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Auction at Annual Meeting - At the annual meeting at Pickett State Park, we will have a repeat of last year's successful "auction". Bring a useful item - book, photograph, camping & hiking equipment, boots, tents, or a jar of "blackberry jam" - anything you no longer need but which might be useful to someone else. Proceeds from auction will go to a fund to help replace the Suck Creek bridge on the Cumberland Trail which washed away during last spring's floods.

Savage Gulf Map Available - The trail map and guide for the Savage Gulf Trails has been reprinted. The reprint includes the new South Rim Trail. For a copy, send 50¢ to South Cumberland Recreation Area, Rt. 1, Box 144-H, Tracy City, TN 37387. Copies can also be purchased at the ranger stations at the trail heads.

TTA Volunteer Trail Awards - Did you know you can earn a special award for volunteer work on the Cumberland Trail or the Chickasaw Bluff Trail. The Cumberland Trail patch requires 24 hours of work on the CT. If you qualify, contact TTA at the Chattanooga PO Box. For only 2 hours of volunteer work on the Chickasaw Bluff Trail, you can qualify for a CBT patch (write to Jill Norvell, Shelby Forest State Park, Millington, TN 38053). Qualifying volunteer work includes route reconnaissance, marking, blazing, trail construction, brush trimming, or simply cleaning up litter. Inspections under the Adopt-A-Trail program also qualify.

Dedication - South Cumberland Recreation Area Trails - The staff of the South Cumberland Recreation Area request your presence at the ceremony commemorating the completion and grand opening of the South Cumberland Recreation Area Trail System. The ceremony will be held Sunday, Oct. 9, 1983 at the Great Stone Door Ranger Station, Beersheba Springs, TN.

Agenda: 2 p.m. - Speakers & ribbon cutting
2:30 p.m. - Hike to Stone Door Overlook
3:00 p.m. - Blue Grass Music & Refreshments

Sharen Patterson, TTA director, will be married on Oct. 1 to Mark Bracy. Wedding will be at Fairview Baptist Church, Athens, TN, at 2 p.m. "All are invited to come to my wedding," Sharen said.

The trails at Savage Gulf will be closed on the following dates for hunting this year. November 19,20; 25,26,27;
December 2,3,4

All the trails will be closed on those dates except the Big Creek loop and the Laurel Falls loop accessed from the Stone Door. For further information, call 615-924-1980 or write:

South Cumberland Recreation Area
Rt. 1 Box 144-H
Tracy City, Tennessee 37387

Nomination for 1984 Officers

Evelyn Tretter, chairman of a nominating committee for new officers, will submit the following names for vote at the annual meeting: president, Evan Means; vice president, Bertha Chrietzberg; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Dot Lingerfelt; recording secretary, Evelyn Tretter; director for three-year term, Howard Ray Duncan. Nominations may be made from the floor.

HIKES

FALL HIKE DAY, LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES

Saturday, October 1, 1983

The TTA and TVA's Land Between the Lakes (LBL) will co-sponsor a Hike Day at the Fort Henry Hiking Trails in the southern portion of LBL. The Fort Henry Trails offer hikes ranging from 2.4 miles to 15.5 miles. Hike Day registration will be at the Fort Henry Trail parking lot from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. No preregistration is required. Groups should check in on arrival. Day hikers are asked to be off the trail by 5 p.m. Adequate parking is available. Groups may camp at Piney Campground or Boswell Landing Lake access. A fee of \$6 per night, plus 50 cents for electricity will be charged at Piney. There is no charge at Boswell Landing. Groups are asked to furnish their own guides or qualified leaders. Emergency aid will be available. Take US Hwy 79 between Dover, TN and Paris Landing, TN. About 1 mile west of Dover, turn right (north) on Rt. 49 (The Trace) and follow to South Information Station; turn left, continue on this road until you come to Boswell Landing, Ft. Henry Trail Sign and turn right. Follow straight ahead for one mile to Ft. Henry Trails (Boswell Landing is to right as you come into gravel road).

LEADER: Arthur Yates 615-459-2095
Smyrna

Twin Forks Trail Horseback Ride, J. Percy Priest Lake (Rutherford Co.) Saturday, Oct. 1, 1983

Bring your horse, food and water and meet at 9 a.m. (central time) at Walter Hill Dam. From Murfreesboro, go north on US 231 (south from Lebanon). Walter Hill Dam is just upstream of the blue bridge where US 231 crosses the East Fork, Stones River, about 6 miles north of Murfreesboro (20 miles south of Lebanon). The plan is to ride the Twin Forks Trail to East Fork Recreation Area for lunch, and end at Nices Mill Recreation Area (22 mi.).

LEADER: Roger Shoemaker
Murfreesboro
615-890-3485

October 8-9 - BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERNS

The Memphis Chapter will explore the world underfoot at the National Park's caverns near Mt. View Ark. Meet at the Cavern's information center at 12:00 Oct 8; a special guided tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. Allow a 5 hour drive from Memphis to Blanchard Springs. On Oct. 9, leader Jim Drum will guide the group through one of the Park's trail in the Ozarks. Arrangements and time of the hike will be decided on Oct. 8 at Blanchard Springs. Camping is available at the Park or motels in Mt. View.
Leader: Jimmy Drum 767-2783
memphis

CARDWELL MTN. HIKE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

The five mile Cardwell Mtn. Loop Trail is a part of the Trail of Tears State Historic Route which commemorates the flight of the Cherokee Nation through Tennessee. The moderately difficult hike begins at the parking area of Cumberland Caverns and passes through remnants of orchard groves to Buzzards Roost on the mountain. Meet the hike leader at the Cumberland Museum to carpool from Nashville at 7:30 am. Or gather at the trail head at Cumberland Caverns at 9:30 am. Bring a lunch. For more information call Diane Davidson at (615) 297-6181. Nashville



CHEWALLA HIKE-HOLLY SPRINGS, MS.

Sat., Nov. 5, 1983

Memphis Chapter will sponsor this hike in Holly Springs Nat'l Forest. This is a ten mile (five in and back out) backpacking trail and you will need to wear jeans and comfortable shoes. Bring lunch and water; meet at the picnic area parking lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. Carpool will leave from Kingsway Christian Church parking lot at 7:45 a.m.

LEADER: Jerri Bull 901-263-4408
Memphis

CARPOOL COORDINATORS:

Memphis - Gene Jacobson	901-755-9073
Nashville - Evelyn Tretter	615-859-0566
Murfreesboro - Maryedith McFarlin	615-896-1344
Chattanooga - Dot Lingerfelt	615-842-8043
	615-751-3292
	(work)

* See Annual Meeting Program for more hikes! *

ANNUAL MEETING '83

SIX GREAT WAYS TO SEE THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU!

HIDDEN PASSAGE & TUNNEL TRAILS

5 miles - class II - Saturday, October 15

This hike will be along trails in Pickett State Forest. Some highlights of this trip will be; Thompson Overlook, some beautiful views of the Thompson Creek Gorge, and an old abandoned railroad tunnel. We will be leaving from the Group Camp at 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Ron Qualls 444-1138
Mt. Juliet

DOUBLE WATERFALLS

5 miles - class II - Saturday, October 15

The main feature of this hike will be the Double Waterfalls. We will hike the Hidden Passage Trail to the Double Waterfalls Trail, where we will pass along Thompson Creek, before arriving at the falls. We will leave from the Group Camp at 1:00 p.m.

Leader: George Minnigh 879-5930
Jamestown

CHIMNEY ROCK EXPEDITION

½ mile - class IV - Saturday, October 15

This expedition will begin as a 4x4 trip, which will take the group to the edge of Kentucky to a most spectacular and unique rock formation, known as Chimney Rock. The hiking involved in this trip will cover a relatively short distance, however there will be steep climbing involved, which will require scrambling around high cliffs. The group will leave the Group Camp at 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Tom Sells 879-7759 home
Jamestown 879-8017 work

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HIKES WILL BE POSTED AT MEETING.

LAUREL CREEK HIKE

6 miles - class II w/optional class IV section
Sunday, October 16

This hike will follow the Middle Creek Loop Trail, passing spectacular rock houses, before descending into the Laurel Creek Gorge. There will be several creek crossings, so bring proper apparel. Near the end of the hike, there will be an optional side trip to the top of Yellow Face Cliff. The side trip will only be about 300 yards, so those who wish to stay behind will only have a brief wait. We will be leaving the Group Camp at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to the trail head.

Leader: Steven Burke 879-7770 home
Jamestown 879-8017 work

TWIN ARCHES - PARCH CORN LODGE

11 miles - class III - Sunday, October 16

This day long hike will be on some beautiful new trails recently constructed in the Big South Fork NRRA. This hike will include two of the most popular attractions in the BSF; Twin Arches and Parch Corn Lodge. The hikers will carpool from the Group Camp to the trail head on Fork Ridge Road. We will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Howard Ray Duncan 879-8245
Jamestown

TWIN ARCHES - PARCH CORN LODGE-SHORT HIKE

7 miles - class II - Sunday, October 16

This hike will include the two main features of the longer Twin Arch-Parch Corn Lodge hike, but it will be 4 miles shorter. We will carpool to the Parch Corn Lodge parking area on the Fork Ridge Road. We will leave from the Group Camp at 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Tom Maddox 879-8404
Jamestown

*Early Bird Hikes
Saturday + Sunday
Mornings
6:00 a.m.

* TTA Auction
Saturday Night
(Bring Something)

* Come for Friday Night
Potluck Dinner,
Show + Tell with
Bluegrass Entertainment

* Lots of Free Catalogs

* Guest Speakers

* Over \$400⁰⁰ in
Door Prizes
* Good Food,
Good Hikes,
and a
Good Time
for all!

ANNUAL MEETING '83

1983 TTA ANNUAL MEETING
PICKETT STATE PARK



FRIDAY - 14 October

- 1 p.m. Registration--Group Camp
Hike (for early arrivals)--on your own. Information
on trails will be available.
- 7 p.m. Potluck Supper
Icebreaker - Social Time (bring your music)
- 8 p.m. Mini Presentations
Bluegrass Mountain Music
- 9 p.m. Board Meeting

SATURDAY - 15 October

- 6 a.m. Early Bird Hike
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome by President
After Breakfast Talk - "Cumberlands - The Land
and the People" - Bobby Fulcher, TN
State Parks
- Break
- 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting: Elections, Chapter Reports,
Cumberland Trail Report, State Trails
Report (Terry Bonham, TN Dept. of
Parks and Recreation)
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Day Hikes (See October newsletter for descriptions)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
TTA Annual Award Presentation
After Dinner Talk - "Big South Fork -
Development & Management" - Bob Daum,
Interpreter, Big South Fork National
River and Recreation Area
- *AUCTION* - for Suck Creek Bridge Replacement Fund

SUNDAY - 16 October

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Meeting on Annual Program
- 9:30 a.m. Day Hikes (see October newsletter for descriptions)

Please preregister so meals can be planned!

TENNESSEE TRAILS ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 14-16, 1983

PICKETT STATE PARK - JAMESTOWN, TENNESSEE

Mail this today!

Don't miss this meeting! It's going to be a dandy!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Registration Fee: \$2. 00 per person

Lodging: \$7.00 per person for weekend.....

Pickett State Park Group Camp **BRING YOUR OWN LINENS
AND BEDROLL**

Meals: (Circle which ones)

Breakfast (Saturday, Sunday) \$2.50 per meal.....
\$2.00 for child

Sausage & Biscuits --- Ham & Biscuits

Fruit Bar

Juice - Milk - Coffee

Lunch (Saturday) \$3.50 per meal.....

Sandwichs (Ham, Bologna, Cheese, etc.)
\$2.00 for child

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Banana Pudding

Ice Tea - Milk - Coffee

Dinner (Saturday) \$4.50 per meal.....

Ribeye Steak \$2.50 for child

Potato Wedges

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Rolls

Hawaiian Dessert

Ice Tea - Milk - Coffee

Total _____

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

Make check payable to Tennessee Trails Association

Send registration and check to: Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.
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 _____

There will be an auction sometime during the weekend so if you have
items to donate, please bring them. It's lots of fun!

→ *NOTE* It is highly important to pre-register for the
annual meeting, in order to insure plenty of
food and a good time for all! ←



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

Date _____

Please register me as a member for the calendar year 19____ (Jan. through Dec.) with the type of membership checked:

_____ Student (fulltime undergraduate and high school) \$ 3.00
_____ Individual \$ 8.00
_____ Family dependent (one who resides with an individual member) \$ 3.00
_____ Supporting \$ 15.00
_____ Life \$150.00

Student members do not have voting privileges. Supporting members may be organizations or individuals. Each organization should designate a representative to cast its vote and up to three addresses to receive the newsletter. Family dependent members do not receive a separate newsletter.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____ (home) _____ (work)

Beat the rush!

Pay your '84 dues
early.

Chapter News

Cumberland Mountain

Twenty-six Cumberland Mountain Chapter members and guests gathered at shelter #1 at Pickett State Park on Saturday, September 3 for the Cumberland Mountain Chapter meeting and homemade ice cream party. Three freezers of ice cream began making as everyone took an enjoyable hike to hazard cave where our meeting was held. After business was discussed the meeting was adjourned and everyone hiked back to the picnic area where we enjoyed homemade peach, chocolate, and vanilla ice cream along with homemade apple cider. Thanks to Tom and Martha Sells for mixing the recipe for all three flavors of ice cream. It was delicious. Pamela Burke.

Nashville

Nashville Chapter TTA met on Sept. 22, 1983, at Shutes Branch Recreation Area, Old Hickory Lake, for a chapter meeting and weiner roast. There were about 14 people present. John Sheppard, who has a commercial river outing business, talked to the group about the trips he sponsors - Ocoee, Big South Fork, others. John Clark showed slides of Nashville chapter members' trip to Maine, and of Pickett State Park. E. Tretter

CHAPTER MEETINGS - The Nashville Chapter will not meet in October. Members are urged to attend the annual meeting of TTA at Pickett State Park on Oct. 14-16. No meeting will be held in November, as the chapter will meet jointly with the local Audubon group with a potluck supper at the Cumberland Museum on Dec. 1. More about this later. Next regular meeting of the chapter will be Jan. 26, 1984.

Murfreesboro

The Murfreesboro Chapter of the TTA would like to sponsor a Christmas Dance on the 13th of December, 1983, IF there is enough interest. There would be a \$5.00 charge per couple to help offset the costs incurred. This fee would be payable at the door. We would have a band come and play and have sandwiches and drinks catered IF there is enough interest to pay us to pursue this idea. The dress would be casual. The men would bring a man's gift, the women would bring a woman's gift and Santa Claus would come by and pass out the gifts. If you would be interested in attending and would attend, please contact Arthur Yates, 110 Stewart Drive, Smyrna, TN, 37167 or call (615-459-2095). If it appears there is enough interest, a more detailed account will be in a future newsletter. This dance will be open to all TTA members, their families and guests, though we would like to know how many are coming. If you intend to bring guests, please note on form. (From the Chapter's "Fun & Sun Letter").

Memphis

Thanks to Bob Barnett, Gene Jacobson, Anne Lindholm, Laura Derrington, Thurmon Simmons, Ray Burkett and me for Slashing and Bashing through the privet, honeysuckle, and poison ivy along the first half of our newly adopted trail, The Sensory Trail at Lichterman Nature Center September 17. THANKS YALL - Jill

TRIP REPORTS

Stones River Battlefield - Aug. 27 (Nashville Ch.) - Three people took the evening hike around the battlefield at Murfreesboro; Vic Canada, Beverly Smith, and the leader, Evelyn Tretter. The woods were lovely in the twilight. We walked about 2½ miles in the warm night and saw visions of ghostly soldiers of the 1862-63 battle. A sacred place. E. Tretter

Campbell Cave-Subterranean Hike, September 11 (Cumberland Mountain Chapter) - Seventeen fearless hikers spent an interesting Sunday evening hiking underneath Campbell Mountain. The cool 56 degrees of the cave proved to be a welcome relief from the 93 degree surface temperature. The explorers were able to visit such attractions as the Tunnel, the Campsite, the Crevasse, the Big Room, the Cathedral, and the Hole. We had a great time on an unusual hike. Thanks to all who attended. A special thanks to the clean up crew. Howard Duncan.

Put together eight miles of trail, rolling hills, 12 TTA enthusiasts, empty water canteens, and a mouse tail and you've got September 10's second annual hike along the Tennessee River. This not-even-open-to-the-public state park, Mouse Tail Landing, is run by Ranger Jim Keeton, who kindly took us up and down and around the park (this time without his dog) and who also blazed the way through the zillions of spider webs. Thanks, Jim. Other wildlife seen was a turtle, lots of turkey feathers, a preying mantis, and of course horse flies. Everyone enjoyed the trip, especially the stop in Jackson at the Dairy Queen. We'll do it again in the spring! Happy Trails - Jill

Radnor Lake, Sept. 17 (Nashville Chapter) - Five people, Vic Canada, Max Thomas, Susan Johnsey, Gail Douglas and the leader, Evelyn Tretter, took the sunset hike on the Ganier Trail. Weather was pleasant, we had beautiful view of the sunset reflected in the lake through the trees. On this short hike about 300 feet elevation is gained in approximately one mile. Moon was brilliant as we came out just at dark.

.....Evelyn Tretter

Calendar of Events

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| Oct. 1-2 | - Intergroup conference, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Center Hill | Nov. 5 | - Honey Creek Pickett Wilderness (Sharen Patterson 615-444-4566). |
| Oct. 1 | - Twin Fork Trail horseback ride (see this newsletter) | Nov. 5 | - Chewalla Natl. Forest (see this nl) |
| Oct. 1 | - Fall Hike Day, LBL (see this nl) | Nov. 6 | - John Muir Trail (Steven Burke 615-879-7770) |
| Oct. 8 | - Cardwell Mt. Hike (see this nl) | Nov. 12 | - Laurel-Snow Pickett Wilderness (Mary-edith McFarlin 615-896-1344). |
| Oct. 8 | - S. Cumberland Rec. Area Trails dedication (see this nl) | Nov. 12 | - Hatchie River Wildlife Refuge (J.C. Bryant 901-772-0501). |
| Oct. 8-9 | - Blanchard Springs Caverns, Ark. (see this nl) | Nov. 12 | - Cumberland Trail, Sec. I (Mike Dahl 615-525-1972) |
| Oct. 12-23 | - TVA Barge, Memphis | Nov. 19 | - Accordion Bluff Trail (Dot Lingerfelt 615-751-3292) |
| Oct. 14-16 | - TTA Annual Meeting (see this nl) | Nov. 26 | - Chickasaw Bluff Trail (Charlie & Jill Norvell 901-876-5529). |
| Oct. 22-23 | - Savage Gulf Mt. climbing (see this nl) | Dec. 1 | - Joint TTA/Audubon Christmas, Cumberland Museum |
| Oct. 28-29 | - TCWP Annual Meeging, Fall Creek Falls St. Park | | |
| Oct. 29 | - Twin Forks Trail Worktrip (Roger Shoemaker - 615-890-3485). | | |
| Nov. 5 | - Canoe trip on Stones River (Bertha Chrietzberg - 615-896-1146). | | |

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

OBJECTIVES: To promote, construct, and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective. Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail. Regular dues are \$8.00 per year: \$3.00 for students and family dependents.

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