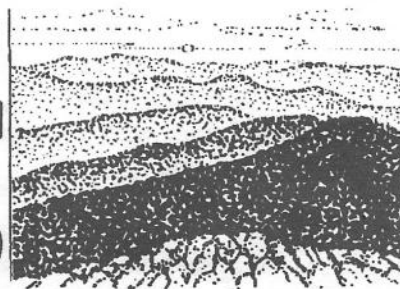


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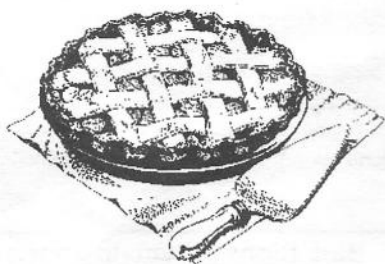


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BAKE SALE

Bring your favorite cookies, brownies or treats, individually wrapped, for the Bake Sale at TTA's Annual Meeting. Goodies will be available to hikers (and non-hikers) for 50 cents apiece as part of the Annual Auction fundraiser. Whole cakes and pies, homemade jellies and jams, and homemade breads can be sold too.

901-986-2361 Andy

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS! DECLUTTER THE GARAGE! EXPLORE THE RECESSES OF YOUR DRAWERS!

The 1997 Tennessee Trails Annual Fundraising Auction will be held on Saturday evening, Nov. 1 at 8:00 pm, in the Tea Room at Norris Dam State Park. Proceeds from the Auction go to support the Cumberland Trail Conference, an associate organization of the Tennessee Trails Association focused on building the 220 mile Cumberland Trail in East Tennessee.

The 1997 Auction promises to have unprecedented merchandise, including new items, handcrafted items, "What the heck is that?" items, canoe trips, bed and breakfast coupons, special hiking outings, a bake sale, a \$2.00 table, and a silent auction where we plan to move some quality and garage-sale type items.

The more serious shoppers looking for quality items or indulging in fetishes such as Elvis-worship, Red Dog merchandise or velvet paintings will be royally entertained and have their wallets emptied by auctioneer supreme, Bob Barnett, during the live auction beginning at 8:00 pm Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Tea Room in Norris Dam State Park.

Come prepared to do some of your Christmas shopping. We will set minimum bids on some items and hope to raise the actual value or more. But, we realize this is the TTA auction and that a high price item might be a stuffed tiger in Red Dog Beer boxer shorts.

Last year TTA members generously surpassed the goal of \$1,500 set for the fundraising auction. Auction Coordinator, Bob Barnett, and his auction elves are not setting a specific goal this year but are challenging TTA members and other auction guests to go beyond the \$1,500 mark (do I hear \$2,500?).

MY FAVORITE FALL HIKE The O&W Trail by Pat Anderson



An easy, 4.6 mile round trip linear trail in the Big South Fork. It is named for the old Oneida & Western Railroad, and is a portion of the John Muir Trail — blazed with his blue silhouette.

To add another 3.2 hiking miles, take the moderate Leatherwood Loop Trail blazed with a red arrow, which connects .5 miles from the trailhead. It leads

up and over a high ridge with a spectacular view of the Big South Fork Gorge.

The O&W Trail follows the river through a beech and maple forest with some hemlock, mountain laurel, rhododendron, and white pine interspersed with gigantic rock outcroppings. The fall colors the trees display are as glorious as spring's riot of wildflowers, including yellow lady slippers.

The railroad bridge is unique for wrought iron used as structural iron, and in the south end being anchored in boulders rather than piers. Here are many good photo opportunities to catch paddlers attempting to negotiate the Class III rapids below.

If your fall hike is on an unseasonably hot day, you can enjoy a swim when returning to the Leatherwood Ford trailheads. Leatherwood Ford is located on TN 297 between Jamestown and Oneida on the east side of the long bridge over the Big South Fork River.

If you meet Howard Ray Duncan or James Smith there – say hello for me!

Attention TTA Membership
TTA Bylaw Change
"Associate Organizations"

Below you will find a new bylaw to be voted on by the general membership at TTA's 1997 Annual Meeting at Norris Dam State Park. This bylaw is in response to the need for the Cumberland Trail Conference to be formally recognized by TTA. Currently, we are recognized only as a committee by the Board. There is currently no bylaw structure to allow us to exist as an associate organization under TTA's umbrella. **The CTC needs this recognition and structure to support our grant writing efforts for the Cumberland Trail.** This bylaw was approved by TTA's Board of Directors at their August '97 Board meeting. **Please review and be prepared to vote on this issue at the annual meeting.**

Thanks,
Rob Weber, Project Manager
Cumberland Trail Conference

Bylaw 10
Associate Organizations

In order to benefit trails in Tennessee, TTA recognizes the need of its membership to form organizations within and under the parent umbrella of TTA, with such organizations having all the rights thereby guaranteed to all TTA members and their affiliated chapters. These associate organizations, formed by five or more voting members of TTA and upon approval of the TTA Board of Directors, will exist to pursue a focused trail issue, for the benefit

of said issue, and will report on such activities to TTA's Board on a bi-annual basis. The associate organization is responsible for choosing its own leadership, rules, and means to accomplish said issue. The associate organization will have a single representative on TTA's Board of Directors, and will choose that representative. The associate organization is free to seek its own financial support, is responsible for the management of said funds, and is to submit an annual financial report to TTA's Board of Directors. On dissolution of an associate organization, all leadership issues and responsibilities of said issues, and all funds of the associate organization, return to TTA for resolution.

The following amendment is proposed to Bylaw 9 in order to address financial reporting requirements to the Internal Revenue Service:

Bylaw 9

Spending of local chapter funds will be controlled by the local chapter officers. However, each chapter will provide to the state treasurer such financial information as is needed for the filing of state and federal tax returns.

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports
Trail Training Workshop

October 15th and 16th. Blue Ridge Mountain Sports and its employees of Middle Tennessee have agreed to adopt a week of Breakaway '98. In return, the CTC will be providing this workshop to arm them with the necessary knowledge and skills. **We need volunteers!** This is your opportunity to both broaden your trail and leadership knowledge and get another shot at building those famous "thousand steps" on the Obed Wild & Scenic River Segment. We will continue our efforts to complete the work on the Nemo Unit and open this portion of trail by November 1st. **Contact Rob Weber at (423) 533-2620 or e-mail at: robweber1@prodigy.net for additional information and to register for this program.**

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports
Trail Training Workshop

October 15th, Wednesday:

8:00 am CST	- Training and Safety Issues
10:00 am	Hands On Trail Building on the Obed WSR Segment
12:00 noon	Lunch
12:45-1:45	Leadership Skills
1:45-3:45	Trail Building
Evening	Camp at Frozen Head S.P.

October 16th, Thursday

8:00 am CST	Trail Building
12:00 noon	Lunch
HOME!!	

1997 TTA Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday, October 31

- 5:00 pm Check in and registration
6:00-8:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Introduction to Norris Dam S.P.
8:00-? Bonfire

Saturday, Nov. 1

- 7:30 am Breakfast catered by Oliver's
8:30 am Leave for hikes
5:00 pm Return from hikes
6:00 pm Dinner catered by Buddy's Bar-B-Q
6:30-8:00 pm Music by Ron & Sheri English
7:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting
8:00 pm Auction

Sunday, Nov. 2

- 7:30 am Breakfast catered by Oliver's
8:30 am Board Meeting
9:30 am Check Out
10:00 am Leave for hikes

CLARKSVILLE

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

Oct. 4 - Best of Monteagle-Tracy City Hikes. 4.5 miles, moderate. Call Jim Hampton (615) 647-5899.

Oct. 11 - Lake Barkley State Park (KY). 4.5 miles, moderate. Call Jack Held (615) 645-1348.

Oct. 18 - Virgin Falls (Sparta, TN). 7 miles, difficult. Call Jim Hampton (615) 647-5899.

Oct. 25 - Port Royal Celebration (morning); Rotary Park Bonfire (evening). Clarksville TTA Chapter. Call Wanda Cumberland (615) 358-3338.

CUMBERLAND MTN.

Please call Eric Wilson (423) 628-2817 for hike information.

EAST TENNESSEE

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at First Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge on the corner of Oak Ridge Turnpike and Lafayette at 7:00 pm in Room 101.

OCT. 11 (SATURDAY) CUMBERLAND TRAIL HIKE; NEMO BRIDGE TO ALLEY FORD. Easy, 5 mile trail parallels Obed National Wild and Scenic River. Features include fall color and trail whistles. Meet at Winn Dixie in Oak Ridge at 9:00 am or Obed Headquarters in Wartburg at 9:30 am. Call Sally for more information at (423) 482-9708.

OCT. 19 (SUNDAY) KNOXVILLE GREENWAYS. Meet at Tyson Park at 9:00 am to walk portions of Knoxville's newest Greenway. Features include the beautiful UT Horticultural gardens. This is a photo opportunity! Greenway is paved, and flat. Length is approx. 3 miles with opportunities for more if there is interest. Questions? Call Judith at (423) 494-9421.

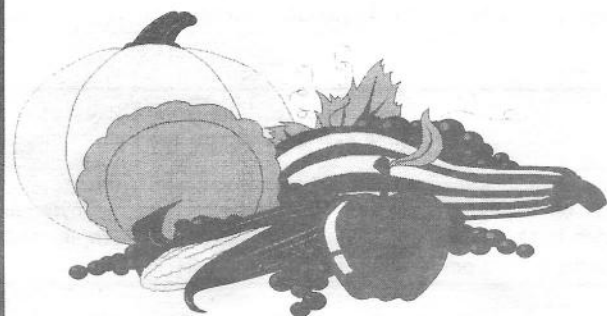
OCT. 21 - MONTHLY MEETING (TUESDAY). Invited guest from Blue Ridge Mountain Sports will catch us up on the latest in hiking boots and fabrics for outdoor clothing. Get ideas for Christmas gifts for yourself or the hiker on your list.

TRIP REPORT

Twenty three people attended a short evening walk at Worthington Cemetery Cedar Barrens in Oak Ridge. Maureen Cunningham talked about late summer wildflowers.

Russ Manning arranged for four homes to be open to our group of 25 on a historical walk of Old North Knoxville. Host and hostesses were very gracious and inviting. They pulled out the stops to show off their homes and talk about their restoration efforts. We were served apple juice and gorp at one home, and greeted with customized TTA Burma Shave signs! Special thanks to Russ for arranging this delightful walk.

ANNUAL MEETING - Where can you find wood smoke, fall splendor, companionship with hikers, great food, auction treasures, and fiddle tunes in three short days? Norris Dam State Park for annual meeting October 31-November 2.



MEMPHIS

Meets the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at Davis-Kidd, 387 Perkins Extended

PLANNING MEETINGS - Help us plan our 1998 hike schedule. Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 and 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Betty Porter's house (call (901) 755-4740 for directions).

OCT. 10-12 - DEVIL'S DEN AND LAKE FORT SMITH, ARK. These two state parks are in northwest Arkansas, about 5-6 hours from Memphis. Cabins available at Devil's Den (call Norma McMinn (901) 785-1479). For campground info, call (501) 761-3325. Saturday's hike starts 9:00 am at the Visitor Center. There are several excellent short trails (bring a flashlight to explore Devil's Den Cave and Devil's Icebox). On Sunday, we'll do the Evans Point Loop at Lake Fort Smith. For more information on the trails, call Debbie Gilbert (901) 454-0613.

OCT. 16 - MONTHLY MEETING. Our guest will be botany expert Betty Rosenblatt (whom some of you may remember as Betty Tabatabai). She'll talk about how to identify native plants you see along the trail.

OCT. 25 - NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PARK. (near Camden, TN) Meet 7:00 am at Davis-Kidd. Hike starts 9:30 am at Visitor Center. You have your choice of 3-mile, 5-mile, and 10-mile loops. Terrain is moderate to rugged. For more info, call Debbie Gilbert (901) 454-0613.

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MURFREESBORO

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

Call Mike Harvey (615) 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

OCT. 5 - BIG SOUTH FORK - ROCK CREEK LOOP HIKE led by Jim Poteet. This is a 7 1/2 mile moderate hike with some climbing along Rock Creek and in some sections along the remains of the Stearns logging railroad. Meet at 7:00 am at the K-Mart parking lot on Donelson Pike off of I-40 east exit. Call Jim at (615) 377-4777 for more info and to preregister.

OCT. 11 - LONG HUNTER STATE PARK DAY LOOP HIKE led by Libby Francis. This is a lovely 4 1/2 mile hike overlooking Percy Priest Lake. We will hike in the morning and have a picnic lunch. Call Libby at (615) 889-5718 for meeting time and place and to preregister.

OCT. 18 - BEARWALLER GAP HIKE led by Elizabeth Gerlock. This trail has beautiful views of Cordell Hull Lake and Dam; and if we are lucky, we may see turkeys and turkey vultures. It is a 6-mile one way moderate trail. We will leave cars at both ends. Meet at 8:00 am at the K-Mart parking lot on Donelson Pike. Call Elizabeth at (615) 356-6260 for more info and to preregister.

OCT. 23 - PROGRAM MEETING. The October meeting will be part business and part program. The business part includes elections of chapter chair, vice-chair/program director, and treasurer. We will also be looking for volunteers who would like to serve in other ways, such as hike leaders and refreshments/greeters for meetings. If you would like to serve in any of these areas or would like to nominate someone, call Jim Poteet at (615) 377-4777. Hikes for the next year will be planned and scheduled.

The program part of the meeting will be slides and stories of Charlie and Jennifer Hann's trip to Baja, Mexico. Charlie and Jennifer's photographic journeys are always a special treat. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

If you are interested in sharing a cabin with folks from the Nashville Chapter at the annual meeting, please call Libby at (615) 889-5718 by Oct. 12 and let her know your plans. We will be making cabin reservations and paying for the cabins as a group.

PLATEAU

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

OCT. 11 - FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK. 13 miles, moderate. Departing 8:00 am CDT from the parking lot at Cumberland Mtn. State Park south of Crossville on US 127S. Contact leader Carolyn Miller at (615) 456-4465.

OCT. 25 - TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE SEGMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL. 12 miles, moderate. Departing 7:00 am CDT from the Cumberland Mtn. State Park. Contact leaders Sue and Bill Eldridge at (615) 456-4459.

UPPER CUMBERLAND

OCT. 11 - HIKE TO HIGH ROCK IN SCOTT'S GULF; AND MEETING AT RIVERWOOD ON THE CANEY FORK. 6 miles, difficult. Reward yourself with a challenging climb and a spectacular view of Scott's Gulf and Hickory Valley. Then return to Ross and Brenda Cardwell's Riverwood for some food and fun in the great outdoors. Bring a lunch for the hike and snacks and pot luck dishes for the meeting. Meet at First Union Bank in Sparta at 9:00 am. Contact Marnell Cothran, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (615) 738-5874, Sparta.

OCT. 25 - HIDDEN PASSAGE AT PICKETT STATE PARK. 10 miles, difficult. Enjoy fall colors from fantastic overlooks and the eerie mystery of Indian rock houses on this trail that borders the Big South Fork Recreation Area. Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 8:30 am. Contact Paul & Pam Miller (615) 526-9259, Cookeville.

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.

HIKING WITH OUR FRIENDS....

CHATTANOOGA HIKING CLUB

Oct. 4 - Mt. LeConte Dayhike, Alum Cave Trail, 1.1 miles strenuous. Call Mary Young (423) 899-0287.

Oct. 11 - Licklog Ridge, Hemptop Trails in Big Frog Wilderness, 12 miles, strenuous. Call Eric Skrivseth (423) 842-2847.

Oct. 18-19 - Hobbs Cabin Backpack in South Cumberland Recreation Area. Call Elaine Wolfe (423) 510-8294.

Oct. 25 - Flats Mountain Dayhike in Citico Creek Wilderness. 6 miles, moderate. Call John Doyal (423) 624-4302.

VULCAN TRAIL ASSOCIATION (ALABAMA)

Oct. 3-5 - Coosa River Paddling Whitewater Festival, Wetumpka, Alabama. For info call 631-6341.

Oct. 10-12 - Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest Backpack in North Carolina. Call Ernest McMeans 663-3128.

Oct. 11 - Oak Mtn. State Park Night Hike. Call Les Miller 945-8052.



REGISTRATION FORM
1997 TTA ANNUAL MEETING OCT. 30 - NOV. 1
(ONE NAME PER FORM PLEASE)

Name on badge _____
Address _____
City & State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____

Registration fee \$ 10.00
Meal package (2 breakfasts and 1 dinner) (\$20) _____
(Bring your own lunches.)

Friday night October 30

Lodging - Rustic cabin for _____ occupants (\$50) _____
Contemporary cabin (\$60) _____
Campground (\$ 13 for two, \$0.50 each for more) _____

*I am not paying for lodging because I am staying with _____
who is paying for lodging.*

Meals - Pot Luck Supper - Norris Tea Room - 6 to 8 P.M.
Costume Party and Bonfire

Saturday October 31

Lodging - Rustic cabin for _____ occupants (\$50) _____
Contemporary cabin (\$60) _____
Campground (\$13 for two; \$0.50 each for more) _____

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Hikes - _____ Big South Fork
_____ Cumberland Trail - Section 1
_____ Great Smoky Mountain National Park - Porters Creek
_____ Norris Watershed

Annual Meeting; Auction and a little Night Music

Sunday, November 1

Board Meeting

Hikes - _____ Cumberland Trail - Nemo Bridge Access
_____ River Bluff TVA Trail
_____ Norris Dam State Park Hike
_____ Great Smoky Mountain National Park

TOTAL \$ _____

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(423) 484-2585 (work)

Crossville, TN 38555

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REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 17. CANCELLATIONS MUST ALSO BE MADE BY THIS DATE

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you would like to be placed on a call list for trail maintenance, contact Rob Weber (423) 533-2620 for details.

If you are interested in maintaining a particular trail or section of trail, please contact Harold Draper, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator at (423) 689-7757.

TRIP REPORT

by Paul Goldstein, Memphis Chapter

Greetings from South Dakota! The Goldstein has landed.

I am in a campground about 30 miles from Mt. Rushmore. I have seen the Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D. Each year when the corn harvest comes in, the interior and exterior of the area is decorated in corn husks, corn ears, tassles and stalks made into murals. They have been doing this every year since 1890. It is pretty, but those people have way too much time on their hands! Wonder how the Cow Palace in Denver got its name and what were the murals made out of??

I spent the night in Badlands National Park in a hellacious rain and lightning and wind storm. My new tent does not leak. When the wind sent my rain fly flying, the rain came in through the no-see-um mesh at the top. The rain collected at the bottom and did not leak out. I was dreaming that I was swimming under water—only to wake up and find that I really was! I am very quick thinking and grabbed my handy bayonet and poked 4 holes in the bottom to drain it out. Otherwise, I would have had to open the door and THEN I would have gotten rained on!!!

Badlands looks like a little Grand Canyon in some spots and other spots looks like the painted desert, or Big Bend National Park in Texas. The major crops are corn, sunflowers, cows and rocks. The pitiful few trees around the badlands are mostly not over 15 feet high. Once you get past Cedar Rapids though, it gets real hilly and mostly pine trees.

When it rains real hard at Mt. Rushmore, the water rushes down the faces of the presidents. They look like they have runny noses. When the wind blows and you are at the right angle, George Washington looks like he is blowing snot all over the valley below.

Tonight is the first Harvest Moon and should be impressive up here.

ORDER FORM

_____	Hiking Tennessee Trails, 4 th Edition	\$ 9.95
_____	TTA Adopt-A-Trail Manual	3.00
_____	Round Traditional TTA Patch	3.00
_____	25 th Anniversary TTA Patch	3.00
_____	TTA Fanny Pack (Green with embroidered boot logo)	15.00
_____	TTA Window Decal	1.00

Prices include postage. Mail your check payable to TTA and mail to: Rob Weber, Rt. 1, Box 219A, Pikeville, TN 37367. Please allow 4 weeks.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(h) _____ Phone(w) _____

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$ 6.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$30, \$40, \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Family	15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Sponsor	_____ (Amount enclosed)	

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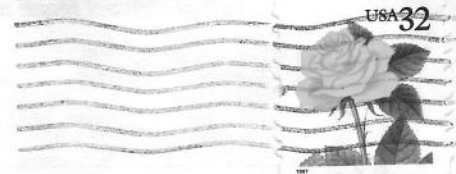
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