams. Optional dinner at High's Restaurant in Monterey on the way back. Hike leaders: Malcolm and Lynn Cameron, slynncameron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273. Meet at Churchville TasteeFreez behind the bank at 9:00 a.m.

Sat. July 13. **Red Wing Roots Music Festival Hikes.** SSSVC will team up with Friends of Shenandoah Mountain to lead hikes for Red Wing Roots Music Festival goers. We will offer two options: Grooms Ridge Trail (3.5 mi.) and Chestnut Ridge Trail (7 mi.). Contact Lynn Cameron if you want to help lead a hike. slynncameron@gmail.com, (540) 234-6273.

Sat. July 27. **Kaylor Knob-Massanutten Mtn.** 6 miles, 1200' elevation gain. We will hike along the cool Boone's Run, then up Second Mountain to Kaylor Knob. Bring along some clippers and we will cut a few blueberries on the way up. There is a swimming hole at the end so bring swimwear. Meet at Elkton Food Lion at 9:00. Hike leader: Michael Seth, sethmj@jmu.edu or (540) 746-0605

Tues. July 30 (Rain date July 31) **Annual Hike Planning Meeting with Issues Discussion and Picnic.** Meet at Sherando Lake at 3:00 for a swim, hike or sitting by the lake prior to the meeting and cook out. Meeting will begin around 5. Mike and Karen will prepare the cook out. Everyone should bring a dish to share. Contact Mike and Karen Waterman at karenswaterman@gmail.com or (540) 337-1273.

Sat. Aug. 3: **Robertson Mountain.** Moderate 6.8 miles (out and back) with a 1,100 feet elevation change. We will leave Limberlost Trailhead (mile 43 on the Skyline Drive) and use Old Rag Fire Road to reach the summit of Robertson Mountain. 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 or pamheinrich13@gmail.com.

Sat. Aug. 17. **Hankey Mountain: Dowells Draft – Wild Oak Trail to Dividing Ridge Parking.** 6 miles. Moderate. Short shuttle. The ACP has been halted by the 4th Circuit Court decision invalidating the Forest Service permit. On this hike we will see the swath of trees removed over a year ago from the route through the National Forest by Braley Pond and over Hankey Mountain. Meet at Churchville TasteeFreez behind the bank at 8:30 a.m. Leaders: Malcolm and Lynn Cameron, slynncameron@gmail.com, (540)234-6273.

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