

## Hiking Schedule 2015

The Johnson County Hikers Club is open to everyone. You do not have to be an experienced hiker, beginners and children are welcome. We will meet in the Food Lion parking lot on hwy. 421 near the road. We meet at 8:45 and leave at 9:00 SHARP unless otherwise stated. We carpool from there to the hike sites. Bring a walking stick, lunch and water. All hikes are on Saturday unless otherwise noted (\*). If you have questions call Carol 727-5947. In addition check us out on Face book!

April 18<sup>th</sup> We start the season with two shorter hikes located in Roan Mt. Park near the campgrounds. It's the Fred Behrend and the Riverside Trails totaling less than 4 miles. The hikes will help us wake up our muscles and get us back into the woods again. Come on along. Let's look for Spring together.

\*\*May 2<sup>nd</sup> We will start at 8:30 today since we will have a long ride to get to our destination, Falls of Little Stoney in Virginia. Please believe me it is so very worth the effort. We will hike 5 miles today along a wonderful creek up to two different falls buried deep in a wonderful woods. We are expecting to see lots of Spring flowers all along the trail. This is not a difficult trail and it will be very rewarding. Expect to return to town today near 5:00 p.m.

\*\*May 15<sup>th</sup> We are hiking this week on Friday so we can take in a section of the Creeper Trail without having to dodge too many bikers. This is the time of year for spotting lots of Spring flowers and so we will go to two different locations to find them. The total mileage will be about 6 miles but most of it will be on flat trails. We will combine both the new Laurel Creek trail in Laurel Bloomery and a section of the Creeper trail between Taylor's Valley and Straight Branch. Bring your camera!

May 30<sup>th</sup> We will not be hiking per say today but instead lending our support to the Watauga Lake Clean up. Meet at the same time and place though and we will head out from there.

June 13<sup>th</sup> This is a new hike for us as we go out to explore Little Lost Cliffs near Linville NC. This is listed as a moderate hike just over 4 miles that will involve some creek crossings. The height of the water will determine whether we end with wet feet or dry!! This is Harper's Creek and the Falls is suppose to be a "real show stopper". Come on along and judge for yourself!

**\*\*June 27<sup>th</sup>** We leave at 8:30 today since we have a ways to go to get to this Virginia Park, Grayson Highlands. We will for sure hike the Cabin Creek Trail one of our favorites and then look for those elusive wild ponies and if we have energy left we can always try the Pinnacle Trail for a spectacular view. This will be so fun!! We should be back by 5:00.

July 11<sup>th</sup> Today we will hike two shorter but challenging trails near Linville NC. Total mileage may be around 4 miles but both hikes will be up hill and at times steep. We can do this! We will just go slow and stop and rest when ever we need it. These views just can't be missed. We are hiking both Table Rock and Hawksbill Trails. Ice Cream afterward for our reward!

July 25<sup>th</sup> Today we will stay local and hike to the Laurel Falls just out of Hampton. This is a geological wonderland in addition to a beautiful falls to eat lunch by. This is a very challenging trail though in spots and is about 5 miles long. This will be worth the trip to an old favorite and a local swimming hole since the Indians walked here. Come and see!