**See events in Hike MoCo on Facebook for details and meet times.**

**09.24 Kick-off Judge Branch Loop -FHSP**

*(2.75 mile loop) – The Judge Branch Loop is teeming with Mountain Laurel on both sides. Start at the Old Mac Trailhead and hang a right to do the Interpretive Loop. Once you get to the intersection, continue on Judge Branch. You will finish up by coming down South Old Mac. This trail is easy to moderate.*

**10.07 Coyote Point -LMSF**

*(8.3 mile loop) – You will take Clayton Howard Road to Bob Armes Circle and then down the LMSF Tree Farm Road to park. This hike is rated strenuous due to distance and elevation gain. Start out on The Longest Mile and connect to the Dailey Trail. You will pass by a pond and Spring House close to the Coyote Point Spur. Once you reach the Spur, enjoy the view, take a breather, and have some lunch. Then head back out onto Southwest Trail. This will connect with Carl Black Spur and that can be taken back to the car where you can finally relax after this extremely tough day of climbing!*

**10.14 Black Mountain -CT**

*(9 miles out and back including upper loop) – To find this trailhead, it’s best to use the GPS coordinates* ***(N35 52.188 W84 55.753)*** *and plug them into maps on your phone. You will park on the side of the road and the trail starts on the opposite side of the road. Along the way up, you’ll pass by The Windless Cave. Please keep in mind that White Nose Syndrome is a problem in this area and adhere to the warning signs posted. You will dread life as you head through the numerous switchbacks, but your reward will soon be in sight! Enjoy the huge boulder field and ascend the stairs to reach the Black Mountain Trail. Head right and you will soon come to the sign for the Overlook. After you take in the breathtaking views, head back to the trail and continue right to finish the loop. You will see a neat little spring well and an old chimney. Finish the loop and then head back down the way you came. Watch out for traffic as you cross the road back to your vehicle, you may be moving a little slower than when you started!*

**10.21 Angel Falls Overlook -BSF**

*(5.6 miles out and back) – This hike begins across the bridge from the Leatherwood Ford Parking area. This moderate to difficult hike takes you along the other side of the river for approximately two miles and then connects to Grand Gap Loop. Continue on to the Overlook and enjoy lunch on the bluff while soaking up some sun and glorious views!*

**10.28 Lookout Tower East -FH**

*(6.3 miles out and back) – This trail starts on Petros Hwy. It is the shortest route to the Lookout tower and is rated moderate to strenuous. Along the way, you will take the short spur to the Old Prison Mines (mileage is included).*

**11.04 Honey Creek -BSF**

*(5.63 mile loop) – This hike begins at the Honey Creek Trailhead and is a very strenuous 5.63-mile loop! Along the way, you will see waterfalls, cross the creek a few times (be sure to bring water shoes), climb through boulders, and see an amazing overlook! This trail is one of my personal favorites as there is rarely a boring moment on it!*

**11.11 Breakaway Bluff -CT**

*(8.4 miles out and back) - This trailhead starts at the Rock Creek Campground just across the bridge to the right. This strenuous trail will need to be followed starting at mile 14.1 and hiked from bottom to top according to the mile-by-mile instructions on the CT Website link. This will take you to Alley Ford Campground at mile 2.4. Once you get to mile 4.2, you will be at Breakaway Bluff. It’s at this point you can turn around and*

*make your way back to the car; that is, unless you want to keep going to Daddy’s Creek for a total of 14.1 miles ONE WAY!*

**11.18 Hidden Passage -Pickett SP**

*(10.1 mile loop with spurs) - This hike is rated difficult due to distance. The trailhead is just past the Pickett State Park entrance on the right. There are numerous rock houses throughout this hike with many amazing views and not just one, but also the option of two beautiful waterfalls. Crystal Falls is less than a mile in on the trail to the right and is a delicate falls where the sun shines just right and you can see a rainbow. On a hot day, it offers a nice little reprieve! Continue on until you come to an intersection, go right on the 0.7-mile spur to get to Double Falls. Take a break and have lunch, play around in the water and look for crawdads! Head back the way you came and take a right to continue the loop. You should pass Thompson Overlook as you continue on. Past Thompson Overlook, you will see the spur trail to Tunnel Trail. Take this interesting out and back trail, be sure to take a tour through the tunnel, and then continue on the Hidden Passage Loop. You know you’re close to the car when you pass the campground! So close...keep going!!!*

**11.24 Opt Outside – TBD**

**12.09 Black Mountain to Ozone -CT**

*(6.7 miles) – This hike is rated strenuous and includes steep climbs and descents. Starting at the top of Black Mountain and completing at Ozone Falls, which will require a little shuttling. If you’re planning to hike this one, be sure to coordinate shuttles between trailheads.*