

2015 Classic Hikes of the Smokies



Friends of the Smokies guided hikes in **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** feature interpretation and leadership by author and hiking expert, Danny Bernstein. Each hike highlights an achievement or cause Friends of the Smokies has supported in the Park.

To register for any 2015 Classic Hike of the Smokies, contact AnnaLee@FriendsOfTheSmokies.org or 828-452-0720.

March 10: Smokemont

6.2 miles, 1,400 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Historic chapel & cemetery
Highlight: Public Safety Treatment of Ash Trees

April 14: Caldwell Fork

9.4 miles, 1,650 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Union graves, Woody house & wildflowers
Highlight: Artist in Residence Program

May 12: Lake Shore Trail

9.4 miles, 1,370 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Tunnel & history
Highlight: Equestrian Leave No Trace Training Program

June 9: Hemphill Bald

8.8 miles, 1,900 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Masonic marker & flowers
Highlight: Feral Hog Control

July 20-21: Overnight at Mount Le Conte

Boulevard Trail: 8 miles, moderate
Trillium Gap Trail: 6.5 miles, moderate
Features: LeConte Lodge, waterfalls, sunrise, park program, Spruce-fir forest & Balsam wooly adelgid
Highlight: Reduce Backcountry Bear Problems

August 11: Big Creek

Moderate hike:
10 miles, 1,100 ft ascent
Easy hike:
4 miles, 600 ft ascent
Features: Swimming hole & waterfalls
Highlight: Suppress Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

September 8: Boogerman

7.2 miles, 1,600 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Stone walls, creeks & elk
Highlight: Elk Bugle Corps & SCA Interns

October 13: Purchase Knob

7.5 miles, 1,500 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Science Learning Center & ridgeline views
Highlight: Parks as Classrooms

November 10: Chimney Tops & Elkmont

4 miles, 1,300 ft ascent, moderate
Features: Trails Forever project, views & history
Highlight: Trails Forever Program

December 8: Noland Creek

4 miles, 800 ft ascent, easy
Features: Historic home sites, Bryson City Visitor Center & Museum
Highlight: Water Quality Monitoring Program

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