

# SEFTC

## Winter Hike Week

Jan 25-28, 2018

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 25-28, 2018, 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.

The evenings will include a Friday Leadership Conference gathering at 4:30 which everyone is welcome to attend. Election of officers will occur at this meeting, too. It will end no later than 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening there will be a presentation by a special speaker between 7 and 9 p.m., with doors opening at 6:00. Both these meetings will be held across the street in the conference center which is part of the Music Road Resort, also a throwback to the Wilderness Wildlife Week events held at the Resort. Please join us!!!

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 Wednesday afternoon, Jan 24**. Hikers will carpool from the hotel. Experienced hike leaders will accompany each outing. **There will be a \$35 fee to attend this event.** Details follow. 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 **1-855-790-4646**. On-line reservations at our group rates are **not** available.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>2 Queens non-view</b>	<b>2 Queens with Mtn view</b>
Wednesday-Sunday	Jan 24-28	\$75	\$75

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.

[SEFTC Facebook Page](#)

## EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC)  
Winter Hike Week  
January 25-28, 2018  
Music Road Inn – Pigeon Forge Tennessee

Name:

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Address:

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City, State, Zip:

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Mobile Phone:

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E-mail:

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Emergency contact & phone: (someone not at your cell phone number)

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The fee for this event is \$35 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 24 in the afternoon. See Tentative Hike Schedule below.

Please reserve your hotel room as above at 855-790-4646. 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

## SEFTC Winter Hike Week - January, 2018

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. **Hike signups will be conducted on-site** at our registration table in the lobby of the Music Road Inn beginning Wednesday Jan 24 at 2pm. Registration table will open throughout the event in the mornings as hikers assemble and again later in the day as hikers return from outings.

As updated October 2017

### WEDNESDAY, JAN 24

**W1 - 2 PM Short Hike for Early-Bird Arrivals** - New park accessibility trail and other short treks near Sugarlands Visitor Center (small waterfall included) - 2.5 to 3.5 mi – E - Leader: George Owen

### THURSDAY, JAN. 25

**T1 - 8:30 AM - Schoolhouse Gap and Turkeypen Ridge Trails** - 4.5 mi. - shuttle – E – Leader/Co: Ken and Phyllis Jones

**T2 - 8:30 AM - Finley Cane and West Prong Trails to Tremont** – 5.5 mi. – shuttle – M – Leader: George Owen

**T3 – 8 AM - Schoolhouse Gap & Chestnut Top Trails** - 6.4 mi. - shuttle – M -Leader:

**T4 - 8 AM -Trillium Gap Trail to Brushy Mountain and back, including Grotto Falls** - 10.0 mi – out and back from end of Cherokee Orchard Loop - D – Leader/Co: Rick & Brenda Harris

**T5 - 8 AM - Mt Cammerer from Cosby** – 12 mi. – D – This is a long and quite difficult hike which might be snowed out. Think twice before signing up - Leader: Jim Plant

### FRIDAY, JAN. 26

**F1 - 8:30 AM - Cherokee Orchard trailhead to Rainbow Falls & return** - 5.6 mi. – M – Darcy Douglas

**F2 - 8:30 AM - Cades Cove Loop Rd. to Abrams Falls and return** - 5.0 mi. – M Leader/Co: Ken and Phyllis Jones

**F3 - 8 AM -Gabes Mountain Trail to Hen Wallow Falls and back** – 5.0 mi. – out and back from Cosby - M – Leader/Co: Rick & Brenda Harris

**F4 - 8 AM - Little River, Huskey Gap, & Sugarland Mtn. trails to Fighting Creek Gap** - 7.9 - shuttle – M – Leader/Co: George Owen and Richard Sullivan

**F5 - 8:30 AM - Ramsey Cascades** - 8 mi. – out and back from Greenbrier Rd – D

### SATURDAY, JAN. 27

**S1 - 9 AM - Finley Cane, Bote Mtn. northwest back to Laurel Creek Rd** - 4.3 – E Leader/Co: Ken and Phyllis Jones

**S2 - 8:30 AM - Porters Creek Tr.** - 7.2 – out and back - M

**S3 - 8:30 AM - Loop from Cherokee Orchard with two waterfalls - Baskins Creek, Trillium Gap, etc.** - 7.4 mi - M

**S4 - 8 AM - Maddron Bald Trail to Albright Grove and back** – 6.8 mi – M – Leader/Co: Rick and Brenda Harris

**S5 - 8:30 AM - Injun Creek via Grapeyard Ridge Trail ~5 mi** – out and back from Greenbrier Rd – M – Jim Plant

**S6 - 8 AM - Crooked Arm Ridge, Indian Grave Gap, Rich Mountain Loop** out of Cades Cove with side trip to Oliver Cabin – New Hike - 8.7 mi. – D – Leader/Co: George Owen and Richard Sullivan

## **SUNDAY, JAN. 28**

**U1 - 8:30 AM - Historical Hike: Little Greenbrier, Little Briar Gap, Metcalf Bottoms trails - shuttle – E –**  
Leader/Co: George Owen and Darcy Douglas

**U2 - 8:30 AM - Gatlinburg Trail from Sugarlands VC, shopping in Gatlinburg, eat lunch, and return to Visitor Center - ~5 mi. – E –** Leader/Co: Rick and Brenda Harris

**U3 - 8 AM - Huskey Gap Trail from U.S. 441, Little River, Cucumber Gap, & Jakes Creek trails to Elkmont - 7.1 mi – D**

**U4 - 8 AM - Big Creek Trail to Walnut Bottoms and back – 10.6 mi. – D –**New hike for 2018. Options for shorter routes for those needing to get down the road. Convenient for those heading out via Cosby and I-40 toward Asheville – Leader: Jim Plant