

Tellico Village Hiking Club



Bob Stratton Bald/ Hangover Lead Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Depart at 8AM from Lakeside Realty Parking Lot

Bob Stratton Bald is a classic southern mountain bald located off the Cherohala Skyway at an elevation of 5360 feet with views of the Unicoi Mountains as well as the Joyce Kilmer Wilderness Area. Hangover is a rocky promitory three plus rugged miles beyond Bob Stratton Bald. It offers one of the best mountain views in all of East TN. You can see both peaks from the Tellico Parkway as you head south down the hill near Sequoyah Drive.

The drive up the Cherohala Skyway will take care of most of the elevation gain; however, there is one steep section on the walk to Bob Stratton Bald where we will climb about 800 feet in one mile. We will have lunch at the Bald. After lunch we are planning for many hikers to turn around.

For those who may want to continue, we will have an optional extended hike to Hangover Lead, 12.3 miles round trip. Hangover Lead is a difficult rocky hike on a ridgeline, but the view is one of the best in East TN. You can see the Little Tennessee River Valley from Santeetlah Lake near Robbinsville to the 411 bridge in Vonore. The portion of Hwy. 129 known as The Dragon runs through the valley far below and the Smokies stretch out in the distance in the center of the view.



Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended.



Driving directions will be provided the morning of the hike.



Bring water and a trail lunch.

We will continue with Covid-19 protocol for our hikes

1. Social distancing of at least 6 feet is still in order on and off the trails.
2. We will not be setting up carpools. Each hiker should drive on their own or may go with another person that they know and feel comfortable with.
3. We will meet at Lakeside Realty parking lot for directions, take a vehicle count, but there is no need to get out of your vehicle and gather as we use to do.

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**Distance:
6 miles, Moderate, to Bob
Stratton Bald
– OR –
12 miles, Difficult, to
Hangover Lead**

**Driving Time:
1¼ hour drive time**

**Elevation Gain:
Approx. ??? feet**

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