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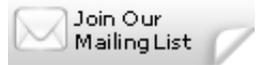
Mount Yonah
"The Bear" in Cherokee
Sunday, November 4, 2018



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View of Mount Yonah - photo by Ted Doll

Hike Leader: Master Naturalist Dr. Ted Doll.

Outing Description: A relatively short but steep trail (2.2 miles each way) leads through a lush forest, with lots of rock outcrops, to scenic views over the surrounding valley and a dramatic rock cliff face. We will walk along the base of the rock face and also climb to the top via a side trail (non-technical, minor scrambling). Elevation gain is about 1,600 ft. Participants are encouraged to pick up any trash along the trail. Please bring a small bag for this purpose.

Mt. Yonah is renowned for a tragic Native American legend of two lovers. According to the legend, a Cherokee maiden, Nacoochee, fell in love with a warrior, Sautee, from another tribe. But Nacoochee's father, the chief of the Cherokee tribe, forbade their relationship. They eloped but were followed by a party of warriors, who threw Sautee off the mountain to his death. Nacoochee was so distraught that she jumped to her death (From Georgia Williams, *Sketches of Travel in the Old and New World*).

Hike Location: White County, about 4 miles north of Cleveland, GA.

Meeting Time and Place: Meet at 10:00am at the west side of the Ingles parking lot in Cleveland, just north of Cleveland Square, at the corner of Routes 129 and 75. See a Google map [here](#).

Distance and Difficulty: 4.4 miles round trip, strenuous, with 1,600-ft. elevation gain and loss.

Duration: About 5 hours. We should be back to our cars at Ingles by about 3:00pm.

Participant Limit: 12

What to Bring and Wear: Lunch, plenty of water, raingear, sturdy footwear, bag for trash removal. If allergic to bees/wasps, remember to bring your meds/epi-pen.

Cancellation/Rain Date: Hikers will be notified if hike is canceled due to forecast of severe weather, etc.

Pet Policy: No pets, please.

Family Safe Policy: Georgia ForestWatch outings are a smoke, alcohol, and drug-free setting.

**Sign up now!
Space is limited.
Reservations are required.**

Our outings are free of charge and open to everyone on a first-come, first-served basis, up to the limit. **BUT DON'T FORGET**, Georgia ForestWatch members are always given priority on our hikes. To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#).

To Reserve Your Spot

Please register using [this link](#) (for the best chance of securing a spot) or call 706-867-0051 with the following information.

1. Name of person(s)
2. Your email address
3. Your phone number (preferably cell if you will be carrying it on the outing day)

For more information on the hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Ted Doll [here](#) or call the phone number provided in your confirmation message. Please note that the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on weekends, so you will need to contact Ted directly.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, November 7th - Appalachian Trail, Dicks Creek Gap to Powell Mountain - *with Melanie Vickers*

Saturday, December 1st - Dog-Friendly Hike on the Appalachian Trail - *with Tom Colkett*

