

# PEDB 1100-Beginning Backpacking/Hiking

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## Course Objectives

- Students will learn the basic concepts of hiking and backpacking.
- Students will understand and know how to operate equipment used in backpacking.
- Students will develop an understand their impact while backpacking and how to minimize their impact.
- Students will be able to incorporate their knowledge of backpacking essentials and skills through the trip experience.
- Students, along with group members will become an “expert” in one area of hiking.

## Clothing

Please dress comfortable, in non-restrictive, appropriate attire. Dress to the expected weather conditions. Students may find that quick-dry, non-cotton clothing is the best to use. Be prepared to hike each class.

## Weather

This class will meet rain, snow, hail, sleet, thunderstorms, hurricanes, etc. Only official UGA closing will warrant an excused absence from this class. Be prepared to hike in any kind of weather. **Always have rain gear.**

## Attendance

Due to the nature of this class, attendance is mandatory. All unexcused absences will be a deduction in your grade. An absence may be excused if the instructor is notified prior to the class or by the time of the next class. All reasons for an absence must be presented in writing. The instructor will make the final decision if an absence is excused or unexcused. Depending on the situation, an excused absence may be made up after discussion with the instructor. Leaving class before the instructor has officially dismissed will be considered an absence. **Attendance on the trip is mandatory and no exceptions will be made.**

**Grading:** There are three possible grades to earn in the class: S (satisfactory), U (unsatisfactory), I (incomplete). To receive an S in the class you must have 60% or higher.

- Trip/Attendance 45%
- Presentation 25%
- Participation/Skills Test 20%
- Written Exam 10%

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty.” Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

The link to more detailed information about academic honesty can be found at: <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>

### **Location**

**The meeting of the class will vary between the assigned classroom and the Picnic Pavilion on the south side of Lake Herrick** in the Oconee Forest Park at the UGA inner mural fields. This is across College Station Road from the Ramsey Center and the Medical clinic.

Follow the road leading into the inner mural fields all the way to the tennis courts.

Take a left at the first entrance by the tennis courts. Follow the road until it dead ends.

This is considered free parking (park here).

On foot, walk down the boardwalk at the trailhead.

Cross the lake.

Take a left at the intersection.

Picnic Pavilion is 100 yards on the right, just inside the tree line.