

Johnson City Hikers Club Schedule –January to March 2010

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Guests are welcome on all hikes. We request that newcomers select hikes within their capabilities. 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. WE ASK THAT EACH PERSON WHO HIKES CARRY A FEW FIRST AID SUPPLIES. The Johnson City Hikers Club members are asked to get their schedules from the website. Check the website for hike changes: www.jchikers.org

*Kroger location at Brown’s Mill Road and North Roan, in Johnson City

**Long John Silver’s at corner of University Pkwy and S. Roan in Johnson City, behind bldg.

***Meadowview Conference Center – meet at entrance of parking lot closest to Interstate

JAN-2	Moderate with short strenuous sections 8 to 9 mile hike starting on Dry Creek Road. We will take a trail to the crest of Cherokee Mt...After two miles or so the trail sort of ends but we will continue across the crest to a power line and have lunch in our backyard—well you can almost see our backyard from there???We return on the FS road and the Renage Trail. Leave Long John Silvers at 8 am. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072
JAN-9	Moderate 6 to 8 mile in and out hike on the Stone Mountain Trail. Parts of this hike will be a bushwhack with a little cutting our way thru what used to be a trail. Questions call the leader James Price at 423-213-0042—This hike is with MAH club. Leave Long John Silvers at 8am.
JAN-16	Moderate to strenuous 9 mile hike on the AT starting at Watauga Dam Road. We will hike North on the AT through the Big Laurel Branch Wilderness to Vandeverter Shelter. The first 3 miles will climb up onto the ridge of Iron Mt. with nice views of Watauga Lake and Holston Mt.; this section of AT has some recent relocations now open. Any wishing a shorter hike; can drive and go in as far as they wish and then back to their car. Leave Long John Silvers at 8am. Questions call the leader Joel Zabel at 423-926-3587 or joyjoelz@yahoo.com. If you wish to be met at Food City in Elizabethton at 8:20 contact the leader.
JAN-23	Moderate 5.3 mile hike on the Lake Keokee Loop Trail beginning at Olinger Gap on Stone Mountain. We will go down the north side of the mountain, take the trail around the lake and then return to Olinger Gap. Leave Kroger at 8am or meet the leader at the McDonalds on the first Big Stone Gap exit on US23. Questions call the leader Bill Strang at 276-523-2120.
JAN-30	Moderate 6-mile loop hike on Clinch Mt. near Lebanon, Va.leaving from Hidden Valley Lake. We have hiked 10 miles across the Clinch going east. This time we will start from the same spot but will hike west along the crest with some great overviews spots looking toward Kentucky. Using an old logging road we will descend and then walk around the backside of the lake. If roads are bad, please contact the leader if you wish to know what the alternate hike will be. Leader Marcia Pruner 276-889-5714---Leave Long John Silvers at 8am.
FEB-6	Moderate 8 mile hike on the Devils Fork Loop Trail to the Devils Bathtub in Scott County, Va.If stream levels should be too high; we will take an alternate hike in the area. Leave Kroger’s at 8am or meet the leader at the McDonalds on the first Big Stone Gap exit on US23. Questions call the leader Bill Strang at 276-523-2120 or strangwn@yahoo.com .

FEB--13	Strenuous 10 mile in and out hike on the Over Mt. Victory Trail and the AT to Little Hump Mountain. We will climb the historic trail from Hampton Creek Road to Yellow Mt. Gap, and then take the AT to the bald for lunch. On the way back we will take the Birchwood Trail along Hampton Creek. Leave Long John Silvers at 8am. Questions or if you wish to be met at Food City in Elizabethton call the leader Joel Zabel at 423-926-3587 or joyjoelz@yahoo.com.
FEB-20	STRENUOUS, VERY STRENUOUS 13.6 mile hike on the AT from Sams Gap to Spivy Gap. We will cross Big Bald with its 360o view [This will be James birthday hike and he wishes others to “DIE” with him????] This is a hike with MAH club. Leader James Price 423-213-0042—Leave Long John Silvers at 8am.
Feb 27	STRENUOUS 12 to 15 mile hike in the Smokies near Bryson City, N.C. with Joy. She will be leading the hike on Indian Creek, Deeplow Gap, Thomas Divide and other trails. This is low elevation and hopeful dry? If you wish more detail call the leader near the date of the hike. Leave the Jonesborough Post Office at 8am. Leader Joy Cook 423-676-6490
March-6	Strenuous 9 mile hike to Sand Cave and White Rocks. Lunch will be on White Rocks with its panoramic mountaintop views and then on to see the sand cave. The drive is long with about 95 miles one way. Leave Kroger at 8 am- Questions call the leader Bill Strang 276-523-2120 or strangwn@yahoo.com.
March13	Moderate to Strenuous?? At least 6 mile hike in the Lineville Gorge Wilderness first to Hawbills Mt. top and then to Table Rock. Mt top. After we climb to the top of Table Rock we will do an in and out as far as the group wants to go on the Mountain to Sea trail on Shortoff Mt toward a rock called “The Chimneys.” Leave Long John Silvers at 8am—Leader Marcia Pruner 276-889-5714.
March20	Work day on the Lone Oak Trail at Buffalo Mt.—If you wish to just hike; someone will lead a 6 mile hike to White Rocks and back. This is with the MAH club. Leaders James Price 423-213-0042 and Tom Dosser 423-282-6682 Leave Long John Silvers at 8am or meet at the trailhead on Lone Oak Road.
March27	Strenuous 11 mile hike on the AT from Spivy Gap to the river. Leave the Jonesborough Post Office at 8 am. Leader Howard Guinn 423-753-4072.

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