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TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Many of you may not know TTA is an organizational member of TEC. We are one of 42 organizations under the TEC umbrella. TEC has served us well over the years by monitoring state government, representing environmental interests in discussions of environmental protection, and keeping us posted of events, issues, and opportunities. TEC does important work. This past year, the Governor's Safe Growth Team adopted many of the proposals put forth by TEC. TEC has played a role in the development of the deep well injection regulations. They helped with efforts to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act and to defend the Clean Air Act. TEC will work with the state to develop a protection plan for the Collins Scenic River.

TEC is presently trying to increase its membership. We hope you will consider joining; as a member you receive their excellent newsletter--TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT--one of the most comprehensive environmental newsletters in the state. To join, send \$15 to the Tennessee Environmental Council, Suite 300 1720 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203.

NATIONAL TRAILS BILL PASSES--The president signed into law on March 28 the National Trails System Act, S.271. The bill amends the National Trails System Act to include three new National Scenic Trails. The Florida Trail, Potomac Heritage Trail, and the Natchez Trace

Trail were added to the system, bringing the total of national scenic trails to 10. The Natchez Trace Trail will run through Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. In addition to creating new trails, the law grants additional authorities to the federal agencies to assist volunteer groups, like TTA, in development, maintenance and management of trails.

FROZEN HEAD TRAILS ARE UP FOR ADOPTION--The area manager of Frozen Head state natural area reports he is sponsoring an "Adopt-a Trail" program this spring. Frozen Head has approx. 60 miles of foot trails. People are needed to hike the trails, watch for signs of erosion, pick up litter, check for fallen trees, clear brush, and report their findings to the park office. If you are interested in participating in this program, contact Duane Wyrick at Frozen Head 615-346-3318.

MT. LE CONTE VACANCIES - We have had a few cancellations on the May 13 (Friday night) Mt. Le Conte trip. Cost for 2 meals and 1 night's lodging is \$31.80. Anyone interested in going on this trip should contact Betty Porter immediately at (901) 363-0213 between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

There are also still 9 openings for the September 28 (Wednesday night) trip. These places will either be filled or forfeited by July 4. The cost is the same as above. Call Betty Smith soon to reserve your place. (615) 297-6355 after 8:00 p.m.

HIKES

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.

VIRGIN FALLS TRAIL (WHITE CO.)

7 May 1983

Murfreesboro Chapter will sponsor a hike to the Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness. It is strenuous; 6-8 hours; wear sturdy boots. Bring a lunch and water. To carpool from Murfreesboro, meet at 8 am (Central) at Krogers parking area, Stones River Mall on Broad Street. Otherwise meet at the trail head at 9:30 am. Directions: Take Hwy 70 to Derosses, Tn. between Sparta and Crossville.

Follow signs.

LEADER: Linda Magee 615-895-2271
Murfreesboro

MAY 7 - CHICKASAW BLUFF TRAIL (MEMPHIS CHAPTER)

Join the Mphs Wildflower Society for a look at the beauties of spring along our adopted trail. This should be a gorgeous hike along the bluffs at Shelby Forest State Park. Be sure to bring your camera and binoculars, lunch and drink. The Chickasaw Bluff Trail is approx. 8 miles long, Class I and II. Meet at the Park Office at 7:30 a.m. A carpool will leave Kingsway Church at 6:45 a.m. BE ON TIME!!

Leader: Charlie Norvell, Ranger-Naturalist
876-5201

MAY 12-15 - SMOKEY MTS. NATIONAL PARK - MT. LECONTE

(Memphis) East meets west as the Memphis Chapter tastes the beauty of the mountains during this two day hiking adventure. We'll leave the flatlands of West TN on Thursday, May 12 and camp in a National Park campground Thurs. night. We'll hike and sing all the way to Mt. LeConte Lodge for Friday night, and camp in our campground Sat. night. Return to Mphs. Sunday. If you do not have reservations for the Lodge, that's O.K. Stay Friday night in our campsights instead. Be sure to bring camping gear: tent, sleeping bag, water, food, extra clothes, sturdy hiking boots, jackets/sweaters (it's cold at night), etc. This will be the most memorable hike of 1983, so plan now to join us in the mountains. For details about our campground, where, and when, and car pooling or caravan, call our #1 Trip Coordinator, Betty Porter 363-0213.

Handicapped Trail, Long Hunter State Park (Davidson Co)

14 May 1983

Nashville Chapter sponsored. Contact the leader for meeting time and place, and for hike details.

LEADER: Reggie Reeves 615-459-8194

Prentice Cooper Forest Day Hike-14 May 1983

Sponsored by the Chattanooga Chapter. Call Sam Powell (615-755-6781) for details.

BEARWALLER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

SATURDAY MAY 21st CORDELL HULL LAKE

The trail is 6 miles from Defeated Creek Recreation Area to Tater Knob Overlook.

There are good views of Cordell Hull Lake along the way starting from lake level to 300 ft. at 3 points. You can see where the bears waller and other unusual sights.

A developed campground is near the trail head and two primitive campsites are on the trail. Meet to carpool at Cumberland Museum at 7:45 AM May 21st or 3 miles north of Carthage, Smith County, on State Rt. 85 at 9:30 AM. Bring lunch and Drink. Preregister 297-1435 Gayle Douglas

CANCELLATION-Due to the high cost that each person would have to pay and the fact that the water level will be down at that time of year, the Big South Fork rafting trip that was scheduled for May 21 has been cancelled...Cumberland Mountain Chapter.

NORTHROP FALLS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION TRIP (Fentress Co.) May 22, 1983

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter has scheduled a work trip to Northrop Falls for May 22. The work will consist of clearing corridor for a new loop trail that the Cumberland Mountain Chapter is planning to build. The meeting location will be at Allardt Elementary School at 9:00 a.m.

May 28 - MEMPHIS HISTORICAL TRAIL

Visit downtown Memphis' most famous historical places: Victorian Village, the Auction Slave Block, Cotton Row, Beale Street, Tom Lee Park, and the Peabody Hotel, to name a few during Memphis In May festivities. This all day, 12 mile hike will lead Memphis Chapter through downtown Memphis and along the Mississippi River. Be sure to bring a lunch and water. We will meet at the Holiday Inn Rivermont parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Map details will be available at our May's meeting. Be there, or be square.
Leader: Margaret Swinn

TRIP REPORTS

JACK'S RIVER FALLS - MARCH 19, 1983

Although rain seemed imminent, it did not dampen the spirits of the 9 hikers who started out from the meeting place in Chattanooga for Jack's River Falls. By the time we joined an additional 7 hikers at the junction of Highway 64 and 411, it was turning into a promising day. A convoy of 5 cars made the trek up a winding mountain road to the Beech Bottom parking area (which has been relocated and can accommodate more cars--has gravel too!) The 3-1/2 miles to the falls is an easy walk but the scenery is magnificent--hemlocks and beeches, rhododendron almost as high as the trees in places, and the cascades over the rocks in the streams make it seem like the Smokies. Lunch at the falls was a special treat--the sun was peeking out, the water was thundering over the falls, and the spray was very refreshing. We met quite a few backpackers on our way out--we all wished we had brought our packs so we could stay in one of the beautiful campsites along the river. Unfortunately, we were too early for the wild flowers but maybe we can return again and spend a few days. A wonderful place to hike!—Dot Lingerfelt
(Thanks to Dave Fulmer for leading this hike.)

Ft. Pillow State Park-Chickasaw Bluff Trail - Sat. March 26, 1983

(Memphis Chapter) - If your boots were still muddy from the Esperanza Trail, then you had a chance to get them washed on the Ft. Pillow Hike. The first drops of rain were just beginning to fall as thirteen hikers and Ranger Ward Weens of the Park Staff, began approx. five miles of the Chickasaw Bluff Trail at Ft. Pillow. Ranger Weens could only go about two miles with us and as the rain was getting harder, three of the hikers went back with him. The rest of the group completed the hike in a pouring rain with biting wind that numbed hands and feet. This is a beautiful trail with high hills, deep ravines and magnificent views of the Miss. River from high bluffs. Wild turkeys crossing the road near us and trillium growing along the trail made up for some of the discomfort from the cold and rain.

Jerri Bull - Memphis Chapter

Chapter News

Cumberland Mountain

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter has been active during the past month making contact with other civic organizations in the Jamestown area. On March 21 Steven and Pamela Burke and Howard Ray Duncan gave a slide presentation to the Jamestown Boy Scouts. The presentation consisted of slides taken on Cumberland Mountain Chapter outings during the past year. On March 26, with the help of Scout Leader Mike Delk, Howard Ray Duncan led a group of twelve from the Jamestown Boy Scouts on a hike around the Hidden Passage Trail at Pickett State Park. On March 17 Steven, Pam, and Howard Ray visited the Pine Haven Chapter of the Home Demonstration Club. A slide presentation was given along with a brief explanation of what the TTA is and what the Cumberland Mountain Chapter has done in our area. On April 10 a group of thirteen hiked the Northrup Falls Loop Trail, located in Allardt, TN, four Cumberland Mountain Chapter members, Steven, Pam, Howard Ray, and Marta Cooper along with the Home Demonstration Club members and their families. The new Northrup Falls Loop Trail was constructed by the Cumberland Mountain Chapter. The Cumberland Mountain Chapter hopes to start several new projects such as these in our area...Steven Burke.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEETING-MAY 9, 1983

On Monday, May 9 the Cumberland Mountain Chapter will have their regular chapter meeting at Allardt Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. Steven Burke will give a presentation on insect pests that are encountered during the summer months. Refreshments will be served during the meeting.

Memphis

MEMPHIS CHAPTER - MAY'S MEETING

Going to Mt. LeConte with the Mphs Chapter? Or are you going to miss the trip this year? Don't despair, Buddy Nix will present a slide program on beautiful Mt. LeConte for those of you who would like to go, and those of you who would like to reminisce. Our May meeting, scheduled for the 19th, will be after our trip to the Smokies. So bring your memories, sore muscles, and a friend. We will meet at 7:30 at Kingsway Christian Church, Poplar & Massey Rd. YALL COME!!!

Nashville

May Meeting - The Nashville Chapter will meet May 26 at Old Hickory Beach, with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30. Utensils will be furnished. Harry Williamson will tell the group about his trip to Europe last summer, camping and staying at hostels. To get to the beach (a Metro park), go state route 45 to U.S. Corps of Engineers marker at Old Hickory end of Cumberland River Bridge. Turn here and follow Corps markers and Metro Beach markers to beach. In case of bad weather, we will move to the home of Evelyn Tretter, 306 Frances St. Goodlettsville. At the beach, meet near the restroom. Evelyn's number is 859-0566.

Some members have expressed an interest in going to Maine camping this summer. We will meet to discuss this May 1 at 6:00 pm and pit stop snacks. Call Gayle Douglas for information. 297-1435.

Chattanooga

The Chattanooga chapter of the TTA held its 3rd. meeting on Sunday April 17th. at the UTC student center. Our program was given by Bruce Wilkey of the Tennessee Audubon Council. He presented a slide series on the beauty that can be seen around the Chattanooga area. It was a very informative program and we feel fortunate to have Bruce as a new member. After the slide show, Sam Powell gave a short presentation on some of the hand too we'll be using on our trail maintenance outings. Our first work party will be April 30th. at 9:00 am at Edward's Point on Signal Mountain. We will be sponsoring a day hike at Prentice Cooper Forest on May 14th. at 9:00 Outdoor Recreators, a supporting group of our chapter, will be sponsoring an outing to the Cohutta Wilderness on May 27th. thru 30th., anyone interested may contact Max Thomas at (615) 894-1580. We are planning what we hope to be the first of an annual event for our chapter, a weekend rally in Prentice Cooper Forest August 19th. & We'll have bluegrass music and a fun weekend planned for We hope many of you from the other chapters will help us make this successful.

Adopt A Trail

- It's finally SPRING and a great time to get out of doors and hike, and inspect your adopted trail. If you haven't already adopted a trail, contact Diane Davidson, 2820 22nd Ave South, Nashville, TN 37215. Approximately 20 trails have been adopted. THANKS to the following trail adopters:
- Betty Smith--Long Hunter Trail
 - *Frank Erlinger--North Plateau Trail(Savage G)
 - Bob Todd--Laurel Falls Day Loop (Savage Gulf)
 - Joe McCaleb--Stone Door Connector and Big Creek Trails (Savage Gulf)
 - *Bob Brown--Cumberland Trail, Brady Mt. Section
 - James Wording--Cumberland Tr., Cumberland Gap to Cove Lake
 - Russ Fryer--Montgomery Bell Overnight Trail
 - *Memphis Ch.TTA--Chicksaw Bluff Trail,Sec.2
 - Grimes Slaughter--North Ridge Trail
 - *Bill Hager--Bearwaller Gap Trail
 - Cumberland Ch,Sierra Club--John Muir Trail, (Cherokee National Forest)
 - *J.W. & Jean Kennicott--Red Leaves Trail (Natchez Trace State Park)
 - The Stidham Family--Hidden Springs Trail
 - *Murfreesboro Ch.TTT--Twin Forks Trail (Percy Priest Lake)

- Joe Gaines--Indian Town Bluff Trail(Cheatham Lake)
- *Margaret Mann--Edgar Evins Nature Trail(Edgar Evins State Park)
- *Dot Lingerfelt--Accordian Bluff Trail (Dale Hollow Lake)
- Howard Ray Duncan--Rock Creek Trail (Pickett State Park)
- Volunteer Group, Sierra Club--Chicksaw Bluff Trail, Sec 1
- Bob and Marshal Brandt--Edwin Warner Park Trails
- *These adopters have recently inspected their trails.

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	615-751-3292
	(work)

Calendar of Events

April 30 TEC Annual Meeting, Montgomery Bell
 April 30- Memphis Ch.-Spring in the Forest,
 May 1 Shelby Forest
 April 30 Chattanooga Ch.-worktrip at Edward's
 Point
 May 6-8 Fall Creek Falls Wildflower Pilgr.
 (Herb Rogers 615-881-3297)
 May 7 Memphis Ch.-Chickasaw Bluff Trail
 May 8 Mother's Day
 May 7 Murfreesboro Ch.-Virgin Falls
 May 12-15 Memphis Ch.-Mt. LeConte
 May 13-15 Bike touring at Fall Creek Falls
 (Herb Roberts 615-881-3297)
 May 14 Chattanooga Ch.-Prentice Cooper
 May 14 Nashville Ch.-Long Hunter State Pk.
 May 18-25 TVA barge, Chattanooga
 May 22 Cumberland Mt. Ch.-Northrup Falls
 May 27-30 Outdoor Recreators (Chattanooga)
 hike to Cohutta Wilderness (Max
 Thomas, 615-894-1580)
 May 27- Appalachian Trail Conference, New
 June 3 Platz, New York, for info. and reg.
 materials, write to Box 650. Shrub.

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 May 28 Memphis Ch.-Memphis Historical trails
 May 30 Memorial Day
 June 4 Cumberland Trail (Gene Curp 615-824-1171)
 June 11 Memphis Ch.-Canoe trip in Arkansas
 (Betty Porter 901-363-0213)
 June 11-12 Chattanooga Ch.-Cohutta Wilderness
 (Glen Hanley 615-890-4113/898-2104)
 June 12 Cumberland Mt. Ch.-Sheltoee Trace
 (Tom Maddox 615-879-8404)
 June 18-19 Middle Tn Waterfalls (David Stidham
 615-859-3621/251-5115)
 June 25 Murfreesboro Ch.-Horseback ride at
 Cedars of Lebanon (Andra Fuson
 615-444-7775)
 Aug 19-20 Chattanooga Ch.-weekend rally at
 Prentice Cooper Forest
 Sept 14-18 TVA barge, Nashville
 Oct 12-23 TVA barge, Memphis
 Oct 14-16 TTA Annual meeting, Pickett Park
 Oct 20-23 Southeast Trails Conference

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 ents and family dependents.

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