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HEMLOCK BLUFF TRAIL, NORRIS LAKE

8 March 1981 (Sunday)

This is a newly constructed 5 mile trail at Point 19. It follows the lakeshore, thru upland forest, past old homesites, and passes thru the Hemlock Bluff Small Wild Area (TVA). Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot at Norris Dam, 9 a.m. EST. Moderately difficult.

LEADER: Terry Chilcoat 632-4411
Clinton 632-6450 (work)

JENNINGS AND DAVIS CREEK TRAILS, CHERO- KEE NATIONAL FOREST

21 March 1981

This first-day-of-spring hike takes us into the scenic mountains of the Nolichucky Ranger District, Cherokee National Forest. Our guest leader promises us some outstanding scenery, and a medium difficult (or less) hike of 4-5 miles. Meet at Shoney's Restaurant just off Rutledge Pike exit of I-40 East (exit 392) in Knoxville at 8 a.m. EST, or at the Nolichucky Ranger District Office in Greenville at 10 a.m. EST. To reach the Ranger Office, take I-81 to Greenville; take the second Greenville exit (Hwy. 11 E) onto the Johnson City Bypass; follow the Bypass about 15 miles. There will be Engles Supermarket on the left and Home Federal Bank on the right (look for the bank's time and temperature sign from the Bypass). Turn by the bank and follow USFS Nolichucky Ranger District signs to the Forest Service Office.

GUEST LEADER: Frank Lewis 638-4109 (work)
Greenville

TTA COORDINATOR Mike Dahl 933-0883
Knoxville 588-7695 (work)

RADNOR LAKE STATE NATURAL AREA

22 March 1981 (sunday)

An easy (Class I) leisurely stroll to look for early blooming wildflowers (hepatica, harbinger-of-spring, trout lily, etc.) Meet at Cumberland Museum in Nashville at 2 p.m. CST, or at the Radnor Lake parking area below the dam on Otter Creek Road at 2:30 p.m. CST. Joint trip with Audubon.

LEADER: Paul Somers 352-9062
Nashville 741-3852 (work)

FIERY GIZZARD TRAIL, SOUTH CUMBERLAND RECREATION AREA

28-29 March 1981

This is a 14 mile backpack on Class II and some Class III trail. The hike will start at Grundy State Forest near Tracy City, and end at Foster Falls; camp is half-way at Raven Point. A car shuttle will be arranged. Meet Sat. morning 10 a.m. CST at the picnic area parking lot in Grundy State Forest. To reach the Forest, take Hwy. 56 from Monteagle to Tracy City. At the edge of Tracy City, watch for sign to the Grundy State Forest. Call a leader if you want to carpool. This is a joint trip with Sierra Club.

LEADERS: Jack Neff 297-9870
Nashville 322-4738 (work)

Dennis Horn 455-5742
Tullahoma 455-2611 (work)

CARPOOL COORDINATOR for Nashville area -
Evelyn Tretter 859-0566

TRAIL NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

D. Stidham, E. Tretter, E. Means and myself, attended a conference with Charles Howell new Commissioner of Conservation, on Feb. 12. Also present were J. Gains, T. McCall and T. Bonham. The purpose of the visit was to reinforce TTA's continuing support and interest in the trails program in TN, with particular interest on the Cumberland Trail. Money has been included in the budget over the next 5 years for work on the CT. The northern portion should open in May. Also, a portion of the John Muir Trail is nearing completion.

It was encouraging to learn Governor Alexander has included trail development in his "Safe Growth Plan". However, with present drastic budget cuts at Federal and State levels, I am afraid TTA will have to rely heavily on volunteers for future development. I learned today of the abolishment of HCRS (the old BCR), a Federal agency which has long been a source of assistance and matching funding in the field of outdoor recreation.

I have had some good positive reaction to our Adopt-a-Trail idea. Diane Davidson has agreed to chair this committee. We will very shortly establish some guidelines outlining the individual responsibilities in regard to adopted trails. Commissioner Howell was very interested in our volunteer participation and highly approved of the Adopt-a-Trail program. Bill Hager has already adopted the Bear Waller Gap NRT. If you wish to claim a trail, please drop me or Diane a note.

Special thanks goes to Jack Neff, who represented TTA's interests and support at the public hearing held by the Corps of Engrs. on the Lakeshore Mgmt. Plan for Old Hickory Lake.

Bertha Chrietzberg

NOTE - Since TTA is a member organization of the Environmental Council, it is most appropriate for TTA members to join TEC and individually support its activities. Dues are \$15 (regular) and \$30 (sustaining). Send to TEC, P.O. Box 1422, Nashville, TN, 37202.

State Trail News

NOTE - Although Gov. Alexander's "Safe Growth Plan" was bad news for beverage container legislation and interstate right-of-way trees, it had promise for state trails. The recommendations in the plan are:

-Revise the existing easement law. The state's system...should be simplified. The ability of voluntary, independent sector associations to assist in protecting important natural and historical areas should be enhanced.

-The Department should proceed with the completion of the Cumberland Trail by 1985.

EAST TN. TRAILS POSITION VACANT

LYNN COWARD, East TN. Trails Administrator, HAS RESIGNED IN ORDER TO TAKE A POSITION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THIS POSITION.

Local Trail News

The Nashville Historic Trails, Inc. has established a 11.2 mile walking trail along the roadways of the city of Franklin. The trail features historical sites and markers of the Civil War Battle of Franklin. A guidebook and patch are available. For more info contact Lewis Morgan, 865-8947.

HAVE CAMERA WILL TRAVEL

Nashville nature photographer Jim Robertson is offering a guided trip to Alaska from June 23 to July 8. A maximum of 15 people will leave from Nashville for the Mt. McKinley area and the Pribiloff Islands by way of Fairbanks. Guidance and expert photographic instruction will be provided by Jim. The cost is \$2183.00, which includes travel, lodging, and most meals. For more information contact Jim Robertson at 523 Wanda Drive, Nashville, TN 37210. 889-5506.