

VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL BIKE RIDE (September 14, 2019)

CAMPING (September 13-15, 2019)

1. The Highland View CONGREGATIONAL EVENT of the “Downhill” VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL BICYCLE RIDE is **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th**.
2. **YOU WILL NEED TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE SHUTTLE UP THE MOUNTAIN.** Regardless whether you bring your own bike or rent one, you must be shuttled up the mountain. So, please contact Levi Dodd or Kevin Reaves and let them know if you are going and if **you will need to rent a bike**. Kevin will reserve our shuttle with one of the Bike shops in downtown Damascus. You will be informed of the shop’s name and your cost as soon as a decision is made on which one we will use.
3. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CAMPERS SEPTEMBER 13TH-15TH**, you can reserve your site at the **Beartree Campground in Chipmunk Circle**. We usually get sites #2 and up which are the first ones you come to when you enter the circle. Make sure to read about each site as some are larger than others and there are differences in prices. You can reserve a campsite by **calling the campground at (276) 388-3642** or go to: www.recreation.gov and do it online. Type in **Beartree Campground** and then click on **Beartree**. Pick your dates and site number. Chipmunk Circle should appear at some time when booking. **NOTE that Sites #2 and #5 are already taken. All the other sites around them are very good as well. For a two-night stay in a single family site (sleeps 8); estimated cost will be \$56 (\$24/night plus \$8 reservation charge). The bigger sites are for multiple families (max 16) and estimated cost will be \$104 (\$48/night plus \$8 reservation charge).**

DIRECTIONS:

- From Pellissippi Parkway, take **I-40 East** toward **Knoxville**.
- Continue on **I-40 E** approximately **46 miles** to **exit 421**.
- Merge left onto **I-81 North** toward **Bristol**.
- Continue on **I-81 N** for approximately **95 miles** to **exit 19**.
- At **exit 19** turn right onto **US-11/US-58/Lee Highway** toward **Abingdon/Damascus**
- Continue to follow **US-58 E** for **10.2 miles** to **Damascus, VA**.
- Slight left onto **Co Rd 878/W Laurel Ave** for **0.5 miles**.
- Turn right onto **US-58 E/VA-91 S/Douglas Dr** for **0.2 miles**.
- Turn left to stay on **US-58 E/VA-91 S/Douglas Dr** for **0.8 miles**.
- Turn left onto **US-58 E/Jeb Stuart Hwy** for **6.7 miles**
- Turn left onto **Beartree Gap Rd** for **0.8 miles** to the **Campground Office**.
- Once you’ve registered, continue on **Beartree Gap Rd** for **3 miles** to the entrance to **Chipmunk Circle**.

Total Travel Estimate Time: **about 3 hours from home to campground**

