

Horoscopes



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening, otherwise you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you

vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now's the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

**S A G I T T A R I U S** (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) That project

you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hard-working Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship.

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New GM for Ridges Resort

Brett Beazley has been named General Manager of The Ridges Resort & Club, on Lake Chatuge. In his new position, Brett will lead the resort's team and continue to oversee golf operations. With more than 20 years in the resort hospitality industry, Beazley is well positioned to ensure success in his new role.

"We're thrilled to have Brett lead The Ridges Resort & Club, says Scotty Fain, Owner. "He has stellar experience in the industry and is a well known supporter of the Tri-County communities."

Beazley has served The Ridges Resort & Club for the past 2 years, as Director of Golf. Under his hospitable leadership, the Golf Club has enjoyed significant growth in revenues and membership. Previously Brett held the position as Head Golf Professional at Brasstown Valley Resort for eight years. His extensive experience in resort golf operations began in 1987 when he joined Amelia Island Plantation Resort. He has

also served at Fernandina Beach Golf Club, Crickentree and Oak Hills Golf Clubs.

A native Georgian, Beazley currently serves as Golf Coach of Young Harris College and is Co-founder/Vice President of the Tri County Junior Golf Association. Brett and his wife Lisa and son Brandon reside in Young Harris.

The Ridges Resort & Club is located on the pristine shores Lake Chatuge, in Hiawassee Georgia. Featuring rustic elegant décor and a Lakefront Adirondack style greatroom, the Resort offers 66 tastefully appointed lodge guestrooms, 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom villas and 3 bedroom golf villas (new spring 2007.) The Ridges is home to 4 restaurants, indoor and outdoor meeting and function space. Additional resort amenities include the full service Ridges Marina, swimming pools, an 18 hole Willard Byrd design golf course and grand lodge-style clubhouse. For additional information or to make reservations call 888-834-4409 or visit [www.TheRidgesResort.com](http://www.TheRidgesResort.com).

Butternut Creek Festival receives support from Busy Bee Printing & Signs

Thanks to the support of Busy Bee Printing & Signs, the 9th Annual Butternut Creek Festival will be even better this year. The Festival will be held at Meeks Park in Blairsville on July 21-22, 2007. Over the past eight years, the High Country Artisans, Inc., a small group of dedicated Blairsville artists and craftsmen, have gradually developed this show into a major arts event. In

reviewing last year's Festival, this newspaper observed that it was "one of north Georgia's premier arts and crafts festivals", "another spectacular festival that was a joy for the public as well as the participants; the finest local arts & crafts show of the summer...a great family event."

Recently, Ken and Joanne Pendley of Busy Bee Printing & Signs presented a check to the

High Country Artisans, Inc. By becoming a corporate sponsor of the Festival, Busy Bee Printing & Signs is showing, in a very tangible way, its commitment to the growth and enhancement of our community. With this type of support the Festival publicity can be further expanded and thereby increase the number of visitors and tourists coming to Union County.

CELEBRITY SHOPPING

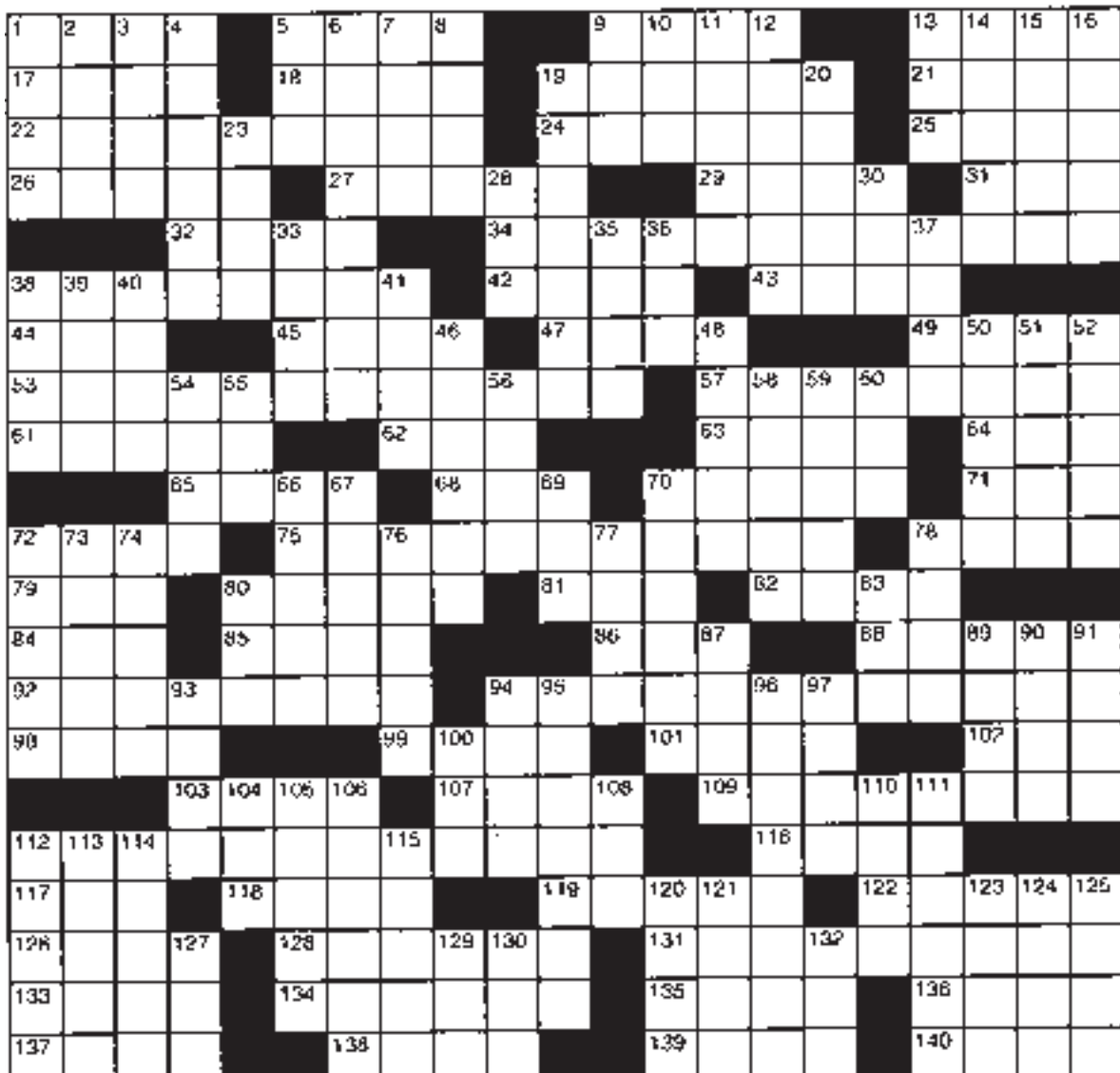
Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Stevenson scoundrel
- 5 Epps of "The Program"
- 9 One of "The Three Sisters"
- 13 Monstrous dance?
- 17 Deserve a check
- 18 Possess
- 19 Obscures
- 21 Flu symptom
- 22 Mr. Asner's gift?
- 24 Esteem
- 25 Pal
- 26 Smooth transition
- 27 River reptiles
- 29 Sup in style
- 31 Olsen of vaudeville
- 32 Fury
- 34 Ms. Rivers' gift?
- 38 Lee and Bradley
- 42 Wheels of fortune?
- 43 Yule purchase
- 44 Frehley of Kiss
- 45 — market
- 47 Green land
- 49 "Cabooco" number
- 53 Mr. Reynolds' gift?
- 57 Noblewoman
- 61 Like opposites
- 62 — relief
- 63 English poet
- 64 James Herriot, for one
- 65 Abbreviated address
- 68 Flopped down
- 70 Spanacus, e.g.
- 71 Swiss canon
- 72 Oav d's instrument
- 75 Mr. Myers' gift?
- 78 Sharp
- 79 Palindromic dictator
- 80 Largest antelope
- 81 Court
- 82 In addition
- 84 Gun the origin
- 85 Note
- 86 Letters of desperation?
- 88 Reunion attendee
- 92 Word with end or eye
- 94 Mr. Von Sydow's gift?
- 98 Dickens' Pecksniff
- 99 High-flying toy
- 101 Summer-
- 102 — de France
- 103 Nova st. Patron
- 107 Be owed
- 109 Dangers
- 112 Mr. Griffith's gift?
- 116 Director David
- 117 "Tobacco Road" character
- 118 To be in Toulouse
- 119 Steen stand
- 122 Forum figures
- 126 Way
- 128 Punnic product
- 131 Ms. Conn's gift?
- 133 "Mila 18" author
- 134 Kitchen implements
- 135 Obligation
- 136 Merry abandon
- 137 Break suddenly
- 138 Doe's darling
- 139 Yarn
- 140 Unspecified amount

**DOWN**

- 1 Musical Myra
- 2 Big name in locks
- 3 Smidgen
- 4 Tolerant
- 5 Triumphant
- 6 "La Boheme" role
- 7 Maintain
- 8 Change the decor
- 9 Venlage
- 10 Actor Herbert
- 11 Lead through the wilderness
- 12 Directionless
- 13 Singer Davis
- 14 Blessed sound?
- 15 Coach Don
- 16 Brusers
- 18 Quick change artist?
- 20 Muroa mister
- 23 Dread
- 24 NCO
- 28 Poetic preposition
- 33 Fisherman's need
- 35 Fail to mention
- 36 Postman's Creed word
- 37 Palou or Piaget
- 38 Sound of shock
- 39 Return address?
- 40 Astronaut Armstrong
- 41 Belgrade demize
- 46 Took down a pig
- 48 Levi's
- 49 "Christ Stopped at —"
- 50 Variety show
- 51 Grenoble's river
- 52 Job of "The Addams Family"
- 54 Inclined plane
- 55 —Jala
- 56 Lofty in-lials?
- 58 Vigilant
- 59 Party hearty
- 60 "— Fine Day"
- 67 Biscayne Bay city
- 69 Haul a heap
- 70 Buss
- 72 Takes on
- 73 "Janis Eyre" character
- 74 Fasten firmly
- 76 Criticize
- 77 Pair of Bonheur
- 78 Actor Dulles
- 80 CPR provider
- 83 —Cat (w/inter wheels)
- 87 Exclude
- 89 Walde or Jennings
- 90 Holler
- 91 Former spouses
- 93 Actor
- 94 British gun
- 95 Downspout
- 96 Adopt
- 97 Holy day
- 100 Mrs. Edgic Cantor
- 104 Cause stuff
- 105 In search of
- 106 "McTague" author
- 108 Rug type
- 110 "The Gang" panelist
- 111 Negative terminia
- 112 "The Plague" novelist
- 113 Decorate
- 114 Gymnast
- 115 Do a double take, perhaps
- 120 James Herriot, for one
- 121 — May Oliver
- 123 Actor O'Shea
- 124 Y's "— 12"
- 125 Workday start
- 127 Kraskin's letters
- 129 Causleau's milieu
- 130 Unit of work
- 132 Sugary suffix



Summer workout? Try Tray, Georgia's second highest

Article submitted by George Owen

This trek is for folks who desire a workout — not recommended for beginners. However, it's shady all the way (no sun-screen needed), and affords some open views with possible high altitude breezes accompanying your travels. Suggest you start early, when its cool, and you can also miss the later-afternoon thunderstorms.

Begin this 10.4-mile roundtrip at Unicoi Gap located on GA Hwy. 75 at 8.0 miles north of Robertstown or 14.0 miles south of Hiawassee, GA. Most of your trip will be on the famous 6" X 2" white-blazed Appalachian Trail (AT). Unicoi Gap provides plenty of free parking.

Your very first 1.3 miles of the day will be the sharpest climb with the most elevation gain. You begin at 2,949 feet elevation in Unicoi Gap, and climb steeply and continuously to the Summit of Rocky Mountain, bypassing for now the Rocky Mountain blue-blazed trail which comes off on your left at 0.9 mile.

A thousand-feet-plus gain will bring you on the AT to Rocky Mountain's summit at 4,017 feet. Here several rocky bluffs afford magnificent views. The mountain protruding alone in the far distance with a ninety-degree sharp drop hundred of feet on its right side is Yonah Mountain near Cleveland, GA. It is most notable for its use by the U.S. Army's Camp Merrill in providing repelling exercises for its Army ranger program.

Move now steeply down the back side of Rocky. At one point you will be passing a very large fern grove under open forest on your left. During June flame azaleas abound.

You reach Forest Service Rd. 283 at Indian Grave Gap, e.l. 3,113, and you've covered 2.7 miles, just over halfway to Tray Mountain. From here you climb again most of the time, but more gradually. (Note: Some folks I've known exercise and train for harder hikes by simply going over Rocky Mountain between the two gaps and back again.)

The first minutes out of Indian Grave Gap one finds the forest floor is full of galax, small ground-hugging plants with stalked white blooms in spring

and leaves turning a burnished color in cooler months. You climb ever onward, crossing Tray Mountain gravel road (USFS 79) at 3.4 miles. At 3.6 miles there is a flat area just before the next climb. To the left downhill from the spring sign was the old cheese factory, an isolated high-elevation dairy farm operated mid-nineteenth century.

After a further climb from the spring sign, reach a rock opening with good eastward views at 4.2. At 4.4 miles enter Tray Gap at 3,847 ft., with two intersecting gravel roads, USFS 79 and 698. Cross the road and resume your AT journey upward, passing a sign declaring Tray Mountain Wilderness.

Climb just a few long, sweeping switchbacks. A bit below Tray's summit, on the left at a right switchback, a view up the west side of the Blue Ridge Range awaits you. The vista also provides a panorama of peaks in Georgia and North Carolina.

Finally you reach the rocky summit of Tray Mountain at 5.2 miles, elevation 4,430, the second highest peak on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia (state's seventh highest overall according to one source). Standing on the rocks, one may receive fair views in most directions, although the summit shrubs are higher now than formerly. There's Brasstown Bald to the west (Georgia's highest), and Lake Burton and other peaks are to the east and northeast.

Here's a good early lunch spot. I journeyed here in late June in the fine company of some of the longer-hikes group from the Mountain High Hikers. This is a club of about 160 members from several counties in northern Georgia and southwestern North Carolina. Our lunch was made quickly by the passing over of a light shower. (Web search for "Mountain High Hikers" for info.)

It's time to return to your vehicle at Unicoi Gap, but with a variation. After trekking virtually all downhill (Whew!) 2.5 miles to Indian Grave Gap, turn right on the road. Here you will see blue 2" X 6" blazes that proceed northward along the road. Follow these blazes 0.8 miles, and watch carefully for double blue blazes (one above another) indicating a turn off the road.

Here turn left and follow the continuous blazes on the Rocky Mountain Trail. This trail through beautiful woods first uses an old road bed, then it leaves this on narrow constructed trail for most of its route. This includes crossing a small, tumbling stream then climbing steadily up the mountain.

Reaching the Appalachian Trail, turn right and walk all downhill for 0.9 mile; soon you are back to Unicoi Gap and transportation home.

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