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INDIAN TOWN BLUFF, MOUTH OF HARPETH
RIVER, CHEATHAM LAKE
17 January 1981

The Nashville Chapter hike for January is along the Indian Town Bluff in Cheatham Co. The trail follows the top of a narrow ridge that rises above the Cumberland River to the northeast and the Harpeth River to the southwest. It affords beautiful views. The bluff area is the site of a former Indian village with at least 15 mounds in the vicinity. It has been placed on the National Register of Historical Places. Hiking distance--4 miles, moderate with a short, steep stretch. Meet at 9am CST at the Waffle House on Charlotte Pike, Nashville (Charlotte Pike exit of I-40).

LEADER: Diane Davidson-297-6181
Nashville

NORTH PLATEAU TRAIL-SAVAGE GULF STATE
NATURAL AREA
31 Jan-1 Feb 1981

An overnight hike to Hobbs Camp. Backpackers should be prepared for snow and tenting (if cabin is full) in possible sub-zero weather. Saturday's hike will follow the north rim leg of the overnight loop, and Sunday's return will be via the backcountry leg. Meet at 9am CST at the ranger's residence on the Laager-Cagle road between TN Route 8 and 108. Hike will start promptly at 9:15 am.

LEADER: Bob Brown--352-7474
Nashville 748-4816(work)

EAGLE WATCH (BY BOAT) AND RED OAK RIDGE
TRAIL, DALE HOLLOW LAKE
24-25 January 1981

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On Saturday the 24th TTA will join the general public on a Corps of Engineers-sponsored eagle watch at Dale Hollow Lake. The eagle watchers will be taken out on the lake by boat, so dress WARM and bring your binoculars. Chances of seeing bald eagles are excellent. For the eagle watch meet Corps officials at Dale Hollow Kentucky State Park between 10am and 2pm CST. To reach the KY State Park, take TN 53 north out of Celina TN toward Burkesville KY. In KY, follow signs to the KY State Park. From Crossville, take US 127 to Albany, KY, and KY 90 towards Burkesville. For carpooling from Nashville, meet at the Cumberland Museum at 8am CST on Sat.

Camping is available at Dale Hollow Dam Recreation Area directly below the dam (electric hookups and hot showers--\$5.00 per night). Motel rooms or cabins may be available at Cedar Hill Dock (243-3201, or nearby Standing Stone TN State Park (823-6347). No cabins at Dale Hollow KY State Park.

On Sunday the 25th TTA will hike the newly constructed Red Oak Ridge Trail on the lake. Eagles may be seen from overlooks along the trail. For the hike, meet at the entrance to the Dale Hollow Dam Recreation Area campground at 9am CST. Follow hwy signs to Dale Hollow Dam and the campground. Hiking--10 miles, Class II (moderate).

LEADER: David Stidham-859-3621
Nashville 251-5115(work)

*The annual TTA hike schedule is enclosed as an insert. Remove it and post on your bulletin board for quick reference. Notice the variety and distribution of trips. Also, many of the trips were planned as joint trips with other conservation groups since we have common interests and overlapping membership. Please let us know what you think about these changes.

*Your 1981 dues are due. Use the enclosed form to mail them to the PO Box.

* Trip Report--Pickett Backpack, 6-7 Dec. Harry Williamson says the weather was perfect, clear and mild. They camped on Rock Creek about a mile west of the tunnel. On a night hike they saw the electronic display set off by the military in Florida--it looked like a greenish vertical milky way. Also saw meteors. The stars were so bright they lit up the ground. Harry, Jane Robinson and Andra Fuson of Murfreesboro, and Mike, Fran & Jamie Dahl of Knoxville.

*Trip Report--Franklin-Marion State Forest Rock Climb and Hike, 13 December. Eight persons joined Jim Chrietberg and Bertha Chrietberg on this very successful trip. The group hiked about three miles on the Panther Creek Trail to the climbing area where about half stayed to try their hand at rock climbing. The others proceeded to hike further along the plateau to an old moonshine still. There are many overlooks, spectacular rock formations, small streams, springs, etc. in this area. The trail is now marked with signs and blazes with about 12 or more miles completed. Those participating in addition to Jim and Bertha were Steve Fisher, Andra Fuson, Bill Kay, and Davis Jones, and Jane and Woody Robinson.

*Board Meeting-- A Board Meeting will be held on Jan 16 at 7:30 pm CST in Murfreesboro. It will be in the conference room behind the main lobby and trophy case in Murphy Center on the MTSU campus. President Bertha will contact board members with specific directions.

* Members David Rhyns and Evan Means have been appointed to important positions in the National Trails Council. David is Chairman of their Planning and Objectives Committee, and Evan is Chairman of the Publicity and Editorial Committee.

With this issue of Tennessee Trails, a new editor takes over. Evan Means, who had been editor since 1969, when the newsletter was started, has resigned because of the press of other duties. Evan is an outdoor writer for The Oak Ridger, and is active in a number of conservation and journalistic organizations. He is former TTA president.

While Evan is writing "30" as concerns the newsletter, he is definitely not doing so for the TTA. He remains a member of our board of directors, and as a founding member of TTA, one of our most valuable resources.

Thanks Evan for all those newsy and chatty monthly issues! Congratulations for outlasting the old mimeograph.

CONSERVATION ALERT--Old Hickory Lake Lakeshore Management Plan

The Nashville District, Corps of Engineers will be holding public meetings to see if there should be any changes in the Lakeshore Management Plan for Old Hickory Lake. These meetings are primarily a result of demands by a few adjacent landowners to change the plans to allow them special privileges. TTA has gone on record in the past in supporting the existing plan which strives to minimize additional private exclusive use privileges (mowing and private docks) while maintaining full public use of the shoreline and a natural appearing lakeshore. If the Corps bows to a few individuals at this time, will it be able to stick to its plans in other sections of the lake or at other Corps lakes? This may well be a precedent setting decision. If you can personally join TTA in supporting the Corps lakeshore management objectives and oppose weakening the existing plan, say so at one of the public meetings, or submit a written statement within the 30 day comment period following the meetings. The public meeting will be held as follows: 7pm CST, Tuesday, 20 Jan 1981 at Volunteer State Comm. College, Gallatin; and 7pm CST, Thursday, 22 Jan 1981, at Lebanon High School, Lebanon. Submit written comments to District Engineer, PO Box 1070, Nashville, Tn. 37202.



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

P.O. BOX 4913

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37405

CUTTING SCHEDULE FOR 1981

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Difficulty Rating</u>	<u>Leader</u>
24-24 Jan *	<u>Eagle Watch by Boat and Red Oak Ridge Trail-Dale Hollow Lake(Corps Of Engineers)-(Clay Co.)</u> . we plan to join the general public on the 2nd Annual Eagle watch at Dale Hollow Lake, sponsored by the Corps of Engineers. From guided boat tours, you will have an excellent opportunity to see bald eagles. Dale Hollow is 2nd only to Reelfoot in the number of wintering eagles. Sunday, we will hike the new Red Oak Ridge Trail on the lake, approx. 10 miles. *joint trip with Middle Tenn. Group, Sierra Club, and Cumberland Harpeth Chapter, Audubon Society.	II	David Stidham (Woodlettsville) 859-3621 251-5115(work)
31 Jan	<u>North Plateau Trail-Savage Gulf State Natural Area (Grundy Co.)</u> . Bob is planning on snow again for this popular trip into Middle Tenn.'s better wilderness areas. Planned is an optional 14 mile backpack, or a shorter day hike on Saturday.	II	Bob Brown (Nashville) 352-7474 748-4616(work)
7 Feb *	<u>Virgin Falls Lockett Wilderness(Bowaters)-(White Co.)</u> Set aside by Bowaters Southern Paper Corp., Virgin Falls is a unique 317 acre area featuring caves, disappearing waterfalls, and scenic Scott's Gulf. This winter hike (6-8 miles, strenuous) hopefully will feature a "frozen" 110 ft. Virgin Falls. An NRT. *joint trip with Audubon and Sierra.	III	Grimes Slaughter (Oak Ridge) 483-5859
14 Feb	<u>Cross-Country Ski Trail-Roan Mt. State Park - Carter CO.)</u> . A repeat of the popular cross country skiing hike in 1980.	III	Mike Lahl (Knoxville) 588-7695/933-088
8 Mar (Sunday)	<u>Hemlock Bluff Trail-Hemlock Bluff Small Wild Area-Norris lake(TVA)-(Union Co.)</u> . A newly constructed TVA trail at Point 19 on Norris lake. 5 miles.	II	Perry Chilcoat (Clinton) 632-4411 632-6450(work)
21 Mar	<u>Green Mt. Trail-Cherokee National Forest(Green Co.)</u> . Constructed by YCC in 1978, this eastern mountain trail climbs to the summit of 3900 ft. Green Mt. There are views of the Bald Mts. to the south, the high peaks of the Smokies to the SE, and the Holichucky River valley to the north. Length, approx 6 miles.	II	leader TBA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Difficulty</u> <u>Rating</u>	<u>Leader</u>
28-29 Mar *	<u>Fiery Gizzard Trail-South Cumberland Rec. Area</u> (Grundy and Marion Cos.). Beginning at Grundy State Forest, this 14 mile backpack traverses plateau and gorge, mostly on private land, and ends at TVA's Foster Falls Rec. Area. Features spectacular scenery, waterfalls, deep gorges, sheer bluffs, overlooks, and wide array of plants. *joint trip with Sierra Club	III & IV	Jack Neff (Co-Ldr) (Nashville) 297-9870 322-4738(work) Dennis Horn (Co-Ldr) (Tulahoma) 455-5742 455-2611(work)
11-12 Apr	<u>Lower Cane Creek Loop Trail-Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park And Natural Area(VanBuren Co).</u> This backpack consists of a 12 mile loop along the Cumberland Plateau and Cane Creek gorge. It encircles all of the gorges within the park and features Liney Cr., Cane Cr., and 256 ft. Fall Cr. falls. Reservations may be necessary.	III	Jack Neff (Nashville) 297-9870 322-4738(work)
18 April	<u>Big Ridge State Park(Union Co).</u> Evan assures us he will plan another enjoyable hike in this east Tenn. park, featuring some different trails from his 1979 hike. According to the book <u>Tennessee Trails</u> some of the best state park trails are at Big Ridge. Evan of course agrees; he wrote the book.	II	Evan Means (Oak Ridge) 483-5555 482-1021(work)
25 Apr *	<u>Frozen Head State Natural Area(Morgan Co).</u> This is the annual "Frozen Head Wildflower Hike"! Beneath the lush hardwood forest is a vast array of shrubs, vines, wildflowers, mosses, and ferns, which rival the flora of the Smokies in numbers and variety. Wildflowers should be at their peak. *joint trip with Tenn. Scenic Rivers Assoc.	I or II	Bertha Chrietzberg(Co) (Murfreesboro) 896-1146 898-2172(work) Jane Levi (Co-Ldr) (Murfreesboro) 893-5323
17 May Sunday)	<u>River Bluff Trail-River Bluff Small wild Area-Norris Dam Reservation(TVA)-(Anderson Co).</u> Easy 3-4 mile hike for a spring afternoon. This loop trail passes through three distinct forest types, river bluff, and banks of the Clinch River below Norris Dam. Late spring wildflowers should be abundant. A ART.	II	Grace Foster (Norris) 494-0951
6 Jun *	<u>Stinging Fork Trail-Stinging Fork Locket Wilder-ness(Bowaters)-and Liney Falls-Devils Hole Gorge State Natural Area(Rhea Co).</u> The Stinging Fork Trail is a 3 mile loop to 35 ft. Stinging Fork Falls. A spur leads to a rocky point known as Indian head, which affords a view of rugged Stinging Fork gorge.	II	David Rhyne (Athens) 745-428 336-2211(work)

For those who want more, a hike into Devils Hole Gorge, with its sheer bluffs sculptured by the Little Liney Creek, is for you. Trail, cross-country, and rock hopping are required, but the Upper and Lower Falls of Little Liney Creek and a lush mixed mesophytic forest are the rewards.

*joint trip with Auction



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

306 Frances St.

Goodlettsville, TN 37072

December 20, 1980

1980 has been a good year for the Nashville Chapter! We had good attendance at meetings for which Gene Curp arranged interesting programs. Hikes were well attended and we saw a lot of new faces on the hikes. The chapter also participated in Earth Day activities, the Friends-In-Government Reception, and had teams in two Litter Clean-Up/Container Deposit Bill Campaigns. In addition, we completed the Long Hunter Trail at Percy Priest Lake (come to the Dedication Hike in September!). The many members who made all these things possible deserve the Chapter's appreciation.

As the Chapter enters its fifth year, area members can help make TTA a stronger organization by attending the local hikes, backpacks, cook-outs, meetings, and special events that will be coming up. David Stidham has planned an excellent outings agenda that will take us to familiar and lesser known local trails. The Audubon Society will join TTA on many of these outings thanks to the clever scheduling of John Hart.

Chapter meetings provide for fun (cook-outs, demonstrations of gear) and thoughtfulness (last year's programs included such issues as hypothermia, the Heritage Program, Forest Management). Regular bi-monthly meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of odd months. Most will be held at the Cumberland Museum. Meeting dates for 1981 will be:

January 22, 1981

March 26, 1981

May 28, 1981

July 23, 1981

September 24, 1981

November (will be announced), 1981

Objective: To promote, construct, and maintain a state-wide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail



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NASHVILLE CHAPTER--OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 1981

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Difficulty Rating</u>	<u>Leader</u>
17 Jan	* <u>Indian Town Bluff-Cheatham lake (Corps of Engrs)</u> (Cheatham Co). Approx. 4 mile round trip hike along narrow ridge and bluff at mouth of Harpeth River. See site of Early American village on National Register of Historic Places, and scenic views of the Harpeth and Cumberland Rivers valleys. *joint trip with Middle Tn Group, Sierra Club, and Cumberland Harpeth Chapter, Audubon.	II	Diane Davidson (Nashville) 297-6181 741-7918(work)
28 Feb	* <u>Red Leaves Trail-Natchez Trace State Resort Park</u> (Carroll & Henderson Cos). Rescheduled from 1980 due to hunter/hiker conflict, this will be a 6-7 mile day hike on the 30 mile overnight trail system. *joint trip with Sierra	II	Charlotte Zerfoss (Jackson) 901-427-0177 901-424-4321(work)
22 Mar (Sunday)	* <u>Radnor Lake State Natural Area (Davidson Co)</u> . Early spring wildflower hike in this unique scenic and scientific sanctuary within the Nashville metropolitan limits. *joint trip with Audubon.	I or II	Paul Somers (Nashville) 352-9062 741-3852(work)
5 Apr (Sunday)	* <u>Old Hickory Trail-Old Hickory lake (Corps of Engrs)</u> (Davidson Co). A leisurely Sunday afternoon stroll through woodland, field, and swamp habitat on a National Recreation Trail, followed by a <u>cookout</u> . The Old Hickory Trail is a 1 3/10 mile interpretive trail, and a good birding area. A family affair! *joint trip with Audubon	I	Evelyn Tretter (ColDr) (Goodlettsville) 859-0566 Margaret Mann (ColDr) (Nashville) 883-6212
2-3 May	* <u>Merriweather Lewis National Monument, Natchez Trace Parkway-Rattlesnake Falls-the Farm (Lewis & Maury Cos)</u> . Hike along a western highland rim stream, see scenic 70 ft. waterfall, and visit the Farm (alternative lifestyle community) near Summertown and their solar energy works. We will camp on the Natchez or at the Farm. *joint trip with Audubon.	II	Regina McDowell (ColDr) (Murfreesboro) 893-1618 Diane Davidson (ColDr) (Nashville) 297-6181 741-7918(work)
30 May	<u>Lady Finger Bluff Trail, Lady Finger Bluff Small Wild Area-Kentucky Lake (TVA)-(Perry Co)</u> . The 2 1/2 mile National Rec. Trail winds along the lakeshore to Lady Finger Bluff, 200 ft. above the surface of the Tennessee River. There are several vantage points for views of the lake and surrounding area.	II	Bill Jarrell (Brentwood) 373-8259 251-7424(work)

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Please try to come to as many of these as you can, and bring along a friend.

I have enjoyed serving as President and would especially like to recognize Gene Curp, Evelyn Tretter, and Betty Smith for their contributions to a successful year.

Sincerely,

Diane Davidson

Diane Davidson
President, Middle Tennessee Chapter
Tennessee Trails Association

Classes of Hiking Trails

- Class I - (Easy) Level, well worn, well marked for easy walking or strolling, no special footgear.
- Class II - (Moderate) Some steep ground, good walking, well marked, proper footgear recommended.
- Class III - (Difficult) Steeper ground and rocks, some use of hands for balance, proper footgear.
- Class IV - (Very Difficult) Rugged terrain, steep ground and rocks, use of hands for balance and proper footgear required.
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14 Jun (Sunday)	<u>Narrows of the Harpeth-Harpeth State Scenic River</u> (Cheatham Co). Short, leisurely hike and swim at historic site of Montgomery Bell's early iron works and possibly oldest tunnel in the US.	II	Jim Ferrin (Nashville) 297-2929 322-7457(work)
18-19 Jul	* <u>Cordell Hull Lake</u> (Corps Of Engineers)- <u>Turkey Creek Trail</u> (Smith & Jackson Cos). Swim and camp at Salt Lick Creek Recreation Area on the lake; night hike along bluff inhabited by vultures. Sunday, visit the new Cordell Hull lake Visitor Center and 2½ mile Turkey Creek Trail. This is planned as a fun summer outing for the whole family! *joint trip with Audubon	II	Betty Smith(CoLdr) (Nashville) 327-2671 329-7011(work) Mildred Lassiter(CoLdr) (Cookeville) 526-7304
8-9 Aug	* <u>Caney Fork Gorge, Rock Island State Park and Big Bone Cave State Natural Area</u> (White & Warren Cos). Saturday will be a repeat of last year's very popular hike along the Great Falls of the Caney Fork River below Great Falls Dam. Swim, fish, and enjoy the cliffs, falls, and cascades along this short stretch of river. Camp at the State Park and Sunday join a guided trip of Big Bone Cave, one of the largest and most historic caves in Tennessee. *joint trip with Audubon.	II & III	Evelyn Tretter (Goodlettsville) 859-0566
30 Aug (Sunday)	<u>Harpeth River Trail, Edwin Warner Park</u> (Davidson Co). Another fun and leisurely trip for the whole family! Visit Metro Park's nature center, hike the short streamside trail, and follow it up with a cookout.	I	Jim Moore (Hendersonville) 822-3626 452-8600(work)
12 Sept	<u>Long Hunter-Priest Lake Trail-Long Hunter State Park</u> (Davidson & Wilson Cos). This is planned as a big work and fun jamboree to get folks involved in this 8½ mile trail being constructed by the Nashville Chapter. This may even be the DEDICATION?	I	Betty Smith (Nashville) 327-2671 329-7011(work)
10-11 Oct	* <u>North Plateau-Stone Door Connector Trail-Savage Gulf State Natural Area</u> (Grundey Co). This backpack will provide an opportunity to experience one of the most primitive wilderness areas in Middle Tn. Saturday, follow the rim of Savage Gulf (Spectacular views) to Hobbs Camp for the nite. Sunday, take the new trail 800 ft. down into the gorge, cross thru Savage, Collins, and Big Creek Gulfs, and exit at the Great Stone Door. 17 miles.	III or IV	Jim Robertson (Nashville) 889-5506 251-5677(work)
11 Oct (Sunday)	* <u>Laurel Falls Day Loop-Great Stone Door State Environmental Education Area</u> (Grundey Cos). This 7 mile loop trail will end up at the Great Stone Door, a spectacular promontory and geologic feature, in time to meet the backpackers ending their hike on the Stone Door Connector Trail. *joint trips with Audubon	II	Mary Belle Ginanni (Murfreesboro) 898-2172(work)
1 Nov (Sunday)	<u>Mammoth Cave National Park</u> (Edmonson Co, KY) This surface hike will feature a trail not visited on the Nashville Chapter trip last year.	I or II	Bill Hager (Hartsville) 374-2227
8 Nov. (Sunday)	<u>Fort Henry Trails-Land Between the Lakes</u> (TVA) (Stewart Co). A day's loop hike will be planned at this national recreation demonstration area.	II	Al Lookofsky(CoLdr) (Shelbyville, IL) 217-774-3951 Rise Daniels(CoLdr) (Murray, KY) 502-759-4782 502-924-5602(work)
12 Dec	<u>Pine Creek Falls</u> (DeKalb Co). A twin waterfall (25 ft. and 30 ft.) near Center Hill Lake. Other falls or natural areas may be featured.	III or IV	Warren Lixon (Nashville) 833-1199

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Difficulty Rating</u>	<u>Leader</u>
20-21 Jun	<u>Cohutta Wilderness Area-Big Frog Mt. Wilder- ness Study Area-Cherokee National Forest(Folk Co).</u> This backpack features an outstanding loop within the Big Frog Mt. area bordering the Cohutta Wilderness Area. The 10 mile loop in- cludes the Wolf Ridge, Big Frog, Barkleggin, and Big Creek trails in the Ocoee Ranger District.	III or IV	Glen Hanley (Murfreesboro) 890-4113 898-2104(work)
11 Jul	<u>Bald River Trail-Cherokee National Forest(Mon- roe Co).</u> An enjoyable, easy hike along a roar- ing mountain stream, Bald River, beginning at spectacular Bald River Falls. Camping along the stream may be an option. 11 miles, or 5½ if a car shuttle is arranged.	II	Bucky Crowell (Nashville) 269-6579 259-5860(work)
15-16 Aug	* <u>Canoe Trip on Center Hill Lake(Corps of Engrs)- (DeKalk, Putnam, & White Cos).</u> Envisioned as a leisurely, flatwater canoe trip (no Whitewater)- so bring the whole family and enjoy camping, fellow- ship, and scenic Center Hill. The plan is to car camp on the lake Saturday, and paddle to some spectacular bluffs and waterfalls (Burgess , Fanchers) on Sunday.		Denis Lovell (Nashville) 269-4740 741-2019(Work)
5 Sept	*joint trip with Tenn Scenic Rivers Assoc. <u>Cumberland Trail-Frentiss Cooper State Forest to Signal Point Park(Sequatchie & Hamilton Cos).</u> A State Scenic Trail, the Cumberland Trail has been of major interest to TTA since TTA's inception. This 10½ mile section at the southern end of the CT has been built largely by TTA volunteers. It passes through the Grand Canyon of the Tennessee, where the Tenn. River cuts its way through the Cumberland Plateau. An approx. 6 mile day hike is planned.	III	Sam Powell (Signal Mt.) 886-2689 755-6781(work)
20 Sept (Sunday)	* <u>Buggytop Cave Trail-Carter Caves State Natural Area(Franklin Co.).</u> An easy hike in the Cumber- land Mountains south of Sewanee. The trail ends at Lost Cove Cave. A 4 mile roundtrip. *joint trip with Audubon	II	Bob Richards (Tracy City) 592-6845 592-6118(work)
4 Oct (Sunday)	<u>Laurel Snow Trail-Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness (Bowaters)-(Rhea Co).</u> The first National Recreation Trail(NRT) in Tenn. This 8 mile trail is located in a 710 acre pocket wilderness set aside by Bo- waters Southern. 80 ft. high Laurel Falls, Snow Falls-a small waterfall in rugged Morgan Cr. gorge, and numerous views of the Tenn. Valley are found.	II	Dot Lingerfelt (Chattanooga) 892-8043
24-25 Oct	<u>No Business-Station Camp Backpack-Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area-(Fentress & Scott Cos).</u> Another venture into the rugged wilderness of the Big South Fork. This area is being acquir- ed and developed by the Corps of Engineers, and will become a unit of the National Parks System.	III IV	Joe Gaines (Nashville) 356-4899 741-3546(work)
31 Oct	<u>North Ridge Trail-Cak Ridge Greenbelt(Anderson Co)</u> Built by the Citizens for Wilderness Planning, this 7½ mile trail follows the north side of Black	II	Grimes Slaughter (Oak Ridge) 483-5859

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Difficulty Rating</u>	<u>Leader</u>
	Oak Ridge along the border of the city of Oak Ridge. This fall hike should give views of the valley below Oak Ridge and the Plateau beyond.		
14 Nov	<u>Yellow Cr.-Daddy's Cr.-Catoosa Wildlife Management Area</u> (Cumberland Co). Experience what the avid white water canoeists have long enjoyed--the cascading, boulder-strewn stream, tall bluffs of Daddy's Cr. gorge, and Devil's Breakfast Table (Class 4 rapid)--not by canoe but on foot. Expect some trail, rockhopping, and bushwacking.	IV or V	David Stidham (Nashville) 859-3621 251-5115(work)
28 Nov	<u>Panther Creek Trail-Franklin-Marion State Forest</u> (Marion Co). Built in 1979, this 8 mile trail provides yet another way to experience the sheer bluffs, rock shelters, panoramic views, and rugged terrain of the Cumberland Plateau and Escarpment.	III	Jim Chrietberg (Bell Buckle) 369-9561
5 Dec	<u>Bluff Trail-Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park</u> (Hamilton Co). This 4½ mile trail runs along the west brow of Lookout Mt. It is good hiking any time of the year, and should provide outstanding views of the Cumberlands and Lookout Valley. The rock formations are extremely interesting, including Sunset Rock, a significant point.	II	Dot Ventress (Chattanooga) 821-6082
6 Dec (Sunday)	<u>Clear Cr. Reservoir Hill, Gristmill Loop-Norris Municipal Park</u> (Anderson Co). Beginning at the old Rice Mill below Norris Dam, the 3 mile loop follow streams and hills of the Norris watershed. Interesting features along the hike, in addition to the water powered gristmill, include an abandoned fish hatchery, underground reservoir, large trees, and rock outcroppings.	III	Terry Chilcoat (Clinton) 632-4411 632-6450(work)
19-20 Dec	<u>Ridge Trail-Cumberland Gap National Historic Park</u> (Middlesboro, KY. & Ewing, Va.). After car camping at the National Park or vicinity on Sat. we will climb Cumberland Mt. for this last hike of the year for TTA. Possible features on the Ridge Trail are spectacular views from the White Rocks Overlook, unique Sand Cave, and historic Hensley Settlement. Total length of the Ridge Trail from the Pinnacle to Ewing, VA is 16 miles. Another possibility is an 8 mile trip from Ewing, VA to Sand Cave and return.	II or III	Joe McCaleb (Nashville) 822-4060 822-1610(work)

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President

A Happy New Year to all of you along the trail. Dave Stidham has a wonderful lineup of activities for 1981. Mark your calendar and plan to join us on a few of these trips. Re-registration for hikes is usually not necessary, but a call or a card to the leader would be helpful, especially with winter hikes when cancellation might be necessary.

A special thanks to Joe Gaines for his leadership as President during the last two years. His idea of chapters throughout the state is one we should continue to support. An organizational meeting for the Murfreesboro Chapter is planned for Jan 22. To those of you in that area, please plan to meet at 7pm in MTSU's Alumni Memorial Gym, room 221 on that date. If any of you in other areas of the state

are interested in organizing a chapter, please get in touch with me at the box number. An extra special thanks to Evan Means, who has been our newsletter editor for several years and kept all of you aware of trips, trail progress, ups and downs, symposiums, people, and just news in general. Dave Stidham is our new newsletter editor. He and Joe Gaines have planned this new format. If you have any news, please send it to Dave Stidham, Rt. 4, Box 46, Goodlettsville TN 37072, by the 20th of each month. If you lead a trip, please send in a trip report.

Our New Year's resolution should be a special plea for an increase in membership in 1981. Plan and set down the date of a hike in the near future, and invite your friends to join you and the Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.

*****NASHVILLE CHAPTER NEWS*****

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The January chapter meeting will be January 22 at the Cumberland museum at 7:30. New officers will be elected so please make plans to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR--3 Dec 1981 will be the annual Nashville Chapter-Audubon joint Christmas Dinner. See Calendar of Events for Coordinators.

Diane Davidson will send out the annual Nashville Chapter schedule under separate letter.

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

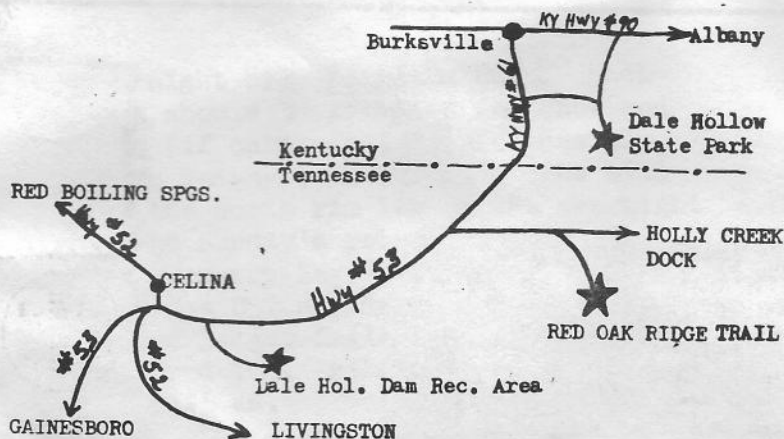
A Trail Development workshop sponsored by the Nashville Chapter of TTA will be held on Sunday, February 8, 1981 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Percy Priest Visitor's Center (near the dam--Stewart's Ferry exit off I-40). The workshop will feature hiking trail development from the design to the actual construction phase.

The workshop format will include a slide show by David Rhyne, Trail Planner for Hiwassee Land Company.

Terry Bonham and Bob Richards with the Trails Program, Department of Conservation, will address trail construction techniques and maintenance of trails. The growing need for more volunteer input in trail maintenance and building will also be discussed.

Time and weather permitting, some "hands on" trail building experience with tools donated by the Department of Conservation and the Tennessee Trails Association will be offered.

Admission to the workshop is free. For additional information, contact Diane Davidson (297-6181 or 741-7918) or David Stidham (251-5115 or 859-3621).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS--1981

10 Jan-Sierra Club hike to Short Mt.
Mel Barnes (297-0222/748-9268)
17 Jan-Nashville Ch. TTA hike, Indian
Town Bluff-see this newsletter
17 Jan-one day seminar on Lobbying-
Legislative Days Coalition, JoAnn
Bennett (297-7134)
20 Jan-Public Meeting, Old Hickory Lake-
shore Mgmt. Plan-Callatin
22 Jan-Public Meeting, Old Hickory Lake-
shore Mgmt. Plan -Lebanon
22 Jan-Nashville Ch.TTA meeting-Cumber-
land Museum
22 Jan-Murfreesboro Ch.TTA meeting-MTSU
24-25 Jan- TTA hike and eagle watch, Dale
Hollow Lake-see this newsletter
31 Jan-1 Feb-TTA hike, Savage Gulf-see
this newsletter

7 Feb-TTA hike, Virgin Falls- Grimes
Slaughter (483-5859)
14 Feb-TTA cross country skiing, Roan Mt.
Mike Dahl (588-7695/933-0883)
14-15 Feb-Sierra Club Hike, Big South
Fork-Bob Brandt (292-1775/259-6155)
22 Feb-Deadline for written statements
on Old Hickory-see this newsletter
28 Feb-TTA hike, Red Leaves Trail-Charlotte
Zerfoss (901-424-4321/427-0177)
17-18 Oct-TTA Annual Meeting, Cumberland
Camp, Crossville
3 Dec-TTA-Audubon Christmas Dinner-Helen
McGregor (832-4814) & Eloise Barker
(373-3869), Coordinators
8 Feb-Nashville Ch. TTA trail workshop-
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