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OLD STONE FORT STATE HISTORICAL AREA (Coffee Co.) - 17 July 1982

The Indian earthwork ruins circa 400 A.D. encloses a large area of about 40 acres. Bill Thompson, ranger, will guide us on a 4 mile hike, Class I. If you want to swim in the Duck River, bring your swimsuit and a picnic lunch. For carpooling information contact Gayle Douglas, 297-1435, or Helen McGregor, 832-4814. If there is interest, we will meet at Cumberland Museum at 7:30 a.m. to drive down and plan to meet at the Museum - Park Headquarters at 9:45 a.m. Joint trip with Audubon.

LEADER: Gayle Douglas 615-297-1435
Nashville

CANOE TRIP 18 July 1982

Sponsored by Cumberland Mountain Chapter. For further information contact Steven Burke (615-879-8017 - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or George Minnigh (615-879-5785).

ACCORDIAN BLUFF TRAIL, DALE HOLLOW LAKE (CLAY CO.) 24 July 1982

This is a new trail (about seven miles, Class III) along the shore of beautiful Dale Hollow Lake. It connects the Willow Grove and Lilydale Recreation Areas near Livingston, TN. (Car camping is available at both for \$5.50/night). See enclosed map for directions to trail heads. Bring swimming suits for a cool dip in the lake. Call the leader for meeting time and place.

LEADER: Robbie Hassler
Byrdstown 615-864-3236
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CHICKASAW STATE RUSTIC PARK (Hardiman & Chester Co.) 31 July 1982

Memphis Chapter will hike through the scenic timberlands of Chickasaw State Rustic Park, (7 miles, Class I). One of Tennessee's largest state parks, this area is located in the Chickasaw State Forest and is well known for its tall pines and its heavy woodlands. Hikers are requested to pack in a lunch and water. We will meet leader Richard Cox, park naturalist, at the state park office at 9:30 a.m. CDT. Carpoolers will leave Kingsway Christian Church at 7:30. Chickasaw is located off Hwy 100 near Henderson, TN.

LEADER: Richard Cox 901-989-5141

"WHITE MAN CRAZY"

A deserted farmhouse in a gullied field was pictured in a farm journal which offered a prize for the best 100-word description. An Indian took the prize with this:

"Picture show white man crazy. Cut down trees. Make big tepee. Plow hill. Water wash. Wind blow soil. Grass gone. Door gone. Window gone. Whole place gone. Buck gone. Squaw gone. Papoose too. No chuck-away. No pigs. No corn. No plow. No hay. No pony.

"Indian no plow land. Great Spirit make grass. Keep grass. Buffalo eat grass. Indian eat buffalo. Hide make tepee; make moccasin. Indian no make terrace. All time eat. No hunt job. No hitchhike. No ask relief. No pay tax. No shoot pig. No build dam. No give dam. Indian waste nothing. Indian not work. White man crazy.

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Chapter News

Memphis

TRIP REPORT - It's amazing how much we depend on our sense of sight when suddenly it is no longer there and then discover we have other senses. Twenty-eight sightless people and leader Charlie Norvell discovered the world of darkness and the other senses during Chapter's night hike at Meeman Shelby Forest State Park on May 28. We began at dusk, just about the time you can see the planet Venus and also make a wish on the first star. Our walk, however, lead us deep into the woods at Shelby Forest and so any dependencies we had on starlight and moonlight were gone due to the tunnel of trees we were walking through. The night sounds came alive for us as we stood very still several times to stare into the darkness searching for a glimmer of light and only seeing the mysterious foxfire glow, caused by the chemical reactions taking place in a decomposing log. The stillness was broken by several giggles and whispers (as it always is) and the remainder of the night hike was filled with lots of talk...J. Norvell.

TRIP REPORT - Armed with cans of blue paint, Memphis Chapter members Jerry Bull, Ann Lindholm and Betty Porter attacked the Tennessee Forrest Trail at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park the weekend of May 15 and 16. They were helping Tim Poole, Boy Scout of Troop 343, who accepted the challenge of clearing and marking this 12 mile trail on the West side of Tennessee River as his Eagle Project. Tim was with one of the four groups of hikers who experienced extreme difficulty following this trail one Saturday in April. Showing Tim where the trail was originally laid out was 63 year old Willmon Holloman, who has worked at the Park 14 years, and who we had a hard time keeping up with! Also in Tim's work party were troop members Scot Curtiss, Cedric McKinney and Brandon Veercamp, and Assistant Scout Master Farris Poole. At the same time on the East side of the Tennessee River, Don Crist, Assistant Scout Master, and Boy Scouts David Poole and Kevin Curtiss were assisting Eagle candidate Phillip Crist in clearing and marking the 6 mile Fort Johnsonville Redoubts Trail. After 2 days' work and 12 cans of spray paint, all agreed that hikers should have no trouble following these two interesting and educational trails in this beautiful Park. The view from Pilot Knob, highest point in West Tennessee, and the beauty of the mountain laurel, ferns and many wildflowers more than made up for sore muscles and blue fingers. (We all went a little crazy when we got a paint can in our hands!). Any hikers wanting to earn patches or other awards for these trails should contact Historical Hiking Trails, Inc., PO Box 17507, Memphis, TN 38117. Allow 6 weeks prior to hiking dates to get information and order materials...B.P.

TRIP REPORT - On Sat., May 29, 16 hikers met in the Rivermont Hotel parking lot for the 10 mile Memphis Historical Hike. It was a beautiful day with a good breeze much of the time. The hike started in Martyr's Park on the Mississippi River. This park

is a tribute to Memphis' yellow fever victims. We visited DeSoto Park and then made our way down Riverside Drive and through downtown to reach the Hotel Peabody, one of the highlights of the hike, especially since the famous ducks were swimming in the fountain. Then it was on to Forrest Park, named for the famous Civil War cavalry general, where we had lunch. Since it was Memorial Day weekend, Magevney House was not open; but everyone enjoyed seeing the old homes along Adams St. in Victorian Village. We then visited the site of the old slave market and early Spanish fort at Auction Square. Memphis-in-May festival was going strong on the river front and some of the hikers wanted to find a good place to sit and hear the Sunset Symphony that night. And there was so much to see and so many questions to answer for those who were interested in patches and awards, that only 8 hikers finished the entire hike. However, the hike can be completed another day. This is an enjoyable way to learn Memphis history and have fun at the same time. Anyone interested in taking this hike should contact Historical Hiking Trails, Inc., PO Box 17507, Memphis, TN 38117...Jerry Bull.

TRIP REPORT - Our newly adopted trail, the Chickasaw Bluff Trail in Shelby Forest State Park, was filled with surprises as a small group of Memphis Chapter trekked along it May 30. Our first surprise was a beautiful copperhead laying in the middle of the trail. I was leading and didn't see it until I was almost on top of it. It didn't seem to mind our gasps and oohs as we watched it eat a frog. Our next surprise, as we walked through a large patch of horsetail fern, were two deer that were bedded down. Se must have been fairly quiet (unusual for us) because they didn't spring up and bound away until we were right next to them. After these two heartpounding experiences, I decided we would take turns leading the group! Our next surprise was discovering baby snakes everywhere! They looked like worms, but looking closer we knew they were baby snakes. As the morning wore on, the trail got more narrow and the poison ivy and stinging nettle brushed our legs. We knew we had selected a good trail to adopt, but agreed we would wait until Fall before taming the ivy. Happy trails...J. Norvell.

Mufreesboro

TRIP REPORT - Nine people were present for the night hike at Stones River National Battlefield on June 26, led by Park Superintendent Magee. It was cloudy, but a few stars were visible for star-watching after the hike. Very enjoyable evening...Evelyn Tretter.

Cumberland Mountain

MEETING - Cumberland Mt. Chapter meeting to be held the last Monday of June due to the July 4th holiday. This meeting will take place at Pickett State Park at 6:30 p.m. CDT; George Minnigh will have a program on water safety preparing everyone for the canoe trip scheduled for July. Homemade ice cream will be served.

TRIP REPORTS - On Saturday, June 5 the Chapter sponsored a short hike followed by a barbeque. The activity was held at shelter #2 at Pickett State Park, with the walk taking the group around the lakeside trail, which is located in the area across from the swinging bridge. The hike began at the end of the picnic area and exiting near the chalets. Following the hike the members enjoyed themselves to barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs along with large quantities of other food, to make for a perfect outing. Those attending were: David and Robbie Hassler, Mary and Robert Wells, Amaris Baker, Howard Ray Duncan, Janet, Brice, and Buddy Minnigh, Steven Reed, Tony Terry, Steven and Pamela Burke, Carl, Sheryl, Marta, and Mahalia Cooper, Ray and Lois Burke, Theodore and Alta Hicks.

In other recent events the Chapter took part in a trail construction trip May 16 on the Sheltoee Tract Trail, which is located in the Big South Fork Area in the Rock Creek gorge. The trail construction consisted of much digging in sweltering 85 degree heat on a rugged slope. Approximately two hundred yards of trail was completed. The Chapter hopes to complete a three mile section sometime this summer. Those participating were: Tom Maddox, David and Carroll Viera, Howard Ray Duncan, Steven and Pamela Burke...S. Burke.

TRAIL WORKSHOP - Sheltoee Trace Trail-Construction Workshop. 1st workshop-10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - 2nd workshop-2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

August 8th.

Nashville

TRIP REPORT - Ten people made the short afternoon hike on the Baker's Grove section of Long Hunter Trail on May 23. The periwinkle, however, did not choose to cooperate - we didn't see a single blossom. The Indian pinks were blooming in abundance along the trail. We heard cuckoo's and summer tanagers. Several of us took a dip in the lake to cool off. After the hike we cooked hotdogs at the picnic area by the lake...B. Smith.

TRIP REPORT - On 13 June, 1982 Evelyn Tretter, Helen McGregor, Mary Ann Cook, Freida Stephens and John Hart visited the grave of Casper Mansker, long hunter, who lived at the site before Fort Nashboro. There are two 1830's stone bridges on the old stagecoach road. The Bowen-Campbell House, built in 1787, is being restored with state and federal grants. It will be a museum-house and be used for public functions. We walked along the jogging path at Moss-Wright Park, then decided to drive to Centennial Park in Nashville to a Symphony concert, where we picnicked on the grass and listened to the music.

Slater's Creek, where the smaller bridge is, is terribly littered...E. Tretter.

MACK PRICHARD FEATURED AT CHAPTER

MEETING - 22 July, 1982 at Sevier Park in south Nashville, Granny White Pike and Clayton Avenue.

Meet at shelter. Potluck dinner begins at 7 p.m. central time.

Bring drinks and wholesome meal to share; plates and utensils provided. Program will be provided by renowned speaker Mack Prichard, who will talk about something real interesting and show some pretty pictures.

MORE ROAD CLOSINGS AT BIG SOUTH FORK

Spring has sprung and with it comes the urge to head for the outdoor areas. If you're considering a look at Big South Fork in the near future, be aware of some recent road closings. The National Park Service announced that several of the more remote roads in the gorge area will be closed to all motorized transportation.

Tennessee road closings will include:

- *All gorge access roads into East Laurel Fork

- *All gorge access roads into Station Camp Creek, including the road to Parch Corn Lodge

- Kentucky road closings will include:

- *Dicks Gap Road to the Big South Fork River Crossing

- *Roads in the Oil Well Branch area

- *Watson Branch Road

- *Laurel Hill Road

Ridge roads on the plateau in these areas will remain open for hunting, fishing and other recreational uses.

According to Superintendent, Doyle Kline, restrictions on the use of motorized vehicles in the gorge areas are required by the 1974 law establishing the National Area.

"In the legislation adding the area to the National Park System, Congress specifically banned motorized transportation in the river gorge, except on designated access routes in order to preserve and protect the area," Kline said.

"Now that land acquisition is nearly complete in some areas, we need to begin implementation of this program," he continued. "Factors considered in these road closures were --- safety, visitor use, wildlife control, noise, erosion, vegetation, and other management considerations, Kline added.

Initially, the new rules will affect only certain sections of the National Area; however, more of the old roads in the gorge will be closed in the future as land acquisition is completed. Eventually, access to the gorge will be provided by either designated roads or by foot and horse trails.

The 1974 law named the roads into the gorge that will remain open. In Tennessee they include:

- *The road into Station Camp from the east

- *Leatherwood Ford Road

- *Burnt Mill Bridge Road

- *The road into Zenith

Kentucky open roads include:

- *The Alum Ford Road

- *The road from Smithtown into Worley

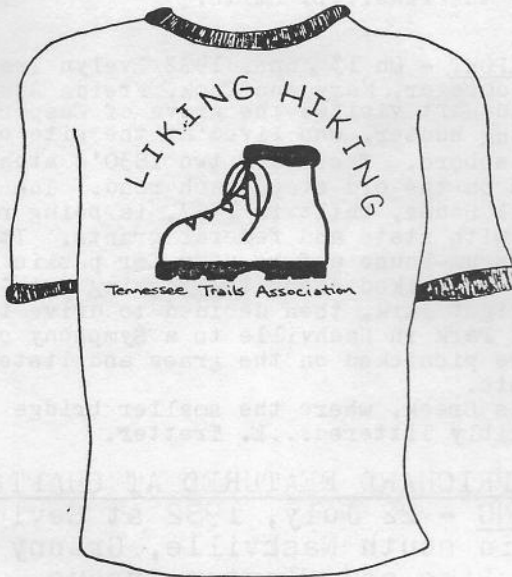
- *The road into Blue Heron, (Mine 18)

Kline said special arrangements will be made to allow motor vehicle access to the many gravesites and cemeteries within the area, since these will not be acquired for the Area.

Signs bearing a symbol of a jeep will be placed at the heads of roads that are to remain open.

TTA Affairs

→ **BOARD MEETING** - 23 July, at Ranger Sharon Patterson's house in Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Bring a potluck meal for eating at 6:30 p.m. central time. Business will begin at 7:00 p.m. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** ←



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VOTE ON AMMENDMENT TO BY-LAW - To establish a family dependent dues category, By-Law No. 5 will be ammended by adding the following after the 1st sentence: "Dues for additional members in the same family shall be three dollars (\$3.00) per year. Family members shall enjoy full membership privileges." Vote by checking your response: () approve () disapprove. Cut out and mail to TTA, PO Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN 37405.

Ballot



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

701 BROADWAY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

June 21, 1982

Mr. David Stidham, President, TTA
1055 Hitt Lane
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Dear Mr. Stidham:

I have been reading your associations newsletters and I must say that I am very impressed with the number of activities and areas in which the TTA involves itself.

We are very encouraged by the involvement of the Nashville and Murfreesboro Chapters at Longhunter State Environmental Education Area, the Memphis Chapter's adoption of the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail and the Cumberland Mountain Chapter's activities at Pickett State Park, not to mention the TTA's many other ventures across the state.

I would like to state our appreciation for the fine job Mr. Sam Powell is doing on the Southern end of the Cumberland State Scenic Trail. Also, let me say that we are looking forward to working with you on the development of the CT from Crossville southward and to the signing of the cooperative maintenance agreement between DOC and TTA for the CT.

In these days of budgetary restraint we are seeking volunteer aid wherever possible. We are very fortunate to have a group such as the TTA who not only uses our recreational facilities but also displays their appreciation through volunteering their time and expertise in the development and maintenance of our trails system.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Don Charpio, Ed. D.
Assistant Commissioner

DC/jc

cc Charles A. Howell, III, Commissioner
Terry Bonham, Chief, Natural Resources Unit

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1982

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| 28 June | - Cumberland Mt. Chapter meeting. | 8 August | - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Sheltoee Trace trail construction workshop. |
| 6 July | - TOTAL ECLIPSE of the MOON - begins 1:38 a.m. CDT; ends 3:24 a.m. CDT. | 10 August | - Murfreesboro Ch. meeting. |
| 9 July | - Most compact array of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars until year 2000. | 14-15 Aug. | - Nashville Ch. - Rockhop and swim, Rock Island State Rustic Park (leader TEA). |
| 13 July | - Murfreesboro Ch. meeting. | 14-15 Aug. | - Memphis Ch. - Canoe trip on Arkansas River (Jim Raymond-901-522-2184). |
| 14 July | - The year's best view of the Milky Way. | 19 August | - Memphis Ch. meeting. |
| 15 July | - Memphis Ch. meeting. | 21 August | - Fiery Gizzard Trail (Bob Richards-615-924-2956). |
| 17 July | - Nashville Ch. - Old Stone Fort hike. | 22 August | - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness (H.R. Duncan-615-879-8245). |
| 18 July | - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - canoe trip. | 26 August | - Nashville Ch. meeting. |
| 22 July | - Nashville Ch. meeting. | 28 August | - Murfreesboro Ch. - Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness (Linda Magee-615-895-2271). |
| 23 July | - TTA Board Meeting - Cedars of Lebanon. | 30 August | - Cumberland Mt. Chapter meeting. |
| 24 July | - Accordian Bluff Trail, Dale Hollow Lake. | | |
| 31 July | - Memphis Ch. - Chickasaw State Park. | | |
| 31 July | - 2nd annual Blue Grass Festival in Jamestown - music, dancing, food, crafts. | | |
| 7 August | - Nashville Ch. - Moonlight hike, Radnor Lake (Mack Prichard - 615-298-2313-742-6666). | | |

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