

SEFTC Winter Hike Week

Jan 18-22, 2017

Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge

The Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition will hold their annual Leadership Conference meeting and winter hiking event this coming January 18-22, 2017 at the Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. The hiking component of this event is meant to continue the winter hiking tradition popularized for 25 years by Wilderness Wildlife Week, an annual winter event, now being held in May due to winter scheduling conflicts. The appeal of winter hiking in the Smokies, although not for everyone, has a sizeable following and SEFTC is glad to resurrect this winter hiking opportunity.

Building upon our Biennial Conference this year, SEFTC will be offering multiple hikes daily, beginning Thursday, running through Sunday. The hike schedule is below and hike sign up will be handled on-site beginning Jan 17. Hikers will carpool from the hotel. Experienced hike leaders will accompany each outing. *There will be a \$25 fee to attend this event, details are below.* We are expecting this event to sell out and urge participants to make room reservations now.

You may reserve rooms for this event at the Music Road Inn, 303 Henderson Chapel Road, Pigeon Forge, TN at **1-855-875-9100**. On-line reservations at our group rates are **not** available. Our special room block rates have expired but the hotel is still booking at these rates while rooms are still available.

Day	Date	2 Queens non-view	2 Queens with Mtn view
Monday-Tuesday	Jan 16-17	\$64	\$74
Wednesday	Jan 18	\$64	\$74
Thursday	Jan 19	\$64	\$74
Friday	Jan 20	\$74	\$84
Saturday	Jan 21	\$74	\$84

Sales tax of 9.75% and lodging tax of 2.5% is applicable to all rooms.

You may wish to visit our Facebook site to see what others are saying about this event. You will need to request to join our group since it is closed FB group account.

Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131904020249675/>



EVENT REGISTRATION FORM
Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC)
Winter Hike Week
January 19-22, 2017
Music Road Inn – Pigeon Forge Tennessee

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Mobile Phone:

E-mail:

Emergency contact & phone:

The fee for this event is \$25 which covers one person's participation in any or all days of hike outings. Due to the costs and logistics of organizing this event, this fee is non-refundable. If you are unable to attend any of this event, your fee is forfeited and will be used to pay fixed costs of organizing the event with the remainder supporting SEFTC programs.

Sign up for hikes will be done on-site beginning Wed Jan 18 in the afternoon. See Tentative Hike Schedule below.

Please reserve your hotel room as above at 855-875-9100. Mention SEFTC for group rate.

Make event registration check payable to SEFTC and send with this form to:

SEFTC Registrar
3814 Spinks Road
Asheboro, NC 27205-8115

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Hike Schedule

The schedule below is subject to change. It is our intent to offer all these hikes. However, we may find it necessary to make changes based on participation level, leader availability and weather. As changes occur and hike leaders are assigned, this schedule will be updated here. **Hike sign ups will be conducted on-site** at our registration table in lobby of the Music Road Inn beginning Wednesday Jan 18 at 2pm. Registration table will open throughout the event in the mornings as hikes assemble and again later in the day as hikers return from outings.

As updated Jan 2, 2017

CODE	DAY	TIME	LEADER	CO-LEADER	HIKE	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY	
T1	THUR	8:30 AM	George Owen	Richard Sullivan	Little River Trail from Elkmont to Goshen Prong Trail & return	7.4	E	
T2	THUR	8:30 AM	Jim Bishop	Larry Van Dyke	Schoolhouse Gap & Turkeypen Ridge Trails	4.5	E	
T3	THUR	8:30 AM	Jim Plant		Injun Creek, Grapeyard Ridge & Little Rhododendrun Creek Trails	5.0	M	
T4	THUR	8:00 AM	Rick Harris	Brenda Harris	Trillium Gap, Brushy Mountain & Porters Creek Trails	11.5	D	
T5	THUR	8:00 AM	Ken Jones	Phyllis Jones	Porters Creek Trail	7.2	M	
T6	THUR	8:00 AM	Mark Stanfill		North End of Old Settlers Trail	10.0	D	
F1	FRI	8:30 AM	Darcy Douglas	Larry Van Dyke	Cherokee Orchard to Rainbow Falls & return	5.6	M	
F2	FRI	8:30 AM	Ken Jones	Phyllis Jones	Abrams Falls Trail from Cades Cove & return	5.0	M	
F3	FRI	8:30 AM	Mike O'Brien	Jim Bishop	Schoolhouse Gap & Chestnut Top Trails	6.4	M	
F4	FRI	8:00 AM	Rick Harris	Brenda Harris	Grapeyard Ridge & Baskin Creek Trails	10.9	D	
F5	FRI	8:00 AM	Jim Plant		Mt. Cammerer via Low Gap Trail and AT & return	11.2	D	
F6	FRI	8:00 AM	George Owen	Richard Sullivan	Meigs Mtn. & Lumber Ridge Trails	10.6	D	
S1	SAT	9:00 AM	Ken Jones	Phyllis Jones	Finley Cane & Bote Mtn Trails Loop	4.3	E	
S2	SAT	9:00 AM	Larry Van Dyke	Jim Bishop	Baskins Creek Trail walking back into Gatlinburg via an unmarked trail along Baskins Creek	5.0	E	
S3	SAT	8:30 AM	MOVED TO THURS		Porters Creek Trail to end & return	7.2	M	
S4	SAT	8:30 AM	George Owen	Richard Sullivan	Loop from Cherokee Orchard to Baskins Creek Falls and Grotto Falls	7.4	M	
S5	SAT	8:30 AM	Ted Spetnagel	Dick Adams	Little River, Huskey Gap & Sugarland Mtn. trails to Fighting Creek Gap	7.9	M	
S6	SAT	8:00 AM	Jane Trentin		Snakeden & Maddron Bald Trails, including Albright Grove Loop	12.5	D	
S7	SAT	8:00 AM	CANCELLED		South End of Old Settlers Trail	10.0	D	
U1	SUN	8:30 AM	Darcy Douglas		Hen Wallow Falls from Cosby CG to the falls & return	4.4	E	
U2	SUN	8:30 AM	George Owen		Historical Hike: Little Greenbrier, Little Briar Gap & Metcalf Bottoms Trails	4.0	E	
U3	SUN	8:30 AM	Jim Plant	Larry Van Dyke	Old Sugarlands Trail from Sugarland Visitor Center to Rock House & return	6.0	E	
U4	SUN	8:00 AM	Rick Harris	Brenda Harris	Gabes Mountain & Maddron Bald Trails, including Hen Wallow Falls	7.8	M	
U5	SUN	8:00 AM	Jay Dement		Albright Grove via Maddron Bald Trail & return	6.8	M	
U6	SUN	8:00 AM	Ted Spetnagel	Dick Adams	Huskey Gap, Little River, Cucumber Gap, & Jakes Creek Trails from US 441 to Elkmont	7.1	D	
			Special Note					

SEFTC Leadership Conference

Jan 21, 2017

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In conjunction with the Winter Hike Week, SEFTC will conduct its annual meeting and a special planning session on Saturday Jan 21 2017 in the Music Road Resort convention facility. All hiking trail building and maintaining organizations in the Southeast are invited to help us shape the future of our organization. We're hoping this "summit meeting" of Southeast organizations will assess the needs of the southeastern trail community, how best those needs can be served, what role we want our organization to play and how to best implement our role. We'll need everyone's input to make this work. Our board, our member organization representatives and other interested parties need to help shape this.

If you'd like attend or want additional information please contact Jim Plant at jim@greenmon.com

Saturday January 21 Schedule For SEFTC Leadership:

9:30am Strategic Planning Session in Conference Board Room at Music Road Resort Convention Center

1:30pm SEFTC Leadership Council Annual Meeting in Conference Board Room at Music Road Resort Convention Center