Monday, July 25, 2016
Head southbound on Temple Hill Road for about 0.7 miles before turning left onto River Road. Follow River Road for 0.5 miles to bridge over Nolichucky River. Turn left onto Chestoa Pike and cross bridge on protected pedestrian walkway.

0.0 Mountain Inn & Suites
0.7 River Road
1.2 Nolichucky River Bridge (elev. 1,700)
1.4 Cross CSX railroad track (Caution!)
5.4 Curley Maple Gap Shelter
5.5 Reach Curley Maple Gap (elev. 3,080)
6.5 Cross small stream
9.5 Indian Grave Gap (elev. 3,360) and paved Tenn. 395
10.2 Pass under powerline
10.6 Cross gravel USFS 230.
11.4 Reach edge of woods – enter open fields
11.8 Reach Beauty Spot summit (elev. 4,437)

Tuesday, July 26, 2016
Head northbound toward Beauty Spot Gap.

0.2 Reach southwestern end of level Beauty Spot Gap
0.5 Reach northern end of Beauty Spot Gap (elev. 4,300)
(Note: To east 0.2 mile, at base of pasture, is a spring and possible campsite)
1.5 Reach Deep Gap (elev. 4,100) with field and USFS 230 road immediately to west
2.1 Pass a few feet east of USFS 230, a gravel road
3.1 Reach summit of Unaka Mountain (elev. 5,180)
3.8 Approximate northern end of *spruce-fir forest*

4.4 Northern end of a stretch with many *quartzite* boulders

5.0 Turn at a very sharp switchback. (Pay close attention here. The unmarked trail to west leads about 0.5 mile to USFS 230 and is a former A.T. route.)

5.3 Reach *Low Gap* (elev. 3,900)

6.4 Reach *Cherry Gap Shelter*

6.8 Reach *Cherry Gap* (elev. 3,900)

9.4 Turn left and ascend steps to sidehill trail

9.5 Reach *Iron Mountain Gap* (elev. 3,723)

**Wednesday, July 27, 2016**
Cross highway, then turn left, and proceed up a hill on marked trail. Be very careful crossing the road: Sight distance is short, and vehicle speeds are high.

0.8 Open field to west offers magnificent *view* of massive Unaka Mountain

1.2 At northern edge of orchard is a good campsite with a blue-blazed trail to west and downhill to a water source.

1.4 Reach *Weedy Gap*. Hikers enter woods on footpath

1.7 **Southern end of ridge-top section of Trail.** Northbound hikers begin 5-mile section of undulating ridge between here and Little Rock Knob, except for a short side hill section that skits a knob just past Greasy Creek Gap.

2.3 Pass *large rock formation* at high point (elev. 4,426)

2.8 Pass through gap, begin steady ascent

3.4 Reach high point near summit of knob (elev. 4,332)

4.1 Reach *Grassy Creek Gap*

6.0 Blue-blazed trail intersects to west, leading 120 yards to *Clyde Smith Shelter*

6.4 Reach gap. A spring is in a hollow 0.1 mile west.
6.8 Bottom of switchback relocation, with many rock steps

7.1 Pass several overlooks at top of cliffs, which provide magnificent views over a wide area. Continue toward summit.

7.2 Reach high point near summit of Little Rock Knob (elev. 4,918)

8.6 Traverse a series of rock steps

9.4 Reach Hughes Gap (elev. 4,040). Follow sidehill trail, beginning 2,110 foot ascent over next 3.2 miles

9.8 Blue-blazed trail leads 65 yards west to small, piped spring

11.9 Reach summit of Beartown Mountain (elev. 5,481)

12.4 Reach Ash Gap (elev. 5,340), a level area two-thirds of the way up the southern slope of Roan Mountain. To east, blue-blazed trail leads 0.1 mile to small spring

13.7 Follow mostly level trail toward open Cloudland Hotel area

13.8 Make a sharp turn near high point at edge of field. This is at left front corner of old Cloudland Hotel site (elev. 6,150) atop Roan Mountain. Look for paved parking lot

Thursday, July 28, 2016

0.2 Follow old roadbed

0.7 Blue-blazed trail leads 0.1 mile east to summit of Roan Mountain Knob (elev. 6,285) and the shelter there in a wooded area. This is near high point of A.T. on the mountain as it continues on old road

1.8 Trail reaches roadbed of old Hack Line Road. Hikers descend on footpath in woods

2.2 Reach Carvers Gap (elev. 5,512). Cross road to trail on gravel-covered geotextile, which crosses area diagonally east into North Carolina

2.9 Skirt west side of Round Bald summit (elev. 5,826) on gravel trail

3.2 Pass through grassy Engine Gap

3.6 Cross summit of Jane Bald (elev. 5,807)
5.9 Low Gap (elev. 5,050) and *Stan Murray Shelter*

7.0 Pass through Buckeye Gap (elev. 4,730)

7.8 Reach *Yellow Mountain Gap* (elev. 4,682) and blue-blazed trail east 0.3 mile to *Overmountain Shelter*

8.1 Reach *Overmountain Shelter*

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**Friday, July 29, 2016**

0.0 Follow blue-blazed 0.3 mile to *Yellow Mountain Gap* (elev. 4,682)

0.3 Reach *Yellow Mountain Gap* (elev. 4,682)

1.3 Trail turns sharply at the north end of an old road

1.9 Reach flat, grassy summit of *Little Hump Mountain* (elev. 5,459) with outstanding views

2.1 Reach small gap. Avoid side trails

3.2 Reach wide, grassy *Bradley Gap* (elev. 4,960)

3.8 Pass through stile in fence

4.1 Cross summit of *Hump Mountain* (elev. 5,587) and proceed down gently descending crest toward woods, passing memorial to Stan Murray

4.9 Enter woods and cross fence, descending

6.3 Enter grassy *Doll Flats*

6.9 Reach crest of rocky spur (elev. 4,400). An overlook is 50 feet to east

8.9 Pass spring west of trail

9.5 Cross bridge over Buck Creek and arrive at paved *U.S. 19E* (elev. 2,880)