

Advisory of Changes in Trail Names on Benton MacKaye Trail - Section 11

General

The following describes recent trail designation changes made by the Forest Service in and near the Big Frog Wilderness. These changes were reportedly made to streamline navigation on the horse trail and eliminate the confusion caused by conflicting map versions.

The Section 11 Description posted on www.BMTA.org incorporates these changes.

Hemp Top Trail (#145)

Trails on Licklog Ridge up to the top of Big Frog Mt., down Wolf Ridge, and out Chestnut Mountain have been re-designated as the Hemp Top Trail. In particular:

- 1) The name of the 0.5 mi trail segment from the Hemp Top/Licklog trail intersection on up to the Big Frog trail intersection near the top of the mountain has been changed from Licklog Trail (#65) to Hemp Top trail. This moves the terminus of the Licklog Trail from the intersection with the Big Frog Trail (#64) down to the point where the Licklog Trail intersects the Hemp Top Trail.
- 2) The uppermost 1.9 mi of the old Wolf Ridge Trail, from the Big Frog Trail intersection down to the old Chestnut Mountain Trail intersection, is changing names from Wolf Ridge Trail to Hemp Top Trail. This moves the terminus of the Wolf Ridge Trail (#66) from near the top of the mountain (BMT intersection) down to the intersection with the old Chestnut Mountain Trail. The Wolf Ridge Trail is now only 2.6 mi long.
- 3) The 1.8 mi Chestnut Mountain Trail is being renamed Hemp Top Trail. This places the new Hemp Top Trailhead at the site of the old Chestnut Mountain Trailhead on FS 62. The Chestnut Mountain Trail (#63) will no longer exist.

With these changes in place, horse riders will be able to follow one trail - the Hemp Top - all the way from Dally Gap in Georgia, over the top of Big Frog Mt. and down to the trailhead on FS 62.

Big Creek Trail (#68)

The name "Barkleggin" (or "Barklegging") Trail is being eliminated. The trail segment leading from the gap between the Chimneytop and Big Frog Mt. down to the Big Creek/Grassy Gap Trail intersection is being renamed Big Creek Trail. This moves the Big Creek Trail terminus from the intersection with the Grassy Gap Trail up to the intersection with the Big Frog Trail (the BMT).