

March 2012 Hike Report

Our first hike of the season was welcomed with exceptionally warm weather; a perfect day for a hike. The hike was one of PATHs 70 Mile Hikes, US 11 VA610, crossing Gullion Mountain into Crawfish Valley and back up over Walker Mountain to Tilson Gap and down again into Tilson Farmstead. All hikers who were not already signed up for the 70 Mile Club signed up to participate. We had 12 hikers, 6 were first timers on a PATH fun hike, plus 3 canine companions: Greg Smith, Kevin Sharp, Linda Dillow, Ed & Julie Hasenbuhler, Tara Rock, Tammie Lowry & Sienna, Pete Sturgill, Dakota Martin, Sam Mabe, Steve Yonts & Dalton and Diana Billips & Maddie. See our group photo and hike pictures starting at [2012 Gallery Page 6](#). After our hike, we were happy that Sam, Ed, Julie and Tara went back to Konnarock with us to eat supper and visit.

A BIG THANKS to Marcia Cope for helping with the shuttle from VA610 back to The Barn at US11.

Mark your calendars for April 21 as we hike the old AT along the crest of Walker Mountain. May 26 will be Bland Countys Festival of Trails event and ceremony to announce Bland County as an AT Community. Hikes will be planned for that day as well as other outdoor events.

Happy Hiking,

Diana Billips

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