

**Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
March 2016**

**March 6-7, 2016
Trip to the Lenn Foote Hike Inn**

This will be an outing to the Lenn Foote Hike Inn located at Amicalola Falls State Park in Georgia. Plans include hiking the 5 mile "moderately" rated trail to the inn, staying overnight at the inn, and returning back down the trail the following morning. Hot showers, towels, bed linens, and a family style dinner and breakfast are provided by the inn. The inn is very eco-friendly and utilizes vermiculture (worm composting), composting toilets, solar panels that produce a portions of its electrical needs, and rain water harvesting. Three rooms at the inn have been reserved and filled by AOA members. Additional rooms are available for \$170.00 plus tax for double occupancy and \$117.00 plus tax for single occupancy. Rooms may be reserved online at <https://secure.igres03280.com/igreservations/asp/RoomAvailability.asp> or by calling the inn at [1-800-581-8032](tel:1-800-581-8032). Those wishing to carpool or travel together to the inn, should meet at 8:00 am (cst) at the Winn Dixie parking lot located on Highway 21 in Jacksonville. Those desiring to travel on their own, should meet at the park's Visitor Center by 1:00 pm (est). Please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com for additional information or if you plan to participate in this outing.

**March 10, 2016
Bi-Monthly General Interest Meeting**

In attempt to offer more activities of interest to our members, Bi-Monthly General Interest Meetings will be offered this year beginning on March 10th. The meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at the Tucker Park Lodge located at 6514 Weaver Road in Anniston (southern terminus of the Chief Ladiga Trail). Our guest speaker will be Marcus Tillman with the Northeast Alabama Bicycle Club. Marcus will be giving us an update on the Coldwater Mountain Trail System as well as plans for the Anniston Trailhead. Our next bi-monthly meeting will be held on May 12th and will feature guest speaker Callie Thornton who will give us an update on Flagg Mountain, Coosa County's portion of the Pinhoti Trail, and her hiker hostile and shuttle services. Please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com if you plan to attend this month's meeting.

**March 12, 2016
2nd Saturday Pinhoti Day Hike**

This month's hike will be an 8.5-mile trek across the 1,720 ft. high Oakey Mountain. This section of the Pinhoti Trail is rated "difficult" and begins at the trail crossing on Hwy 94 and ends on the trail crossing at FS Road 500. Points of interest along this section include the Chief Ladiga Trail, Terrapin Creek, the Oakey Mountain Trail Shelter, the Oakey Mountain Crossing, the Terrapin Creek Watershed Lake, and the North Duggar Mountain Trail Shelter. The Oakey Mountain Crossing offers splendid views of Little Tank, Big Tank, and Wilson Ridge. Participants should bring a lunch with something to drink and dress appropriately for the forecasted weather conditions on the day of the hike. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 a.m. from the Winn Dixie parking lot in Jacksonville. Please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com if you plan to participate in this hike.

**March 26, 2016
Wildflower Hike at the Pine Glen Campground**

Plans for this outing involve meeting at the Pine Glen Campground at 9:00 am (cst) and hiking southbound on the Pinhoti Trail until participants get tired and are ready to turn around and head back north to the campground. Many wildflowers are expected to be blooming along the path of this hike. For more information, and to register your participation for this outing, please contact Ben DeMayo by phone at 770-833-5183 or by email at bdemayo223@yahoo.com.