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[OAR-L] Mount Mitchell Loop - October 20 - 22

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Hi everyone,

Mount Mitchell is the highest peak east of the Mississippi River, and Mount Craig is the second. Let's do both! We'll start on the Colbert Ridge Trail to Deep Gap, then turn left onto the Black Mountain Crest Trail. From here we'll hit several of the highest peaks in the Appalachians, culminating in Mount Mitchell. We'll camp at the Commissary Ridge campsite then descend the Buncombe Horse Range Trail. In total, the hike will be 18.2 miles with a 5,000ft elevation gain.

Plan:

Friday: Meet at the gear shed at 5pm, then drive up to Carolina Hemlocks Recreation Area where we'll spend the night. I have class until 4, so I might be slightly late.

Saturday: Move our cars to the Colbert Ridge trailhead, then hike to Commissary Hill. This is the main day, with 11.6 miles, all of the peaks, and a potluck.

Sunday: Hike downhill to the cars, then drive back to Gainesville. Maybe(?) stop by Little Ethiopia.

Gear:

Food for 2 days (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, potluck)

Water (at least 2 Liters and a filter if possible).

Tent

Sleeping pad

Sleeping bag (temperatures expected to be highs in the 60s and lows in the mid 30s)

Backpacking Backpack

Headlamp

Cost is ~\$45-\$50, mostly gas with \$28 per campsite (max 8 people per site).

This is an intermediate hike.

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His Eminence Ethan

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