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BLUFF TRAIL, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE 5 December, 1981

This 4½ mile trail is an easy hike with splendid views of Lookout Valley, the Cumberland, Moccasin Bend and the Raccoon Mt. Pump Storage Project. The trail starts at Covenant College, follows the mountain bluffs terminating at Point Park. Bring food and water for lunch at Sunset Rock - a short steep climb off the trail. Meet at the Point Park Visitor's Center at 10 a.m. EST. There will be a carpool to the trailhead. Coming from east or west on I-24, use Lookout Mt. exit and follow the signs to the top of the mountain.

LEADER: Dot Ventress 821-6082
Chattanooga

CLEAR CREEK-RESERVOIR HILL-GRISTMILL LOOP TRAILS, NORRIS MUNICIPAL PARK

(Anderson Co.)
6 December 1981 (Sunday)

Beginning at the old Rice Mill below Norris Dam, this 3 mile Class II or III loop follows streams and hills of the Norris Watershed. Interesting features along the hike, in addition to the 18th century water powered gristmill, include an abandoned fish hatchery, underground reservoir, large trees and rock outcroppings. Meet at 10 a.m. Eastern Time at the 18th century gristmill below Norris Dam on US 441. Bring a lunch.

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

Reelfoot Lake State Park and Eagle Tour--(Lake County) 12 December 1981

Join the Memphis Chapter for an Eagle Tour of Reelfoot Lake. The American Bald Eagle will spend another winter around the lake. Reelfoot Lake, named for a Chief Reelfoot of the Chickasaw Nation, was created by a series of severe earthquakes during the bitter cold winter of 1811-12. The lake provides excellent viewing of the eagles and migrating waterfowl during November through March so bring your camera and binoculars. Meet promptly at 9:00 a.m. at Air Park Inn, 8 miles north of Tiptonville on Hwy 78.

Leader-Jim Cox (901)253-7167

PINE CREEK FALLS AND ENGLISH FALLS (DeKalb Co.) 12 December 1981

Nashville Chapter - Meet at the Cumberland Science Museum at 8:00 a.m. CST; our second meeting place will be at the junction of Short Mountain Road and US 70 in Smithville TN, at 9:45 a.m. This is Class II to the Falls. It is Class III in spots below the Falls. We will visit other points of interest in the area (including a short hike at Short Mountain) time permitting.

LEADER: Warren G. Dixon 615-833-1199
Nashville

CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK- KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA, TENNESSEE BORDERS 19-20 December, 1981

This is a car camp at the Wilderness Road Campground inside the park and a day hike Saturday up the Chadwell Gap Trail 2.3 miles, then West along the Ridge Trail approximately 1.5 miles to the Hensley Settlement. The Hensley Settlement is a picturesque log settlement established in 1905 by the Hensleys and the Gibbons and preserved by the Department of Interior after it was abandoned. The last Hensley left in 1951. It is a true example of an isolated community in rural Appalachia with no electricity nor any other modern convenience.

Meet group at the check-in station, Wilderness Road Campground, 8:30 a.m. E.S.T., Saturday, December 19, 1981. Will leave for trail head at 9:00. For a car pool ride call Joe McCaleb or Gene Curp. Directions: I-75 North of Knoxville; then NE on Hwy. 25 W at Caryville; then ENE on Hwy. 63 at LaFollette; then N on Hwy. 25E; follow signs to Wilderness Road Campground. Sunday: Group will drive to Pinnacle Point for an overlook of the Cumberland Gap and Valley and possibly an easy walk along the Tri-State Trail to a point where the 3 states meet. Bring your camera and step back into early American History. Weather: Cold! Daytime high 50°; Night, below freezing. Possible light snow, expect windchill. Bring warm clothing and plenty to eat.

Trail Classification: Easy to moderately difficult.

LEADERS: Joe McCaleb 822-1610 (w)
822-4060 (h)

Gene Curp 822-1660 (w)
824-1171 (h)

TTA Affairs

TRAIL NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our annual meeting in Crossville was a great success. Some of the ideas that evolved from our general business meeting included some real challenges for our association. Some of the highlights were:

We were challenged to take the lead in organizing a state trails council, bringing together representatives from all trail interest groups. i.e. hiking, horseback riding, water trails, bicycle, ORV trails, etc. This would give us a greater voice on vital issues, and the National Trails Council, of course, does represent all trail groups.

A committee was appointed to write a "position paper" for the Governor to let him know in detail what we expect from his Safe Growth Plan in the area of trail development and maintenance.

The idea was proposed that we investigate the feasibility of several outdoor interest groups coordinating their annual weekend in the fall. With TTA, Audubon, TSRA, Sierra Club, and TEC's Intergroups, etc., there are some of us going often and in different directions.

Diane Davidson gave a good report on our Adopt-A-Trail program, and that program should soon be instigated, a duty we owe to agencies who build trails for public use.

We welcomed and recognized persons from our new Memphis Chapter and hope to soon have a Jamestown Chapter.

And most important, we are accepting the challenge to take up our fire rakes and pulaskis and with our own volunteers return to work on our Cumberland Trail. Terry Bonham gave an excellent report on the Department of Conservation's progress on the northern sector, as well as progress on the John Muir and other trails. TTA plans to go back to work on the area south of I-40.

An election of officers was held and Dave Stidham will be our new President. I would like to thank each of our Board Members for their support this past year. Because of the wonderful cooperation, and outstanding work within our board, the chapters, and individual contributing members, the task of the President has gone very smoothly. Many things were accomplished; new chapters, Adopt-A-Trail, new miles of trail, many successful hikes, support or opposition on crucial legislative issues, meetings with important officials, Commissioner Howell, Jeanette Fitzwilliams, President of National Trails Council and others. The Workshop and Hike Day that we co-sponsored with TVA- Land Between the Lakes was very successful and a social service to the public that we need to pursue on an annual basis.

I wish to particularly thank our Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, and hike coordinator, Dave Stidham for the hours of work involved in those jobs. Evelyn Tretter, as Secretary and Dot Lingerfelt as Treasurer have all helped keep TTA running smoothly. I wish I had more space to thank each individual member of the board for their contribution and individual members who helped with specific tasks assigned to them. A special thanks goes to all those volunteer leaders who made our scheduled hikes possible, and do so year after year.

We are also very fortunate in maintaining a close rapport and relationship with Terry Bonham and his staff in the Department of Conservation which makes coordinating trail efforts on State lands possible.

As Vice-President for 1982, I will continue to enjoy my service with Tennessee Trails Association. HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

--- Bertha Chrietzberg

BOWATERS & HIWASSEE RECEIVE TENNESSEE TRAILS AWARD - TTA selected Bowaters Southern Paper Company and Hiwassee Land Company (affiliates) as the recipient of the 1981 Tennessee Trails Award given annually to a person or organization "for outstanding contributions to the association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resources programs and opportunities within Tennessee." Bowaters and Hiwassee Companies were cited for their Pocket Wilderness program under which the companies have set aside scenic forest lands in their holdings and have built trails for public use. Clarence Streetman, Cleveland, TN, Company Executive, accepted the 1981 Tennessee Trails Award from Bertha Chrietzberg, TTA President, at the annual meeting in Crossville, TN in October. David Rhyne, TTA member and employee of Bowaters-Hiwassee, has been a primary person in the development of the Pocket Wilderness areas. Rhyne received the "Bill Stutz Golden Boot", which accompanies the award plaque when a TTA member is the honoree. The "Golden Boot" is a one year trophy made by the late Bill Stutz of Chattanooga, from his own hiking boot sprayed with gold paint. Stutz, one of the early members and workers in TTA was a director of the Association at the time of his death in 1980. The "Golden Boot" award is presented to an outstanding member of TTA each year in his memory.

TRIP REPORT - Ten TTA members enjoyed a beautiful day in the Daddys Creek Gorge on November 14. Because of a deer hunt in Catoosa Wildlife Management Area, we were not permitted to hike all the way to Devil's Breakfast Table as planned. However, the rock-hop down Yellow Creek and the hike half way through the gorge made the day. Dennis Horne discovered a patch of Cumberland rosemary, an endangered plant species, in the gorge. - Stidham.

DECEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH - GIVE TTA FOR CHRISTMAS - The month of December 1981 was designated as "Membership Month" at the TTA annual meeting in Crossville. During December, the goal of each member shall be to recruit five new members. What better way to do this than to give a friend a membership for Christmas! Use the convenient membership form included in this newsletter to renew your own dues for 1982, and to designate one or more friends for a gift membership. Your choice of a personal message will be included with the new member's membership card. Do your part to support Membership Month.

TRIP REPORT - Fall Hike Day, November 7, jointly sponsored by TTA and TVA-Land Between the Lakes, was a very gratifying experience for those TTA members as well as TVA staff who attended. It gave us the opportunity to meet the public who do not usually visit the trails or back country environment. Approximately 120-140 attended; most of these were groups of children with adult leaders. In some instances, the adults also needed guidance. Our workshops, held before they hiked the Fort Henry Trails, were well received. We felt we were really imparting valuable information on such topics as: Trail etiquette, equipment for day and backpack hikes, map orientation, trail first aid, outdoor cooking, etc. This is an excellent opportunity for TTA to practice the concepts we adhere to in relation to protection and respect for our outdoor environment. We hope to make this a continuing annual program with TVA-Land Between the Lakes! TTA members participating were John Clark, Bertha Chrietzberg, Dot Lingerfelt, Evelyn Tretter, and Sharon Patterson.....Chrietzberg.

1982 Hike Schedule - Enclosed with this newsletter is the outings schedule for 1982. It is a compiled list of Nashville, Memphis, and Murfreesboro activities, along with the TTA-state-wide sponsored events. Note: Chapter activities are open to all TTA members, regardless of your chapter affiliation or location in the state. Thanks to all chapters and leaders for providing such a variety and quantity of activities for 1982.

NOTICE: The Cumberland Trail Committee will meet Dec. 19, 10 a.m., CST, at the restaurant in Cumberland Mt. State Park. The purpose is to determine the routing for the CT from Crab Orchard (I-40) to Prentice Cooper State Forest, and to develop a plan for completing this trail. It was proposed at the annual meeting that TTA be primarily responsible for the southern portion of the CT. Please attend if you have any ideas on how to accomplish this monumental task. For further info, contact David Stidham, 859-3621/251-5115.

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING - About 40 people attended the TTA Annual Meeting at Camp Cumberland in Crossville, October 23-24. Some of the activities and accomplishments are reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Officers elected for 1982 are as follows:

President - David Stidham
Vice-President - Bertha Chrietzberg
Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer - Dot Lingerfelt
Recording Secretary - Evelyn Tretter
Board Member (to fill expired term of Evan Means) - Sam Powell

Several changes were made in the Constitution and By-Laws. Honorary membership award was established for non-members who contribute to the goals of TTA. For members who make significant contributions to TTA, a recognition in the form of deferment of dues was approved. Chapters may now be approved with only 5 members instead of a minimum of 10. A permanent committee to promote the Cumberland Trail was formed. Motions were passed to engage in a money raising project by selling trail related car tags, and to promote a statewide Trails Advisory Council. Workshops were held Saturday evening on trail first aid (Bertha Chrietzberg, leader) and the Cumberland Trail (David Stidham, leader). At the Cumberland Trail workshop it was agreed the TTA should assume primary responsibility for building the CT south of I-40 at Crab Orchard, and the State should continue in their activities north of I-40. This will be a major new direction for TTA, requiring lots of commitment from the membership. You will be asked to help build trails, contact landowners, or even assume administrative responsibility for a section of trail between Crab Orchard and Prentice Cooper State Forest. Hikes on Saturday during the annual meeting included the Brady Mt. section of CT, and a hike to the Upper Falls at Little Piney River State Natural Area. Chapter reports were made by Jill Norvill (Memphis), Bertha Chrietzberg (Murfreesboro), and Diane Davidson (Nashville).



Evan Means was presented a life membership in the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association at the close of its annual meeting in Oak Ridge October 1-3. He founded the organization in 1964 and served as coordinator of the 1981 meeting.



TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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OUTING SCHEDULE for 1982

<u>Date</u>	<u>Spon- sor *</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Mile-Class**</u>	<u>Leader(s)***</u>
Jan. 9	MEM	Wildlife hike, Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge (Turrell, AR). Joint trip with Memphis Audubon.	8-I	TBA
Jan. 23	N	Eagle watch by boat, Dale Hollow Lake-Corps of Engineers (Clay Co.). Joint trip with Cumberland Harpeth Audubon.		David Stidham 615-859-3621 615-251-5115
Jan. 24	S	Cumberland Trail, Black Mountain Section Renegade Resort to Hwy. 68. (Cumberland Co.)	5-II	David Stidham 615-859-3621 615-251-5115
Feb. 13	N	Hidden Springs Trail, Cedars of Lebanon State Park (Wilson Co.)	5-I	Sharon Patterson 615-444-7775
Feb. 20- 21	S	South Rim Trail backpack, Savage Gulf State Natural Area (Grundy Co.)	8-II	Bob Brown 615-352-7474 615-748-4816 Bob Richards 615-924-2956
Feb. 27	N & MUR	Hike along lakeshore of J. Percy Priest Lake, Long Hunter State Park (Davidson Co.). Joint trip with Cumberland Harpeth Audubon.	3-II	Bertha Chrietzberg 615-896-1146 Reggie Reeves 615-459-8194
Feb. 28	MEM	Battlefield Trek, Indian Mounds Trek auto tour, Shiloh National Military Park (Hardin Co.)	5-I	TBA
March 6	MUR	Twin Forks Trail, J. Percy Priest Lake-Corps of Engineers (Rutherford Co.)	5-III	Maryedith McFarlin 615-896-1344 Randy Johns 615-895-1263
March 13	MUR	Bike Hike, Readyville Mill to Brown's Mill (Rutherford Co.)		Dwain VanVactor 615-890-7810 615-898-2811
March 20	S	Laurel-Snow Trail, Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness, Bowaters Southern Paper Co. Rescheduled from 1981. (Rhea Co.)	8-III	Dot Lingerfelt 615-892-8043

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March 27- 28	N & MEM	Red Leaf Trail, Natchez Trace State Resort Park. Choice of day-hike or backpack. (Carroll & Henderson Cos.) Dayhike - 7-II Backpack - 11-II		Greg Forte 615-352-7324 Steve Pardue 901-536-5433
April 3	N	Cumberland Trail, Prentice Cooper State Forest to Signal Point Park (Marion & Hamilton Cos.)	11-III & IV	Sam Powell 615-886-2689 755-6781
April 10	MUR	Wildflower Hike, Cedars of Lebanon State Park (Wilson Co.)	I	Sharon Patter- son 615-444-7775
April 11	N	Woodland stroll and covered dish supper at "The Toadshade", home of the Stid- ham's. (Davidson Co.)	III	Sherry & David Stidham 615-859-3621
April 17	S	Annual wildflower hike, Frozen Head State Natural Area (Morgan Co.)	II	TBA
April 18	MEM	Wildflower photography hike, Nathan Bedford State Park (Benton Co.)	8-II	Jack & Betty Thompson 901-452-7754
April 24	S	Piney River Trail, Bowaters Southern Paper Co. (Rhea Co.)	10-I	David Rhyne 615-745-4289 615-336-2211
May 8-9	N	Beginners backpack, Red Oak Ridge Trail, Dale Hollow Lake-Corps of Engineers (Clay Co.)	I	Joe McCaleb 615-822-4060 615-822-1610
May 15-16	N & MEM	Hatchie River float trip and river- bank camping. (Hardiman Co.) Joint trip w/TN Scenic Rivers Association.	I	Dennis Lovell 615-269-4740 615-741-2019
May 23	N & MUR	"Periwinkle Hike" on Long Hunter Shore Trail, & cookout, Long Hunter State Park (Davidson Co.) Joint trip with Cumberland Harpeth Audubon.	3-I	Betty Smith 615-297-1026 615-329-7010 Mike Rice 615-893-0670 615-898-2147
May 29- 30	MEM	"Memphis N May Celebration", including Memphis Historical Trail (10 m.) sea- food & blues music, riverboat rides, interpretive programs at Chuckalissa Indian Village and Meeman Shelby State Forest, etc. (Shelby Co.)		Jill Norvell 901-454-2365 901-876-5529
June 5-6	MUR	Conasauga River backpack, Cohutta Wilderness, Chattahoochie National Forest (Fannin Co., GA)		Glen Hanley 615-890-4113 615-898-2104 Mike Rice 615-893-0670 615-898-2147

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June 5	MEM	Night hike on Hoot Owl Trail, Meeman Shelby Forest State Park (Shelby Co.) Joint trip w/Memphis Audubon.	I	Charlie Norvell 615-876-5201
June 13	N	Mansker Creek "Tennis Shoe Hike" and picnic (Davidson Co.)	3-III	Evelyn Tretter 615-859-0566
June 19- 20	S	Hiwassee Scenic River - On foot and a- float - John Muir Trail & Hiwassee River raft float, Cherokee National Forest & Hiwassee State Scenic River (Polk Co.)	Trail - 10-I	Warren Dixon 615-833-1199
June 26	MEM	"Indian mounds walk", Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area (Madison Co.)	5-I	Steve Pardue 901-536-5433
June 26	MUR & N	Night hike and stargazing, Stones River National Battlefield (Rutherford Co.) Joint trip with Cumberland-Harpeth Aud.	I	Don & Linda Magee 615-895-2271 Evelyn Tretter 615-859-0566
July 17	N	Fort Wall Trail, Old Stone Fort State Historical Area (Coffee Co.) Joint trip with Cumberland Harpeth-Audubon.	4-I	Gayle Douglas 615-297-1435
July 24	S	Accordian Bluff Trail, Dale Hollow Lake Corps of Engineers. (Clay Co.)	8½-II	Robbie Hassler 615-864-3236 615-864-3213
July 31	MEM	Mid-summer forest walk, Chickasaw State Rustic Park (Hardiman & Chester Cos.)	7-I	Park Naturalist 901-989-5141
Aug 7	N	Moonlite hike on Radnor Lake State Nat- ural Area (Davidson Co.) Joint trip with Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon	I	Mack Prichard 615-298-2313 615-741-1632
Aug 14- 15	N	Rock hop and swim in Caney Fork Gorge, Rock Island State Rustic Park (Warren Co.)	II	TBA
Aug 14- 15	MEM	Canoe trip and camp on an Arkansas river. Joint trip with Bluff City Canoe Club.		TBA
Aug 15- 21	MUR	Week-long backpack on Appalachian Tr. north of the Smokies. Exact route to be determined later.	60-II or III	Glenn Hanley 615-890-4113 615-898-2104 Mike Rice 615-893-0670 615-898-2147
Aug 21	S	Fiery Gizzard Trail, Grundy Forest to Sycamore Falls-hike and swim (Grundy Co.)	4-II	Bob Richards 615-924-2956
Aug 28	MUR	Virgin Falls Trail, Virgin Falls Poc- ket Wilderness, Bowaters Southern Paper Co. (White Co.)	8-IV	Linda & Don Magee 615-895-2271

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Sept. 4- 5	MUR	Overnight trail backpack, Cumberland Mt. State Rustic Park (Cumberland Co.)	11-II	Andra Fuson 615-444-7775
Sept. 12	N	Percy Warner Park (Davidson Co.)	4-II	Charles Arnott 615-889-0621
Sept. 18	MUR & N	Wheelchair hike on "Couchville Lake Trail", a special barrier-free trail, at Long Hunter State Park (Davidson Co.)	1-2 I	Steve Wilson & Diane Davidson 615-297-6181 615-741-7918 Reggie Reeves 615-454-8194
Sept. 25	S	Hike to Tandem Arches, Big South Fork	3-5 III-IV	Sharon Patterson 615-444-7775
Oct. 2	S	John Muir Trail, Sergeant York Component, Pickett State Rustic Park to Alvin C. York Memorial Gristmill (Pickett Co.)	16-II	Terry Bonham 615-228-3664 615-741-3727
Oct. 9	MUR	A "Short Hike" on Short Mountain (Cannon Co.)		Randy Johns 615-895-1263 Vicki Hillis 615-890-3249
Oct. 9- 10	N	Car hike on Natchez Trace National Pkwy. Camping at Meriwether Lewis Park (Lewis, Lawrence & Wayne Cos.)		Alan Bass 615-859-6308
Oct. 15- 17	S	TTA Annual Meeting, Location TBA		
Oct. 23	N	Barren River Lake, KY State Park (Barren Co., KY)	5-I or II	Bill Hager 615-374-2227
Nov. 6	S	Cumberland Trail, Oliver Springs section (Anderson Co.)	5-III	Diane Davidson 615-297-6181 615-741-7918
Nov. 6	S	Fall Hike Day & Workshop, Fort Henry Trails; TVA-Land Between the Lakes (Stewart Co.) Jointly sponsored w/ TVA.	II	Bertha Chrietzenberg 615-896-1146
Nov. 13	S	Trail of the Lonesome Pine, north of Little War Gap (Hawkins Co.). Joint trip w/Smoky Mtns. Hiking Club.	IV	Ken Roberts 615-588-5005 Walt Duerksen 615-494-9279
Nov. 20	MUR	Beech Bottom Trail to Jack's River Falls, Cohutta Wilderness Area, Chat-tahoochee National Forest (Fannin Co., GA)		Robin Robertson 615-893-0454

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Nov. 20- 21	M	Smoky Mts. Weekend. Carcamp at Cosby Campground; hikes - Saturday, Indian Gap to Chimney Tops; Sunday, Kephart Prong (Sevier Co.)	III & IV	Gene Curp 615-824-1177
Dec. 2	N	Annual Christmas potluck dinner, (Nash- ville). Jointly sponsored with Cumber- land Harpeth Audubon and Middle TN Group of Sierra Club.		TBA
Dec. 4-5	S	Cumberland Falls, KY State Park (Whitley Co., KY)	II	Betty Smith 615-297-1026 615-329-7010
Dec. 11	MUR	Panther Creek Trail, Franklin State Forest (Marion Co.)	8-II	Jim Chrietz- berg 615-369-9561
Dec. 19	N & MUR	Hike to Bald Knob on Long Hunter Shore Trail, Longer Hunter State Park (Rutherford Co.)	3-II	Bucky Crowell 615-269-6579 615-259-5860

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**Difficulty Ratings

- 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.
- Class V - (Maximum Difficulty) Very rugged terrain, steep ground
and rocks, not for beginning hikers.

Chapter News

MEMPHIS

Memphis Chapter Organizational Meeting

7 January 1982

TTA's Chapter Coordinating Chairman, Sharen Patterson, will share TTA's history, projects, and programs through a slide presentation and discussion. This will give Memphis' TTA an opportunity to become more aware of what the organization provides and how we can get involved in its projects.

Meet in the College of Education, room 310 at 7:30 p.m., on the Memphis State University campus. For more information call Jill Norvell; 454-2365/876-5529.

TRIP REPORT -Big Hill Pond Environmental Area -

The November 14th hike found 29 hikers very enthusiastic about the perfect weather and the newly found area. Big Hill Pond, located approximately 13 miles east of Middleton on Hiway 57, offered the hikers a hilly terrain and a variety of forest types. The .8 mile board walk, the longest in Tennessee and perhaps in the United States, led the hikers into Dismal Swamp and through a cypress area. Back on solid ground, we followed the trail up to an overlook looking into the flood plain of the Tuscumbie and Hatchie Rivers. Jim Harrison, the Ranger-Naturalist of the area and our trip leader, showed us a now deserted moonshine still and told us that it was Buford Pusser who blew it up and ran off the "shine makers". The trail led us through beautiful stands of chestnut, oak and beech, and then to an overlook view of Big Hill Lake. Some of us even jogged up the next hill! Now that's enthusiasm for flat-landers. Happy Trails. -Norvell.

NASHVILLE

The annual Christmas potluck dinner with the Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon will be December 3rd at the Cumberland Museum. Come at 6:30 p.m. and bring a wholesome dish. Also, bring a maximum of 10 slides to share during the slide presentations. For more info, call Helen McGregor (832-4814) or Elaine Barker (373-3869).

TRIP REPORT-Savage Gulf, Oct.10-11, With the fall colors at their peak, 11 TTA and 3 Audubon hikers enjoyed the beauty of the Savage. Overlooks of waterfalls, deep gorges with sheer rock bluffs, and the big trees of the virgin forest below greeted

the hikers as they made their way 9 miles to the Hobb's Cabin Campsite. John Hardcastle, infamous gourmet cook, made hor'sd'oeuvres of country ham salad on home-made bread and a shrimp curry dip with wheat crackers. Stories around the campfire ended a fine day on the trail. Sunday morning broke with a 3 minute drizzle, but the leader of the group had his poncho at hand under his garbage bag pack cover and being thus prepared held off the rain and even brought a few glimpses of sun. After scrambling over and around a number of wind thrown trees the group descended 600' down to Savage Creek. After an encounter with yellowjackets with 4 members getting stung, we ate lunch at the Connector Trail-Stage Coach Road Junction. Climbing out of the gorge on the old roadbed led the group to decide we were better off than the passengers who had ridden the stagecoaches to the top. Passing numerous overlooks on the new South Rim Trail(under construction) the hikers recrossed Savage Creek at the site where a narrow gauge railroad(dinky line) trestle had stood. This is the site for a new 180' suspension bridge that will tie the South Rim Trail into the Savage Falls Day Loop. With darkness approaching quickly the weary hikers ended up at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station after going a distance of 23 miles in two days.

Hikers were Joe McCaleb, Gene Curp, James Galloway, Charlie Arnott, Russell and Kim Fryer, John Hovvener, John Hardcastle, Hardy and Sam Myers, Lee Corbett, Owen and Mary Meredith and Bob Richards -Richards.

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- 3 Dec. - Nashville TTA-Audubon joint dinner,
Cumberland Museum.
4-6 Dec. - Intergroup Conference, Appalachian
Center for Crafts, Center Hill Lake.
5 Dec. - Bluff Trail, Lookout Mountain.
6 Dec. - Clear Creek Reservoir Hill, Grist-
mill Loop Trails, Norris Munic. Park.
10 Dec. - Murfreesboro Chapter Meeting.
12 Dec. - Eagle Tour, Reelfoot Lake.
12 Dec. - Pine Creek & English Falls; Short Mt.
19-20 Dec. - Cumberland Gap National Historic Park.
19 Dec. - Cumberland Trail Committee Meeting,
Cumberland Mt. State Park.
25 Dec. - Merry Christmas!
7 Jan. - Memphis Chapter Meeting, Memphis State
University.
9 Jan. - Memphis Chapter-Wapanocca Wildlife
Refuge, Turrell, AR (Jill Norvell-901-
454-2365 or 901-876-5529).
23 Jan. - Nashville Chapter-Eagle Watch, Dale
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- 24 Jan. - Cumberland Trail-Black Mountain (David
Stidham-859-3621 or 251-5115).
28 Jan. - Nashville Chapter meeting.

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