

## Share Your Stories

We want to hear about you!

We love to hear from our consumers, especially stories of active lifestyles. Those stories, in turn, inspire us each and every day to help your feet feel better. Sharing is easy... just follow the steps below.

1. Send us your story... straight from the heart. Tell us all about you and your activity. If you went with friends or a group, tell us about them as well.
2. Take some photos. We would love to see group and individual pictures so we can share them with our Thorlos family of consumers at [www.thorlos.com](http://www.thorlos.com).
3. E-mail your stories and photos. E-mail to to Susan Graham, she loves to chat, to [fieldtest@thorlo.com](mailto:fieldtest@thorlo.com). Or mail to Susan Graham • 1260 N. Barkley Road • Statesville, NC 28677.

Thank you for sharing!

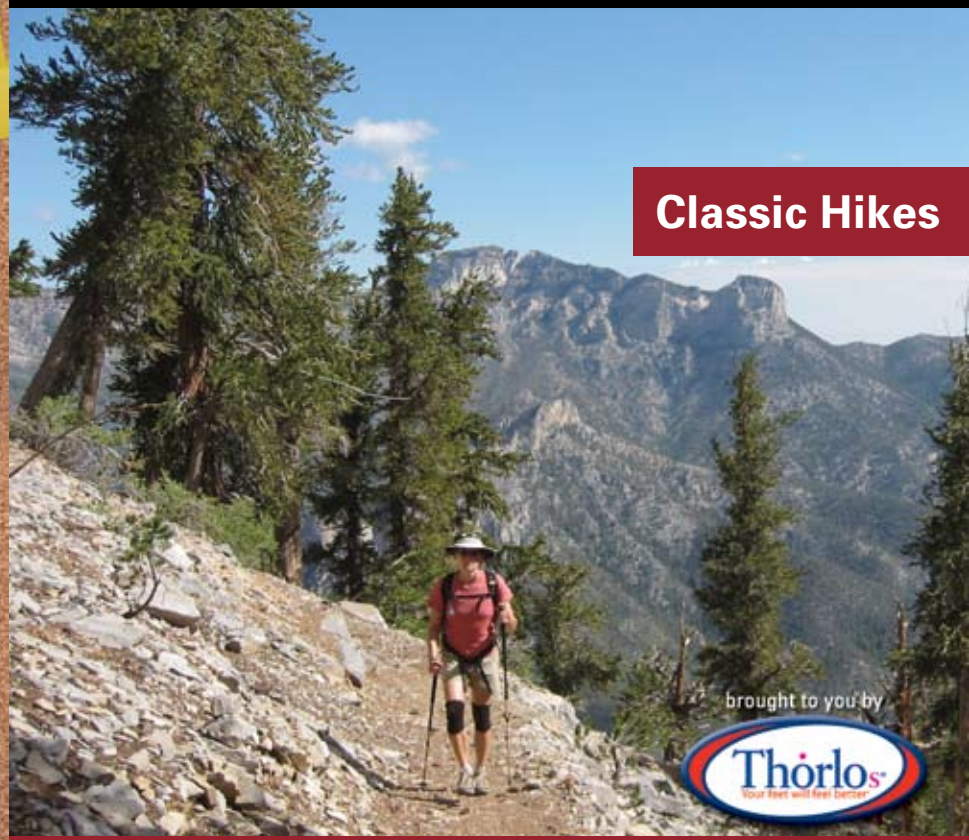


Take a group shot at the site



Individual and group shots

## Classic Hikes



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# Thorlos support your outdoor community



## american hiking society

"The National Voice for American Hikers" THOR•LO is proud to work with AHS to promote National Trails Day. Each year thousands of trail enthusiasts work to preserve our public trails for all to enjoy.

[www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org)

National  
Trails Day



## national trails day

Each year on the first Saturday in June, over a million volunteers join together to help repair and maintain our public trails.

Come join us on the trail.

[www.americanhiking.org/events.ntd](http://www.americanhiking.org/events.ntd)

## the conservation alliance

The Conservation Alliance is a group of 60+ outdoor businesses whose collective efforts support grassroots citizen groups and their efforts to protect our natural areas. 100% of all funds go to projects. [www.conservationalliance.com](http://www.conservationalliance.com)

## appalachian trail conservancy

is a private volunteer based organization dedicated to protecting, building and maintaining the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia for public use. THOR•LO is a corporate sponsor and a Trail Crew sponsor. [www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org)

## big city mountaineers

Sometimes the only way to change a perspective is to provide a new one. Big City Mountaineers is dedicated to bringing a positive outdoor experience to at-risk urban youth. Volunteers help youth enjoy the outdoors and believe in themselves. Visit [www.bigcitymountaineers.org](http://www.bigcitymountaineers.org) to learn more.

# Big Hatchet Mountains

## *Cross peaks and desert to the CDT's new southern terminus*

**THE HIKE** Be among the first to explore the newest section of the Continental Divide Trail. Fifty miles, stretching from NM 9 near Hachita to the Mexican border, were designated in fall of 2005. Traverse the heart of the Chihuahuan Desert and hike through an area with a history of war, pioneering, and Native American resettlement. Solitude and uninterrupted views abound, particularly as you hike the rugged limestone cliffs of the Big Hatchet Mountains that jut 4,000 feet above the basin floor. The Hatchets are the crossroads of the temperate Rocky Mountains and the tropical Sierra Madre Occidental, as well as of two major deserts, the Sonoran and the Chihuahuan. Expect to see golden eagles, desert bighorn sheep, mountain lions, and the Sonoran mountain kingsnake.

**DIRECTIONS** From Hachita, S on NM 81 for about 11 miles; L onto dirt road. In 3 miles, turn R; go another 3 miles, turn L, drive about 20 miles to windmill, then go east 2 miles to the boundary fence. North trailhead is 8.3 miles W of Hachita on NM 9.

**INFO** BLM map: Animas. BLM Las Cruces: (505)522-8775

Hike provided by the Continental Divide Trail Alliance  
Event and membership info: [www.cdtrail.org](http://www.cdtrail.org)  
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# Appalachian Trail

## *Score Blue Ridge and James River scenery the easy way*

**THE HIKE** This 15-mile, 2-day walk features stellar views from Thunder Ridge of the James River as it cascades through the Blue Ridge Mountains. From the Apple Orchard parking lot on the Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP), hike north 13 miles down to the James River Valley and the good campsites near Matt's Shelter (or just bunk there). On day 2, hike 2 level miles along the James, heading north and crossing one of the longest and most beautiful pedestrian bridges on the AT; your car shuttle awaits. Water is generally available along this section, though Thunder Ridge can be dry if it hasn't rained recently. Where the trail nears the BRP, camping and fires are only allowed at designated shelters.

**DIRECTIONS** From Lynchburg, take US 501 to the BRP and go S to the Apple Orchard parking area (milepost 78.4). Shuttle a second car to the spot on US 501 where the AT crosses.

**INFO** Appalachian Trail Guide for Central Virginia (Appalachian Trail Conference). Jefferson National Forest: (504)265-5100; [www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj)

Hike provided by the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club  
Event and membership info: [www.tidewateratc.org](http://www.tidewateratc.org)  
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# Cascade Divide via the PCT

## *See the Sisters on one of the PCTA's top 10 dayhikes*

**THE HIKE** Set aside a leisurely weekend—or an extra-long day—for this spectacular 20.4-mile shuttle hike, which begins on the east side of the Divide at Devil's Lake and ends on the west side at the Obsidian trailhead. First go 2.2 miles up the Wickiup Plain Trail from the Devil's Lake trailhead to a cutoff trail that takes you 1.8 miles across the plain west of Kaleetan Butte. This trail intersects with the PCT just west of Le Conte Crater. Heading north on the PCT, you'll cross open meadows with views of the Wife to your left and South Sister to your right. From Separation Creek, go north 1.7 miles to Foley Ridge Trail, then 1.7 miles to Linton Meadows Trail and 2.1 miles to Obsidian Trail. Continue through the meadow 1.6 miles to a superb view of North Sister. Finally, follow Glacier Way Trail .7 mile to Obsidian Trail and a 3.4-mile walk to the trailhead.

**DIRECTIONS** Start: The Devil's Lake trailhead is on FR 46 – Cascade Lakes Hwy. End: The Obsidian trailhead is on McKenzie Hwy. (OR 242) about 6 miles E of McKenzie Pass.

**INFO** PCTA: (916)349-2109; [www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org)

Hike provided by George and Patrica Semb, authors of *Day Hikes on the PCT: OR and WA* (Wilderness Press) Reprinted from *Backpacker Magazine*, September 2005