



ALABAMA HIKING TRAIL SOCIETY



Activities Calendar

The Alabama Hiking Trail Society is the voice of hikers in the state. Our mission is to promote, protect, and maintaining the hiking and backpacking trails of Alabama and educate the public about the benefits of hiking and the need to protect our environment. Please join us on one of our many activities across the state and consider becoming a member. We'd love for you to join us!

The following list of statewide activities are lead by volunteers who plan the Activity for your enjoyment. All Activities are open to the EVERYONE! To participate in Hikes, Camping Trips, Trail Work and Backpack Trips, **YOU MUST notify the Activity Leader in advance that you wish to attend.** Should you fail to do this you may arrive to find the trip changed to a different location or cancelled. Activity Leaders will cancel an Activity if nobody calls to participate. Your participation is important once you agree to take part in an Activity. If you need to cancel you **PLEASE notify the Activity Leader AT ONCE!**

Please check our website at www.hikealabama.org for last minute additions and changes

OCTOBER

13 TRAIL TALK THURSDAY (Shoals Area)

Meets at 5:30pm at Alabama Outdoors on North Court St in Florence just south of the UNA campus. Guest speaker TBA. Contact Bill Matthews (256) 757-8733 or billinflorence@aol.com.

22 BARTRAM TRAIL HIKE (River Region)

Retrace the steps of botanist William Bartram in the Tuskegee National Forest. Details will be posted on our website shortly. Contact Skip Essman (334) 324-0339 or lessman@bellsouth.net.

24 FLAGG MOUNTAIN WORK DAY

Work will continue on Flagg Mountain trails at Weogufka State Forest. We will improve the current blazed trail as well as enjoy the sights and serenity of the wilderness. Meet at 9am at the trailhead, finish around qpm. Bring water, snacks, and lunch plus work gear (gloves, loppers, hand clippers, etc.) If you don't have work gear, they will be supplied. Bug spray is recommended. Contact Mike Kennedy (334) 657-3261 or slohiker@earthlink.net.

NOVEMBER

04-10 PINHOTI TRAIL WORK WEEK

We'll mow, remove fallen trees from the trail, and re-paint blue blazes. Trail work outside of Cheaha Wilderness will include mowing and re-painting blazes. Free camping for workers. Check in at the Cheaha State Park store for the AHTS campsite. Bring tent, sleeping back, camping gear, day pack for carrying food and water during work days, work gloves, hat, boots, insect repellent, and lunches. Some food will be provided for communal meals. AL Rick Guhse' (603) 209-2441 or rguhse@hotmail.com

05-06 NUBBIN CREEK OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRIP OR DAY-HIKE

Nubbin is one of the Talladega Forest's "little secrets", a 4-mile out-and-back past gorgeous waterfalls, a gorge, and mountain views. Join us for a day or the overnight. You can hike with us to a ridgeline with great views and return to the trailhead in a day or pitch camp with us on the ridge for fellowship returning the next morning. Easy-moderate hike. Bring lunch, snacks, and water for the day hike, overnight gear plus dinner and breakfast for the overnight. Contact Joe Cuhaj (251) 533-1812 or jucuhaj@bellsouth.net for additional details.

06 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CHEAHA STATE PARK @ NOON (Open to all members)

12 SUBARU / LEAVE NO TRACE TRAVELING TRAINERS, COLEMAN FACTORY OUTLET (Foley, AL)

The Coleman Factory Outlet store in Foley, AL, will play host to the Subaru / Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers and their "Education in Motion Program". Learn how to minimize you impact on our environment while you enjoy the great outdoors. Coleman will have many specials and AHTS will be on hand to talk about hiking and backpacking in Alabama. Contact the Coleman Outlet Store at (251) 970-3500 or cc304@coleman.com.

DECEMBER

03-04 AHTS / FTA PANHANDLE HIKE

It's been a while since we had a joint outing with our friends at the Florida Trails Association but that will change this weekend. The final destination and times will be announced shortly. Watch the AHTS website and the next issue of our newsletter..

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2006 Leave No Trace Training Course

AHTS member and Alabama LNT advocate Skip Essman will lead this course to be held at Camp Tukabatchee. Learn the principals and ethics of Leave No Trace. Contact Skip Essman (334) 324-0339 OR lessman@bellsouth.net.

MAR. 24-26, 2006 AHTS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BALD LODGE, CHEAHA STATE PARK

Make plans now to attend. Multiple tracks of presenters and lectures will provide a full weekend of information on a wide variety of topics, plus entertainment, a silent auction, raffle, and much more. Dinner will be available. More details to follow in our newsletter and on our website at www.hikealabama.org. For more information or to volunteer contact Mike Kennedy (334) 657-3261 or slohiker@earthlink.net.