



Newsletter of the  
Chattanooga Hiking Club

June 2022

### Club Information



**Spring Picnic**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**Cloudland Canyon**

**Picnic Shelter 1**

**Noon-2pm**

**No need to RSVP for picnic but please bring dish to share. Bring camp chair too!**

**Come early! Parking can get crowded on weekends**

**Pre-picnic 5 mile hike starts at 8:45 at picnic shelter. See page 2 for details.**

**Website: [www.chatthiking.com](http://www.chatthiking.com)  
Facebook: Chattanooga Hiking Club**



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### Membership Renewal

The club roster has been updated and emailed to all who renewed their membership or joined since last year. If you still - after all the reminders - not renewed, it isn't too late to keep your email on the list for notifications of future hikes! See the club website at [chatthiking.com](http://chatthiking.com) for details on where to send your \$20.

### Lulu Lake Land Trust Volunteer Day

**June 1, 2022**

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Mountain. This new trail system is separate from the land trust's limited access core preserve. The Durham Trails will eventually connect to Five Points Trails and be available for daily use. Mark your calendar

for June 1 and join us on a trail work day on this beautiful property. Details such as time, meeting location, what to bring, etc., will be emailed to all club members ahead of time. Questions? Contact Jenny Hopkins at [jenhop60@gmail.com](mailto:jenhop60@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Outings—Weekend Hikes

### West Rim Loop Trail Saturday May 21, 2022

**Time:** 8:45

**Location:** Cloudland Canyon State Park, GA

**Mileage:** 4.8 miles (loop)

**Elevation:** 250 ft.

**Rating:** Moderate/Easy

**Pace:** Standard

This hike will start and end at Picnic Shelter #1 for those interested in hiking before the Club's Spring Picnic. Plan on meeting at the picnic shelter at 8:45 a.m. We will head out at 9:00 a.m. to hike the West Rim Trail which is a 4.8 mile lollipop loop. The trail is rated moderate for roots and rocks and offers impressive views of the Park's canyon at several overlook points. We will be back in plenty of time to join the Picnic! To register for the hike, contact hike leader Shelly Lewis at [Lewissellytn@yahoo.com](mailto:Lewisshellytn@yahoo.com).

### Club Spring Picnic Saturday May 21, 2022 Time: 12 Noon

**Location:** Cloudland Canyon State Park, GA - Picnic Shelter #1

Please join us for a potluck picnic. Bring a dish to pass, with serving utensils if needed and whatever you'd like to drink. The Club will provide paper goods and plastic utensils. Public parking gets crowded on weekends. Considering arriving early as you may need to walk a distance. Bring a camp chair if you can. \$5 parking fee if you don't have park pass. You do not need to register for the picnic but please contact Stormy McGauley at [Stormymcgauley@gmail.com](mailto:Stormymcgauley@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

### Wednesday, June 1

#### Durham Trails work day for Lula Lake Land Trust

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## Upcoming Outings—Weekend Hikes

### Saturday June 4, 2022

#### Gahuti Back Country Trail

**Location:** Ft. Mountain State Park, Georgia

**Driving time:** 45 minutes

**Distance:** 7.8 miles

**Rating:** Moderate to hard

**Elevation Gain:** 1561 feet

**Pace:** Standard

The Gahuti Backcountry Trail is located in Fort Mountain State Park near Chattsworth, GA. The trail circles inside the park and goes past several popular attractions. There is an old stone wall build more than 2,500 years ago, fire tower, overlook, lake, picnic area and camping. The park charges a \$5.00 entrance fee per car. We will meet at the Ingle's in Ringgold to carpool. Text Tim Chomyn at (706) 346-6746 or email to [chomyn@catt.com](mailto:chomyn@catt.com).

### Saturday, June 25, 2022

#### Gregory Bald via Wolf Ridge Trail

**Location:** GSMNP

**Driving Time:** about 2 1/2 hours from Ooltewah, TN Food City

**Distance:** 16 miles roundtrip

**Rating:** Very Strenuous

**Elevation Gain:** 4000 ft

**Pace:** Slow to Standard

Hike to the top of Gregory Bald just in time to see the beautiful Flame Azaleas in full bloom! This is a challenging hike that will take 8-9 hours total time so be prepared! The views and blooms at the top make it well worth it, however. Plan is to meet at Ooltewah Food City by 7AM for the carpool, to arrive at the trailhead at 9:30AM and start hiking. Because of the long day you may choose to meet with others the night before in nearby towns such as Murphy, NC which is about 1 hour 15 minutes from the trailhead. Contact Rick Glisson (hike leader) to sign up or for further information ([richard.glisson@icloud.com](mailto:richard.glisson@icloud.com) or 704-756-5195).

### Weekend Hiker Leaders Needed!

Contact Tim Chomyn [chomyn@catt.com](mailto:chomyn@catt.com) to get involved. Easy to strenuous, near or far. We'll help you get started.

**Upcoming Outings**

**Save the Date September 17-18, 2022**

**Yellow Daisies at Stone Mountain and Arabia Mountain**



Every year in September, an explosion of yellow flowers covers granite outcrops (also known as monadnocks) in Stone Mountain, Arabia Mountain, and Panola Mountain just

outside of metro Atlanta. These are yellow daisies and they are one of the fall wonders in several of Georgia’s finest parks. They are found in only four states: Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Barbara McCollum is organizing an overnight trip to Stone Mountain and Arabia Mountain. We’ll drive to Stone Mountain on Saturday morning and have the option of hiking the Cherokee Loop Trail or riding the tram to the summit. On Sunday, we’ll visit Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve where the yellow daisies will be putting on their best show. We’ll stay overnight somewhere in the Stone Mountain area on Saturday. There are RV camping options at Stone Mountain Park for those interested. Contact Barbara at [bpmccollum@yahoo.com](mailto:bpmccollum@yahoo.com) for more information. Registration for this trip will start July 1, 2022.

**Hike Leaders Needed. Especially on the weekends. Short or long hikes, near or far—doesn’t matter! We have lots of interest.**

**Contact Tim Chomyn  
chomyn@catt.com**

**Reports from the Field**

**Wednesday, April 20, Piney River**



Yesterday’s hike was probably one of the most difficult Wednesday hike. We started at the Newby Camp trailhead near Spring City TN, followed the creek and ended at Shut

In Gap Road (Piney River Recreation area). The distance was around 9 miles with an in and out 6 miles option. The terrain was technical but we had so many wild flowers. Thanks Barbara we were able to recognize most of them. The hikers group was composed of 13 participants and 6 did the longer hike. Charlie was a great leader, he kept a good pace and we finished the hike in approximately 5h30m. Thanks to Che for organizing this hike and the SUV drivers. Reporting and photos: Renaud. Check out the great video of this adventure on the club’s Facebook page.

**Saturday, April 23, 2022 Prentice Cooper**

It was a beautiful day for the Mullens Cove loop in Prentice-Cooper State Forest. The Snooper’s Rock Overlook looked its finest in spring green and blue skies. We had a tremendous amount of dwarf irises blooming, as well as azaleas! And since the trees weren’t fully leafed out, we had views of the river as we hiked! This is a spring hike not to

be missed! Leading and reporting Susan Faidley



**Reports from the Field**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022, Cloudland Canyon**

On a beautiful Sunday morning, two new CHC hikers, Pat Diviny and Bill Ragsdale, joined me to explore the area at the bottom of the trail. We headed out to enjoy the morning hearing the creeks soothing sound as we climbed to Hemlock Falls and enjoyed the wide variety of flora that we encountered along the way. They voted to go directly to the falls, which did not disappoint. Bill hiked up to Cherokee Falls as Pat and I made our way leisurely back to the wildflower trail. There were only three of us but that made it

easy to talk and learn of the interesting lives of two new hiking friends as we discovered the quantity of different wildflowers growing in such a small portion of the trail near the parking lot. We were blessed to see so many varieties



but standouts from the beginning were the trillium, phlox, larkspur, May pops, spring beauty, Solomon's seal, etc, etc. etc. and 7 of my favorite, Jack-in-the-Pulpits. Gwen Brimer reporting and photo

**Sunday, May 1, Covenant College/Moonshine Trails**



On a warm, humid morning - with chance of rain forecasted - a small but dedicated group of hikers tackled the 10 miles of Lula Lake Land Trust's Moonshine Trails beginning from Covenant College. After 2 miles on the Chattanooga

Connector Trail, we hiked White Lightning, Fire Water, and Bathtub Gin to loop back up the CCT. Jenny Hopkins, leading and reporting. Photo Renaud



**Reports from the Field**

**Wed. May 5, Black Mountain Overlook**

Great hike at Black Mountain, a section of Cumberland Trail. Distance of 8 miles in 4h30m. We hiked about 4 miles to a rock outcropping for lunch then retraced our steps to descend the mountain. John found the elusive Yellow Lady Slippers!



Wildflowers were beautiful all along the way. This hike goes through some huge rocks formations. Wanda was our Tahitien model. Susan and Renaud explored an old chimney. Barbara enjoyed a cookie with Renaud.



Thanks to Che for organizing this hike, to the carpool drivers and to Debbie our hike leader today !Reporting and Photos Renaud

**Wed, May 11 Ocoee Gorge**

Rattlesnake trail is in the Ocoee Gorge and noted for wildflowers. It was an approximately 4 miles hike. We crossed two creeks to see some nice waterfalls, the Rainbow fall and thanks to Mac recommendation the Chestnut fall. Renaud climbed a wall to take some photos of the



Jack in the pulpit flowers. Jennifer our newbie crossed the creek on the top of a tree trunk and discovered a snake. Che showed us after the hike the Renfro Sock outlet shop in Cleveland TN. Thanks to Susan's recommendation we had a nice

Italian meal at Cafe Roma in Cleveland TN. Reporting and photos Renaud

**Reports from the Field**

Some of Rick Glisson's pics from the May CHC Elkmont camp out—a great 3 days of hiking, eating, and socializing!! Thanks to Che for organizing and all others who helped with the great food, etc!



Lots more fun photos can be found on Chattanooga Hiking Club Facebook Page

**Outings Schedule**

05/21/2022	Cloudland Canyon Hike	S. Lewis
05/21/2022	Cloudland Canyon Picnic	
06/04/2022	Ft. Mountain State Park	T.Chomyn
06/25/2022	Gregory Bald	R Glisson

See Page 2 &3 for hike details for some of these outings. More information along with additional hikes may be scheduled that don't appear in the newsletter so check the website and Facebook too. Be sure to register with hike leaders, contact info on page 2.

**Wednesday Day Hikes**

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. If you are a member, send an email to [MidWeek@chatthiking.com](mailto:MidWeek@chatthiking.com) and ask to be added to the group list. As a reminder, always RSVP for Wednesday hikes if you plan to go so the hike leader can contact you should weather cancel or plans change.

**Reports from the Field—cont'd**



**Saturday, May 14, 2022—Virgin Falls, Sparta TN**  
 Perfect weather for a hike at Virgin Falls. Great company and incredible scenery. Renaud is a speck at the bottom of the falls. Reporting Shelly. Photos Tim and Renaud



**Other Stuff**

**National Trails Day — June 4, 2022**

Each year, on the first Saturday in June, the American Hiking Society and the hiking community invite people of all ages to one of thousands of events being held nationwide.

Events include guided hikes, bike rides, trail maintenance projects, and special events. Visit the Tennessee State Parks for more local information or simply enjoy the day hiking with family and friends.

**Visit our local state parks for events at:**  
<https://tnstateparks.com/events>

**Lula Lake Land Trust—Volunteers Wanted!**

Club members will recall we made a donation to Lula Lake Land Trust for the new 15 mile Durham Trail system they've been working on. It'll eventually connect to Five Points (part of Cloudland's trails). LLLT is organizing trail work days for the following **Saturdays: May 28, and June 18.** If you're interested in volunteering, contact **Daniel Roberts**, LLLT's Community Engagement Coordinator, at [daniel@lulalake.org](mailto:daniel@lulalake.org)



**Welcome New Members**

We'd like to welcome the following new members to the club. We're so glad you are here!

- Susan Daffron • Paul Oliver • Cindy Wilkins*
- And thank you to all our renewing members too.

**Club Officers and Support:**

- President** - Stormy McGauley [stormymcgauley@gmail.com](mailto:stormymcgauley@gmail.com)
- Vice President** - Gary Petty [pettygw@gmail.com](mailto:pettygw@gmail.com)
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