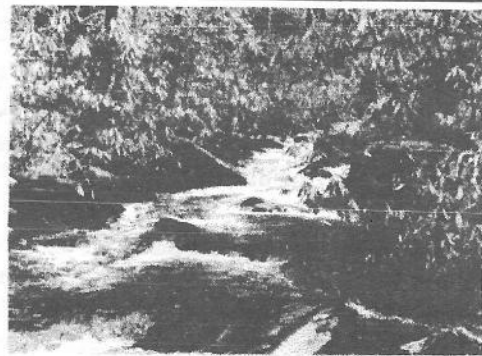


# TENNESSEE TRAILS

Monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



*MISSION: 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.*

## Trails....we build them!!

### The Students & Volunteers of BreakAway '98 Raise a Suspension Bridge

Sleet, snow, rain, and then the rarest of blue skies, enlivened with an early spring sun provided a challenging backdrop for this year's BreakAway program. Pull!! Tough is the one word describing the bone-chilling weather the 38 students of Hamilton College, Florida State, Michigan State, Eastern Illinois University, and the volunteers of TTA/CTC faced during their two March weeks in Tennessee. Tough might just describe the students. Pull!! Who had the spring sun? Northwestern's 14 students dripped in liquid light that last week in March, leaving tan bodies guilty with exposure. Tough none the least. Pull!!

**Pull what???** Telephone poles!!! Crazy?! How far?? A mile!! Crazy?! Oh....but to see that bridge now...its one beautiful bridge. A must see!!

In an effort reminiscent of the Pyramids of Giza, or any old seventh wonder of the world—what is a wonder but the combined effort of human hands—the students of BreakAway hauled, lifted, and yes even pulled, telephone poles down to Middle Creek on the Tennessee River Gorge Segment of the Cumberland Trail for the construction of a suspension bridge and out onto Signal Point for a renovation of the CT Trailhead. Under the direction of volunteers Sam Powell (Pull!!) and Barry Spearman at the bridge site, and Jim Lifsey, Bill Eldridge, Alan Stokes, and Jim Schroeder on the Signal Point project, they toiled for two weeks to raise the poles, drill anchor holes (under the steady gaze of drill inspector Rick Glenn), build pole bridges, falling stairs (does that make sense?), and cable access. Further effort, lead by Sandra Spearman, Arleen Barnett, and Carolyn Miller, vastly improved access to the North Suck Creek Suspension bridge with the

completion of 59 rock steps out of the gorge—ponder that!! Monty Matney, in an effort to improve the trail tread, led out-teams to some of the more remote trail areas. Wonders!!

Lest we forget Northwestern, whose team effort opened two miles of the Cumberland Mtn. Segment of the CT in Cumberland Gap National Park, running from the Tri-State marker SW to the park border. This is the northern trailhead for the CT, rising slowly from the historic Gap, the trail meanders the ridgeline offering spectacular views of the Kentucky hills to the NW and the Powell River Valley to the SE. Their effort nails down the north portion of the CT as we work in the next couple of years to open the trail from the Gap south to Cove Lake State Park.

**To everyone who donated their time and sweat—THANKS!!!**

*BreakAway Program Sponsors*

**The Lyndhurst Foundation of Chattanooga  
The Cracker Barrel Foundation of Tennessee**



*Middle Creek Suspension Bridge nears completion on the Tennessee River Gorge Segment of CT.*

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### **Student Volunteers of BreakAway '98.**

All students received a Cumberland Trail Patch for 24 hours of service to the trail. Special thanks to the Site Leaders for their efforts in organizing the trips.

#### **Michigan State University**

Tara Eileen VanWyck  
Dana Rose  
Josh Picotte  
Stacy Schultz  
Kelli Polidan  
Matt Hall  
Joanna Howarth  
Lucas Julien  
Alex Rucker  
Dawn Wills  
Jenni Holsman

**Carrie May: Site Leader**

#### **Florida State University**

Lela Sanchez  
Courtney Ragnitt  
Dan McCabe  
Brynda Eisenberger  
Jean Wilson

**Kim Vitek: Site Leader**

**Yosh Schulman: Site Leader**

#### **Eastern Illinois University**

Ana Leal  
Susan Brudd  
Tonia Lichterman  
John Lieu  
Matthew Luttmann  
Heath Isome

**Martha Soyka: Site Leader**

**Matt Nowlan: Site Leader**

#### **Hamilton College**

Julie Raynstorn  
Susan Greenspan  
Melissa Capatto  
Sascha Abaret  
Andrew Osterman  
David Leung  
Charlie Endris  
Erik Porcaro  
Charles Lower

**Amanda Daflos: Site Leader**

**Andrew Knudsen: Site Leader**

#### **Northwestern University**

Frank Lawson  
Margaret Shanafield

Jason Rynd  
Eileen Wu  
Alisa Kanfi  
Nathan Turner  
Rachel Zonderman  
Lisa Spreitzer  
Aram Chekijian  
Michelle Perez  
Nick Brown  
Andrea Blecha

**Lisa Barker: Site Leader**

**Tim McGogney: Site Leader**

#### **TTA/CTC Trail Volunteers:**

##### **BreakAway Coordinator:**

Carolyn Miller of the Plateau Chapter

##### **Trail Stewards:**

Sam Powell of the Tennessee River Gorge Segment

Phil Carr of the Cumberland Mtn. Segment

##### **CT 100 Hour Volunteer Award Recipients:**

Barry Spearman of the Plateau Chapter  
Sandra Spearman of the Plateau Chapter  
Jim Schroeder of the Murfreesboro Chapter

##### **CT 24 Hour Patch Recipients:**

Larry Giles of the Tri-State Chapter  
Virginia Giles of the Tri-State Chapter  
Rick Glenn of Cherokee Sierra Group  
Suva Bastin of the Clarksville Chapter  
Monty Matney of the Cherokee Sierra Group

##### **Volunteers:**

**Clarksville Chapter:** Suva Bastin and June Miller

**LaFollette Chapter** (Cove Lake State Park?): Phil Carr and Faith Dippold.

**Murfreesboro Chapter:** James Schroeder and Mike Harvey.

**Nashville Chapter:** Arleen Barnett, Alan Stokes, Patti Latta, Charlie & Jennifer Hann, Vera Churcher, and Jim & Jenice Johnson.

**Plateau Chapter:** Jim Lifsey, Bill Eldridge, Barry & Sandra Spearman, Carolyn Miller, Rob & Susan Weber,

Charles & Leigh Jones, and Gene Holloway.

**Tri-State Chapter (Cumberland Gap):** Larry & Virginia Giles.

**Cherokee Sierra Group of Chattanooga:** Monty Matney, Rick Glenn, Rodney Hornsby, Brad Edmison, and Justin Harris.

**Chattanooga Hiking Club:** Eric Skrivseth and Susan.

**Middle Tennessee University:** Miranda Caffey and Brandy Smith.

**Donors and Supporters of BreakAway '98:** These are organizations, businesses, chapters, and individuals who made this program a reality:

TTA's Annual Mtg. Auction  
Nashville Chapter, TTA  
Sam & Emily Powell of Chattanooga Hamilton College  
Plateau Chapter, TTA  
Clarksville Chapter, TTA  
Murfreesboro Chapter, TTA  
Florida State University  
Norris Dam State Park  
Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation  
City of Signal Mountain, TN  
Prentice Cooper State Forest and W.M.A.  
Church of God Camp, Signal Mtn., TN  
Cumberland Gap National Historic Park  
Flowers Bakery

#### **What is BreakAway?**

Breakaway is a nationally recognized program offering university students an alternative to the beach, giving them an opportunity to impact their environment and be exposed to new ideas and activities. Our Cumberland Trail BreakAway program this year covered the last three weeks of March and offered the students trail, bridge, and stair building, as well as maintenance instruction, educational sessions in geology, plant and tree identification, historical aspects of the region, and team work and leadership skills. TTA's BreakAway program succeeds only through volunteer effort and sweat!!

*Rob Weber*

*Project Manager*

*Cumberland Trail Conference*

## DO YOU WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER ON TIME?

### WE NEED A NEWSLETTER SPONSOR!

The delays we have experienced with our Newsletter over the last few months have been largely due to production problems with our printer. Our current arrangement with the printer gives us a good price, but unfortunately does not offer consistent, quick turn-around. To get a guaranteed improved level of service will mean having to pay a higher price for it.

At this time, the cost of the newsletter requires a major part of your membership dues, with little margin to absorb higher printing (or postage) costs.

Last fall we surveyed the TTA membership for their opinions on a number of questions. One of the things we learned from that survey was that most members support the idea of selling advertising in the Newsletter as a way of subsidizing the production and distribution costs of the newsletter and making a larger part of the membership dues available for other trail projects.

There are a couple of ways to approach the use of advertising. One is to sell space in each issue to provide a message from the advertiser. This approach has two major drawbacks. One is the sizable volunteer effort required from the membership to identify and approach potential advertisers on a month to month basis. The other drawback is that this approach uses editorial space and/or adds to the production and distribution costs.

Another approach is to find a sponsor (or sponsors) willing to underwrite all or a significant portion of the total cost of the newsletter on an on-going basis. In return, they would receive prominent mention of their sponsorship in the newsletter, with no loss of editorial space.

Now, here's the hard part, and the part where we need your help. We need to find a sponsor. A single sponsor with a statewide presence would be ideal, but we may have to split it between multiple sponsors with regional coverage. If you know of a business, or an individual, that you feel would be willing to underwrite all or part of the newsletter, pass on your ideas to your chapter chair, or to any board member, and we'll put together a financial package to discuss with them.

Thanks for your help! ... *Jim Poteet*

## Take A Hike - Where to hit the trail in the Memphis area.

by Debbie Gilbert

Okay, you're all set ... now pick a destination. Here are some of the best choices, ranked according to their approximate driving time from Memphis.

**Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park** (15 minutes), Millington, TN (901-876-5215). Right in our backyard, with thick bottom-land hardwood forests and steeper hills than you'd expect.

**Village Creek State Park** (45 minutes), Wynne, AR (870-238-9406). Nice for an easy, spur-of-the-moment hike. The Military

Road Trail, dating back to 1829, is particularly interesting.

**Fort Pillow State Historic Area** (1.5 hours), Henning, TN (901-738-5581). A 10-mile trail goes through Confederate fortifications and a Civil War battle site, and an overlook on the first Chickasaw Bluff shows how the Mississippi River has changed course over the last century.

**Big Hill Pond State Natural Area** (2 hours), southwest of Selmer, TN (901-645-7968). Back-to-nature park with woodsy, undulating terrain and two novelties: a 73-foot-tall fire tower offering panoramic views, and a half-mile-long boardwalk through a (usually dry) swamp.

**Mousetail Landing State Park** (2.5 hours), near Parsons, TN (901-847-0841). Beautiful, seldom-used park with the best hike in West Tennessee – a formidable 8-mile trail featuring delightful spring wildflowers and a Tennessee River overlook. Also, ask park staff about hiking the nearby Lady Finger Bluff TVA Small Wild Area.

**Petit Jean State Park** (3.5 hours), Morrilton, AR (501-727-5431). Arkansas' finest state park, with a 90-foot waterfall as its centerpiece. The pseudo-caves are awesome, and the Cedar Falls, Cedar Creek, and Seven Hollows trails are all highly recommended.

**Shawnee National Forest** (4.5 hours), Carbondale, IL (1-800-699-6637). Much closer to Memphis than you might think, this 275,000-acre playground spans the entire southern tip of Illinois, encompassing four state parks and seven wilderness areas. Check out the bizarre rock formations, especially at Ferne Clyffe State Park, the Little Grand Canyon, and Garden of the Gods.

**Ozark National Forest** (4.5 hours), Sylamore Ranger District, Mountain View, AR (870-757-2211). It's hard to find a bad hike in the Ozarks – which stretch across northwestern Arkansas and up into Missouri – and one of the most scenic is at Blanchard Springs, where a 14-mile trail follows crystal-clear Sylamore Creek its entire length. You probably won't be able to hike it all in one day, but any portion you do will be splendid.

**South Cumberland Recreation Area** (5.5 hours), Monteagle, TN (931-924-2980). Comprising 12,000 acres in three counties atop the Cumberland Plateau, this is a boulder-hopper's paradise. Highlights include Savage Gulf, with one of Tennessee's largest remaining tracts of virgin forest; the Stone Door (watch out for rappellers); and the rugged Fiery Gizzard Trail.

*editor's note: This is a part of an article from the April 2-8 Memphis Flyer newspaper. Debbie is a reporter there as well as an active TTA member. In the full article, she included tips on equipment and good insight for getting out to the trails. She can provide copies of the entire article or see it at <http://www.memphisflyer.com>.*



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## CLARKSVILLE

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MAY 2; Rugby, Tenn. hike; Eileen Hurt, 615-244-1669

MAY 3; Sunday pm-Rotary park; Charles Putnam, 362-3669

MAY 9; LBL (Fort Henry/Telegraph trail); John Lenkes, 551-4333

MAY 16; Canal Loop Trail (north LBL); Jack Held, 645-1348

MAY 23; Old Stone Fort (I-24); Ann Lowe, 645-1454;  
Memorial Day Weekend

MAY 30; Lake Barkley State Park (Kentucky); Celia Flynn, 648-9946

JUNE 6; Nathan B. Forest Hike; Suva Bastin, 645-2849

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## EAST TENNESSEE

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May 9th (Saturday) - Middle Prong Trail (GSMNP). Moderate 8 mile round trip hike from the end of Tremont Road to the junction with Greenbriar Ridge Trail. Most of the trail follows an old railroad bed and is easy to moderate with about a 1200 foot climb in elevation. Wildflowers should still be out along portions of the trail. Features also include waterfalls and cascades, and historic logging remnants. Meeting places: (1) In Knoxville: Meet at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church on Merchants Rd. at 8:00 a.m. (2) In Oak Ridge: Winn Dixie parking lot at 8:00 a.m. (3) For those not wanting to car pool: Meet at trailhead at 9:30 a.m. To get to the trailhead: Go to Townsend "Y" toward Cades Cove. >From Y, go 0.2 mile and turn left onto Tremont Road. At 2.3 miles, you will see the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont on your left. Continue on the main road which will become a gravel road and follow it for 3.1 miles to a gate and parking circle. For additional information, call hike leader Esther Ruffner at 523-7082.

May 16th (Saturday) - Cedar Hill Greenway (Oak Ridge) - We'll meet at the Daily Grind for coffee at 9:00 a.m. and begin the hike at 9:30 from Blankenship Field across from Jackson Square. We'll hike Cedar Hill Greenway and return to Jackson Square in time for lunch at the Soup Kitchen. Cedar Hill Greenway is the first greenway established by the city of Oak Ridge. The greenway is 2.5 miles in length and makes a loop. The trail is mainly a dirt footpath. Cedar Hill Greenway accesses one of the more historic portions of Oak Ridge and retraces some of the first foot paths used in Oak Ridge. The terrain and setting are varied from city sidewalk and the commercial districts to the surprisingly wild conditions in the deep woods. Abundant plant life and spring wildflowers can be seen along the trail and with good opportunities

for wildlife and birdwatching. After lunch, we'll hike the Gallahar Bend Greenway. It is approx. 3 miles one way. It is moderate-to-easy on a dirt road trail. (We may not go the entire way). For additional information, call Dan Robbins at 483-4920.

No monthly meeting scheduled for May

### CHAPTER MEETS WITH BIG SOUTH FORK AND OBED OFFICIALS

On March 17, about 20 members and guests of the East Tennessee Chapter heard a three-part presentation on trails planning at Obed National Wild and Scenic River and Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Don Forester, Superintendent of the Obed unit and part of the team preparing the Big South Fork General Management Plan (GMP), was joined by Greg Bailey, University of Tennessee graduate student and Ron Wilson of the Big South Fork unit.

Bailey discussed a recent project to inventory and assess the condition of existing trails in the Obed unit. He stated that the original Obed brochure assumed that boaters would be the primary users of the area. However, over the years, trails have been established by rock climbers and others. This project mapped existing trails, assessed and ranked trail disturbances, and located a possible route for a new 40-mile loop trail in the area. There are currently nine miles of official trails in the Obed, and 60 to 70 miles of informal trails.

Don Forester discussed the purposes and outcomes of a General Management Plan. Such a document has already been completed for the Obed Wild and Scenic River and lists recreational facilities that can be developed over the next 10 to 15 years. It is a compact between the National Park Service and the general public on the types of activities that will be considered for use of public lands and how tax monies will be allocated on various projects. According to a 1978 law, a GMP is to be prepared for each National Park area. Each GMP has the following elements:

- analysis of the carrying capacity of the resource.
- description of the desired park boundaries.
- description of desired major access and circulation routes, including trails.
- designation of zones for development, special uses, historic areas, management, and natural areas, including trails.
- environmental consequences of the proposed action and alternatives. A Big South Fork GMP is now being prepared, and a draft will be issued or comment in the near future.

Ron Wilson explained that the Big South Fork GMP will be followed by a roads and trails management plan. A draft of such a plan was produced in 1994, but will not be finalized until after the GMP. One major issue related to trails in the Big South Fork is that there are currently more miles of trails than can be maintained with current levels of funding. There may therefore have to be some trail closures. Wilson noted that about 25 percent of the trails in the Big South Fork are open following the severe snowstorm that hit the Cumberlands in early February. Volun-

teers are actively being sought to help out.  
—submitted by Harold Draper

#### TRIP REPORT—March 28, Natural Arch

This hike competed with spring wildflower walks at Norris Dam. However, the hike leader was joined by one visitor on a windy, warm March day for the scenic drive to the trailhead in the Daniel Boone National Forest. First we hiked to the spectacular Natural Arch and contemplated the geologic forces that deposited beds of round white stream pebbles in a sandstone matrix. Leaving the arch, we found the Buffalo Canyon Trail impassible due to blown down and uprooted trees over a large percentage of the entire forest (legacy of a February snowstorm). So we implemented "Plan B," visiting geologic formations at the Great Gulf and hiking the short trails to Split Bow Arch and Bear Creek Overlook in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. We ended the day by a visit to the state line "vice center," where you can purchase lottery tickets and cheap cigarettes in Kentucky, then step across the line to buy beer in Tennessee.

—submitted by Harold Draper

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## MEMPHIS

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#### Memphis chapter May news

May 21: monthly meeting. 7 p.m. at the Main Library, meeting room B. A speaker from Memphis in May will give a slide presentation about Portugal. This is our last meeting until September.

May 3 (Sunday): SHELBY FARMS SOCIAL HIKE. For details, call Martye Burkett, 357-9183.

May 9: CANOE TRAINING. With certified canoe instructor Freddi Felt. From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lake Windermere, behind John Martin's house. For more information, call Freddi at 685-9915.

May 15-17: HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, ARKANSAS. Meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at the hot spring across from the Arlington Hotel. We'll do the 8-mile Sunset Loop, on a ridge circling the town. There will also be a Sunday hike, possibly at nearby Lake Catherine State Park. Both parks have campgrounds, and there are many hotels in Hot Springs. Contact Debbie Gilbert, 454-0613.

May 30: WALKING TOUR OF CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI. Carpool 7 a.m. at Davis-Kidd, or meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Crossroads Inn in Corinth. Jerri Bull and her brother Nelson will lead us on a historical tour of the town, which played an important role in the Civil War. There's a museum (free) and an antebellum home open for tours (\$2.50), and we'll stop at the drugstore, which has an old-fashioned soda fountain. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Contact person is Betty Porter, 755-4740.

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## MURFREESBORO

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Franklin Forest May 2 Mike Harvey 615-893-9594

Accordion Bluff Tr May 16 Maryedith McFarlin 615-896-1344

Citico Wilderness BP May 23, 24, 25 Mike Harvey 615-893-9594

May 29 (Saturday) Canoe float and river clean up. Have you missed our other river clean ups? If you want to participate in one this is a good time. The water is still clear and fresh and has a good flow. We'll cover a 6 mile stretch between Readyville Mill on the Rutherford County and Cannon County line just off highway 70S, to Guy James Road in Rutherford County. Bring lunch, water, something dry to wear if you plan to ride in someone else's vehicle when we run the shuttle (!), and gloves. If you don't have a canoe, you may be able to rent one from MTSU (898-2104). They provide paddles, life jackets, and foam blocks so you can carry the boat on your car without scratching it. If you don't want to float you can help with the clean up at the put in or at the take out. There might be someone who is looking for a paddling partner.

Call Heloise at 896-6278 (home) or 254-5461 (work).

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## NASHVILLE

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#### MAY 1998 HIKES

#### HIKING HOTLINE

367-7045

May 2 - Get Acquainted Hike and Social at Long Hunter State Park led by Ann Markham. Ann will lead us on the 4 mile day loop of the Volunteer Trail and afterward to the Cracker Barrel. This hike is rated easy. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the K-Mart/Kinko parking lot on Donelson Pike. Call Ann at 269-3958 for more information and to preregister.

May 2 & 3 - Beginners' Backpack at Piney River led by Libby Francis. We will hike 6 miles on a moderate trail. Call Libby for equipment suggestions and to share equipment. Meet at the K-Mart/Kinko parking lot on Donelson Pike off I-40 east at 9:00 a.m. on May 2. Call Libby at 889-5718 for more information and to preregister.

May 3 - Honey Creek hike led by James Leininger. This beautiful 5 mile hike is rated difficult. Meet at 6:45 a.m. at the K-Mart/Kinko parking lot on Donelson Pike. We will leave at 7:00 a.m. Call James at 726-3272 for more information and to preregister.

May 12 - Twilight and Full Moon hike at Long Hunter State Park led by Bob Barnett. We will hike the Deer Trail and Inland Trail

at twilight, have supper on the bluffs of Percy Priest, and hike the Couchville Lake Trail in the moonlight for a total of 4 miles. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center of Long Hunter State Park. Call Bob at 832-6484 for more information and to preregister.

May 16 - Cave in Rock, Garden of the Gods, and Rim Rock in the Shawnee National Forest hike led by Anne Wesley. Anne has scouted out a very interesting and picturesque area of Southern Illinois. The three areas are close to each other and trails through all three total 8 miles. The rock formations in Garden of the Gods are unbelievable. Call Anne at 851-1052 for meeting time and place, more information, and to preregister.

May 24 - Big Creek Loop hike at Stone Door in the South Cumberland Recreation Area led by Charlie Hann. This 8 mile trail is rated difficult, but passes beautiful views and waterfalls. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Target parking lot on Bell Road off I-24. Call Charlie at 941-1503 for more information and to preregister.

May 30 - Newcomers Get-Acquainted Hike and Social led by Ann Markham. This hike will be the Harpeth Woods 2 \_ mile trail at Percy Warner Park and the social will be at McCabe Pub. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard at the stone arches leading to the park. Call Ann at 269-3958 for more information and to preregister.

**Trip Report:** newcomers' Hike 3/28/98 rails to trails, Ashland City the air and the friendship were warm and the milk shakes were good and cold for ann markam's group. Twenty-eight hikers gathered for the 3.7 mile one-way trail and many doubled back for the extra mileage. Though this isn't a loop trail, it is easy (flat) and quite scenic, with wildflowers and water in abundance. Afterwards, we blew the calorie burn by visiting Stratton's 50's- style diner for burgers and shakes. Slurp! highlight: an abandoned or runaway cat was lured from its lair of brambles (thanks to persistence, patience and jenice johnson's can of tuna) and was promptly adopted by Martha Lisle over mild protests by her significant other (and her significant other cat).

The newcomers hike occurs each month on the saturday following the program meeting. All new faces and oldtimers are welcome. I guess that's...all of us, huh?

**Volunteer opportunity** would you like to give an underprivileged young person a chance to enjoy outdoor experiences? you can do this by joining hiking partners, a salvation army mentoring program that matches youths youth from the magness-potter community center for guided hikes with tennessee trails volunteers. Call eileen hurt at 242-0411.

**New lifetime member!** The Nashville Chapter welcomes TTA's newest lifetime member, Lee Beaman of Nashville. Thanks for the belief and support; bring the family and let's hike! (and best regards to your mother).

Area travelers on the AT good wishes and moral support to Murfreesboro's Pam Patterson and her group of women and children, tackling the Appalachian Trail this spring and summer. They hope to end the journey in Maine in September. Follow their

progress on the internet at [bobwilliams.com/bluemoon/](http://bobwilliams.com/bluemoon/)

**We remember:** TTA condolences go to the family of J.C. Kemmer III of Grassy Cove who died in mid-March. Many a CT hiker knew Mr. Kemmer as the kindly operator of the general store on hwy 68 which bears the family name. Mr. Kemmer's son continues to run the store.

May program meeting 5/26 7:30pm Radnor Lake Visitor's Center guest speaker will be TTA member Robert Brandt. He will show slides and discuss his new book Middle Tennessee On Foot.

Such a starved bank of moss  
till, that may-morn,  
blue ran the flash across:  
violets were born!  
—robert browning

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## PLATEAU

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May 9th

Elkmont, Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Less than a mile; easy stroll. We may decide to do another hike on one of the nearby trails.

Leader: Gene Holloway (931)788-1724 for more details.

May 23rd

Wash Morgan Hollow north of Cookeville, TN

New Nature Conservency site north of Cookville; hike is about 2 miles through a narrow, deep gorge. Will need to caravan to the site since it is difficult to find and parking is limited.

Leader: Nora Beck (931) 484-0161 for more details.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Cracker Barrel restaurant parking lot (Exit #317 off of I-40).

### 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.

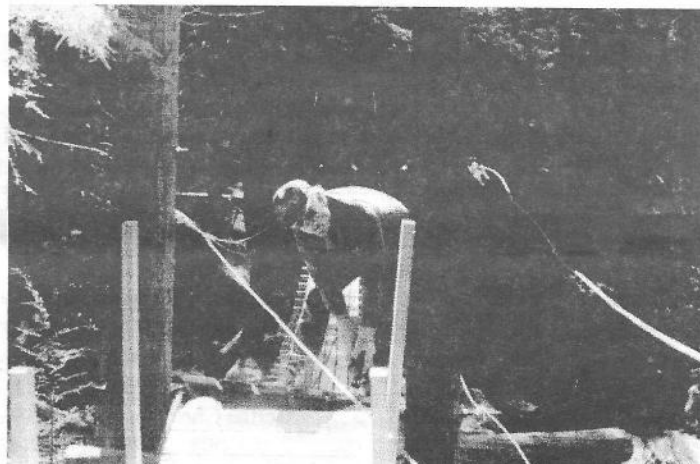
If you are interested in maintaining a particular trail or section of trail, please contact Harold Draper, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator at (423) 689-7757.



*Bill Eldridge and Jim Lifsey*

CT bridgebuilders at work during BA '98

*Jim Lifsey*



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___ Hiking Tennessee Trails, 4th Edition	\$9.95
___ TTA Adopt-A-Trail Manual	3.00
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___ 25th 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: Libby Francis, 2104 Snook Drive, Nashville, TN 37210. Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$6.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Supporting, \$30, \$40, \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual/Family 15.00

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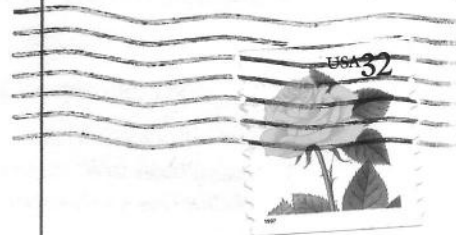
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