



Benton MacKaye Trail Association

2022 Annual Meeting & Hike Fest

Hike Hike Schedule

ALL HIKES MEET AT THE FONTANA VILLAGE EVENTS HALL

All hikes are limited to 15 hikers. Additional hikes will be planned if needed

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022

Cemetery Hike 2:00 PM

Drive to Shuckstack Trailhead (15 min.) Hike 3 miles, visiting two old cemeteries in Great Smoky Mtn. NP. Shuttle back for dinner.
Rating: Easy — Duration 2.5 hours

Friday, Nov. 4, 2022

EASY HIKE

Twenty Mile Falls

Drive to Twenty Mile Ranger Station and hike 1 mile to Twenty Mile Falls. Guide: TBD

Yellow Creek Falls

Drive to visit Yellow Creek Falls on Route 129. 3/8 mile trip to view a pleasant waterfall. Guide: TBD

MODERATE HIKES

Nichols Cove Hike

Travel to Big Fat Gap and follow the BMT 6 miles thru Nichols Cove to Tapoco Lodge. Return to Fontana Village approximately 5:00 PM or later. Shuttle needed. Guide: TBD

Twenty Mile Loop Trail

Drive to Twenty Mile Ranger Station and hike 7.6 miles over Loop Trail with 1,200 foot elevation change. Guide: TBD

STRENUOUS HIKES

The Hangover

Travel to Big Fat Gap and follow the BMT 5.2 miles to the Hangover, spectacular view. Return to Fontana Village approximately 5:00 PM or later. Guide: Randy Mulick

Yellow Creek Ridge

Drive to Old Field Gap and hike the BMT 8 miles over Yellow Creek Mountain and down into Fontana Village. Shuttle needed. Guide: TBD

Saturday, November 5, 2022

EASY HIKE

Twenty Mile Falls

Drive to Twenty Mile Ranger Station and hike 1 mile to Twenty Mile Falls. Guide: TBD

Bear Pen Gap Section of the BMT

Drive to Old Field Gap and hike a bit less than 2 miles along one of the prettiest sections of the BMT down to Tapoco Lodge. Could have lunch at Tapoco Lodge. Guide: TBD

MODERATE HIKES

Featured Hike: Fontana Ferry from the Marina to the BMT/Lakeshore Trail to the extinct town of Proctor.

Hazel Creek was once the most popular place along the north shore of Fontana Lake. Explore an old cemetery, learn local history. Mileage can vary, according to your willingness to explore. There is a \$50. per person charge for the Ferry. Guide: Dick Evans

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Sunday, November 6, 2022

Any of the above hikes can be done as self-guided hikes. Lunch at Tapoco Lodge would be fun!

GPS directions are fairly reliable. Cell phone service is spotty to non-existent.

Weather in early November can be lovely, or snow. Be prepared for temperature and weather changes.

Gas is available at the Fontana Pitstop Service Station, but pricy. No other local gas available for several miles.