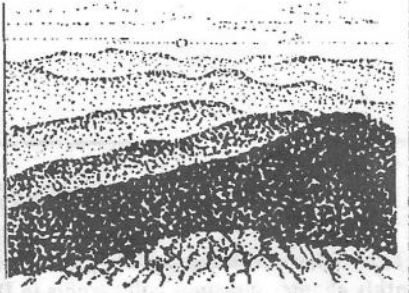


TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



Tusculum College BreakAway Frozen Head State Park November 15-18th, 1997 Volunteers Needed!!

Tusculum College of Northeast Tennessee has an odd Spring Break upon them--four days in the middle of a Tennessee fall--and they wish to join us in the completion of the Nemo Trail on the Obed Wild and Scenic River Segment of the Cumberland Trail. This is the first time we've held a BreakAway on a weekend, so here's a rare opportunity to participate in an exciting program, interact with future conservationists, and support their effort on the Obed.

We will host this program at Frozen Head State Park, with camping available at no cost to all volunteers. Frozen Head has the best HOT SHOWERS on the trail. We are in need of trail volunteers for all three BA outing days. So join us for fun, for learning, and for fall campfires under the changing seasons!!! If you are interested, please register for this program by e-mailing Arleen Barnett at arleen.f.barnett@vanderbilt.edu or by calling her at 615-832-6484.

Tusculum College BreakAway Schedule

November 14th, Friday Evening:

Camp at Frozen Head State Park.

8:00 p.m. EST--Orientation and Welcome!

November 15th, Saturday:

8:00 a.m. EST--Trail training and safety issues.

9:30 a.m.--Trail building on the Obed W.S.R. Segment.

12:00 noon--Lunch.

12:45-3:30--Trail building.

Evening--Camp at Frozen Head State Park.

November 16th, Sunday:

9:00 a.m. EST--Earth education.

12:00 noon--Lunch.

12:45-3:00--Open the Nemo Trail!!!!

Evening--Camp at Frozen Head State Park.

November 17th, Monday:

8:00 a.m. EST--Trail building.

12:00 noon--Lunch.

12:45--3:30 p.m.--Trail building.

Evening--Campfire with friends at Frozen Head.

November 18th, Tuesday:

TRAVEL HOME!!

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. 31-NOV. 2 - TTA ANNUAL MEETING AT NORRIS DAM STATE PARK.

NOV. 8 - OLD STONE FORT (I-24). 4-5 miles, moderate. Call Ann Lowe 645-1454.

NOV. 15 - FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK (EAST TENNESSEE). 8 miles, difficult. Call June Miller 648-4195 or Wanda Cumberland 358-3338.

NOV. 22 - MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK. 11 miles, easy. Call Bessie Daniels 647-4837.

NOV. 29 - GREETER AND SUTER FALLS IN SOUTH CUMBERLAND RECREATION AREA. 4 miles, moderate, par strenuous. Call Jim Hampton 647-5899.

CUMBERLAND MTN.

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

EAST TENNESSEE

NOTE: There will be no chapter meeting in November. Monthly chapter meetings will resume in December.

The East Tennessee and Plateau Chapters are hosts for this year's annual meeting. Chapter hikes for early November are part of the annual meeting. Even if you can't attend annual meeting events, join us on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 8:30 am EST for hikes to Big South Fork, Norris Watershed, Porter's Creek in the Great Smokies and Cumberland Trail Cumberland Mtn. Segment. Sunday, Nov. 2 hikes leave at 10:00 am EST for River Bluff Trail at Norris, Cumberland Trail (Nemo Bridge and Devil's Breakfast Table), and Norris Dam State Park. Meeting place is in front of the Tea Room at Norris Dam State Park. See annual meeting registration, September newsletter, or call Judith at 494-9421.

November 22 (Saturday) - Twin Creek Trail (Great Smoky Mtn. Nat'l Park). Meet at Asheville Hwy K-Mart parking lot at 1:00 pm to carpool to Gatlinburg. Easy, 4 miles (round trip) trail follows LeConte Creek beside stone walls and ends at Bud Ogle Cabin. We will have dinner in Gatlinburg following the hike. Questions? Call Sally at (423) 482-9708.

TRIP REPORTS

Two members and two guests enjoyed a late summer hike past spectacular overlooks, strange rock formations, interesting river plunge pools, and the remains of a coal mining company town along the Blue Heron Loop Trail in the Big South Fork. Early afternoon showers threatened to dampen the hike, but did not.

Harold Draper, Hike Leader

Six members drove down to the river and the Nemo Bridge trailhead through thick fog, but the sun quickly shown through and produced a lovely fall day. We marveled at the architectural genius of the spiderwebs along rock bluffs, and walked among fallen leaves. Water bars were cleaned and a splintered tree was removed from the trail. We reported several other downed trees to the ranger.

Sally Jaunsen, Hike Leader

Judith Bartlow was invited to talk about East Tennessee Chapter hikes and activities for a health education program for Clinton Physical Therapy Center on September 17th.

MEMPHIS

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

NOV. 8 - BIG HILL POND STATE PARK. Near Pocahtontas, TN. Carpool at Davis-Kidd 7:00 am. Hike starts 9:00 am at the

park's boat dock. Moderate terrain, about 8 miles. Boots recommended. Contact Ray Burkett (901) 357-9183.

NOV. 16 - COLDWATER NATURE TRAIL, ARKABUTLA DAM, Mississippi. For this Sunday afternoon walk, meet at 1:15 pm at the Piggly Wiggly, Perkins at Knight-Arnold. Hike starts 2:00 pm near the dam, 5 miles, very easy. Contact is Ken Novak (901) 377-9127.

NOV. 20 - PROGRAM MEETING. We will have a speaker from "Jewels of the Romanovs," the world-famous exhibition opening at the Brooks Museum.

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

NOV. 8 - MAMMOUTH CAVE NAT'L PARK HIKE led by Ann Wesley. We will hike 6 miles in the park on trails rated moderate. Meet at 9:00 am at the K-Mart parking lot on Long Hollow Pike, exit 97 off I-65 North. Call Ann at 851-1052 for more details and to preregister.

NOV. 9 - HONEY CREEK HIKE led by Charlie Hann. Located in the Big South Fork, this beautiful 5 mile trail contains small waterfalls, intriguing rock formations, rock houses and view of the Cumberland River. It is rated difficult. Meet at 7:00 am at the K-Mart parking lot in Donelson off I-40 east. Call Charlie at 941-1503 for more information and to preregister.

NOV. 16 - STONE DOOR HIKE led by Jim Poteet. We will hike down through the Stone Door in the South Cumberland Recreation area and into the Savage Gulf gorge. We will either hike to Ranger Falls or Greeter Falls. Meet at 8:00 at the Target parking lot off of Bell Road and I-24. Call Jim at 377-4777 for more information and to preregister.

NOV. 18 - PROGRAM MEETING. The Friends of Beaman Park and Bob Brown, Nashville Chapter member, will present a program on plans for the new 1,500 acre Beaman Park, made possible by funding from Alvin & Sally Beaman of Nashville, TN.

Nov. 22 - MULLENS COVE LOOP HIKE AT PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST led by Ann Wesley. This strenuous 10.2 mile hike offers beautiful views of the Tennessee River Gorge. Meet at 8:00 am at the Target parking lot off of Bell Road and I-24. Call Ann at 851-1052 for more information and to preregister.

NOV. 28 - FLEE THE MALL AND HIKE WITH BOB. Bob Barnett will continue the traditional after-Thanksgiving hike on Friday, Nov. 28th. Meet at 9:00 am CST at the visitor center at Long Hunter State Park. We will walk the 1-mile Deer Trail loop and the 1-mile Inland Trail loop. Around 10:15 we will drive to the Baker's Grove trailhead and hike the 4-mile day loop portion of the Volunteer Trail. Bring lunch and water. If it's an unblustery day, we'll take a lunch break on the bluffs overlooking Percy Priest Lake. If it's a wintery day, we'll find a lunch spot in the midst of the woods. Call 832-6484 to preregister.

PLATEAU

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

NOV. 8 - LAUREL SNOW POCKET WILDERNESS near Dayton, TN. 10 miles, moderate. Departing 8:00 am CST from Cumberland Mtn. State Park. Contact leader Nora Beck at 484-0161.

NOV. 20 - PROGRAM MEETING. Rob Weber, Project Manager for the Cumberland Trail Conference, will present a slide program on the 1997 Breakaway Program where college students from across the country travelled to Tennessee to work on the Cumberland Mountain and Obed Wild & Scenic River Segments of the Cumberland Trail.

NOV. 22 - VIRGIN FALLS POCKET WILDERNESS. 8 miles, difficult. This wilderness is in a deep pocket, indeed!) Departing 8:00 am CST from the parking lot at Kroger in Crossville. Contact leaders Vicki and Steven Perdue at 456-6466.

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Please contact Denise Charvoz, Chapter Chair, for hike info and details (615) 738-3595.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL!

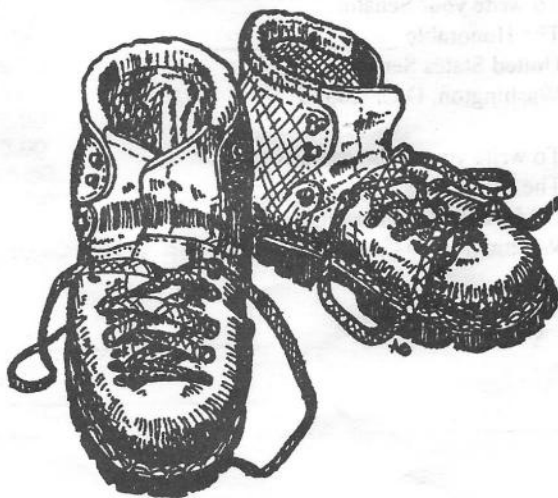
Tennessee Trails memberships are for 12 months from the date of your last membership renewal, unless you have a Life Membership. Please check the expiration date on your mailing label to see if it's time to renew your membership. We hope you will continue to participate in promoting and protecting trails in Tennessee.

Hiking With Our Friends...

Chattanooga Hiking Club

Nov. 15 - Conasauga River Dayhike. The trail begins on a ridge above the Conasauga River and follows the ridge for several miles before descending to the river. Because of blowdowns at the beginning of the trail, it will be necessary to hike across the ridge. Hiking beside the river gives one a taste of what hiking in remote, wild country is like. This hike is 5 miles in length, but because of the blowdowns is rated moderate. Driving time is one hour with a relatively short car shuttle. Call John Doyal (423) 624-4302.

Wednesday Day Hikes - Call Cheryl Carico at 886-5135. The Wednesday group hikes are usually, but not always, shorter, less strenuous, and slower paced than many of the weekend hikes.



**From American Hiking Society
October 1997 Broadcast....**

**\$1.2 Billion Trails Program
Drags into Spring, 1998**

The House of Representatives will wait to reauthorize the ISTEA trails enhancement program, which has provided over \$1.2 billion dollars for transportation-related trails—mostly rail-trails—until March, 1998.

Transportation enhancements are a part of the \$22 to \$34 billion highway system bill that must be reauthorized by Congress this year. But, because of disputes within the House Republican Party about just how much money can go to highways, consideration of the bill has been pushed back to the spring. The chair of the House Transportation Committee wants billions of dollars more for transportation programs than what is in the budget agreement.

Both of the major transportation bills in the House and the Senate include significant resources for the trail enhancements program. This is due to the efforts of trails supporters around the country. Funding in the House bill is likely to be cut back to comply with the budget agreement, so keep the pressure on your congressional delegation over the next few months to support full funding for trail enhancements.

To call your member of Congress:
US Capitol Switchboard
(202) 224-3121

To e-mail your Congressman:
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

To write your Senator:
The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

To write your Representative:
The Honorable _____
US House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Hiker Comments

*reprinted from the 'Georgia Mountaineer',
the newsletter of the Georgia Appalachian
Trail Club.*

originally submitted by Brian Jernigan

This list is circulating among Forest Service employees. These are actual comments left last year on Forest Service registration sheets and comment cards by backpackers completing wilderness camping trips:

"A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."

"Escalators would help on steep uphill sections."

"Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce worldwide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness."

"Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."

"Ban walking sticks in wilderness."

Hikers that use walking sticks are more likely to chase animals."

"All the mile markers are missing this year."

"Found a smoldering cigarette left by a horse."

"Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."

"Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."

"Please pave the trails so they can be plowed of snow in the winter."

"Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."

"The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."

"Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can walk at night with flashlights."

"Need more signs to keep area pristine."

"The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."

"Too many rocks in the mountains."

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.

NOV. 22 - CUMBERLAND TRAIL RESCUE

Let's work to rescue an eroded and overgrown section of the Cumberland Trail in the Prentice Cooper State Forest between the Indian Rockhouse and Lusk Point. The Cherokee Group of the Sierra Club has agreed to adopt this portion of the CT. We walked this trail in late September and noted that it was in need of having overgrown vegetation cleared and the trail tread restored in several places. Tools will be furnished and all help appreciated! This is an ideal time to perform routine maintenance as insects and heat will not be a bother. Come join our trail crew, get some exercise, meet new friends, and have lots of fun. No experience necessary, all you need is enthusiasm for working outside. Bring water, lunch, long pants and sleeves, and sturdy shoes. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we'll have a pleasant day to do this work. Contact Monty Matney at (423) 344-1003 or Rodney Hornsby at (423) 267-6371 to volunteer.

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) _____

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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
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