



# Tennessee Trails

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## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING!!!!

Scheduled for October 15-17, 1982, the TTA Annual Meeting will be held at Lakeshore Assembly, a group camp adjacent to Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park on Kentucky Lake. The meeting is sponsored this year by the Memphis Chapter, and they invite all of you to COME WEST! One of the principal objectives of this meeting is to kick off the formation of a Trails Advisory Council in Tennessee. Representatives from other trail groups as well as governmental agencies in TN have been invited to attend. Guest speakers from the Arkansas Trail Council will be on hand to share with us their success story this model trails council. Your input is also needed! Other activities planned for the weekend include:

- + Workshops on orienteering...
- + Use of volunteers
- + Equipment tips
- + Health and first aid on the trail
- + Trail maintenance & ethics
- + Potluck supper Friday night
- + Show-and-tell programs (have you a special project or idea to share?)
- + Saturday night cook-out
- + Presentation of the "TN Trails Award"
- + Presentation of other "special" awards
- + Equipment displays
- + Mail order catalog display
- + Door prizes!!
- + Update on TTA, Chapter, & Dept. of Conservation activities
- + And of course, HIKES!! and more!

Use the enclosed form and pre-register today. Indicate the meals you will be needing. No self-cooking is allowed at Lakeshore. Inexpensive cottages are available at the meeting site, and camping facilities are available next door at the State Park. Look for more information in the October newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Vice President Bertha Chrietzberg was featured in the August 1st edition of Murfreesboro's News Journal Accent. "Trailblazing and environmental preservation for one Murfreesboro woman is more than just a hobby--it's a way of life" begins the 4-page coverage. The article even had nice things to say about TTA.

18 September 1982

## DEDICATION OF CUMBERLAND STATE SCENIC TRAIL

Representatives from private citizens groups as well as federal, state and local governments will participate in ceremonies dedicating the opening of a 30-mile section of the Cumberland State Scenic Trail. The dedication for this Division of Parks trail will be held at 12:00 noon EST on September 18, at Cove Lake State Park. Also planned for the opening are a day hike of three miles from Cove Lake to Eagle Bluffs and an overnight hike from the firetower on Walden's Ridge Road to Oliver Springs. The overnight hike is 12 miles long. The section of the Cumberland State Scenic Trail extends from Oliver Springs along Walden's Ridge to Cove Lake. The first section of the trail, which is already in use, begins at Signal Point (Chic-Chatt National Military Park) near Signal Mountain and proceeds northward thru Prentice Cooper State Forest to the rim of the Sequatchie Valley. The Cumberland Trail is part of the Tennessee Scenic Trails System, established in 1971. The hiking trail should eventually cover a distance of about 225 miles from Cumberland Gap to Signal Point Park at Chattanooga. Two primitive campsites are located along the new trail, which provides the long distance hiker a variety of panoramic views of the Tennessee countryside and mountain region. Bobby Harbin, the first state scenic trail ranger, is responsible for management of the Cumberland Trail. He may be contacted for further information regarding the trail dedication at (615) 566-1327.

CHEWALLA NATIONAL FOREST (MISSISSIPPI)  
11 September 1982

Enjoy the quiet setting of Chewalla National Forest near Holly Springs, Mississippi, with the Memphis Chapter. This area has proven to be one of Mississippi's most beautiful areas with rising hills and a variety of pine trees. Overnight primitive camping is available at the National Forest for those who would like to extend their stay. We will meet at the picnic area parking lot at the Forest at 9:00 a.m. central time. Carpoolers will leave Kingsway at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to bring lunch and drink!

LEADER: Jerry Bull 901-363-4408

PERCY WARNER PARK  
(Davidson Co.)

12 September 1982

(Sunday)

This will be a 2.5 mile hike on the Percy Warner Park Inner Loop Trail. The trail traverses wooded hillsides with a few road crossings. This is a suitable hike for all ages and should take approximately 1.5 hours. Tennis shoes are acceptable for this walk, and long pants are recommended. Meet at the end of the Deep Wells picnic ground at 1:00 P.M. The entrance to the picnic ground is off Highway 100. Go 1.7 miles past the Hwy. 100 and Hwy. 70 fork outbound from Nashville, or 1.5 miles past the Old Hickory Blvd. and Hwy. 100 junction inbound to Nashville. For interested longwalkers there can be an additional 5 mile loop walk through another section of the park after completion of the first hike.

Leader: Charlie Arnott 615-255-3375  
Nashville 615-741-7812 (work)

TWIN ARCHES, BIG SOUTH FORK NATIONAL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA

25 September 1982

See the most outstanding natural arch in Tennessee, right next to the second most outstanding arch in Tennessee! The hike is 3-5 miles, Class III. Call the leader for information on meeting time and place. Next to Pickett State Park.

LEADER: Sharon Patterson 615-444-7775  
Lebanon (work) 615-444-9394

Diane Davidson was recently elected Vice Chairman of the Tennessee Chapter, American Planning Association. Congratulations, Diane!

CARPOOL COORDINATORS:

Memphis - Connie Mahoney 901-528-5899  
901-278-1817 (work)  
Nashville - Evelyn Tretter 615-859-0566  
Murfreesboro - Maryedith McFarlin  
615-896-1344  
Chattanooga - Dot Lingerfelt 615-842-8043  
615-751-3292  
(work)

TRAIL WORKTRIP - HAZZARD CAVE TRAIL - PICKETT STATE PARK

26 September 1982

(Sunday)

Meet at the Hazzard Cave parking lot at 10:00 a.m. central time. Call the leader for more information. Sponsored by Cumb. Mtn. Chapter.

LEADERS: Steven Burke 615-879-8017  
(7 a.m.-5 p.m.)  
Howard Ray Duncan 615-879-8245  
(4-9 p.m.)

BIKE HIKE (SHELBY CO.)

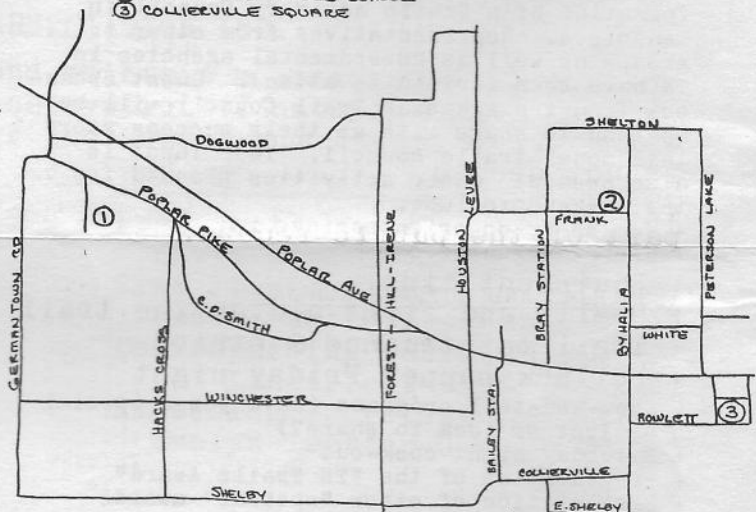
26 September 1982

(Sunday)

Join Memphis Chapter for a fall day of biking (no pun intended), through back roads of Shelby County and a visit to historic Collierville. The pace will be leisurely so we can be sure to enjoy Fall's spectacles. Two different groups will venture out on their own; 30-35 miles round-trippers, or 5-8 miles round-trippers. The long-trippers will leave Germantown Library and Community Center at 8:30 a.m. central time. The short-trippers will leave from Collierville Middle School parking lot at 11:00 a.m. These two groups will meet for lunch and

GENERAL BIKING AREA AND MEETING PLACES

- ① PARKING LOT BEHIND GERMANTOWN LIBRARY
- ② COLLIERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
- ③ COLLIERVILLE SQUARE



have a historic tour of Collierville Square at 12:30 p.m. (including ice cream at Harrell's Drug Store!). Get out your bikes, put air in the tires, check the oil and the brakes...this is going to be fun!!!

LEADERS: Jane Stotts, 901-755-4385  
Gene Amagliani,  
Memphis

NOTICE: The Sept. 18th Couchville Lake-Long Hunter State Park "Wheelchair" hike has been cancelled and will be rescheduled this spring. Construction of this handicapped trail is behind schedule. Of interest, though, is the near completion of the Long Hunter Priest Lake Trail (8 + miles). Reggie Reeves, Park Superintendent, says it needs some use. Contact him (615-459-8194) for directions on how to reach the trail.

ANOTHER NOTICE: The Sept. 4-5 Overnight Trail backpack at Cumberland Mt. State Park has also been cancelled. Hopefully, it will be rescheduled in October.

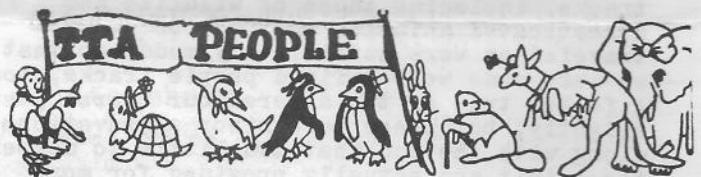


# TTA Affairs

TTA Joint Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Coalition - The TTA has joined the Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Coalition, a coalition of groups working for wilderness designations in the Cherokee N.F. Our voice joins with those from Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited, Audubon, Smoky Mts. Hiking Club, TN Citizens for Wilderness Planning and others in opposing the recent Forest Service proposal to designate practically none of the "wilderness" in the southern part of the Forest as Wilderness Area (see fact sheet enclosed with August Tennessee Trails). Why not personally support TTA and the Coalition by opposing this Forest Service position! Write to the Forest Supervisor, Cherokee National Forest, PO Box 2010, Cleveland, TN, 37311, and ask for wilderness designation under the 1964 Wilderness Act for Big Frog Mountain and Citico Creek. Tell him you reject the Forest Service position that wilderness is not needed. Write before Sept. 25, and ask that your letter be made part of the public record.

1983 HIKE AND OUTINGS SCHEDULE - YOUR HELP NEEDED! TTA Vice President Bertha Chrietzberg, and each Chapter Chairman are currently putting together the annual schedule for 1983. They need your help! Do you have a suggestion for a hike or outing? Are you willing to lead a trip? Bertha asks that you fill out the enclosed information form and mail it to her ASAP. We hope to have the 1983 program basically put together by the annual meeting.

FLASH FLOODS HURT CUMBERLAND TRAIL - A three-mile section of the Cumberland Trail on Signal Mountain has been temporarily closed as a result of the devastating flood of August 9th. The section from Edwards Point to State Hwy. 27 was split by two landslides and the Suck Creek Suspension Bridge was washed away. Although one of three spans of the Middle Creek Bridge was washed out on the Signal Point to Edwards Point Section, the trail is passable by fording the stream. Plans are underway to rebuild both bridges. The 120-foot suspension bridge was built over Suck Creek in 1979 by TTA members, Tennessee State Forestry Division, and the US Army Reserve Engineers. Known as Tri-Bridges, the Middle Creek spans were completed in 1975 by TTA members, Boy Scouts and other volunteers. The 25-foot middle span was destroyed and the two remaining spans buried in logs and other debris. The accumulation can be removed with chain saws.



Dwain Van Vactor, Chairman of the Murfreesboro Chapter, was recently married. Congratulations to Dwain and Amanda!!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (O) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in coordinating the following hikes or activities

Preferred dates

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to suggest the following changes in or additions to the activity schedule in 1983. \_\_\_\_\_

Return to : B. C. Chrietzberg, 1915 Elrod St., Murfreesboro. TN 37130

# Chapter News

## Murfreesboro

POTLUCK PICNIC - Nov. 14 behind Murphy Center at MTSU. Call Dwain Van Vactor (615-898-2811) or Bertha Chrietzberg (615-896-1146) for more information.

## Memphis

MEMPHIS CHAPTER MEETING - September 16 - Be sure to attend September's meeting because Gene Amagliani, Manager of the Whitmore Bicycle Shop, will present a program on bike touring, bike maintenance, and everything you wanted to know about biking but didn't know enough to ask. This is a perfect introduction to biking and just in time for our September bike hike on the 26th. Also, we'll be getting ready for another great fall of hikes and outings, so plan to attend! Jill Norvell.

TRIP REPORT - A small but enthusiastic group of Memphis Chapter members were lead on a hike by Chickasaw State Park summer naturalist Richard Cox on July 31st. The hike was planned expertly by Richard to include as much diversity as possible and he succeeded in encompassing much variety in vegetation and terrain in our eight mile trek. Along the way we came upon many varied animal tracks, including those of wildlife and domesticated animals. A trail or two we traveled on were sufficiently muddy so that we left some well-defined people tracks, too. A felled tree or two altered our course just slightly, but these were minor aggravations along with the mud that did little to dampen the spirit and actually provided for more exploring during the hike. A cool spot was chosen for our lunch time respite. It was so pleasant that it was difficult to move our bodies up the beckoning hill and we lamented the fact that we had not crested the hill before enjoying our lunch. It was around this time that we hiked past cemetery and located headstones bearing the same names as most of the trails we had been hiking on. We didn't locate a headstone bearing the name of Lost Trail, but we did manage to travel a portion of that trail without needing the services of a search party. The animal star of the hike was one of the smallest animals that we encountered. A blue-tailed skink captured everyone's attention due to the iridescent nature of his tail...Bob Barnett.

TRIP REPORT - Memphis chapter members Jan and John Waide and Ed Powell and his family joined canoeists of all ages from the Bluff City Canoe Club for a float trip down the North Fork of the White River in Missouri the weekend of August 14 and 15. Rain fell steadily during the Friday afternoon drive from Memphis, ended that evening, and began again Sunday morning, forcing our leader, Jim Raymond, to cancel the second day of canoeing.

By 10:30am Saturday, the 20 canoes and 2 kayaks in our group had joined the seemingly endless stream of rented canoes on the river. Spring-fed Blue Hole attracted a few hardy swimmers, but most of us tried to stay dry

since the day was cool. Hummingbirds hovered near cardinal flowers on the ferny banks, and sycamores brushed us as we passed under them. The river was shallow and swiftly moving. At only one point did it rush loudly over large rocks which put several holes in one boat and dunked Jan and John, giving us respect for this Class 1, or easy, river. We were back at our campsites of the night before by 6pm, well-prepared to sleep soundly...Jan Waide

## Cumberland Mountain

TRIP REPORT - The Cumberland Mountain Chapter had the honor of being the first group to sponsor and lead the first organized hike on the newly constructed Laurel Fork loop trail on July 18, 1982. The group left Pickett State Park office at 1:00 p.m. and drove to the trail head, which is located about 2 miles down the Firetower road in the Big South Fork NRA. The 3 mile loop trail took the group through a lush mature forest of hardwood, hemlock, and laurel and followed along a ridge with big rock houses, which were found about every 300 yards for almost two-thirds the length of the trail. The day was particularly hot and muggy and due to the weather conditions and a near epidemic of flu, the turn out was light, but all who participated thoroughly enjoyed the trip. This trail, along with another section that connects with it is being constructed by the TVA Conservation Work Corps. This group of professional trail builders is to be responsible for most of the trail construction in the Big South Fork area, and are doing a great job in carrying out this task, using all local workers. S. Burke

The second annual WCLC Fentress County Bluegrass and Crafts Festival proved to be a great success for both the sponsors, as well as the Cumberland Mountain Chapter, even though we were threatened by an 80% chance of rain and an early morning downpour. The attendance was in excess of five thousand people from all over the region. Throughout the events, the Cumberland Mountain Chapter held their biggest fund raising so far, by operating a stand selling barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs, cooked over an open fire, along with popcorn, drinks, and coffee. The chapter worked hard from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., selling everything and grossing well over \$1000.00 for our efforts. This project would not have been possible without the massive efforts on the part of all those who planned and helped in setting up and working in the stand. We would also like to express our gratitude to WCLC Radio for their support and help in giving us this opportunity and to Parker's Charcoal Kilns for donating 300lbs. of native, pure hickory charcoal. Also to the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. for the use of the Coca-Cola robot. We would also like to thank all of the individuals who helped in many ways to make this event a great success. There will be a third annual Bluegrass and Crafts Festival set for the last Saturday of July 1983 and it is expected to be bigger and better than ever. We plan to be there!...Steven Burke.

## Nashville

CHAPTER MEETING - The Nashville Chapter program for Sept. 23 will be on the Big South Fork National River Recreation Area (BSFNRA). Ms. Susan Neff, BSFNRA Program Manager (US Corps of Engineers) will give a status report and update of what's going on. Meeting will be at the Cumberland Museum in Nashville at 7 pm Central time. Bring a refreshment to share.



1982 TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 15-17 ,1982

LAKESHORE ASSEMBLY , EVA, TENNESSEE  
(NEXT TO NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PK)



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE : \$2.00/person . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING :

At Lakeshore, Friday and/or Saturday : \$10.00/person for weekend \_\_\_\_\_  
(bring your own linens)

At Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park Campground  
primitive: \$2.00/night or hookups: \$6.50/night . . . . . pay at park

MEALS : (Circle which ones)

Breakfast (Saturday, Sunday) \$2.00/meal . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch (Saturday, Sunday) \$3.00/meal . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner (Friday) Potluck - Bring a dish to share. Plates  
and utensils will be provided. \_\_\_\_\_

Barbeque Cookout (Saturday) \$3.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN TTA? (not for membership renewals)

student \$3.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

individual \$8.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

family \$8.00 + \$2.00 for each family member . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Tennessee Trails Association.

Send registration form and check to:

Tennessee Trails Association  
P.O. Box 4913  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Do you have a favorite trail, project, gadget, technique, or trip you  
would like to share on Friday night during the "Show and Tell" (limit  
25 slides, 10 minutes)? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1982

- 29 August - TTA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. central time, Tracy City, TN.
- 28 August - Murfreesboro Ch. - Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness (Linda & Don Magee)
- 29 August - Memphis Ch. - Shelby Forest St. Park picnic, Shelter #4, 2 p.m. central time.
- 30 August - Cumberland Mt. Ch. meeting.
- 11 Sept. - Memphis Ch. - Chewalla Nat. For.
- 12 Sept. - Nashville Ch. - Percy Warner Pk.
- 14 Sept. - Murfreesboro Ch. - meeting, MTSU.
- 16 Sept. - Memphis Ch. - meeting.
- 18 Sept. - Dedication of Section II Cumberland Trail, Cove Lake State Park.
- 22 Sept. - National Hunting & Fishing Day.
- 23 Sept. - Nashville Ch. - meeting.
- 25 Sept. - Twin Arches, Big South Fork Ntl. River & Recreation Area.
- 25 Sept. - Deadline for writing to US Forest Service about the Citico Creek & Big Frog Mt. wilderness proposals.
- 26 Sept. - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Trail work-trip, Pickett State Park.
- 26 Sept. - Memphis Ch. - Bike hike, Shelby Co.
- 2 Oct. - TTA statewide - John Muir Trail, Pickett State Park to York Mill (Terry Bonham- 615-228-3664/615-742-6681).
- 4 Oct. - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Officers meeting.
- 9 Oct. - Murfreesboro Ch. - Short Mtn. (Randy Johns- 615-895-1263, or Vicki Hillis- 615-890-3249).
- 9 Oct. - Memphis Ch. - Big Hill Pond Environmental Area/Steve Pardue- 901-536-5433 or Jim Harrison- 901-645-9275).
- 9-10 Oct. - Nashville Ch. - Car hike, Natchez Trace National Parkway (Alan Bass- 615-228-8629).
- 10 Oct. - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness.
- 12 Oct. - Murfreesboro Ch. - meeting.
- 15-17 Oct. - TTA Annual Meeting, Lakeshore Assembly, Eva, TN. REGISTRATION MATERIAL ENCLOSED.
- 21 Oct. - Memphis Ch. - meeting.
- 23 Oct. - Nashville Ch. - Barren River Lake, KY, (Bill Hager- 615-374-2227).
- 24 Oct. - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Northrup Falls.
- 28 Oct. - Nashville Ch. - meeting.
- 30 Oct. - Memphis Ch. - Lichterman Nature Ctr. (Peter Money- 901-767-7322).
- 1 Nov. - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - meeting.
- 6 Nov. - TTA/TVA Fall Hike Day, Land Between the Lakes.
- 12-14 Nov. - TEC Intergroup Conference.
- 13 Nov. - Joint Canoe trip on Stones River with TSRA, (Bertha Chrietberg- 615-896-1146).



## ANNOUNCING! TENNESSEE TRAILS T-SHIRTS!!

They're here in beautiful earthy brown just waiting for you to show your favorite hiking trails how much you are LIKING HIKING!!!

For your TTA T-shirt, clip out the order form, along with the size, the number of shirts you want, and check, and send to:

Jill Norvell  
Center for Environmental and Energy Education  
College of Education  
Memphis State University  
Memphis, TN 38152

state size and number of shirts:

small: \_\_\_\_\_ medium: \_\_\_\_\_ large: \_\_\_\_\_ X-large: \_\_\_\_\_

amount enclosed: T-shirt @ \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The deadline is the 20th of each month. If possible, submit material camera ready, typed in a full 4½ inch column. Artwork is welcomed.

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.

OBJECTIVES: 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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Cumberland Mountain Chapter

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