







Georgia

BMT Mile	Features	Services	Elev.	AT Miles
-0.2	Springer Mountain —Springer has served as the A.T.'s southern terminus since 1958. Before that, Mt. Oglethorpe, to the southwest, was the southern terminus. In 1993, GATC members and the Forest Service installed a new plaque marking the Trail's southernmost blaze. The hiker register is located within the boulder on which the plaque is mounted. The origin of the mountain's name is a bit foggy. The best guess is that it was named in honor of William G. Springer, a settler who, in 1833, was appointed by the Georgia governor to implement legislation to improve conditions for North Georgia Indians. In the late 1950s, some GATC members wished to change the name to Cherokee Mountain. The original bronze plaque marking the southern terminus, one of three intended for road crossings, was created in 1934 by GATC member and amateur sculptor George Noble at a cost of \$20—a hefty amount in those days. Warner Hall, the club's second president, served as Noble's model and coined the phrase, "A foothold for those who seek fellowship with the wilderness." That plaque was placed on the mountain in May 1959; keep an eye out for the other two plaques at road crossings along the Trail in Georgia. The overlook at the 3,782-foot summit provides views to the west—a nice sunset spot.		3,782	0.0
0.0	Springer Mtn Shelter... 1.9mS; 59.7mN Springer Mountain Shelter (1993)—Sleeps 12. Privy. Near the summit, about 250 yards north of the bronze plaque, then east on a blue-blazed side trail about 200 yards. Use the designated tentpads in this heavily trafficked area, and use the food-hoist cables to discourage local bears. Water source is a spring located on a blue-blazed trail 80 yards in front of the shelter; spring may go dry in times of drought. The BMT begins atop Springer Mountain (3782') at a point 0.2 mi. north of sign and plaque designating terminus of Appalachian Trail. A side trail east to Springer Mountain Shelter departs AT 50 feet south from its junction with BMT. The side trail leads east 750 feet to Springer Mountain Shelter (1992) with a spring 250 feet south of shelter. From the summit of Springer Mountain descend along the northwestern ridge (occupied by AT from 1978 to 1992). Soon pass on left of trail a plaque (1998) dedicated to the memory of Benton MacKaye.	E-0.2m S, C, w	3,730	0.2
1.4	Side trail leads right 100 feet to an overlook from an escarpment that is typical of SE side of Blue Ridge.			
1.7	Reach Big Stamp Gap (3146) and FS 42, which leads left 26.3 mi. to East Ellijay and right 22.0 mi. to Dahlonega. A good campsite is located in gap at site of former Big Stamp Gap Lean-To (an AT shelter from 1959 to 1975). A good spring is 800 feet to southeast. Cross FS 42 in Big Stamp Gap, leaving eastern rim of the Blue Ridge, and descend, soon turning left into a cove. At this point, a spring is 300 feet to right. Continue into cove; make sharp right turn, uphill.	R, C, w	3146	
2.0	Intersect old woods road and follow it to right, downhill. Pass within sight of a wildlife opening (no camping) on left. Continue downhill.			
2.2	Cross the creek. A good campsite is on right, across creek. Follow old road to left, uphill.	C, w		
2.6	Headwaters of Davis Creek. Ascend to right, reaching high point, and descend.	w		
2.7	Cross the creek. Again, ascend to right to reach ridgeline, then turn left, continuing on woods road along ridgeline with a timbered area on right. The clearing allows views to north and east of Noontoota Creek basin, "The Bald", and Blue Ridge.	w		
3.0	Turn left off old road and cross the Appalachian Trail. AT leads south (left) 0.3 mi. to a parking area at its junction with FS 42, and 1.3 mi. to Springer Mountain. Just beyond intersection, enter another old road. Continue along level road.			1.3
3.2	Reach Crosstrails (3300), site of former Crosstrails Shelter. To right of trail is a side trail that leads 300 feet to a spring. Straight-ahead 200 feet, old road intersects FS 42. To left on FS 42, Dahlonega is 24.2 mi.; to right, East Ellijay is 24.1 mi. Turn right at Crosstrails and follow BMT to north. Descend briefly before making a moderately steep ascent of Rich Mountain.	R, C, w	3300	
3.9	Pass through saddle in ridge (3300) and cross AT. Left on AT lead to Stover Creek Shelter. Right on AT leads back to Crosstrails Parking Area. BMT continues straight ahead. Ascend slightly.		3300	?
5.0	Enter an old woods road. Continue, at first level, then downhill along road.			
5.5	Intersect old woods road. Turn left and pass through a small cove with an intermittent spring to left.	w		
5.9	Intersect AT. Turn right along AT/BMT, reaching bridge across Chester Creek after short descent.			4.0
6.0	Three Forks, USFS 58 From FS 58 at Three Forks (2550'), follow the BMT / AT, ascending gently on old roadbed along the south side of Long Creek. Good campsites can be found in the flats along the creek.	R, C, w	2,530	4.1
6.8	Trail to Long Creek Falls Reach the intersection of the BMT / DRT and the AT. The AT continues straight ahead leading to Hawk Mountain Shelter, Hightower Gap, and Maine. Side trail leads left 500 feet to Long Creek Falls 20 feet before BMT / DRT junction.	w	2,800	4.9
6.9	Reach a side trail leading left 200 feet to Long Creek Falls. Continue on more level trail, with the top of the falls visible to the left.	w		
7.1	Turn left on the BMT / DRT, crossing Long Creek on a bridge built in 1989. Pass through a good campsite along the creek and turn left up the west side of a tributary of Long Creek.	C, w		
7.8	Leave the stream, turning northwest to begin a steep ascent of "The Bald".	W		
8.1	Enter the wildlife opening on top of "The Bald" (3250') and cross directly to the other side. Good views to the south include the Chester and Stover Creek valleys, Ball Mountain, and Springer Mountain. There is no trail marking in the middle of the clearing, and although the distance across is only 150 feet, use a compass azimuth of 300 degrees to reach the other side in the event of fog. A good campsite is situated on the northwest side of the clearing although there is no water nearby. Continue on the trail, gently curving to the right along the flat crest of the mountain. Avoid the old track that forks left near the edge of the clearing. Continue by curving left along the side slope and descend, passing an intermittent spring.	C	3250	
8.6	Reach an unnamed gap (2900). This gap is near the head of Mill Creek; however, the spring 500 feet to right may be difficult to find. After passing through the gap, ascend steeply along the ridgeline.	w	2900	
11.6	Come onto the ridgeline at Bryson Gap (2900). There is a good campsite in the gap with a spring 300 feet east, or right, of the trail. Continue from Bryson Gap by skirting the west, or left, side of the ridge. (Avoid the old roads that run directly east and west out of the gap as well as the old road that forks slightly to the left 200 feet north of the gap. Also, beware of numerous old logging roads that cross the trail at various angles for the next quarter mile.)	C, w	2900	
14.2	Reach FS 333. Cross road and descend gradually.	R		
14.3	Reach the south end of the Toccoa River Bridge (1920'). There is a stream immediately to the right of the trail at the south end of the bridge. At the north end of the bridge, a good campsite can be reached by turning right and descending to the bank of the river. Continue on the BMT / DRT by ascending through a pine forest severely damaged by pine beetles.	C, w	1920	
14.6	Cross the gated road (FS 816). (The gate is 100 yards on the left. Road leads 4 mi. to GA 60 at BMT / DRT crossing.) Continue gradual ascent of Toonowee Mountain.	R		



16.0	CAUTION: Turn sharply left here, leaving the ridgeline. Avoid old path that continues along the ridge. Descend steeply.			
17.0	Intersect old woods road and turn left, descending more gradually. Cross streambed (flowing in wet weather) and swing right along streambed in cove. Leave cove, avoiding cabin straight ahead, and swing left.	w		
17.4	 Descend steps to reach GA 60 (2028') at its intersection with FS 816. To left, GA 60 leads 16.6 mi. to Blue Ridge; to right it leads 30.8 mi. to Dahlonega. WARNING: The water from Little Skeenah Creek (across the highway) is not for human consumption. There is a store 0.3 mi. to the right on GA 60 (south). Limited supplies, water, and telephone are available there. From GA 60 (2028'), proceed north 100 feet to cross Little Skeenah Creek on a bridge constructed by the USFS and the BMTA in 1989. 200 feet beyond the bridge, cross an old logging road, then a second old road, and ascend steeply. • Grocery, restaurant, and hardware store - Martin's Dixie Depot (0.3 mile to right) 24444 Morganton Hwy; Suches, GA 30572; (706)838-4776, Fax (706) 838-5454 or Notes: Proprietors Diane and Ron Martin welcome hikers of all stripes to their friendly country store, hardware supply and restaurant. They also carry some camping gear and supplies. (The flags are just for Dixie-themed decoration.) Directions: Turn right on Hwy 60 (southbounders turn left) and walk 0.3 mile to store on right. Services: Call to hold maildrops, restaurant, limited groceries and supplies, pay phone, soda machine http://blueridgecounties.com/members/ID8253 • Campground with hot showers, rooms - Skeenah Creek CG (0.5 mile to left) 20 Skeenah Gap Rd.; Suches, GA 30572 706-838-5500, 770-761-5300. Notes: Scenic setting, friendly folks. Tent sites located beside the duck pond, behind the mill dam. Directions: Turn left on Hwy 60 (southbounders turn right) and walk 0.5 mile to store at Skeenah Creek Rd. Services: Camping, hot showers, laundry, vending machines, pay phone http://www.skeenahcreekcampground.com/	R, C, cl, f, G, sh, w		2028
18.2	Cross an old logging road. Ascend more steeply.			
18.4	Intersect the same old road and turn right. DO NOT trespass on the private property to left of the old road (boundary marked by red paint).			
18.6	Turn sharp right off the road. Climb gradually at first before climbing steeply (average grade: 24 percent) near the ridgeline. WARNING: the upper reaches of this area along the exposed rock can become very treacherous when wet, icy, or shortly after leaf fall.			
19.1	Reach the wooded summit of Wallalah Mountain (3100'). There are several flat areas suitable for camping though there is no water within a reasonable distance. Beware of prolific poison ivy. (Please note that the gaudy looking ammo boxes with numbers painted on them are for the benefit of the U.S. Army Rangers. These boxes may appear from time to time along the trail. Please do not disturb them.) Continue northeast from the summit of Wallalah Mountain, descending at first gradually, then more steeply. Swing slightly southeast of the ridgeline briefly.	C		3100
19.7	Cross an overgrown old road in a gap (2740'). Begin the ascent of Licklog Mountain. Ascend first gradually, then steeply for an extended distance. Catch your breath on the slight descent.			2740
20.2	End gradual ascent. Ascend very steeply (27 percent grade).			
20.4	End steep ascent.			
20.6	Reach the summit of Licklog Mountain (3472'). Campsites are available along the flat summit. A spring is 0.35 mile to the north. From the summit bear left and continue north, descending gradually along graded trail on the east, or right, side of the mountain.	C		3472
21.0	A side trail leads right 100 yards to a spring. Shortly thereafter, return to a level part of the ridgeline. Descend.	w		
21.6	Reach the trail intersection. Here, the blue-blazed DRT continues 500 feet to the summit of Rhodes Mountain (good views E and SW) where it turns sharply to the east. The DRT proceeds nearly due east from Rhodes Mountain past Fish Gap, Mulky Gap (FS 4), Coosa Bald, Wolfpen Gap (Georgia Highway 180), and Slaughter Mountain to intersect the AT at Slaughter Gap. The summit of Rhodes Mountain (3380') offers a year-round westerly view as well as camping opportunities (despite the distance to water).			3380
21.8	To continue on the BMT from its intersection with DRT, bear left and skirt below the rock outcrops of Rhodes Mountain on a minimal descent of the southwest slope. Return to the ridgeline (route of BMT prior to 1992) and descend steeply, then more gradually.			
23.0	Reach the paved Skeenah Gap Road. Skeenah Gap Road leads left 3.4 mi. to GA 60 and 19.3 mi. to Blue Ridge; to right it leads 4.6 mi. to Old US 76 and 12.3 mi. to Blairsville. From Skeenah Gap Road in Skeenah Gap (2380'), climb steps on northwest side of the road. Climb steeply for one hundred yards and come onto level section of trail along ridgeline. Continue to climb gradually along broad ridge crest.	R		2380
24.1	Reach high point. Descend into saddle on the ridge. Climb steeply for the next 0.2 mi.			
25.1	Come into Payne Gap (2650'). Here is a small, grassy area suitable for camping with a spring 600 feet to the north (right). Continue from Payne Gap by climbing along the edge of the clear-cut. Cross two small knobs.	C, w		2650
25.5	Leave clear-cut near low point. Avoid the old road that forks to right and leads 50 feet to FS 645. Climb through woods.			
26.0	Reach gap (2700'). FS 640A passes through the gap leading northwest and southwest. FS 645 leads northeast from here. Continue directly across FS 640A. Climb along graded trail, then switchback left to the ridgeline. Cross over two knobs.	R		2700
26.9	Reach end of old road. Switchback left, following old road.			
27.4	Pass through gap (2580'). FS 644 ends to the left of the trail. Avoid the woods road leading downhill to the right. Climb along old woods road, leaving edge of clear-cut.	R		2580
28.3	Reach GA 60 in Wilscof Gap (2450'). GA 60 leads left 34.9 mi. to Dahlonega and right 12.5 mi. to Blue Ridge. From GA 60 in Wilscof Gap (2450'), proceed to the north end of the highway cut on the west side of the road (right side of cut across road). Cross a culvert for an old logging road and immediately turn left, uphill, into the woods. Continue under power line and skirt north side of ridge. Climb gradually.	R		2450
28.7	Reach old logging road. Turn right and follow old road along easy grade on east slope of Tipton Mountain.			
28.9	Take left fork (uphill).			
29.0	Take left fork (uphill). Begin steep climb.			
29.2	Old road narrows into trail in cove. Intermittent spring is 50 feet to right. Continue up cove. Swing left out of cove to skirt northeast slope of Tipton Mountain.	W		
29.4	Reach broad ridge crest and continue on level trail. TURN SHARP RIGHT			
29.6	Reach the high point of Tipton Mountain (3147'). Straight ahead at this point is a good campsite on the broad, flat summit of Tipton Mountain (no water). Swing right, leaving ridge crest, to skirt north face of mountain. Descend gradually along graded trail, which swings around the west side of the mountain. At rocky area along this slope pass a good year-round view of Brawley Mountain with better winter views of Lake Blue Ridge.	C		3147
30.3	Pass through cove and cross old logging road below gap (2800'). A grassy clearing is to the left and uphill from the trail as is FS 45 (gated). Continue, ascending slightly. An intermittent spring is in the cove, downhill and to the right of the trail. If water is not found at the point nearest the trail, continue downhill. Skirt the north side of Bald Top and begin a short but steep descent.	w		
30.6	Enter Ledford Gap (2620'). From small grassy clearing in Ledford Gap, turn right on FS 45. CAUTION: Turn right off FS 45 after 100 feet. This turn is at the corner of the grassy area and connects to an old roadbed after 200 feet. Climb along old road.	R		2620
31.4	A shallow gap (2900') is 100 feet to the left of the trail. FS 45 is just to the south of this gap. Climb steeply.	R		2900




31.5	Reach a clearing on the summit of Brawley Mountain (3027'). The fire tower is not open to the public. Views from the small clearing are limited due to surrounding vegetation. Camping is permissible here, but there is no water nearby. Continue on fire tower road to right of tower (FS 45). CAUTION: After 175 feet, turn right off fire tower road along top of ridge. Follow trail leading west, bearing left to south side of the ridge crest.		3027		
32.5	Reach Garland Gap (2420'). There is an opportunity for camping in the gap with water 600 feet to the north. An All-Terrain-Vehicle/Motorcycle trail crosses the ridge in Garland Gap. This may make the campsite less desirable. Ascend on graded trail along north side of Garland Mountain.	C, w	2420		
32.9	Reach the high point (2640') of the trail on a northern spur of the mountain. Just beyond, turn right onto a woods road along the ridge. Continue along on nearly level trail for 800 feet, turn left (west) and descend steeply. At saddle on ridgeline, take left fork onto graded trail skirting the south side of the ridge. Soon enter an area damaged by a 1988 fire. This provides good views of the Toccoa River and the Blue Ridge to the south. Enter a young stand of dense white pine and follow old logging road downhill. Continue on a level course for 700 feet.		2640		
34.1	Reach the gap at Dial Road (1881'). Dial Road is a dirt road leading left to the community of Dial on the Toccoa River and thence to GA 60 south of Wilscot Gap. To the right, Dial Road leads to GA 60 near Morganton, GA. Straight ahead, Shallowford Bridge Road, also unpaved, leads 1.8 mi. to Aska Road at Shallowford Bridge. Follow Shallowford Bridge Road for 100 feet, passing under power line. In 100 feet, where the road curves left, turn right, uphill, onto trail. In 400 feet, cross logging road diagonally.	R	1881		
34.8	Enter small, open area, and re-cross overgrown logging road. CAUTION: Leave the ridgeline at far end of open area, bearing left and following an old woods road on the south side of Free Knob. Continue to descend gradually along old road. Trail briefly leaves the road to follow a ridgeline before switching back to reenter the road at a lower elevation. Turn sharp left upon returning to the woods road. Follow this road downhill.				
35.4	Reach intersection with Shallowford Bridge Road (1800') at the Toccoa River. Turn sharp right onto Shallowford Bridge Road. This road follows the Toccoa River downstream for the next 0.5 mi. with several good campsites between the road and the river. Be advised that the land on either side of road is private property beginning 0.1 mi. west of where the trail enters Shallowford Bridge Road. Camping (on Forest Service Property) is best done near where the trail intersects Shallowford Bridge Road. Follow Shallowford Bridge Road west to the northwest end of Shallowford Bridge (1774'). At the bridge, where a road continues straight along the river, turn left and cross the bridge (one lane, lattice truss, wooden deck).	R, C, w	1800		
35.9	 At the south end of the bridge, reach Aska Road. Aska Road (paved, county maintained) leads left to Newport Road just south of the community of Dial; it leads right 8.5 mi. to Blue Ridge. From the south end of Shallowford Bridge (1774'), where Shallowford Bridge Road intersects Aska Road, follow Aska Road west (downriver). • Restaurant, Shallowford River Shack (0.1 mile to right on BMT) 8366 Aska Road; Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513; 706-258-3663 Notes: A favorite of rafters, kayakers and hikers. Closed: Wednesdays. See their website for current hours of operation. Directions: After crossing bridge, turn right on Aska Road and follow BMT 0.1 mile to restaurant on left. (Southbounders turn right on Aska Rd at intersection with Stanley Creek Rd and follow BMT 0.3 mile to restaurant on right.) Services: Pay phone, meals to order http://www.toccoariverside.com/shallowford_river_shack • Restaurant (0.3 mile to right on BMT) Notes: Limited hours Directions: After crossing bridge, turn right on Aska Road and follow BMT 0.3 mile to restaurant on right. (Southbounders find restaurant on left at Stanley Creek Rd-Aska Rd intersection.) Services: Meals • Blue Ridge, GA (6.4 miles to right) Notes: Access to Blue Ridge, if needed. Closest approach is from GA 515/US 76 crossing, below. (See that entry for more information.) Directions: After crossing bridge, turn right and follow Aska Road for 6.4 miles into Blue Ridge. (Southbounders turn left on Aska Road and go 6.1 miles into town.) Services: Post Office (PO), hotels, grocery stores, restaurants	R, w, M, E6.4m -cl, G, L, M, PO	1774		1590
36.2	 Turn left on the paved Stanley Creek Road, in front of the Riverside Restaurant and Grocery. Ascend briefly, then descend. (see above entry)	R, G, M			
36.8	Cross Stanley Creek. Continue on a generally westward course with Stanley Creek nearby to the left.	w			
39.1	Pass between the barn and house of Warden Stanley where Stanley Creek Road narrows and chickens occupy much of road. Cross the wooden bridge at Warden Stanley's.	w			
39.3	Cross bridge over Fall Branch (2000'). WARNING: Immediately turn right onto trail after crossing Fall Branch. Follow trail in dense forest with Fall Branch on right. Ascend trail, which is at times steep.	w	2000		
39.5	Intersect side trail, which leads right 200 feet to an observation platform at the base of Fall Branch Falls. CAUTION: This is the best vantage point for the falls. DO NOT try to climb around the sides of the falls. Water is available here. Next water is 4 mi. away.	W			
39.6	Reach switchback. WARNING: The BMT turns hard left while an old road leads straight ahead. Follow graded trail.				
40.4	Intersect the Stanley Gap Trail. The SGT leads left 0.75 mi. to Stanley Creek Road and Rock Creek Road in Stanley Gap. Continue on the combined BMT / SGT by turning right. Skirt the north side of the ridge.				
42.5	Reach the intersection of the Rich Mountain Trail. The RMT leads right 2.5 miles to Aska Road at Deep Gap. Proceed straight ahead on the Benton MacKaye Trail, ascending.				
43.1	Reach old road at old home site (2880'). Turn left. Follow gentle grade of old road before descending.		2880		
43.5	Turn sharp right where side trail leads left 400 feet to water. Continue descent.	w			
43.7	Enter gap (2630'). Old roads lead right and left out of gap. Ascend along ridgeline trail. Cross high point, make brief steep descent, and resume climb.	w	2630		
45.3	Cross the north fork of Laurel Creek and enter young pine forest. This is the last good water source before the valley crossing.	w			
45.4	 Reach Weaver Creek Road (1920'). Weaver Creek Road (unpaved, Fannin County Road #31) leads right 4.3 miles to Aska Road at a point 1.5 miles southeast of Blue Ridge, GA; the washed-out Laurel Creek Road (Gilmer County Road #157) leads left 2.4 miles to U.S. 76 / GA 2, 5, and 515 at Cherrylog Baptist Church. This road is not recommended for passenger vehicles. This section runs east and west across numerous ridges and valleys where the Hayesville Fault crosses the Western Blue Ridge. From here to Bush Head Gap (53.8), with the exception of the 0.4 mile nearest Weaver Creek Road, the trail is on private property or public roads. PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAIL ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY. THERE IS AN OVERNIGHT SHELTER ON THE SISSON PROPERTY NEAR INDIAN ROCK LAKE (AT 4.2 MILES SOUTH TO NORTH). IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO USE THIS SHELTER, PLEASE PLAN YOUR HIKE SO THAT IT CARRIES YOU ACROSS THIS SECTION IN ONE DAY AS THERE IS CURRENTLY NO CAMPING ALLOWED ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY ALONG THE TRAIL. This section is rated "Easiest". At the point (1920') where Weaver Creek Road (Fannin County Road #31) narrows to become Laurel Creek Road (Gilmer County Road #157), follow the washed-out Laurel Creek Road south. • Various services in Blue Ridge, GA (5 miles to left on Weaver Creek Rd) Notes: Access to Blue Ridge, if needed. Closest approach is from GA 515/US 76 crossing, below. (See that entry for more information.) This is a second	R, W5.0m - M, PO, L, G	1920		
45.4	alternate way into Blue Ridge. Directions: Where BMT emerges from forest and turns left onto Weaver Creek Road (dirt), leave BMT by turning right and go 3.7 miles to first stop sign, T-intersection with Aska Rd. Turn left (north) and follow Aska Rd 1.0 mile to dead-end stop sign on East 1st Street. Turn left and go 0.25 mile, passing Ace Hardware Store. Turn right onto Access Road at three-way stop sign and find grocery store on right. Across parking lot on left is Village Restaurant with all-you-can-eat country cooking. Services: Post Office (PO), hotels, grocery stores, restaurants				R, W, 5.0m - M, PO, L, G 1920
45.5	At the point (1920') where Weaver Creek Road (Fannin County Road #31) narrows to become Laurel Creek Road (Gilmer County Road #157), follow the washed-out Laurel Creek Road south.				R 1920
45.9	Ford the north fork of Laurel Creek. Cross a smaller stream just beyond. Continue along nearly level grade. Pass Forest Service property boundary.				R, w
46.2	Old pasture begins along right side of road. Pass old barn site.				R
46.3	Cross the south fork of Laurel Creek. Despite signs of camping to the left of the road, please refrain as this is private property.				R, w
46.5	Old Gilmer County Road #158 (abandoned) comes in on left.				R
46.7	Cross bridge over Laurel Creek (1710').				R, w 1710
46.8	Road comes in from the left.				R
46.9	Road comes in from the right. Cross high point (1780') with Laurel Creek Dam to left.				R, w 1780
47.0	Swing hard left where road comes in from the right. Descend steeply.				R
47.1	Begin more gradual descent with road coming in from left on bridge across creek. Follow road through dense forest with creek on left. Small stream crosses under road.				R, w
47.4	CAUTION: Turn left on road, leaving Laurel Creek Road.				R
47.6	Old Gilmer County Road #158 comes in on left at old bridge. Swing right through grassy area directly in front of house.				R
48.0	 Reach the Appalachian Highway (U.S. 76, GA 2, 5, and 515). To left leads 3.0 mi. to Cherry Log and 11.6 mi. to Ellijay; to right leads 6.4 mi. to Blue Ridge. Cross Appalachian Highway (1590') in median crossover and turn left. 500 feet later, turn right into dead-end drive. • Gas Station and convenience store, Chevron (1.1 mile to right) Notes: further information pending Directions: Turn right (southbounders turn left) and proceed north on 4-lane divided Hwy 515/76 a distance of 1.1 miles to store on right. Services: Limited supplies, pay phone, microwave meals, drinks • Restaurant, Pink Pig (2.1 mile to left) 824 Cherry Log St. Cherylog, GA 30522 (706) 276-3311 Notes: A long-time favorite of the BMTA crew in Georgia for both the garlic salad and the barbecue. Open Thursday - Sunday. Closed: Monday-Wednesday Directions: Turn left (southbounders turn right) and proceed south on 4-lane divided Hwy 515/76 a distance of 1.9 miles to access ramp on left. (Pass Cherry Log Street at 1.1 mile; ramp is next paved road.) Proceed 300 feet down ramp to road intersection. For Pink Pig, turn left and go 0.1 mile. Services: Meals • Post Office, Cherylog, GA (2.4 miles to left) 300 Cherry Log St Cherylog, GA 30522 706-635-2705 Notes: Counter service Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM-4:30 PM and Sat 7:30 AM-11:30AM. There is no store in this community Directions: Follow instructions to last road intersection for Pink Pig, above. For PO, turn right and go 0.4 mi to PO on left. Services: PO • Various services in Blue Ridge, GA (4.5 miles to right) US Post Office 165 Depot St Blue Ridge, GA 30513 706-632-2721 Notes: Blue Ridge is a town of moderate size with most services needed with long-distance hikers. Directions: Turn right (southbounders turn left) and proceed north on 4-lane divided Hwy 515/76 a distance of 4.5 miles into town. Services: PO, hotels, grocery stores, restaurants				R, E1.1m - G, W2.1m - M, E2.4m - PO, E4.5m - PO, L, G, L 1590
48.1	Turn left along outside of fence. Turn right and pass through opening in fence. Ascend by switchbacks. The next 2.9 mi. crosses the lands of the Sisson Company.				R
48.2	Pass along edge of church parking area on ridgeline (1640'). Descend along graded trail down rocky side slope. Enter Sisson Road (unpaved) and turn right.				R 1640
48.4	Cross Cherry Log Creek (1540') on walkway of bridge. This is lowest elevation on the BMT in Georgia. 200 feet beyond, turn left before old L&N railroad.				R, w 1540
48.5	Turn right, cross railroad near railroad mile marker 400. Enter cove with stream on left.				R, w
48.6	Turn left and cross bridge over stream. Turn right at south side of bridge and ascend along stream with small waterfalls to right.				R, w
48.7	Reach picnic table. Turn right and re-cross stream on bridge. Turn left at end of bridge.				R, w
48.8	Reach Sisson Road (1630') opposite Mountain View Circle. Turn left and follow Sisson Road. Curve sharply left and pass well house on right. Cross stream and ascend. Continue straight where Cherry Lake Drive comes in on left. Cross stream and ascend.				R, w 1630
49.1	Turn sharp right onto old woods road. Pass another well house on right and cross stream. Pass close to back porch of cabin, to right, uphill. Take right fork uphill, cut sharply right at switchback (leaving road), and curve left.				R 1740
49.4	Reach bottom of boardwalk on Cherry Lake Dam (1740'). Chapel at far end of dam should be used in case of emergency only. Turn right, climbing boardwalk, to Cherry Lake Drive. Turn left, uphill, following Cherry Lake Drive.				R, w 1740
49.5	Reach high point (1850') with Anderson Drive coming in on right. Descend to saddle on ridge (1840').				R 1850
49.6	Turn right on Indian Rock Road, then right onto trail descending cove. Cross stream and turn left.				R, w
49.7	Indian Rock Shelter is 100 feet to right. Re-cross stream, enter Indian Rock Road, and pass along left side of Indian Rock Lake				S, R, w
49.8	Cross stream on covered bridge with Indian Rock just beyond to the left.				R, w
49.9	Take left fork on old woods road.				R
50.1	Former route of Benton MacKaye Trail enters at left. Trail leads 0.2 mile to Cohutta Mountain Road and 1.3 miles to Lucius Road. Continue on woods road, ascending more steeply.				
50.4	Three Lakes Trail enters on left. Descend, sometimes steeply, along faint roadbed.				
50.5	Turn left at Cohutta Mountain Road. Follow road uphill past intersection.				R
50.6	Pass water tanks and turn right on woods road. Descend steeply along ridgeline.				R
50.8	Tipton Gap (2090'). Three Lakes Trail descends to left. Turn right off road, climbing steeply.				R 2090
51.0	Cross Tennessee Valley Divide (2260') and descend on graded trail.				R 2260
51.2	Turn left onto woods road. Follow road with little change in elevation.				
51.4	Cross Tennessee Valley Divide in saddle (2020'). Avoid roads uphill to left, downhill to left, and uphill to right. Turn left on trail 100 feet beyond saddle.				R 2020
51.5	Reenter woods road.				R
51.6	Turn left off road and cross stream.				R, w
51.7	Reenter woods road.				R
51.8	Reach Boardtown Road. Turn left and cross Fannin County / Gilmer County line.				R
52.7	Turn right onto Bushy Head Gap Road. Cross Boardtown Creek (1660'). Ascend along road with large pasture to right.				R, w 1660
53.1	Pavement ends.				R
53.7	With small farm on right, begin steep ascent to Bush Head Gap.				R
53.9	Reach Bush Head Gap (2090'). BMT continues as graded trail ascending west side of road cut. Roads lead right and left at gap to second home developments. County Road #14 continues ahead 200 feet to an intersection on the left with a				R 2090



53.9	Forest Service road where cars may be parked. Beyond, County Road #14 continues 0.25 mile to Fightingtown Creek at the Fannin/Gilmer County Line. It is 5.1 mi. back to the Appalachian Highway via Bush Head Gap, Boardtown, and Lucius Roads. Thence, Blue Ridge is 7.7 mi. to the left and East Ellijay is 11.6 mi. to the right. From Bush Head Gap Road in Bush Head Gap (2090), ascend graded trail to top of cut on west side of road. Turn left and follow ridge for a short distance with road to left. Leave ridgeline, skirting northeast side of ridge on graded trail. Follow switchback to ridge crest and continue gradual ascent with private property to left marked by red blazes on trees. Proceed south along level section of ridge.	R		2090
54.5	Cross old road.	R		
54.7	Reach gap (2420'). Old road to downhill left leads 500 feet to spring. Re-cross old road in gap, follow level section of road to northwest for 50 feet, then turn sharp left uphill and ascend via switchbacks. Follow graded trail along northeast and north slope of ridge. Return to ridge crest.	R, w		2420
55.2	Take left fork on graded trail. WARNING: Avoid steep eroded road straight ahead and road leading to the left. Continue to ascend as trail takes long curve to right to regain the top of the ridge. Reenter old road and continue straight ahead along easy grade. View Flat Top Mountain to west and Big Frog Mountain to northwest. Skirt the south side of ridgeline.			
56.5	Cross FS 793 in Hudson Gap (2630). Spring is in cove 400 feet to north, or right, of the trail. Follow old road along ridgeline for a short, steep ascent from Hudson Gap.	R, w		2630
57.3	CAUTION: Take right fork.			
58.0	Reach high point (2860'). Swing left, avoiding faint old road leading down a ridge to the north.			2860
58.1	Cross FS 793 in McKenny Gap (2730). Leave ridge crest almost immediately after leaving McKenny Gap. Swing left and follow graded trail on contour around south side of mountain. Ascend only slightly on trail along sideslopes, which are very steep at times. Pass long, narrow rock outcrop with view to south.	R		2730
58.7	Leave ridge crest, turning right to follow old road into cove. Descend less steeply. Pass spring 20 feet to right of trail at low point. Continue on old road with brief ascent before resuming descent. Pass to left of cul-de-sac at end of FS 793.	R, w		
59.2	Reach Hatley Gap (2630). The old road turns right to continue downhill into Cashes Valley. Begin ascent of Fowler Mountain, skirting the north side of the ridge crest.			2630
59.3	Cross stream in cove and follow graded trail across point of ridge into a second cove. Curve left through cove, then right around point of ridge. Circle left around head of cove.	w		
60.2	Cross high point (3370'). Descend for short distance on easy grade. Avoid track used by All-Terrain-Vehicles that leads to right along north side of Fowler Mountain.			3370
60.5	Fowler Mountain			3380
60.7	Enter gap (3300'). An old road leads right, downhill into Cashes Valley. Avoid an old road, which leads left off the ridge. Continue on the BMT by ascending gradually along old woods road along ridge crest.			3300
62.2	Climb to broad peak (3490') where all signs of a distinguishable ridgeline disappear. Begin gradual descent to the northwest (azimuth 315 degrees) before curving left onto graded trail leading southwest across slope.			3490
62.5	Enter old road and turn sharp right. Reach Halloway Gap (3230'). A good stream (headwaters of Fightingtown Creek) is north 800 feet. Continue along ridge crest, ascending gradually.	w		3230
63.6	Spring is 100 feet to the left. Skirt southeast corner of wildlife opening and enter narrow access road.	w		
63.8	Reach road intersection on ridge crest. Road to left leads to north end of wildlife opening while road straight ahead leads 1.3 mi to gate at Flat Top Mountain Firetower Road. Follow BMT, which leads between the two forks of the road, to top of rocky ridge (3690'). Turn left at top of ridge and begin gradual descent. Enter old road.			
64.2	Turn sharp left off road. Cross stream. Enter another old road.	w		
64.4	Cross streambed below remains of decaying bridge. Turn left off old road to cross another streambed.	w		
64.6	Cross stream (headwaters of Jacks River) (3510). Ascend from stream and continue gradual ascent through gently sloping hardwood forest with tremendous summertime fern under story.	w		3510
65.3	Enter clearing and site of old fire tower at the summit of Flat Top Mountain (3732'). View Cohutta Mountain and Big Bald to the west, the Jacks River Valley to the northwest, Hemp Top and Big Frog Mountain to the north, and the Copper Basin to the northeast. Where the loop of the old fire tower road leads east, follow the BMT north through an overgrown part of the clearing. Turn sharp right at the edge of the woods and begin descent along graded trail, which follows the western slope of the mountain.			
66.4	Turn right in saddle (3020'), avoiding old logging road, which leads uphill. Immediately turn left onto the Flat Top Mountain Firetower road (FS 64A). Descend along road.			3020
66.7	Reach Dyer Gap (2870'). FS 64 leads left to Lake Conasuga and right 3.5 mi. to Watson Gap. The Dyer Gap Cemetery is in sight to the right. From the intersection of FS 64 and 64A in Dyer Gap (2870'), follow FS 64 west.	R		2870
66.8	Turn right from road onto trail along broad ridge crest.	R		
67.2	Turn left, with stream to right. Pass good campsite.	C, w		
67.3	Intersect the South Fork Trail (2630). (The SFT leads left 0.5 mi. to FS 64 at the bridge over South Fork of Jacks River and the Jacks River Field primitive campground). Turn right on the BMT / SFT and immediately cross stream. Enter area of young forest growth.			2630
67.6	Cross stream.	w		
67.8	Reenter mature forest and cross stream. Briefly skirt edge of clear-cut.	w		
68.0	Cross stream.	w		
68.1	Cross streambed. Enter young forest growth in extensively logged area.	w		
68.4	Reenter mature forest and cross stream. Circle through cove.	w		
68.6	Cross stream.	w		
68.7	Cross stream.	w		
68.8	Skirt edge of clear-cut and cross stream (2500').	w		
68.9	Intersect SFT. (The SFT continues straight ahead 0.8 mi. to FS 126, crossing the South Fork of Jacks River at 0.2 mi. and the West Fork of Jacks River at 0.7 mi.) Turn right on BMT, meandering through woods for 175 feet. Intersect old road and turn right. Ascend gradually along old road in cove.			
69.8	Circle through cove, crossing stream. Enter large clear-cut with views to north and west.	w		
70.0	Leave clear-cut, cross ridgeline (2860'), and descend. Circle through cove and cross stream. Skirt edge of clear-cut.	w		
70.5	WARNING: Turn left off old road onto graded trail. (Old road continues 300 feet to FS 64).			
71.2	 Intersect FS 64. Turn left, follow road, and reach intersection of FS 126, 22, and 64 in Watson Gap (2700'). FS 126 (dead end) leads left to the Jones Community. FS 22 leads straight ahead to Dally Gap and the Tumbling Creek Community in Tennessee. FS 64 leads directly behind to Dyer Gap and to right 14.1 mi. to Blue Ridge. From the intersection of FS 64, 22 and 126 in Watson Gap (2700'), follow FS 22 north, uphill. • Small grocery store, Watson Country Store (4.0 miles to right) 706-632-8153 Proprietor is Joy Whitfield. Notes: Open 5:30 AM to 6:00 PM Mon-Sat Directions: Turn right (southbounders turn left) on Old Ga 2 and proceed east 4.0 miles to store on right. (Reach blacktop at approx. 1 mile.) Services: Limited groceries and supplies, pay phone.	R, E4.0m - G		2700
71.5	Switchback left from road onto graded trail into old clearcut area. Curve right along edge of clearing, ascending.	R		
72.0	Enter remnants of old clearing, pass house site, and cross Mill Branch (2660'). Exit old clearing and follow old woods	w		2660

72.0	road through dense rhododendron.	w		2660
72.2	Cross stream. CAUTION: Turn sharp left onto another old road. Ascend gradually, circling through several coves.	w		
72.9	Avoid old road to left.			
73.2	Enter woods and cross stream in Peter Cove (2490'). Continue along old road with beaver ponds on left. Cross streambed.	w		2490
73.9	Intersect JRT. (The JRT leads left 1.3 miles to the Jacks River.) Turn right on the BMT / JRT. After 300 feet, turn left off JRT. (JRT leads straight 0.8 mile to Dally Gap and FS 22.) Ascend cove, switchback right, and follow level graded trail. Swing left into cove then switchback left.			
75.4	Intersect HTT in cove (2930'). (The HTT leads right 1.0 mile to Dally Gap and FS 22.) Turn left on BMT / HTT and ascend gradually on old roadbed. Skirt left (west) side of ridge.			2930
76.8	Intersect PBT. (PBT leads left 3.5 miles to the JRT at the Jacks River.) Continue on BMT / HTT and enter saddle (3090'). Skirt west side of ridge and begin long, steady ascent.			3090
78.5	Reach the summit of Hemp Top (3580'). (Old firetower site and remnants of old clearing can be found to right.) CAUTION: Turn left and proceed steeply downhill, avoiding flat ridge to north. Enter old woods road and begin more gradual descent. Continue to skirt west side of ridge with wintertime views of Big Frog Mountain directly ahead.			3580
79.8	Reach Double Spring Gap (3190). Springs are 300 feet right and left here. A sign welcomes travelers to Tennessee and the Cherokee National Forest. See Section 11 Description for approaches to Double Spring Gap from the north.	W		3190


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BMT Mile	Features	Services	Elev.	AT Miles
80.2	Begin from Cherokee National Forest sign in Double Spring Gap (3190). Follow the Hemp Top Trail (Cherokee NF Trail #145) north, ascending along ridge at first gradually, then very steeply. This climb is continuous for 0.7 mi.			3190
81.0	Intersect Licklog Trail (Cherokee NF Trail #65) at its terminus. (Licklog Trail leads right 5.4 mi to FS 221.) Turn left to continue on BMT/HTT and ascend along easy grade.			
81.4	Pass spring to left of trail. Return to ridgeline and continue ascent.	w		
81.5	Intersect Big Frog Trail (Cherokee NF Trail #64). The summit of Big Frog Mountain (4224') with overlook just beyond, is 100 feet on a side trail. (The HTT continues straight ahead 1.9 mi to the Wolf Ridge Trail (#66) or 3.7 mi to the HTT trailhead on FS 62.) Turn right and follow the BMT/BFT descending gradually along broad ridgecrest.			4224
82.7	Intersect Big Creek Trail (Cherokee NF Trail #68). (Big Creek Trail leads left 4.2 mi to FS 221.) Good views to the east and northeast are had from this part of the ridgecrest. Continue north on BMT/BFT skirting west, or left, side of Chimneytop. Briefly return to ridgeline, then skirt east, or right, side of ridge.			
83.4	Intersect Fork Ridge Trail (Cherokee NF Trail #69). (The Big Frog Trail turns hard left here and leads 3.6 mi to FS 221.) Continue straight ahead along ridge on the BMT/FRT. Skirt west, or left, side of ridge on gradual descent. Circle through two small coves and regain ridgeline.			
84.5	Intersect Rough Creek Trail (Cherokee NF Trail #70) at saddle (2260') on ridgeline. (The RCT leads right to the Licklog Trail and left to the BFT.) Turn left on the BMT/RCT and descend. Switchback left, circle through cove and cross stream bed.			2260
85.0	Cross small stream. Just beyond, cross West Fork of Rough Creek (1840').	w		1840
85.1	Intersect West Fork Trail. (To left, WFT leads to a dead end.) Turn right and follow BMT/WFT along old roadbed. (100 feet beyond, RCT turns sharply left, upslope, at rock cairn.) Continue straight ahead on old road with long easy descent.			
85.7	Cross over West Fork of Rough Creek near remains of old culvert.	w		
85.8	Recross West Fork of Rough Creek near old culvert leaving Big Frog wilderness. Continue gradual descent.	w		
86.4	Cross stream (1670'). CAUTION: Immediately beyond, BMT turns left off old roadbed. Climb along graded trail through dense forest.	w		1670
87.3	Reach FS 221 (1900'). (FS 221 leads left 0.4 mi to FS 45, to Big Frog Trailhead, and to Big Creek Trailhead and right 3.0 mi to the Licklog Trailhead, 6.6 mi to Tumbling Creek Campground, and 16.8 mi to Dally Gap.) Cross FS 221 and continue behind gate on roadbed of Old FS 45. Descend through numerous coves.	R		1900
87.6	Reach low point (1410'). Ascend into cove, cross stream and switchback hard right.	w		1410
88.0	Reach FS 45 (1500'). (FS 45 leads left 1.8 mi to FS 221 and right 1.0 mi to Ocoee #3 Powerhouse at the Ocoee River.) Continue directly across road in point of switchback. Follow graded trail along easy ascent.	R		1500
88.5	Enter saddle (1460'). CAUTION: Turn right off old road. Descend along graded trail into cove. Sides of cove get progressively steeper with descent.	w		1460
89.1	Reach south bank of Ocoee River (1120'). Follow trail along riverbank, upstream.	w		1120
89.3	 Enter Thunder Rock Campground at the end of campground loop road. Follow road past bathroom (locked in winter) and comfort stations.	R, w, sh		
89.5	Bear right and ascend on road to intersect FS 45. Turn left, cross Little Gassaway Creek on small bridge, pass behind Ocoee #3 Powerhouse, and cross Ocoee River on road bridge.	R, w		
89.7 / 91.3	 Reach US 64/74 near point where divided four lanes begin (or end). Highway leads left 27 mi to Cleveland, TN or right 8 mi to Ducktown, TN. • Olympic Whitewater Center (1.1 mile to right) 4400 Hwy. 64 Copperhill TN 37317 (877) 692-6050, Fax: (423) 496-1515 Notes: Run by the US Forest Service, this stop is recommended even if just passing through. See website for hours of operation. Directions: Turn right on Hwy 64 (southbounders turn left) and walk 1.1 mile to Whitewater Center on right. Services: Pay phone, water, soda and vending machines http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/ocoe/ • B&B, White House Bed and Breakfast (8 miles to right, free shuttle with stay) 104 Main Street Ducktown, Tennessee 37326 (423) 496-4166, reservations: (800) 775-4166 Notes: Innkeepers Mardee & Dan Krauff welcome hikers. They will hold a mail drop and provide shuttle from/to the trail with overnight stay. Directions: Located in Ducktown, TN, 8 miles to right. If staying, it is possible to walk to the Whitewater Center and call for a shuttle. Services: Call to hold maildrops or for shuttle (with stay), laundry, some meals included http://www.ocadoe-whitehousebb.com/ • Various services in Ducktown, TN (8 miles to right) US Post Office 1656 Highway 68 Ducktown, TN 37326 423-496-5467 Notes: Ducktown is a small town with most services provided by long-distance hikers. Directions: Turn right (southbounders turn left) and proceed east on 4-lane divided Hwy 64 a distance of 8 miles into town. Services: PO, Grocery Store, Gas Stations, Motel, Restaurants			
95.3	Dry Pond Lead high point			
95.9	Spring	w		
96.6	Deep Gap			
98.0	Kimsey Highway	R, w		
99.2	Stream	w		
100.4	McFarland Rd, FS 23	R, w		

100.9	?			
102.2	FS 1173-1 Gated Road			
103.6	Side trail to water	w		
104.3	White Oak Flats, FS 103 Lost Creek Campground	R, C, w		
107.2	Junction			
107.5	Junction			
108.3	 FS 173 – trestle • Outfitter, Hiwassee Scenic River Outfitters (On BMT) PO Box 62 Reliance, TN 37369 423-338-8115 Notes: Business is seasonal and peaks on weekends, especially warm weather holidays. Directions: Just before passing under trestle, bear right into store/campground office. Services: Call to hold maildrops, campstore with limited groceries and supplies, pay phone, showers, lodging in bunkhouse or cabins, campground, rafting http://www.hiwasseeoutfitters.com/ • Outfitter, Webb Brothers Store & Float Service (On BMT) Box 61 Reliance, TN 37369 Phone: 423-338-2373, 877-932-7238 Notes: Open year-round. Business peaks on weekends, especially warm weather holidays. Directions: Where turning right (left for southbounders) at TN Hwy 30 on south side of bridge over Hiwassee River, walk a few paces into store. Services: Call to hold maildrops, small store, pay phone, soda machine http://www.webbrosfloatservice.com/  Hotel, Tennessee Overhill Sleep Inn (12 miles west/north on Hwy 30/411 in Etowah, free shuttle with stay) 600 North Tennessee Avenue (US Hwy 411) Etowah, TN 37331 1-877-263-2906 Notes: Hikers are welcome. Besides holding mail drops and providing free shuttle from/to the BMT at Reliance (with stay), shuttles to other locations on the trail are available. Etowah is a town of moderate size with most services needed by long-distance hikers. Longer term parking for vehicles is available for section hikers. Directions: Located in Etowah, TN, 12 miles west/north on Hwy 30/411. Call for shuttle from a public phone in Reliance. Services: Call to hold maildrops, shuttle, all in-town services such as laundry, meals, and groceries http://www.tennesseeoverhillsleepinn.com/	R, w, G, O, H, sh, W12m - L		
109.6	John Muir Tr at Childers Crk	R, w		
112.6	Big Bend	w		
115.6	Appalachia Powerhouse	w		
119.6	FS 228			
123.6	Unicoi Mt Trail (TN Hwy 68)	R, w		
124.1	?			
124.7	Buck Bald Road			
128.3	Unicoi Gap • Coker Creek Welcome Center and Post Office (3.0 miles to left) US Post Office 12197 New Hwy 68 Coker Creek, TN 37314 423-261-2286 Notes: Friendly folks welcome hikers. It is possible to walk the historic Unicoi Turnpike Trail part way into town; it adds only a few tenths of a mile. Directions: Turn left (southbounders turn right) and follow gravel Joe Brown Hwy to intersection of TN Hwy 68. Visitor center is on corner. Services: Call to hold maildrops, gift shop with very limited snacks, soda machine, pay phone http://www.cokercreek.org/	R, w, W 3.0m - PO		
129.1	FS 2114 Gated Road	R		
130.9	Spring			
130.7	?			
132.8	Tate Gap	W		
134.6	Sixmile Gap			
136.1	Water	W		
136.6	Sandy Gap			
137.0	4WD road			
138.3	Moss Gap	W		
139.1	Big Spring	W		
140.1	Round Top, State Line			
140.2	Spring	W		
142.8	Brookshire Creek Conn	W		
145.9	Bald River (upstrm)	W		
148.4	Sugar Mt. Road			
149.6	Spring	W		
150.8	 Tellico River Rd (210) • Motel and small store, Green Cove Motel (1.4 miles to left) 2870 River Rd Tellico Plains, TN 37385 423-253-2069 Notes: Long-time owners, William and Katherine Crowe, welcome hikers. Becoming a must-stay location on the BMT. Possible shuttle back to trail. Directions: Turn left (southbounders turn right) and follow Tellico River Rd 1.4 miles to Green Cove Motel on left. Services: Call to hold maildrops, lodging, limited groceries and supplies, pay phone, microwave meals, soda machines	R, w, W1.4m – L, G, M		
153.8	Mangan Branch	W		
156.8	FS 61B Sycamore Creek Trailhd	R		
157.8	?	W		
158.5	Whigg Meadow	C, w		
160.0	Mud Gap	R		
161.6	Stratton Gap and Stratton Meadow	R, w		
162.6	?			
163.0	Beech Gap, Nantahala NF			
164.8	?			
166.1	?			
166.5	Water	w		
166.9	Water	w		
167.4	Trail intersection			
167.6	Old road on left Cherry Log Gap			
168.5	Water at Glenn Gap	w		
170.5	Pine Ridge Trail Int.			
181.2	Water at Big Stack Gap			
182.2	Covered Spring next to trail on left			
175.8	Farr Gap Stiffknee Tr			
176.8	Reach Creek	w		
179.2	Slickrock Crk & Ike Br Trls	w		
179.8	Ike Branch Trail	w		

181.6	Slickrock Trail			
182.7	 US Hwy 129 Bridge • Services (0.4 miles to right) [Further information pending.]	w		
182.8	Enter Tapoco Trail	R, w, E0.4m – G, L		
184.5	Start maintenance road			
187.2	Road Walk Starts			
187.8	 Deals Gap • Gas station (on BMT) [This listing for information only. Not recommended for hiker use.]	R, L, M, w, G		
191.4	TwentyMile Ranger Station • Potable water from faucet in season	w	1300	

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BMT Mile	Features	Services	Elev.	AT Miles
191.4	20 Mile Ranger Station / Enter Park GSMNP Notes - You MUST have a Backcountry Permit in your possession while camping in the backcountry. These are easily obtained at the Ranger Stations in the Park. Some campsites and the sole shelter on the BMTA are rationed. This means that you MUST make a reservation through the Backcountry Registration Office at 865-436-1231 for the campsite and date(s) you request. You can stay up to three nights at a campsite, but only one night at a shelter. Tenting is not allowed at the Shelter on the BMTA within GSMNP. The reverse of the Trail Map gives the information necessary to have a safe and proper hike. Please take the time to read it. Remember that the backcountry is just that. You may find that trails signs are misleading or missing, trails may be indistinct, etc. The majority of the trail is joint Hiker/Horse Trail, although Horse usage is fairly low, but permissible as shown on the map. You need to be experienced with map reading and compass skills to ensure following the correct trails. In many areas, cell phones are not usable, so it is a real wilderness experience. If you are not prepared for that, we suggest that you take other trails for experience before tackling the BMT. Rescues in the GSMNP are difficult and lengthy. Preparation is the best prevention.	w	1300	
191.9	Wolf Ridge Trail Jct	w	1500	
193.1	Campsite 93	C, w	1800	
194.5	Long Hungry Trail Jct		2350	
196.4	Lost Cove Trail Jct. / Sassafras Gap 4.5 miles on AT to N.C. 28 Fontana Dam, NC 28733  N.C. 28/Fontana Dam—East 5 miles to Friendly Fields General Store (short-term resupply), 7–7 year-round, phone, Coleman and alcohol fuel, snacks and baked goods, L available in season. East 6 miles to Lodging: The Hike Inn, (828) 479-3677, <www.thehikeinn.com>, <hikeinn@graham.main.nc.us>. Now a hikers-only inn, owned and operated by Jeff and Nancy Hoch. Open Feb 15–Dec 1, other dates by reservation only. For pick-up, continue north on the A.T. to the Fontana Dam Visitor Center (see below) and call from the pay phone. Thru-hikers, call from NOC or Hot Springs for reservations. Five rooms with max 2 per room. No credit cards. Thru-hikers (check in by 5 p.m., check-out 9 a.m. firm). \$40S, \$45D. Rate includes shuttle to and from dam, one load of laundry, evening shuttle to Robbinsville for dinner and supplies. Section-hikers, \$30S/D (room only). Packages accepted c/o Hike Inn, 3204 Fontana Rd., Fontana Dam, NC 28733. Mail service \$30 for nonguest. Shuttles, slack-pack, Coleman and alcohol fuel, Internet access available. West 2 miles to Fontana Village Resort. Fontana Dam, N.C. [P.O. ZIP 28733: M-F 8:30–12 & 12:30–4:30, Sa 10–12; (828) 498-2315], is located 2 miles from Fontana Dam within the Fontana Village Resort. Constructed in 1946 for TVA workers building Fontana Dam, the village is now a seasonal recreational area and resort using many of the original buildings. Lodging Fontana Inn, <www.fontanavillage.com>, (800)849-2258, \$30.99S, \$5EAP up to 4. Groceries: Fontana General Store (long-term resupply), Texaco Station nearby for short-term resupply. Outfitter: Fontana Village Outfitter, limited hiker gear and stove fuels. Other services: restaurant, laundry, ice cream/soda fountain (open in May), mountain-bike rentals, indoor pool, and fitness center. Shuttle to and from Fontana Marina for \$1; dial 265 from the boat-dock pay phone. Please note: Some services may close or be under reduced hours during off-season, and supplies are limited.	E4.5m - R (E-5m G,f; 6m L, f)/W-2m PO,G, L, M, O, cl, f)	3600	167.7
198.4	Campsite 91	C, w	2000	
199.1	Lakeshore Trail Jct	w	1800	
199.6	Campsite 90	C, w	1600	
200.1	Eagle Creek Trail	w	1700	
204.2	Hazel Creek Trail	w	1700	
204.4	Campsite 86	C, w	1700	
206.0	Welch Ridge		2300	
207.7	Campsite 81	C, w	1800	
211.9	Campsite 77	C, w	1800	
216.5	Campsite 76	C, w	1800	
219.0	Campsite 98	C, w	1900	
225.5	Campsite 74	C, w	1800	
228.4	Tunnel		1900	
228.5	Lakeview Drive	w	1900	
229.0	Noland Creek Trail Junction	w	1800	
230.3	Campsite 65	C, w	2000	
233.0	Campsite 64	C, w	2500	
234.4	Campsite 63	C, w	2800	
235.7	Campsite 62	C, w	3200	
237.2	Campsite 61 (RATIONED)	C, w	3500	
238.2	Pole Creek Road Jct/Upper Sassafras Gap		4200	
241.5	Deep Creek Trail Jct Joins Mountains to Sea Trail	w	2500	
241.8	Campsite 56	C, w	2400	
242.2	Martins Gap Trail Jct. Camp 57 (RATIONED).	w	2600	
243.7	Sunkota Ridge Trail Jct		3400	
248.6	Thomas Divide Trail Jct		4700	

249.0	Newton Bald Trail Jct		5000	
249.5	Campsite 52 Joins Mountains to Sea Trail	C, w	5100	
254.3	Newfound Gap Road Jct	R, w	2200	
254.6	Smokemont Campground Parking & Back Country Permits	R, w, E6.0m – C, cl, f, G, L, M, O, PO	2200	
	 Various services in Cherokee, NC (6 miles to right on US Hwy 441) US Post Office 671 Tsalai Blvd Cherokee, NC 28719 828-497-3891 Notes: Cherokee, NC is a town of moderate size with most services needed by long-distance hikers. Directions: Turn right (southbounders turn left) and find Cherokee 6 miles straight ahead on US Hwy 441. Services: PO, hotels, grocery stores, restaurants, laundry			
255.6	Bradley Fork Trail Jct	w	2200	
256.8	Chasteen Creek Trail Jct.	w	2300	
256.9	Campsite 50 (RATIONED)	C, w	2300	
258.9	Campsite 48	C, w	3300	
260.8	Hughes Ridge Trail Jct		4700	
261.2	Enloe Creek Trail Jct.	w	4800	
263.7	Campsite 47 (RATIONED).	C, w	3600	
264.8	Hyatt Ridge Trail Jct		4400	
266.5	Beech Gap Trail Jct		4900	
269.3	Straight Fork Road Jct	R, w	3100	
269.6	Beech Gap Trail Jct	R	3100	
272.1	Balsam Mt. Trail Jct		5100	
273.8	Laurel Gap Shelter (RATIONED).	R, w	5400	
274.1	Mt. Sterling Ridge Trail Jct.		5500	
279.4	Mt. Sterling Trail Jct		5700	
279.7	Baxter Creek Trail Jct.Camp38 (RATIONED)..	C, w	5800	
286.8	Big Creek Road Jct Parking & Back Country Permits	R, w	1700	
287.6	Davenport Gap / Exit Nat'l Park Davenport Gap, Tenn.32, N.C. 284; eastern boundary, Great Smoky Mtns. National Park  Tenn. 32, N.C. 284/Davenport Gap —East 1.3 miles to Big Creek Ranger Station with phone and self-registration backcountry permits (southbounders—see note on page 33 about registration); 1 mile farther to the station's seasonal campsites, \$12 per site, no showers. The Chestnut Branch Trail leads out from the ranger station and, in two miles, meets the A.T. one mile south of Davenport Gap Shelter. East 1.5 miles to Mountain Mama's Kountry Store and hostel, (828) 486-5995, operated by John and Carolyn Thigpen, \$15PP bunk space, shower, towel, laundry, and shuttle back to the Trail. Shuttle to the Trailhead, \$1PP; services without stay: laundry \$4, shower \$3. Pay phone on the front steps, short-term resupply possible, short-order grill open 8–5, stove fuel. No alcohol, no profanity. Hikers may have their dogs delivered after they arrive; keep dogs on a leash at all times. The Thigpens hold only packages under 10 pounds mailed to Mountain Mama's, 1981 Waterville Rd., Newport, TN 37821 (USPS), or 1981 Waterville Rd., Waterville, NC 28786 (UPS/FedEx). Will not reship packages. Credit cards not accepted.	R (E– 1.3mRang erStation; 1.5m H, G, M, cl, sh, f; 2.3m C)	1,975	234.9

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