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TOUR OF THE TVA BARGE - TVA's World's Fair Exhibit was a barge. In April the barge will leave Knoxville and travel down the TN River and up the Cumberland arriving in Nashville in September after stopping in TN, GA, AL, MS, and KY. TTA and the National Trails Council have been invited to participate in preparing trail oriented activities at each stop. This is an excellent opportunity to promote both trails and regional cooperation between clubs, agencies, individuals, and TVA. If you are interested in being part of this effort, contact the TTA office or your Chapter chairman.

Nature Photography Workshop

John Netherton, award winning nature photographer from Nashville, will conduct a one-day workshop at Fall Creek Falls State Park on April 9, 1983. The workshop includes eight hours of instruction from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., and a special slide presentation at 6:30p.m. presented by Mr. Netherton. The workshop will start at 8:00a.m. at the Resort Inn.

Mr. Netherton, a nature photographer for 15 years, is director of Cumberland Valley Photographic Workshops in Nashville. He has taught wildlife and nature photography for six years in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Everglades National Park, and around Middle Tennessee. He has lectured at numerous universities and taught nature photography for the National Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Netherton has a regular column in LENS magazine, has published in POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY, TENNESSEE CONSERVATIONIST, and has upcoming work in AUDUBON, and PETERSEN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC magazine.

Fee for the workshop is \$25.00. The workshop is limited to 20 people, and registration is on a first-come/first-serve basis. To register contact Fall Creek Falls State Park at (615) 881-3297 or write the park at Rt. 3, Pikeville, TN 37367.

SPRING IN THE FOREST APRIL 30-MAY 1

Spring has sprung in the Forest at Shelby Forest State Park and the celebration will begin April 30 at 7:30 a.m. until sundown May 1. Celebration events will include wildflower walks, forest ecology hikes, aquatic boat tours, raptors demonstrations, southern folklore, to name just a few. All activities will begin at the Park's Recreation Lodge on Sat. and the Interpretive Center on Sun. exhibits at the Rec Lodge will include the Sierra Club Audubon, TTA, Wildflower Society, and Environmental improvement Comm. The Memphis Chapter TTA will host a spring hike along the Woodland Trail Sunday morning, May 1. Call Charlie and Jill Norvell for additional info, (901) 876-5529.

PAT ANDERSON - Thanks for the delicious potato soup you served up at the Fall Creek Falls work-trip/board meeting!

CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORKTRIP - BRADY MT. SECTION - Work is progressing on re-opening the scenic Brady Mt. section of the Cumberland Trail, originally established over a decade ago. A trimming and blazing worktrip is scheduled for May 14th. Volunteers are needed! Meet at 9 a.m. central time, at the General Store, Homestead, TN, at the junction of Hwys. 68 and 127. Bring lopping shears if you have them. TTA is responsible for establishing the Cumberland Trail south of I-40, so everyone's participation is needed. Thanks to Bob Brown and Toby Rogers for their effort in contacting land-owners and reopening this section. For more info, call Bob at 615-748-4816. Put on your work gloves and we'll see you on May 14th.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park will be hosting the 6th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage on April 15th, 16th & 17th. Activities will begin on Friday night at 7:30 PM with a slide presentation on Cedar Glade plants given by Milo Guthrie. This program will be followed by an informal hour of music and dance. On Saturday morning, activities will begin at 8:00AM. Bird Walks, Wildflower Walks & Motorcades, Children Hikes, Fossil & Geology Walks, Nature Photography Workshops, Wildflower Rambles, An Owl Prowl and a Demonstration on Medicinal Plants will be the activities scheduled for Saturday. Sunday programs include: Bird Walks, 5 Mile Ramble, Dye Plant Demonstration and an Edible Plant Demonstration. For more information on the Special Weekend, Contact: Sharen Patterson

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Chapter News

Cumberland Mountain

On March 14 the Cumberland Mountain Chapter had their regular bimonthly meeting at Allardt Elementary School. The attendance was disappointingly low, however the small group that attended was busy discussing recent events and making plans for the April 16 and 17 Weekend of Fun. Refreshments were served during the meeting. On March 11 six members of the Cumberland Mountain Chapter traveled to Cookeville to aid the WCTE channel 22 TV membership drive. Howard Ray Duncan, Sheryl Cooper, and Steven and Pamela Burke took pledges by phone, while Carl and Marta Cooper helped behind the scenes with other tasks. At 9:00 p.m. Steven Burke and Howard Ray Duncan were interviewed by Becky Robinson of WCTE. WCTE TV is a public TV station, which serves the Upper Cumberland area, and is a member of the PBS television network. WCTE has helped the TTA immensely in the Upper Cumberland via public service announcements, and has been responsible for the signing up of several new members. To stay on the air WCTE must have 1600 new members by June 1983. The membership fees are \$25.00, \$60.00, and \$100.00, however any donation from \$5.00 and up would help to keep them on the air. So, let's return a favor TTA, and keep this great TV station of the Cumberland going...Steven Burke.

NOTE Anyone who would like to make a donation to this most worthy cause should send their check to:
WCTE-TV, Channel 22

P.O. Box 2104

Cookeville, TN 38501

Be sure to tell them that you are a TTA member.

Chattanooga

Prentice Cooper State Forest was the meeting place for our second Chapter meeting. In spite of the fog, wind, and rain, 18 people eventually showed up. Everett Kidder was elected Chairman, Max Thomas as Vice Chairman, and Susan Garvey as Secretary-Treasurer. Max Thomas announced that he was having a back-packing trip on Memorial Day weekend in the Jack's River Falls area. The next Chapter meeting will be on April 17 at 2 p.m. in the UTC Student Center.

Murfreesboro

Twin Forks Trail Progress Report - Work on the Twin Forks Trail at J. Percy Priest Lake is slowly progressing. In March, seven people turned out to build a bridge over a ravine. We got the foundation finished, but need some strong, hard-working bodies to help with the finishing touches.

April Meeting - Next meeting will be April 12, 7 p.m. central time, Room 105 of the Murphy Center, MTSU Campus.



Director Patterson Is Scoutmaster - TTA director Sharen Patterson, who is a ranger-naturalist at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, is Scoutmaster of an Explorer Post of Boy Scouts of America, specializing in conservation. The members do their field work on jobs in the park. Sharen cooks an occasional man-filling meal for them at her park residence and takes them on trips (Gatlinburg, etc.). "They are my bodyguard," said the petite Panger Patterson.

Nashville

April Meeting - The Nashville Chapter will meet April 28 at picnic area No. 10 in Edwin Warner Park. A weiner roast beginning at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting at 7:30. Food and utensils will be furnished, and nominal charge made. Frank Erlinger, manager-owner of Sports 'N Trails, will show tents and other equipment. Frank is a TTA member. Dave Stidham will discuss camping and back-packing. Go Highway 100 to Old Hickory Boulevard, left to Vaughn Road, right to first shelter. (Directions are from downtown Nashville.)

Memphis

CONGRATULATIONS TO 1983 OFFICERS:

Jill Norvell - Chairperson
Larry Turner - ViceChair
Betty Porter - Sec/Treas.
Nell Mobley - Publicity

the Memphis TTA meeting April 21 will feature Memphis Zoo's Raptor Rehabilitation program. John Stokes will present his red-tailed hawk, screech owl, and a real live eagle. This will be a great program, so YALL COME! 7:30 Kingsway Church, Poplar & Massey Rd.

The Lichterman Nature Center will open its doors to the fascinating world of environmental education on April 16. The Nature Center will include an Interpretive Center housing exhibits and a Discovery Room, the Animal Rehabilitation Center designed to care for orphaned and injured animals, the Greenhouse, and the nature trails with its self-guiding nature booklets and outdoor displays. The Interpretive Center houses display cases available for outdoor education groups in Memphis. The Memphis Chapter TTA will display an exhibit in one of the cases for a full year. TTA will become more visible to Memphis and the exhibit will increase awareness in its outings and activities (not to mention increase in membership!) We are proud to be able to be a part of the new Lichterman Nature Center!

Nashville Chairman Grew Up With Camping, Scouting - Riley V. Canada II, new chairman of the Nashville Chapter (and new state board member) was born in Detroit but has lived in Nashville area since age 5. He is an Eagle Scout, holds Order of the Arrow and was assistant scoutmaster. His family took him camping in all parts of Tennessee and surrounding states when he was growing up. "There I found my love for the outdoors that I still have today," Vic said.

He is a graduate of Maplewood High School and is employed by Western Electric as a repairer-adjuster on office telephones. He likes music, bowls in a league in winter and plays softball in summer, and is an amateur photographer.

HIKES

Bike Hike - Stones River National Battlefield to Snail Shell Cave (Rutherford Co.) April 2, 1983

Join the Murfreesboro Chapter for a leisurely bicycle day tour of approximately twenty easy miles over flat terrain. Bring your own bike, plenty of water (liquids), a lunch and camera and meet us at Stones River National Battlefield on the old Nashville Highway NE of Murfreesboro and ride with us to Snail Shell Cave, one of the ecological wonders of Middle Tennessee with its water carved cave set in limestone rock in its own depression. We will meet at 9:00 at the Battlefield.

Leader: Dwain Van Vactor 615-890-7810
Murfreesboro work 615-898-2147

PINEY RIVER TRAIL (RHEA COUNTY) Saturday, April 9, 1983

Join TTA for this spring hike on Bowater's Piney River Trail. The ten mile hike will require some stamina, good comfortable boots, and possibly a light jacket. Bring lunch--- water will be available along the way. Wildflowers, rushing water, and lush forests will be the rewards of this hike. Meet at 9:30 a.m. eastern time at the Piney River picnic area. To reach the picnic area, turn south off TN 68 at the western edge of Spring City at a sign pointing to Walden Ridge.

LEADER: David Rhyne 745-4289
Athens work 336-2211
ext. 510

LONG HUNTER STATE PARK WILD FLOWER HIKE (RUTHERFORD, WILSON, & DAVIDSON COUNTIES). Saturday, April 9, 1983

Join Park Superintendent Reggie Reeves and Bertha Chrietzberg on this spring wild flower identification hike at Long Hunter State Park, sponsored by the Murfreesboro Chapter. This Park has the advantage of having rare cedar glade flowers as well as woodland flowers. If you have heard about the extremely rare glade flowers of Middle Tennessee but have not seen them, now is your opportunity. We will walk around in a glade area in the morning, then drive to a new picnic area near the lake at noon to enjoy our individual lunches. We will hike the Inland Nature Trail (1 1/2 miles) in that area in the afternoon to enjoy the woodland flowers. Don't be alarmed by the fact that you will be in three counties in one day. The Park lies where three counties meet, Rutherford, Wilson, and Davidson. The purpose of this trip is to enjoy, identify, and photograph wild flowers, so it will be easy and leisurely. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-hiking friends to Tennessee Trails.

Meet in the Parking Lot at the Bryant Grove section of the Park

in Rutherford County near the Superintendent's residence at 10:00 CST. Bring your own lunch and beverage.

Directions: From Nashville, drive north on Hobson Pike (St Rt 171) off of Murfreesboro Road. After crossing the bridge over the lake, take the 3rd road to the right and drive until you see the sign for the Bryant Grove area on your right. From Murfreesboro, turn north off Highway 41N at the Nisson Plant. At the 4-way stop in Giltsville, take a left, then right on Weakley Road, crossing the Lake bridge and Fate Sanders area until it dead-ends at Couchville Pike. Take a left about one mile to the Bryant Grove Park area on your left, and go all the way in.

LEADERS: Bertha Chrietzberg
Murfreesboro (615)896-1146

Supt. Reggie Reeves
Long Hunter State Park
(615) 885-2422

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES-FT. HENRY TRAILS April 9-10

Join Steve Pardue, Naturalist, on a two day hike along LBL's Ft. Henry Trail. Camp at LBL or stay Paris Landing State Park's Inn. Hike all day Saturday and Sunday, or spend some time at LBL's 1850 Farm, see the buffalo herd, or visit the Env. Ed. Ctr. Meet Steve at 10:00 a.m. Paris Landing's Inn on April 9. Call Gene Jacobson for directions and car pool/car caravan info. 755-9073. Leader: Steve Pardue (901)536-5433

FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK WILDFLOWER HIKE 16 April 1983

Contact leader for information.

LEADER: Don Todd 615-346-3113
Wartburg

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER'S WEEKEND OF FUN PICKETT STATE PARK-BUFFALO ARCH TO COFFEE OVERLOOK April 16 & 17, 1983

Mark your calendar now for the Cumberland Mountain Chapter's "Weekend of Fun" April 16 & 17 at Pickett State Park. This year a special invitation goes to the Murfreesboro Chapter and ofcourse, any other TTA member that would be interested in having a weekend of fun at Pickett. We will begin with dinner on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. C.S.T. at the Pickett State Park Lodge. Camping facilities will be available at the park. After dinner the Cumberland Mountain Chapter will share a slide show of our activities during the past year. We invite you to bring slides or anything else you would like to share with us. On Sunday, April 17 we will have a late spring wildflower hike on the Buffalo Arch to Coffee Overlook trail. This hike will be led by Big South Fork Park Ranger Bob Dawn. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. C.S.T. from the Pickett State Park Office. The hike will be approximately 5 1/2 miles and class II. Dinner on Saturday evening will be provided

by the Cumberland Mountain Chapter. We hope you plan to join us!

**IMPORTANT-If you plan to attend dinner on Saturday evening please notify by mail or phone by April 9.*

Cumberland Mountain Chapter
P. O. Box E
Jamestown, TN 38556

Steven Burke: 879-8017 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Howard Ray Duncan: 879-8245 after 5:00 p.m.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL, SECTION II (ANDERSON COUNTY) Saturday, 23 April, 1983

We will hike from the Laurel Grove fire tower on Walden's Ridge to Poplar Creek Gap on a Class II part of Section II of the Cumberland Trail. Total distance, including ups and downs, is about 6.5 miles. Assisting our near-sighted trip leader will be Bobby Harbin, Cumberland Trail manager. He will sing and provide interpretations as we walk along. Wear a lunch and good boots or shoes (plus your other clothing). You will see Dutch Valley, the Cumberland Escarpment, and

VAMOS AMIGOS

How would you like to go hiking in a Rain Forest? Our nearest one is El Yunque in Puerto Rico. It covers 28,000 acres and is the only national forest that has no forest fire problem. It is 20 miles from San Juan and is administered by the Federal Park Service. There are many trails and camping is by permit. There are privately owned campgrounds on the outside of the park. The second highest and most popular peak is El Yunque, 3,493 feet high. They say that on a clear day you can see fifty miles, even to the Virgin Islands. The flora and fauna is tremendous, a variety of orchids, the rare Puerto Rican parrot and the mongoose. Call me if you want more information. Gayle Douglas, 297-1435

Frost Bottom. Meet at Dutch Valley School at 9:30 Eastern time. In Oliver Springs turn off State Highways 61-62 at the traffic light at Adkisson's Market to pass by the market (away from town), travel 10.1 miles, and Dutch Valley School will be on your left if you don't get lost.

LEADER: Grimes Slaughter 615-483-5859
Oak Ridge

BIG HILL POND ENV. ED. AREA APRIL 23

Spring is out in full force at this Env. Ed. area, that is one of West TN's most unique areas. This 8 mile hike over hilly terrain is a joint trip with Mph Wildflower Society. Bring a lunch, water, and a friend. Meet at 9:00 a.m., Wilmeth Gro. on Hwy 57, past Middleton. Carpool leaves Kingsway at 7:30. Leader: Jim Harrison (901)645-9275

Some members keep their organization strong,
While others join just to belong.
Some volunteer and do their share,
While some lie back and just don't care.
On meeting days, some always show,
While there are those who never go.
Some always pay their dues ahead,
Some get behind for months instead.
Some do their best - some build - some make,
Some never do - just sit and take.
Some lag behind, some let things go,
and never help their group to grow.
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do.
Consider - which of these are you?

Anonymous

Calendar of Events

April 2 - Murfreesboro Ch. - Bike hike,
Stones River Nat. Battlefield to
Snail Shell Cove.
April 3 - Easter
April 8-9 - Columbia Mule Day.
April 9 - Long Hunter State Park wildflower hike.
April 9 - Piney River Trail.
April 9 - Nature Photo Workshop, Fall Creek Falls SP.
April 9-10 - Memphis Ch. - Ft. Henry Trails, LBL.
April 12 - Murfreesboro Ch. - meeting, Murphy Ctr.
April 15-17 - Wildflower Pilgrimage, Cedars of Lebanon
State Park (Sharon Patterson 615-444-4566).
April 16 - Frozen Head wildflower hike.
April 16-17 - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - Pickett State Park
weekend.
April 20 - Secretary's Day.
April 20-24 - TVA barge, Knoxville.
April 21 - Memphis Ch. - meeting, Kingsway Christian
Church.
April 23 - Cumberland Trail, Section II.
April 28 - Nashville Ch. - meeting, Edwin Warner Pk.
April 28-30 - TVA barge, Kingston.
May 1 - Memphis Ch. - "Spring in the Forest",
Shelby Forest ST (Charlie & Jill
Norvell, 901-876-5529).
May 5-8 - TVA barge, Watts Bar.
May 6-8 - Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage, Fall
Creek Falls State Park.
May 7 - Chickasaw Bluff Trail - Shelby Forest
State Park (Charlie Norvell, 901-876-
5201).
May 7 - Murfreesboro Ch. - Virgin Falls Trail
(Linda & Don Magee, 615-895-2271).
May 8 - Mother's Day.

May 9 - Cumberland Mt. Ch. - meeting.
May 10 - Murfreesboro Ch. - meeting.
May 11-15 - TVA barge, Dayton.
May 12-15 - Memphis Ch. - Hike to Mt. LeConte
(Jill Norvell, 901-876-5529).
May 13-15 - Bike touring at Fall Creek Falls State
Park (Herb Roberts, 615-881-3297).
May 19 - Memphis Ch. - meeting.
May 14 - Nashville Ch. - Long Hunter State Park,
(Diane Davidson, 615-297-6181 or Reggie
Reeves, 615-459-8194).
May 18-25 - TVA barge, Chattanooga.
May 21 - Big South Fork rafting trip (Steven
Burke, 615-879-7770 or Howard Ray Dun-
can, 615-879-8245).
May 22 - Nashville Ch. - Lake hike and visit
to Bessie Walker "Bird Lady". (Gayle
Douglas, 615-297-1435/748-3512).
May 26 - Nashville Ch. - meeting.
May 28 - Memphis Ch. - Memphis Historical Trail.
May 27 -
June 4 - Appalachian Trail Conference, New Paltz,
NY. Contact: ATC Meeting, PO Box 650,
Shrub Oak, NY 10588.
May 28-31 - TVA barge, South Pittsburg.
May 30 - Memorial Day.
June 7-17 - Aquatic First Aid and Small Craft School,
Land Between the Lakes (for info, call
Red Cross Safety Services Office, Nash-
ville, 615-327-1931, ext. 211).
Sept. 14-18 - TVA barge, Nashville.
Oct. 14-23 - TVA barge, Memphis.
Oct. 15-17 - TTA Annual Meeting, Pickett S. Park.

TRIP REPORTS

INDIANTOWN BLUFF HIKE, February 19, 1983, Nashville Chapter - A small but active group enjoyed the beautiful weather and scenery along our walk down Indiantown Bluff. The hike led along a long and narrow bluff between the Harpeth and Cumberland rivers. Of relatively short duration, the hike took approximately four hours. Pastoral views of farms and wooded tracts framed the view on both the Harpeth and Cumberland sides of the bluff. Thanks to Evelyn, John, Pat, Gail, Heather, Greg, for attending Joe Gaines

Cross Country Ski Weekend, Roan Mtn. State Park (Murfreesboro Chapter) On Feb. 25-27, Roan Mtn., with its near 1' snow, welcomed 15 of us plus 3 from Norris and Knoxville to a winter wonderland adventure. After braving the snow-covered roads up the mountain, we challenged the trails. Since most of us were novices, it took some getting used to our new "feet"- how awkward! However, with anticipation we dared the intermediate trails of steep grades amidst the woods. That's learning the hard way-OUCH! Even a downhill race was common for two skiers, Robert Bishop and Dwain Van Vactor, which ultimately ended in a tie(collision)! Finally, we conceded to the beginner trail at 6300' elevation surrounded by snow drifts over our knees, evergreens and sunshine. We had a wonderful time building snow tunnels and learning how to fall(?)-- there is a correct way, although most of us unexpectedly chose the other. A great trip!

Debbie Thibault

Shiloh Compass Hike, February 26 (Memphis Chapter) - Five people hiked through the woods and fields of Shiloh National Military Park on the 10-mile compass trail. It was a beautiful day for being outdoors and we all had a good time. We spotted an Eastern Bluebird--maybe he thought Spring was here.Betty Porter

Fall Creek Falls Work Trip Report February 26 & 27, 1983

A great weekend with great weather greeted thirteen workers (four children) for a very satisfying and rewarding service trip. Approximately eight to nine miles of the thirteen mile Cane Creek Upper Loop Overnite Trail were patrolled with brush cleared, limbs removed and trash picked-up. A report of work done and findings concerning blazing and deadfalls was given the park naturalist. So much was accomplished Saturday that Sunday was declared "playday" by the leader. Besides much munching, Saturday night saw an assault on the Falls and assorted cascades and swinging bridges by several unabashed nature lovers in the bright moonlight.

Gene Curp

NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK- RED LEAVES TRAIL Sat. March 12, 1983

We were lucky! It was a gorgeous day with lots of bright sunshine, pleasant temperature; perfect for hiking a 9.5 stretch of Red Leaves Trail at Natchez Trace State Park. Three members of the Nashville Chapter joined 22 members of the Memphis Chapter for this hike which was led by Ranger Naturalist Larry Mullins. Spring hadn't sprung yet, but bright green moss and British Soldiers added a splash of color to the otherwise drab landscape. As some of us huffed and puffed up and down and around the ridges, we wondered if we were quite ready for the Mt. LeConte trip in May.
MEMPHIS CHAPTER

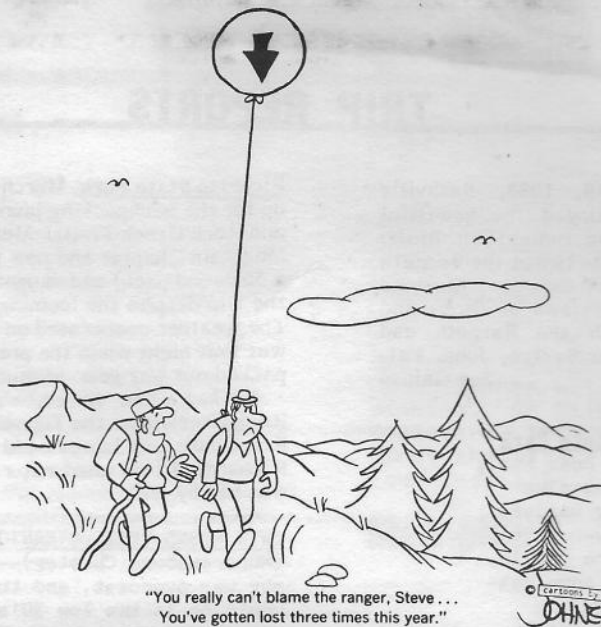
Pickette State Park, March 5-6. Eight hearty souls showed up for the backpacking jaunt around the Hidden Passage and Rock Creek Trails. Members from the Cumberland Mountain Chapter and new member Godlind Johnson(sporting a 50 pound pack) and daughter, Erin from Nashville made the trip despite the looming spectre of thundershowers. The weather cooperated on both days but we got pretty wet that night when the predictions materialized--everyone packed out wet gear--so much for Gore Tex.

We had a fine lunch at Double Falls and camped along Rock Creek near the Tunnel. Native Fentress Countians Ron Qualls and James Ladd provided regional lore and Bob Richards did his usual naturalist thing. A good time was had by all.

TWIN FORKS TRAIL OVERNIGHT - March 12-13, 1983. (Murfreesboro Chapter)--The weather was cold, the sky was overcast, and the weatherman said it would be in the low 30's the night of the 12th, but it didn't stop the Murfreesboro Chapter's overnight trip. Arthur Yates, leader, and Greg Smith and Davis Jones (both from Columbia, TN) left Walter Hill at 9:15 a.m. We had a good hike to historical Old Jefferson, our overnight campsite. In the late evening, the skies cleared and the temperature plunged. The next morning had the appearance of a winter wonderland, with frost on everything. Our thermometer read 25 degrees. Brrrrr!! On Sunday a.m., Ellen Hobbs joined us for the last 10 miles. Greg says, "The first and last were great. The bluff scenery was very nice. I want to return after the relocations are finished." Ellen says, "I especially liked the high area--loved the view." We were disappointed in not seeing a single Bluebird or Pileated Woodpecker, tho we did see four deer and a Redheaded Woodpecker..... Arthur Yates, Leader

MARK BRANCH WILDFLOWER HIKE-March 13 (Cumberland Mountain Chapter) - A group of 12 entered the trail on Peter's Mountain and hiked approximately 3 1/2 miles to Hemlock Grove. The scenery was great and the weather superb. The highlights of the hike were the tall cliffs, unique rock formations, and dense growths of laurel, rhododendron, and hemlock. Due to the recent cold snap, it was feared that we would not see any wildflowers, however our fears were dispelled when we encountered several Yellow Violets and Spring Beauties. It was also evident that the good spring weather brought out certain primeval instincts, when two of the hikers began to swing through the trees on some of the many grape vines that grew along the trail. Upon completion of the hike the hikers had to wade the still icy Rock Creek in order to reach the shuttle vehicles in the Hemlock Grove parking area. All who came had a wonderful time, with the only exception being that two of three of the shuttle vehicles experienced minor mechanical problems on the return trip to Pickett. Those attending were: Vic Canada and Stan Dunford from Madison, Hurley Kelly from Hornwall, TN, Martha Swift and Pat Anderson from Nashville, Risa Ledsinger from Huntsville, Alabama, Steven and Pamela Burke, Carl, Sheryl, and Marta Cooper, and Howard Ray Duncan all from Jamestown... S. Burke.

POT POINT TRAIL--PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST
March 5, 1983 (Chattanooga Chapter). A most enjoyable occasion for all who went along. The weather was good, even though a little windy. We saw what devastation the late 1982 summer flood did to the mountain and part of this trail. After the hike, we traveled through the forest to the southern end and found a most spectacular view of the Grand Canyon of the Tennessee--so beautiful! We will do this again soon for those who missed this one. Those hiking: Phillip and Jason Gentry, Elizabeth Cade, Martha Evans, and Sam Powell (leader).



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