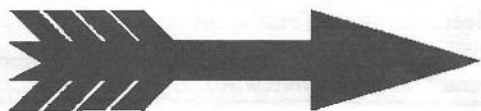
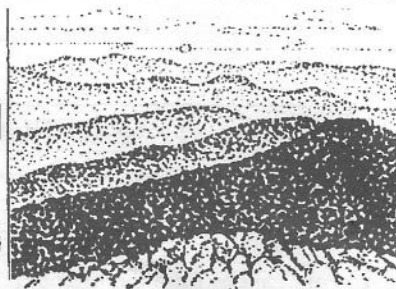


# TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



## ENORMOUS BOOST FOR LWCF AND TRAILS POSSIBLE

The Land and Water Conservation Fund may see more money this year--\$866 million—than it has seen since its inception in 1964. The program provides funds to federal agencies and states to buy land and develop the infrastructure for outdoor recreation resources, including trails.

The budget agreement just passed by Congress adds \$700 million to the Administration's original \$166 million budget request for the LWCF. In order for the LWCF to actually see this funding, first the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and then the full Congress, must pass an appropriations bill which includes the extra money. Such funding would play a vital role in the improvement of hiking trails in the United States. For example, this year's request for the Appalachian Trail is \$7.2 million on the federal side of LWCF, and the state-side request for the Florida National Scenic Trail is \$500,000.

Tell your congressional delegates that Congress should appropriate \$700 million for Land and Water Conservation Fund in addition to the Administration's initial request of \$166 million. The extra \$700 million was part of the budget agreement. It's good for recreation and the environment and part of the budget deal, so Congress should stick to this agreement in the appropriations bill.

Bob Brown of the Nashville Chapter is currently working on the next revision of *Hiking Tennessee Trails*. He is looking for new trails to include in the next edition. If you would like to submit a trail description to Bob, the deadline is AUGUST 31. Call Bob at (615) 352-7474 for additional details.

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### TTA BOARD MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1997 OCOEE RIVER RECREATION AREA

TTA members are welcome to attend the Board meeting. We will raft the Ocoee River in the morning. The Board meeting will begin at 2:00 pm. Call Harold for details of Board meeting location: Harold Draper (423) 689-7757 or e-mail [HaroldD385@aol.com](mailto:HaroldD385@aol.com).

TTA WEB PAGE: [www.tn-trails.org](http://www.tn-trails.org)

**TRIP REPORT**  
**Ghost River Canoe Float**  
**June 8**

Four canoes from the Memphis Chapter enjoyed a mild Sunday on the Ghost River section of the Wolf River on June 8. This section is ten miles in length, which includes about four miles of a river float followed by five miles of maneuvering through a mile-wide swamp (the Ghost River part), which finally opens into a "lake" and then a good current for the last half mile. We passed by numerous watersnakes resting on downed logs. Our only concerns were when we passed one large cottonmouth mocassin and later a copperhead. Luckily no one capsized and no one had a close encounter of the worst kind with any of the snakes. Trip time was five hours. Martye says that she will not return until late fall when the snakes are gone!

--Ray Burkett, Memphis

**TRIP REPORTS**  
**GREGORY BALD**  
**& NORRIS WATERSHED**

Keith Mertz led a hike to Gregory Bald. He said they missed the azalea bloom, but saw plenty of fog!

Ken Cole led a 5 mile mid-week evening hike on the Norris Watershed, with a well-planned feast of blackberries, wineberries, dewberries and black raspberries on Raccoon Run Trail. We enjoyed hiking with new folks!

--Judith Bartlow, East Tennessee

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**CLARKSVILLE**

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

AUGUST 2 - RADNOR LAKE (NASHVILLE). 4.1 miles, moderate, occasionally difficult. Call Eilene Hurt (615) 244-1669.

AUGUST 9 - LOCK B. CHEATHAM DAM HIKE. Short hike to bluff, as much as you like along the river, easy. Call Charles Putnam (615) 362-3669.

AUGUST 16 - MAMMOUTH CAVE HIKE. 5 miles, easy. Call Wanda Cumberland (615) 358-3338 or June Miller (615) 648-4195.

AUGUST 23 - DUNBAR CAVE TOUR/PICNIC. Cave tour at 3:00 pm, potluck picnic following at 4:00 pm. Call Wanda Cumberland (615) 358-3338 for details.

AUGUST 30 - LONG HUNTER HIKE. 5 miles, moderate. Call Eilene Hurt (615) 244-1669.

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## **EAST TENNESSEE**

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### **AUGUST 9 - JOYCE KILMER**

**MEMORIAL FOREST.** For those of you who have never seen the big trees, this is a wonderful opportunity. Keith Mertz will lead an easy, two mile hike through the ancient forest. Some trees are 20 ft. around the base! We will meet at Hardee's in Tellico Plains on State Hwy 68 at 10:00 am Eastern and drive the new Cherohala Skyway for spectacular views. For more information, call Keith at (423) 376-4827 (see August 10 hike also).

### **AUGUST 10 - Make a weekend of it.**

Since you're going that far for Joyce Kilmer Forest, stay overnight for another hike on Sunday at Twentymile Creek in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This will be a moderate 6.6 mile roundtrip hike on an old roadbed beside the creek and back. Seven bridges cross Twentymile Creek. There are cool pools and a cascade along the way. When we scouted this trail, we came upon a 5 ft. Eastern kingsnake swallowing another snake! Meet at 10:00 am Eastern at Twentymile Ranger Station on NC 28, just 5 miles from Fontana Dam. Call Judith at (423) 494-9421 for lodging/camping suggestions and directions. (There is a great lodge nearby!).

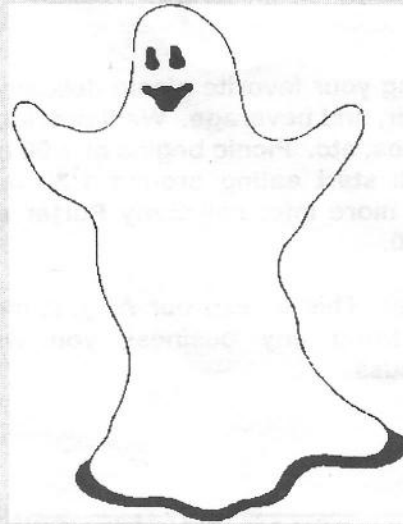
**AUGUST 21 (Thursday evening) - Worthington Cemetery Cedar Barrens** in Oak Ridge is a small urban natural area with a short trail. Maureen Cunningham will lead an easy, evening walk and talk about some of the late summer wildflowers. Meet at Elza Gate Park on the Oak Ridge Turnpike at 7:00 pm. Questions? Call 494-9421.

### **BREAD AND BUTTERS**

THANK YOU TO ANDREW STEVENS FOR  
COMPUTERIZED MAILING LABELS!

### **ANNUAL MEETING OCT. 31-NOV. 2, 1997**

*Howl at the new moon on Halloween at our  
Annual Meeting at Norris Dam State Park!*



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## **MEMPHIS**

There will be no meeting at Davis-Kidd Booksellers in August. See Annual Picnic details below.

**AUGUST 17 (SUNDAY) - ANNUAL PICNIC.** Again, the picnic will be at John Martin's lakeside home in Raleigh. From Austin Peay, go west on Stage Rd., turn right on Homewood, left on Lakewood. John's address is 3876 S. Lakewood (phone 386-3722).



Bring your favorite picnic delicacy, lawn chair, and beverage. We'll provide cups, plates, etc. Picnic begins at 1:00 pm and we'll start eating around 1:30 or 2:00. For more info, call Betty Porter at 755-4740.

Note: This is also our August meeting, so bring any business you wish to discuss.

## MURFREESBORO

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

Call Mike Harvey 893-9594 for hike info.

## NASHVILLE

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Cumberland Science Museum.

### HIKING HOTLINE 367-7045

**AUGUST 9 - RADNOR LAKE** led by Jennifer Hann. Meet at 7:30 am at the Visitor Center. We'll hike 4 1/2 miles. Call Jennifer at 941-1503 for more info and to preregister.

**AUGUST 16 - PERCY WARNER HIKE** led by Elizabeth Gerlock. Meet at 8:00 am at the trailhead in the park. We will have 2 1/2, 4 1/2 and 7 mile options. Call Elizabeth at 356-6260 for more info and to preregister.

**AUGUST 17 - FOSTER FALLS TO RAVEN POINT TO GRUNDY FOREST HIKE**, led by Jim Poteet. Once more, we'll try to complete the entire hike. In June, swollen streams made the Foster Falls to Raven Point portion impassable. Meet at 8:00 am at Target parking lot at Bell Rd. on I-24. Call Jim at 377-4777 for more info and to preregister.

**AUGUST 19 - PROGRAM MEETING.** Join us for our regular program meeting, August 19. Our speaker will be Randy Hedgepath, Park Ranger at The Stone Door of the South Cumberland Recreation Area. Randy will show slides, discuss flora, fauna, and trail issues of this beautiful area of the Cumberland Mountains. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Randy is a most entertaining and knowledgeable speaker.

**AUGUST 30 - PERCY WARNER HIKE** led by Diane Manas. Meet at 8:00 am at the trailhead in the park. We'll have 2 1/2, 4 1/2 and 7 mile options. Call Diane at 352-7777 for more info and to preregister.

**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.

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.

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### TRIP REPORT CUMBERLAND MTN. SEGMENT CUMBERLAND TRAIL JUNE 28

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Faith Dippold and Irma Isaacs of Jacksboro, and Nancy Green of LaFollette, joined me on an impromptu hike of this 10-mile portion of the Cumberland Trail recently opened by the

Big Creek Gully  
Ranger Hill  
Big Creek Park  
Stone Door  
Aug 23  
(7 people)  
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JUNE 28  
Faith Dippold and Irma Isaacs of Jacksboro, and Nancy Green of LaFollette, joined me on an impromptu hike of this 10-mile portion of the Cumberland Trail recently opened by the  
18am Hickory Hollow  
Los Lunas  
Dillard's  
Krust

college students and TTA volunteers during March's Breakaway program.

We all commented in the parking lot before we started hiking the biggest decision of the hike—shorts or long pants? The summer heat made shorts sound inviting, but the likelihood of summer overgrowth and briars on bare legs was an unpleasant prospect. Long pants won out 3 to 1 and Irma was wishing for longer pant legs before the day was over (especially since she is very allergic to poison ivy).

We were rewarded with fragrant, blooming rhododendron on the steep climb up the northern end of the mountain, along with incredible views down into the valleys on both sides of the ridgeline. There was enough of a breeze on the ridgeline to make hiking comfortable.

Faith and I were amazed at the amount of vegetation that had taken over the trail since we worked there in March. In some places a machete would have been helpful! The blazing was good, however, and we were able to find our way. If we saw one terrapin, we must have seen 20!

This was Nancy and Irma's first hike with Tennessee Trails and their first "real hike" in the woods, they said. I was worried about what they would think when we got to the famed rock "crevice" but once they watched me make the descent without breaking anything, they maneuvered down it like veteran rock climbers.

We were most grateful to the 4-wheelers we met at Eagle Bluff Overlook who shared cold Cokes from their coolers with us! By the way, that pretty white plant we saw that smelled awful was Black Cohosh, and the black beetle with white spots and two big white rings on its body that looked like eyes was an Eastern Click Eyed Beetle.

Miraculously, Irma escaped poison ivy and is ready to go hiking again. Thanks to Nancy, Faith and Irma for making this such a fun outing.

--Arleen Barnett, Nashville

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## PLATEAU

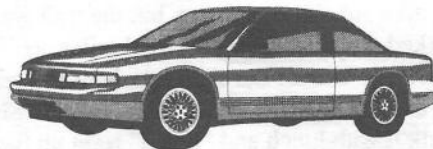
Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Crossville Housing Authority, 202 Irwin Ave.

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

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## UPPER CUMBERLAND



**CAR HIKE, CHAPTER MEETING AND DINNER AT CUMBERLAND MTN. STATE PARK.** 120 miles, easy to moderate. We will meet in Sparta and drive Hwy 70 to Ozone Falls, Mount Roosevelt, Piney Falls, Grassy Cove and the Homestead community and museum. We will have a picnic lunch and chapter meeting at Mt. Roosevelt. We will end our day at Cumberland Mtn Park for dinner at the restaurant. Meet at First Union Bank in Sparta at 10:30 am. Contact Paul or Pam Miller 526-9259, Crossville.

**DENISE CHARVOZ' MOUNTAIN** - Denise opens her home and trails to all TTA members. Walk with Denise on her mountain near Monterey, overlooking Cherry Creek. Contact Denise at 738-3595, Sparta.

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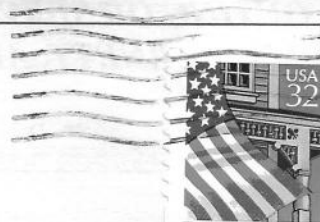
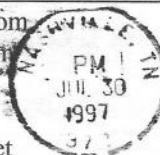
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