

**MAC & Potomac Valley Chapter ARS  
June 2015 Mountain Trip**

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**1. Roan Mountain** - Easy to moderate hike. Majestic views with *R. calendulaceum* and *R. catawbiense*.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 13 & 14:**

**Americourt Hotel Mountain City**

**450 Dotson Lane, Mountain City, TN 37683**

**Phone: (423) 727-7311**

*Alternative Hotels if the Mountain City motel is full:*

**Americourt Hotel Elizabethton**

**1515 19E Bypass, Elizabethton, TN 37643**

**Phone: (423) 542-4466**

**Lakeshore Cottages & Motel**

**2340 Highway 321**

**Hampton, TN 37658**

**Phone: (423) 725-2201**

- 6/13 - Travel to Mountain City, TN. Quick trip to Roan Mt. or Snake Mt. if time allows. Possibly visit J. Jackson & Lindy Johnson but call first: (423)-571-2227
- 6/14 – Hike to Roan Mt, weather permitting. Pack lunch. Arrive early to get a parking place!



**2. Blue Ridge Parkway and Wayah Bald** - Drive along Parkway to enjoy vistas. See *R. arborescens* on Wayah

**Monday, June 15:**

**Microtel Inn Franklin**

**81 Allman Dr, Franklin, NC 28734**

**Phone: (828) 349-9000**

- 6/15 – Leave early and travel the Blue Ridge Parkway from Boone to Franklin, NC. If weather was bad on 6/14, hike Roan in the AM and drive directly to Franklin.
- 6/16 – Drive to Wayah and Wine Spring Bald in the AM. Drive to Robbinsville.



**3. Hooper Bald** - Easy hike to see *R. calendulaceum* and the Hooper Bald renovation project.

**Tuesday, June 16:**

**Microtel Inn, Robbinsville, NC**

**111 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville, NC**

**Phone: (828) 479-6772**

- 6/16 - Go to Hooper Bald in the evening to check on *R. calendulaceum* plantings if we arrive early.
- 6/17 – Cut back weeds and brush around newly planted azaleas on Hooper in the AM. Drive to Townsend, TN, in the evening.



**4. Gregory Bald** - Strenuous hike to see native azaleas on top of the mountain. Trip takes 3 or more hours each way.

**Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, June 17, 18, & 19:**

**Best Western Cades Cove Inn**

**7824 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Townsend, TN 37882**

**Phone: (865) 448-9000**

- 6/17 – Buy food for hike and breakfast. Get to bed early in preparation for Gregory Hike.
- 6/18 – Hike Gregory Bald, weather permitting. Very early rise... Leave motel at 6:00 AM!
- 6/19 – Alternative date for Gregory hike. Visit other places in Smokies if hike was successful.



### **5. On Your Own**

**Saturday, June 20: (hotel TBA)**

- 6/20 Head for home, tour the Parkway looking for *R. maximum* forms, or visit nurseries to buy plants.

**East Fork Nursery – Vivian Abney (native azaleas)**

**2769 Bethel Church Road, Sevierville, TN 37876**

**Phone: (865) 453-6108**



**Note:** Feel free to join us on any part or all of the trip. Just let us know you are coming so we can look out for you, and alert you to any last minute changes. Use Don Hyatt's email or home phone prior to June 12.

### **Possible Extensions to Trip**

**Mount Rogers and Grayson Highlands** (Before)

Drive to State Park to admire *R. calendulaceum*. If there is time, take moderate hike out to Rhododendron Gap along the Appalachian Trail to see *R. catawbiense* display.

**Friday, June 12: (hotel TBA)**

- Spend the night near Marion, VA, and go to Grayson Highlands State Park for the day.



**Slaughter Mountain & Blood Mountain** (After)

Moderate to strenuous hikes to see *R. cumberlandense* and some natural hybrids.

**Sunday and Monday, June 21 & 22: (hotel TBA)**

- Spend night in Murphy, NC. Explore the Coosa Backcountry Trail and Appalachian Trail at Slaughter and Blood Mountains near Vogel State Park.

