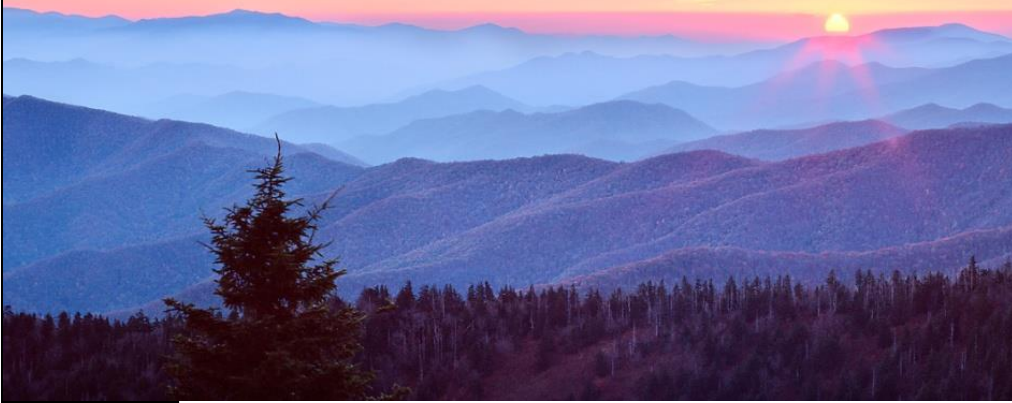


2017 Classic Hikes of the Smokies



Friends of the Smokies guided hikes in **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** feature interpretation of the trail, history, and park projects supported by Friends of the Smokies. Donations for guided hikes help fund the Smokies' Trails Forever program.

To register for any 2017 Classic Hike of the Smokies, visit Hike.FriendsOfTheSmokies.org or contact Marielle@FriendsOfTheSmokies.org

March 14: Mingus Creek to Mingus Family Cemetery

4.0 miles, 700 ft ascent, easy
Features: historic mill and cemetery
Highlight: Water Quality Monitoring

April 11: Big Creek

10.0 miles, 1,100 ft ascent, moderately strenuous
Features: wildflowers, cascades
Highlight: Treatment of Ash Trees

May 9: Caldwell Fork

9.4 miles, 1,650 ft ascent, moderate
Features: historic Cataloochee Valley, wildflowers
Highlight: Elk Bugle Corps

June 13: Charlies Bunion

8.0 miles, 1,650 ft ascent, moderately strenuous
Features: views & Appalachian Trail
Highlight: A.T. Ridgerunners

July 11: Alum Cave to LeConte Lodge

10.0 miles, 2,600 ft ascent, strenuous
Features: views, historic lodge
Highlight: Trails Forever project

August 28-29: Overnight hikes at Fontana Village

Experience the scenic beauty and notable history of this remote area of the park

September 12: Boogerman Trail

7.5 miles, 1,150 ft ascent, moderate
Features: historic Cataloochee Valley, elk
Highlight: Cataloochee Valley Historic Preservation

October 10: Purchase Knob

7.5 miles, 1,500 ft ascent, moderate
Features: views, Appalachian Science Learning Center
Highlight: McNeil Endowment

November 14: North Shore Road Loop

9.4 miles, 1,350 ft ascent, moderate
Features: historic tunnel
Highlight: Brook Trout Restoration

December 12: Little River/Cucumber Gap Trails, Elkmont

7 miles, flat, easy
Features: Historic Elkmont
Highlight: Parks as Classrooms

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