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, Elizabethon, 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

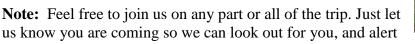
- 6/17 Buy food for hike and breakfast. Get to bed early in preparation for Gregory Hike.
- 6/18 Hike Gregory Bald, weather permitting. Very early rise... Leave motel at 6:00 AM!
- 6/19 Alternative date for Gregory hike. Visit other places in Smokies if hike was successful.

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



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.







