

2015 Johnson City Hiking Club Schedule for Oct, Nov and Dec

Founded March of 1990 by Sam Lloyd

Guests are welcome on all hikes but please contact Joel Zabel at 423-926-3587 if it is an over 10 mile hike or if you have any questions about hiking—most of our hikes will have an “in and out” option. Participation in club activities carries with it the obligation to hold the club and its representatives free of liability for individual safety. We request that newcomers select hikes within their capabilities. Any hike over 10 miles will be rated as strenuous—because a 10 mile walk in the mountains is strenuous for most of us. There is also a certain amount of elevation gain on almost any hike SO-- if in doubt, contact hike leaders for more information about terrain. Please bring rain gear, food, plenty of water, gas money and appropriate clothing on all hikes. No beverages containing alcohol are allowed on the hikes or at the trailheads, if you are involved in activity with the club. We are an alcohol free activity. Persons interested in joining the Johnson City Hikers Club and receiving the schedule should contact Faye Guinn at 753-4072 or wegonehiking@embarqmail.com OR THE SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE-<http://jchikers.weebly.com> ---Hike leaders please send any changes as soon as you are aware of them to the webmaster Joel Zabel @ joyjoel@yahoo.com. Hikers check your e-mail before each hike to be sure there has not been a change.

Oct-3	A moderate 8.5 mile hike on the A.T. near Marion, Va. going from Rt. 603 at the foot of Mt. Rogers to Dickey Gap. See Comers Cr. waterfall and pass Hurricane Mt. Shelter. Leaders: Joy Cook 423-913-2220, Marcia Pruner 276-889-5714 .-cell 276-614-5504 Leave Kroger's on N. Roan at 8 am.
Oct-10	An 8.8 mile hike on the AT from Indian Grave Gap to the Nolichucky River. We will be joining the MAH club for this hike. Leave Long John Silver's at 8am. Leader: Ken Rea 423-737-3882 kenrea2@gmail.com
Oct-17	Strenuous 10 mile hike to Pinnacle Tower via Ramsey Creek Road. Starting from Briar Creek Road, we follow closed Ramsey Creek Road to its end on the southwest side of Pinnacle Mtn, then climb on an old trail to the tower for lunch. We follow a different abandoned forest road back to Ramsey Creek Road, then follow it back to the start. 2000+' of climbing. Leave Long John Silvers at 8 am. Call leader Joel Zabel with questions: (423) 631-6385 .
Oct-24	Very strenuous 10.4 mile or 15.5 mile Smoky Mtn hike to Mt. Cammerer with an optional 7 mile Sunday hike to Albright Grove. Saturday's hike starts at Cosby Campground and takes the Low Gap Trail and AT to Cammerer tower and its panoramic views for lunch. Those opting for the 10.4 mile hike will return the same way we came up. The 15.5 mile hike will continue north on the AT, then take the Lower Mt Cammerer Trail back to Cosby CG. Both Cammerer hikes have 2600+' of climbing. Those hiking Sunday will stay at Cosby CG Saturday night. Sunday's Albright Grove hike goes through old-growth forest with some of the oldest and tallest trees in the Smokies. 1500' of climbing. Leave Jonesborough Post Office at 8am. If you are planning on camping, or have questions, contact leader Joel Zabel: (423) 631-6385 .
Oct-31	Moderate 9 mile in & out hike on Roan Mtn. Starting at Carvers Gap, we follow the AT, the Cloudland Trail, a closed forest road, and several unnamed trails to have lunch at Foster's Roost: a secluded rocky outcrop high on the west side of Roan, with panoramic views not available elsewhere on the mountain. 1600' of climbing. Leave

	Long John Silver's at 8am. If you would like to be met at Food City in Elizabethton at 8:20, call leader Joel Zabel at (423) 631-6385
Nov.-7	A 9.5 moderate Iron Mt Tr hike and FS 90 - Damascus/Bear Tree Lake area. In sequence we will walk these trails: Bear Tree Gap, Iron Mt, Rush, Sawmill, Feathercamp Ridge, Spur, & Feathercamp passing a retired A.T. shelter. Short car shuttle. (Want to walk only 4.5 miles? Let hike leader know) Leader: Marcia Pruner 276-889-5714 or cell 276-614-5504 Leave Long John Silver's 8:00 am. This is combined hike with MAH Hiking Club.
Nov.-14	Very strenuous 10.5 mile loop hike on Sarvis Cove, AT & Horse Crk Rd trails from Horse Crk Rec. Area. We follow Poplar Cove & Sarvis Cove trails to the AT on the ridge of Coldspring Mtn (2700' climb). We then go south on the AT ¼ mile to a field with high open views toward the Smokies for lunch. We'll take the Horse Crk Rd trail back, stopping at another high lookout. The first mile and last 2 miles of this hike have multiple creek crossings; we should be able to rock-hop them, but come prepared. Leave Jonesborough Post Office at 8 AM. Contact leader Joel Zabel, (423) 631-6385, with questions
Nov-21	A moderate 7 mile hike on the Shortoff trail in the Linville Gorge wilderness. This hike has great views of Lake James, Linville Gorge, Hawksbill and Table Rock mountains. If it's clear we will be able to see Hump mountain, and the profile of the Black Mountain Crest Trail. Travel time approximately two hours each way. Any questions contact hike leader Jamie Wheeler 423.676.1767 .
Nov-28	A 13 mile strenuous hike through Rocky Fork to Big Butt then north on the AT and down Flint Creek to the main gate. There will be creek crossings, where you may or may not get wet feet, depending on rain and your ability to rock hop, so come prepared for the creek crossings. If you wish to meet at Pals in Erwin at 8:15 call the leader. Leave Long John Silver's at 8am. Leader: James Foster 423-946-0536
Dec-5	We will start at Margarette Falls parking area and hike 8 strenuous miles on the Bullen Hollow and Jenkins Ridge Trails. Those who wish can add another two miles at the end of the hike by going to the Margarette Falls Waterfall, there are water crossings to reach the waterfalls. Leave the Jonesborough Post Office at 8am. Lamar Adcox, 423-234-0296 or cell (423) 823 – 1768.
Dec.-12	A 7 mile moderate hike up Lower Higgins Creek to Bear Wallow Gap then right out the ridge to a small hidden pond and back.[these creek crossings can be rock hopped most of the year, but please know there are creek crossings on this hike.] Leave Long John Silver's at 8am.If you wish to meet at Pals in Erwin at 8:15 call the leader. Leader: James Foster 423-946-0536
Dec-19	GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN: MACRAE PEAK A Strenuous 9 mile in and out hike that starts on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Boone Fork parking area where we pick up the Daniel Boone Scout Trail. From there we will head to Calloway Peak and take Grandfather Trail to reach McCrae Peak. The drive is about 55 miles one way. Leader: James Price, 213-0042. Leave Long John Silver's at 8:00 a.m.
Dec-26	A 10 mile strenuous hike at Hickey Fork up the east prong of Hickey Branch to Jerry Miller Trail and on to AT. We will then

	<p>hike south to Camp Creek Bald and down Pounding Mill Trail to an unnamed trail where we will come out in Shelton Laurel. This hike is difficult and approximately 10 miles in length. Leave Long John Silver's at 8 am. If you wish to meet at Pals in Erwin at 8:15 call the leader. Leader: James Foster 423-946-0536.</p>
<p>Friday, Jan 1- 2016</p>	<p>Start your hiking year off with a hike by joining us for a 9 mile moderate in and out hike in Unicoi to the Pinnacle Fire Tower. The trailhead is on exit 32 off of I26 in Unicoi. Form your carpools at Long John Silver's** at 9am and meet the leader at the trailhead or if you wish just meet the leader at the trailhead at 9:10am. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072 cell 423-741-7755</p>

*Kroger 112 Sunset Dr, JC, TN 37604-- Brown's Mill Road and North Roan—we meet at the upper end of their parking.

**Long John Silver's 1903 S. Roan Street, JC, TN 37601—after you pass LJS make a left and come to the back of that parking area.

***Meadowview Conference Center- 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport TN 37660, meets at entrance of parking lot closest to I-181

****Jonesborough Post Office at 121 Boone Street

***** McDonalds/ Pals: 529 Jonesborough Rd, Erwin TN 37650, Erwin Linear Trail parking area directly across from McDonalds, next to Pal's on N Industrial Rd/Willow Park Rd