



Newsletter of the  
Chattanooga Hiking Club

May 2020

### Club Meeting

The Chattanooga Hiking Club meets at 6:30 PM on the first Monday of even numbered months (except December) at the REI store at 2507 Lifestyle Way, behind the Embassy Suites off Shallowford Road.

**Next meeting – Monday June 1, 2020 (???)**

**Don't forget to renew your membership!  
On the website, under "About Us", then  
under "Renewal Form".**

Well, as a club, we're still in a holding pattern. Some closed venues are reopening, but carpooling is still a worry. Upcoming Saturday outings are still cancelled or postponed. We may try something on Wednesdays, close to home, if the situation improves, as we all hope it does! Meanwhile, some of us got out last month before things began to shut down, and some (especially Rick and Tim) have found openings.

If you do get out on the trail, by yourself or with one or two "DISTANT" friends, please be careful and stay safe! And if you're on Facebook and want to post some pictures from a hike you've done during this hiatus, please do, so I can borrow a few of them for June's newsletter.

Everybody, be patient and stay well!



### Reports from the Field

**Jenny Hopkins, Susan Basch  
Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail  
March 22, 2020**



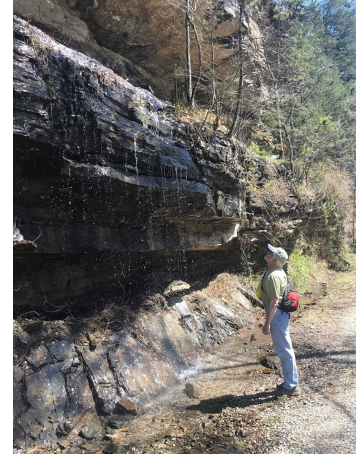
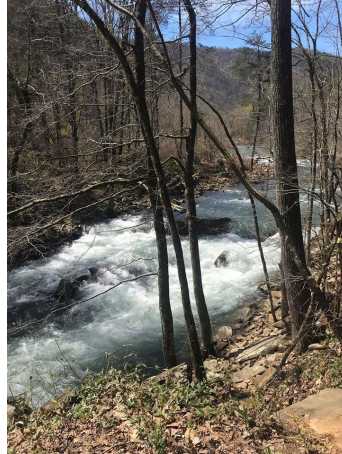
Pictures above and left from Jenny

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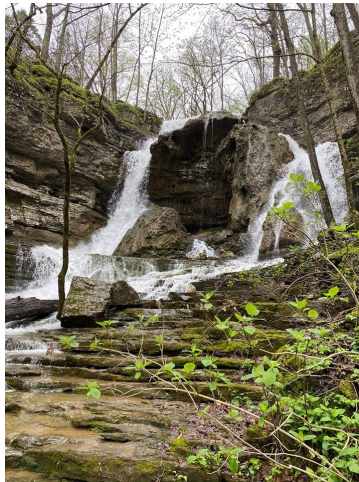
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**Barbara McCollum**  
**Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail**  
**March 25, 2020**

**Teresa & Mac Dean**  
**Big Soddy Gulf**  
**March 27, 2020**



Pictures from Teresa



**Rick Glisson**  
**John Muir Trail/Hiwassee**  
**March 27, 2020**



Pictures from Barbara



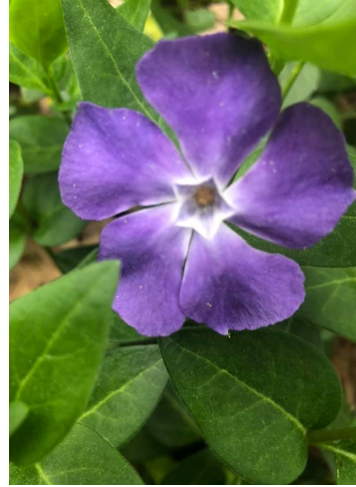
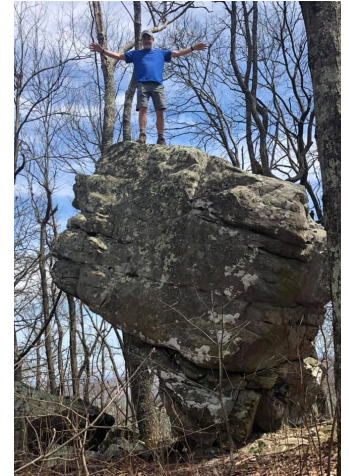
Pictures from Rick

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Barbara McCollum, Tim Chomyn, Mary Ann Pawlowski, Terri & Noel Holcomb  
The woods of N Georgia  
March 28, 2020

Rick Glisson, Tim Chomyn  
CT Brady Mtn  
April 4, 2020



Pictures from Tim

Pictures from Rick & Tim

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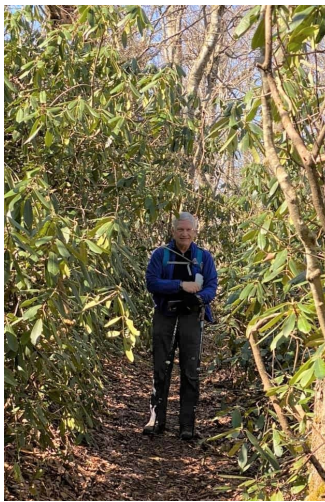
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**Teresa & Mac Dean**  
**Chester Frost Park**  
**April 10, 2020**



Pictures from Teresa

**Rick Glisson & Tim Chomyn**  
**Joyce Kilmer NF**  
**April 11, 2020**



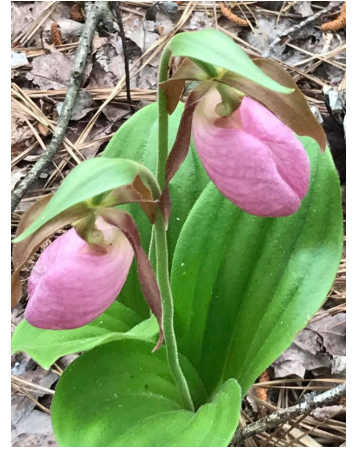
Pictures from Rick & Tim

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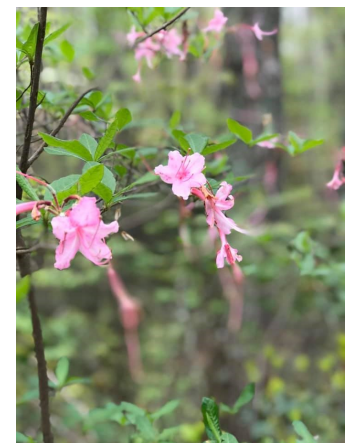
Rick Glisson & Tim Chomyn  
BMT, Sycamore Creek  
April 18, 2020

Teresa & Mac Dean  
Enterprise South  
April 22, 2020



Pictures from Rick and Tim

Sonja Parker  
Cloudland Canyon  
April 24, 2020



Pictures from Sonja

Reports from the Archives

(...just one this month, but it's a doozie!)

Sewanee: Mountain Goat day hike  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Someone said it's always a bad sign when just as the hike is beginning you see the hike leader up ahead turn around and start heading back toward you! I hate when that happens, especially when it's me leading! But after a quick loop around the barn, we did find the trail and proceeded without a hitch the rest of the way. Well, there also was that confusing part at the bottom where we didn't know whether to drop down to the current railroad tracks or forge ahead on the old roadbed. But other than that, it was an OK hike with some nice views and a few early wildflowers, especially toothworts, and it was a downhill 5% grade as it follows an old railroad line. We can honestly report one waterfall and a couple of mountain streams. The rough rocky footing wore on most of us, but all that was forgotten (and hopefully forgiven) after a great lunch at a neat little Italian restaurant in Cowan called Sernicola's. Enjoying (or was that surviving?) the "First Annual We Ain't Scouted This And It's Obvious" hike were: Arlene Swallows, Betty Petty, Bill Kinnaman, Bob Rahn, Louis Spencer, Donald Box, Jean Dickinson, Che Carico, Larry Parks, Lou Novakow, Monty Simmons, Renee Grace, Sharon Hogan, Stormy McGauley, Sue Christensen, Susan Garrett, Suzanne Dorough, Teresa Dean, Tim Chomyn, Val Hargis, Wanda McCarter, Wayne Chambers, Herb Katzman, Linda Katzman, Jerry Wright, Jennie Chandler, John Hyler, Faye Nunez, Melvin Nunez, Mott Gammon, Pat Abercrombie, Vicki Armor, Debbie Lambert, Patricia Stamper, and John Rowland, reporting.

*Thanks to all you good sports and thanks to John Doyal for piquing our curiosity about this trail. John Rowland did lots of research to find the trail and he provided lots of interesting history regarding the RR line and the future plans for the Mountain Goat trail. Some day you can likely hike from Tracy City to Cowan. – Che Carico*



Pictures above from JD, the rest from John



Remember Renee's appetizer that would feed the 5,000?

## Outings Schedule

everything is still very much up in the air...

06/06/20	Gee Creek	B Rudder
06/20/20	Pine Log Creek	B Needham
06/20/20	Mt Mitchell car camp	J Rowland

(more on the website...)

**Wednesday Day Hikes - Che Carico** - The Wednesday group hikes many of the same trails as the weekend hikers. Since a schedule is not published in advance, notification of each week's plan is sent out by email on Sunday or Monday. Please call Che at (423) 718-9271, leave your email address, and ask to be added to the group list; or email her at [MidWeek@chatthiking.com](mailto:MidWeek@chatthiking.com) and likewise ask to be added to the group list.

### Hike Difficulty Ratings

The information below is provided as a guide only. Each hiker assumes the risks associated with hiking in the great outdoors, including the responsibility of paying any bills associated with rescue efforts or medical care. The wise hiker always carries water, food, and first aid items.

**Easy (E):** 6 miles or less; mostly level or only slight incline.

**Moderate (M):** 6-10 miles with an elevation gain that will generally not exceed 350 feet per mile, with a total elevation gain of no more than 1000 ft.

**Moderately Strenuous (MS):** 6-10 miles in length, but include rocky trail conditions, tricky stream crossings, or elevation gain of more than 1000 ft but less than 2000 ft.

**Strenuous (S):** a distance of 10-14 miles or with more than 2000 ft total elevation gain, but no more than 3000 ft.

**Extremely Strenuous (S+):** Usually involves distances of more than 14 miles or more than 3000 ft in elevation gain. There might be very steep/rugged climbs, deep stream crossings, or unmaintained trails.

**Pace:** Standard pace is 2 miles an hour; less on steep or rugged terrain. Fast pace is 2.5 to 3 miles an hour or more and may not vary much regardless of terrain.

**Attention:** When calling to go on an outing, please specify exact number of people who will be attending. Do NOT just show up with a friend or family member unannounced! This puts your hike leader in an awkward position as most hikes involve some planning of transportation. Also we frequently hike in wilderness areas and other places where the number of hikers in a group is limited. If that is the case, and the hike is already full, you may be turned away!

**Cancellations:** Hike leaders are entirely at the own discretion regarding the weather. It is possible that a leader may decide that, due to weather conditions, they do not feel safe hiking on that day. Lightning kills many people every year and can strike hikers on a trail. Also many of the areas where we hike are prone to flash floods that can kill or injure. The leader will call, email, text, etc., if deciding to cancel before the day of the hike. In the event that the decision to cancel is made on the day of the hike, the leader will give you the courtesy of showing up at the designated meeting place to announce that the hike is cancelled.

## Other Stuff

### People Who Do Manage to Get Out...

Keep those Facebook posts coming! Thanks to all whose pictures are in this newsletter! Hopefully I have properly given credit.  
John



"As you sit on the hillside, or lie prone under the trees of the forest, or sprawl wet-legged by a mountain stream, the great door, that does not look like a door, opens."

- Stephen Graham, The Gentle Art of Tramping

### Rock/Creek Discount Info

Show your Chattanooga Hiking Club Membership Card, along with your ID at any Rock/Creek Store.  
Chattanooga Hiking Club - 10% off one Item  
\*Applies to one non-sale, in-stock item. Can not be combined with other discounts or promotions. Offer does not apply to gift cards, boats, boards, coolers, & electronics. **In-store only.**

### Club Officers and Support:

**President** - Gary Petty (423) 488-5954

**Vice President** - Stormy McGauley (423) 505-4525

**Treasurer** - Jenny Hopkins

**Secretary** - Susan Basch (706) 633-6159

**Membership Database** - Susan Basch (706) 633-6159

**Outings** - Barbara McCollum (770) 289-7143

**Newsletter/Webmaster** - John Rowland (423) 802-7704

**Trail Maintenance** - Steve Barnes (423) 339-3019

Boe Rudder (423) 400-1103

**Midweek Outings** - Cheryl Carico (423) 718-9271

**Website:** [chatthiking.com](http://chatthiking.com) (includes link to newsletter)