

2011 Swannanoa Rim Hikes (weather permitting)

Date: Feb. 19

Hike: Rhododendron Rim—Begley home to Route 9

Description:

Mileage/Elevation Gain:

Date: Mar. 19

Hike: Weatherford Heights—Jesse's High Top to Route 9

Description:

Mileage/Elevation Gain:

Date: Apr. 16

Hike: Cherokee Boundary—Begley home to Swannanoa Gap.

Description: From Wendell's cabin northeast to near Swannanoa Gap at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys

Mileage/Elevation Gain: 3.5 miles

Date: May 21

Hike: Montreat East Ridge—Greybeard trailhead to Ridgecrest

Description:

Mileage/Elevation Gain:

Date: June 18

Hike: Pinnacle on the Blue Ridge—Toe River Gap to Greybeard trailhead

Description: From Blue Ridge Parkway to Pinnacle to Rocky Knob to Greybeard and down to Montreat

Mileage/Elevation Gain: ~6 mile

Date: July 16

Hike: Grey Eagle Rock—Toe River Gap to Begley cabin trailhead

Description: From Toe River Gap to Black Mtn. Gap to Potato Knob to Panther Gap to Wendell's Cabin to Stepp's Gap

Mileage/Elevation Gain: 3.5 mile, +1200-1400 ft

Date: Aug. 20

Hike: Patton's Table—Hwy. 128 to Balsam Gap

Description: From Stepp's Gap to Potato Knob to Blackstock Knob to Balsam Gap

Mileage/Elevation Gain: 5.4 miles.

Date: Sept. 17

Hike: Walker Knob—Balsam Gap to Greybeard overlook on BR Parkway

Description: From Balsam Gap via Mountain-to-Sea Trail south to Bullhead Gap (Greybeard Overlook)

Mileage/Elevation Gain: 3.8 miles.

Date: Oct. 15

Hike: Buckner's Knob—Craggy Pinnacle parking lot to Craggy picnic area at Bearpen Gap

Description: Craggy Pinnacle to Craggy Flats to Bear Pen Gap.

Mileage/Elevation Gain: ~3 miles

Date: Nov. 19

Hike: Top of Brushy & High Top of Bee Tree—Laurel Ridge camp to Laurel Ridge water tank

Description: From Laurel Ridge, follow Rim south to Helipad and drop down to Laurel Ridge water tower.

Mileage/Elevation Gain: 3.9 miles, up 1200ft (total 1900ft).

Date: Dec. 17

Hike: Garden of Eden—Camp Rockmont to Cedar Cliff, Garden of Eden and return to Rockmont

Description: From Camp Rockmont to Cedar Cliffs, Eden Rocks, down to Grove Stone Quarry and return.

Mileage/Elevation Gain: 8 miles, up +1800 ft