

WCBC Scouting Team

The WCBC has a Scouting Team which investigates new locations for future field trips. The scout hikes are not scheduled on normal club field trip days. Everyone who elects to be on the team is added to a roster. When a scout hike is scheduled, everyone on the roster is notified and asked if they wish to be included. Participation on any scout hike is voluntary.

Be aware that since the trails and terrain at the new location are often unknown, the hikes could be difficult.

If you are interested in being a member of the scouting team or in suggesting a trail to be scouted please email the Scouting Team Chair, kborgfeldt@gmail.com with your request.

The WCBC Scouting Team investigates new locations for future field trips. The purpose of the scout is to document the travel logistics, hike characteristics, and botanical findings at these locations using the attached form. Scouting hikes will be scheduled by the Hike Leader for a day other than the normal club field trip day(s). All members of the Scout Team will be invited to participate, but it is not a requirement that all members attend.

The procedure for conducting a Scout Hike is as follows:

1. A prospective location will be submitted to the Scouting Team Chair (currently Ken).
2. A Scout Leader (usually the person submitting the suggested location) will be identified.
3. The Scout Leader will select a Co-leader/recorder.
4. The Leader and Co-leader will pick a hike date and a backup date.
5. A meeting location and time will be specified.
6. An email will be sent by the Scouting Team Chair to all members of the scouting team providing the hike information and requesting an email reply if the member is going to participate. If no response is received, it will be assumed the person will not participate.
7. On the hike date the team will assemble at the meeting place and go to the scout hike location. The Leader and Co-leader/recorder are responsible for filling out the Scouting Report (page 2) and forwarding it to the Scouting Team Chair after the scout is completed.

WCBC Scouting Report

Date: _____

Scouting Team members present: _____

Location (trail sections etc): _____

Directions to trail head: _____

Mileage: meeting spot to trailhead

Hendersonville: _____ Brevard: _____

Driving time: meeting spot to trailhead

Hendersonville: _____ Brevard: _____

Actual length of trail RT: _____

Routes scouted: _____

Routes recommended and why: _____

Plants of interest: _____

Recommended lunch spot: _____

Type: (in/out, loop): _____ Trail condition (rocky, rooty): _____

Elevation change: (steep, flat) _____ Difficulty: (easy, moderate, strenuous): _____

Interesting Features (waterfall, stream, rock formation, etc.): _____

Car shuttle required (include parking locations): _____

Approximate time to complete field trip: _____

Is location seasonal? If so, what month: _____

Other comments: _____

DO NOT LEAVE TRAILHEAD UNTIL ALL CARS ARE OPERATING AND ALL PEOPLE ARE ACCOUNTED FOR

Scouting Team Chair will email this form to member who requested the scout. Following the scouting trip, member will give or mail completed form to Ken Borgfeldt, 170 Ridgeview Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792