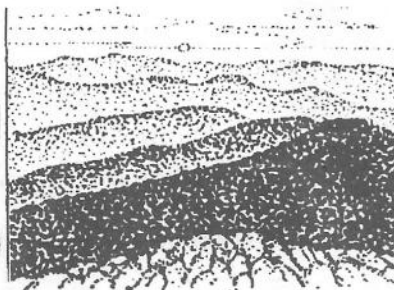


TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



TRIP REPORT

Short Springs Natural Area National Trails Day June 7

National Trails Day was a splendid day to be doing trail work at Short Springs State Natural Area. Libby Francis and Arleen Barnett had done their homework by previewing the project and had plenty of work planned for the 15 able and eager workers who converged on Short Springs from Greenbrier, Murfreesboro, Mt. Juliet, Nashville, Tullahoma and Pikeville.

Josh Cole and Dan Frazier of Tullahoma, and Jim Talley of Nashville, were non-TTA members when they worked with us on June 7th, but hopefully they've joined TTA in the meantime.

A high percentage of what was planned for National Trails Day at Short Springs was accomplished. Alan Stokes and Rob Weber led a herculean effort putting in water bar/steps on the steep descent into the falls/gorge area, ably assisted by Mike Harvey, Jeff Keyes, Jim Talley, Josh Cole and Dan Frazier. Thirty steps were put in, making a visit to this wildflower and waterfall haven much safer and also curbing the severe erosion problem. Stay tuned for the next work trip to complete the steps and to reroute the trail to the top of the ridge on the other side of Bobo Creek. Libby Francis earned her "Scouting" privileges by finding a deer path that will make a nice, easy graded trail up to the ridgetop. The existing "unofficial" trail goes straight up and is severely eroded into a gulley.

Sarah Davis, Barbara Draude, Cathy Williams, Libby Francis, Jane Holladay, Susan Weber and Bob Barnett were busy lending their support to the stepbuilding crew (we had a "timber-brigade" going to get the 6x6's and rebar down the steep slope), and were also tasked with making some "unofficial" trails disappear. Libby and Cathy

clipped, clipped and clipped on the loop trail at the bottom of the gorge.

Josh Cole and Dan Frazier are interested in a TTA chapter in the Tullahoma-Manchester area. If these two young men provide the leadership and impetus for a new chapter, it will potentially be very different because they are so young—but that is good!

Marjorie Collier and Patricia Clemmons of the Friends of Short Springs brought snacks, homemade cookies, drinks and moral support to the work crews.

And what did Arleen Barnett do? She walked up and down from the bottom of the gorge to the ridgetop at least 8 times, she swears, checking on the four different work crews going simultaneously.

Thanks to everyone who took a chance on working in the rain (Arleen's luck held out and we had sunny skies) and came anyway. Everyone worked VERY HARD and we got a lot done.

Thanks to TVA, the Natural Heritage Division of the State Dept. of Environment & Conservation, the Tullahoma Recreation Department, and the Tullahoma Utilities Board for their assistance in planning this trail maintenance and for preserving Short Springs as a State Natural Area for Tennesseans to enjoy.

And a BIG THANK YOU to Judith Bartlow of TVA, who also happens to be Chair of the East Tennessee TTA Chapter, for arranging to have TVA donate the lumber and rebar and getting it there!

---Bob Barnett, Nashville Chapter

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July 97 newsletter

TRIP REPORT
Whites Creek Trail Work
National Trails Day June 7

This has been a rainy-month (boy, that's an understatement! ..editor) but at least 8 TTA hikers are undaunted by a little moisture. Doris Gove led a peaceful evening hike in the rain at Ijams Nature Center. Several trails are new. They meander up and down, across creek and up to bluff lookouts. The new Ijams Nature Center is beautiful. Don't forget your local parks for short hikes!

National Trails Day was also rainy, but we had a hard working group of 8 at Whites Creek Trail, including a Boy Scout who was working on a service badge. We cut through several blow downs, trimmed brush, and reset trail signs. New Highway 27 construction makes it hard to find the trailhead, at least until construction is complete and signs are reinstalled.

--Judith Bartlow, Chair

CLARKSVILLE

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the City of Clarksville Crow Community Center at 211 Richview Rd.

The June 17 meeting was used to plan the remainder of the hike schedule for 1997, so call either Wanda Cumberland at 358-3338 or Jack Held at 645-1348 for details of July hikes and activities.

JULY 15 - Program meeting. Arleen Barnett of the Nashville Chapter will share a slide presentation of the 1997 Cumberland Trail Breakaway Program. Clarksville Chapter member Suva Bastin participated in Breakaway.

CUMBERLAND MTN.

Please call Eric Wilson or Vi Biehl at (423) 628-2817 for July hike information.

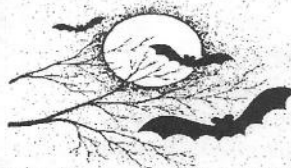
EAST TENNESSEE

JULY 10 (Thursday) - CLEAR CREEK TRAIL. A midweek evening hike to help you through the week. Meet at Lenoir Museum at 7:00 pm for a 3+ mile walk in the Norris watershed. Questions? Call Ken Cole at (423) 494-6810.

JULY 27 (Sunday) - LOST SEA and LAUREL SNOW POCKET WILDERNESS. This is a COOL selection for a hot month. Lost Sea is a commercial cave near Sweetwater. It features 56 degree temperature, lighted underground trails to a depth of 275 feet, a "Cavern Tavern" still, saltpeter vat, and underground lake stocked with trout. It is an easy walk, culminating in a surreal boat ride on the Lost Sea. The cost will be \$9.00 per person. We will lunch at Cracker Barrel and then drive to Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness near Dayton for a 5 mile round trip hike to 80 ft. Laurel Falls. We will leave from the porch of Cracker Barrel at Sweetwater exit 60 off I-75 at 9:00 am Eastern time. Call Judith Bartlow (423) 494-9421.

SNEAK PREVIEW!! **ANNUAL MEETING** **OCT. 31-NOV. 2, 1997**

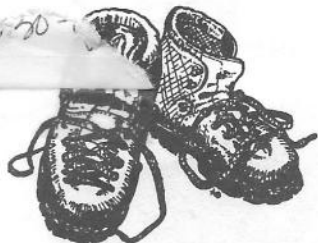
Bone up on your scariest ghost stories and think about a good costume for the Annual Meeting Halloween Night Bonfire at Norris Dam State Park, Oct. 31.



MEMPHIS

No chapter meeting in July.

JULY 20 - SPRING RIVER CANOE FLOAT, HARDY, ARKANSAS. Call Betty Porter (901) 755-4740.



MURFREESBORO

Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's Methodist Church.

Call Mike Harvey 893-9594 for hike info.

NASHVILLE

No Chapter Meeting at museum in July. See picnic details on July 15th.

HIKING HOTLINE 367-7045

JULY 7 (Monday) - Radnor Lake Night Hike. Meet at 6:00 pm at the Visitor's Center at Radnor Lake State Natural Area. We will walk the Lake Trail at a brisk pace and then retrace our steps in a leisurely fashion in order to see and hear wildlife. We expect to be off the trail by 8:00 or 8:30. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes or hiking boots. Please preregister by calling Bob Barnett at 832-6484.

JULY 12 - Downtown Nashville Historical Nashville, Diane Manas. We will walk

about two miles around downtown Nashville and enjoy the renovation, growth, and development taking place there. Meet at 9:00 at Broadway and 1st Ave. at the flags in front of Riverfront Park. Call Diane at 352-7777 for more information and to preregister.

JULY 13 - Savage Gulf Rim Trail and Forest Trail. We will hike 4 or 5 miles in this lovely area. Meet at 7:00 am at Target at I-24 and Bell Rd. Call Charlie Hann at 941-1503 for more information and to preregister.

JULY 13 - Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Meet at the Visitor's Center at Cedars of Lebanon State Park at 4:00 pm. We will proceed to the Hidden Springs trailhead which is 4 ½ miles, easy. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes or hiking boots. Preregister by calling Bob Barnett at 832-6484.

JULY 15 - Chapter Picnic. Our July meeting will be a potluck picnic at Edwin Warner Park, 6:00 pm. Picnic Shelter 11. Bring a dish to share and a friend. Paper goods and soft drinks will be provided. To reach the picnic area, turn on Vaughn Rd. from Old Hickory Blvd. Turn at the 4th right into the Edwin Warner Park Little Harpeth River Picnic Area. Follow the signs to reach Shelter 11. In the unlikely event the shelter is being used by someone else, go to Shelter 10. Meet at 5:00 if you would like to hike the 2 1.2 mile Harpeth Woods Trail loop. Call Libby Francis at 889-5718 if you need more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you have program suggestions, or would like to bring refreshments to a meeting, call Libby at 889-5718.

If you would like to lead a hike, call Elizabeth Gerlock 356-6260.

July 27 - Canoeing. We plan to canoe at the Suggs Creek area of Percy Priest Lake. Please bring your own canoe or rent a canoe. Call Charlie Hann at 941-1503 for more information and to preregister.

Be sure to call the hike leader to let him or her know of your intention to join the hike. Occasionally plans change and hikes are cancelled.

PLATEAU

Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Crossville Housing Authority, 202 Irwin Ave.

The Plateau Chapter is taking a summer hiatus from hiking due to the heat. Scheduled hikes will resume in September.

UPPER CUMBERLAND

A Chapter reorganization occurred at the June meeting. We welcome Denise Charvoz as the new Chapter Chair for Upper Cumberland. Paul Miller will continue to serve as Activities Coordinator, Bonnie Greene will continue as newsletter editor for Cumberland Trails, and Marnell Cothran will continue as treasurer.

Many thanks to Paul and Pam for years of dedicated service in leading the Upper Cumberland Chapter.

JULY 12 - Redbud Walk. 6 miles, moderate. Walk the scenic streets of Cookeville and visit 5 of our city parks! Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 10:30 am. Contact: Paul or Pam Miller, 626-9259, Cookeville.

JULY 12 - Chapter Meeting and Potluck at Barbara Phifer's in Algood. Take the Redbud walk, then join us for some fun at Barbara Phifer's. Bring snacks and potluck dishes. Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 3:00 pm to caravan to Barbara's home. Contact: Barbara Phifer 537-6852, Algood.

On Any Day - Denise Charvoz' Mountain. 2 miles easy. Denise opens her home and trails to all TTA members. Walk with Denise on her mountain near Monterey, overlooking Cherry Creek. Contact: Denise Charvoz 738-3595, Sparta.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL VOLUNTEER PICNIC SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1997



Join us for our first annual **THANK YOU** and get together celebrating everyone's efforts on the CT. Whether you volunteered for Breakaway, joined us on a work outing during the year, or just want to learn more about the trail—come on out and bring your favorite dish!! This is a great opportunity to put a face with a voice and meet some folks with similar interests. We will host a potluck picnic at Picnic Shelter C in Frozen Head State Park at 12:00 noon (EST) with plenty of time left over to explore their abundance of fauna, flora, and trails.

Frozen Head State Park is located north of Wartburg, TN. Camping is available. For more information, contact Susan Weber (423) 533-2620 or Arleen Barnett (615) 832-6484.

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Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Life Membership. YES, I want to join Tennessee Trails Association:

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