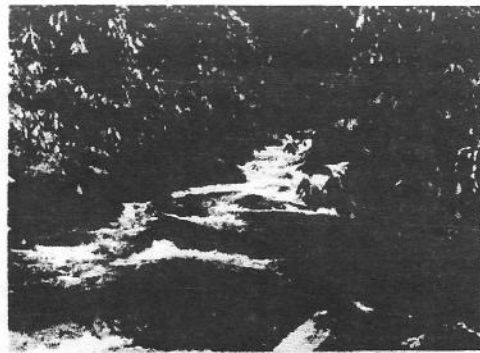


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Oneida, TN 37841
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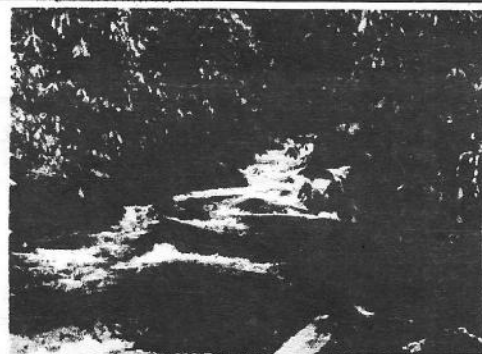
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JULY 11 - Percy Warner Park Hike led by Elizabeth Gerlock. We will hike the Warner Woods Trail and the Mossy Ridge Trail for a total of 7 miles rated moderate to difficult (especially in the summer). Meet at the trailhead at Percy Warner Park at 7:30 am. Call Elizabeth at 356-6260 for more information and to preregister.

JULY 18 - Virgin Falls Hike led by Diane Manas. This 8 mile trail rated difficult includes beautiful waterfalls and overlooks. Meet at 6:45 ready to leave at 7 at K-Mart/Kinko parking lot on Donelson Pike. Call Diane at 352-7777 for more info and to preregister.

JULY 26 - Hidden Passage Trail Hike led by Jim Poteet. This 10 mile hike is rated easy, but remember it is 10 miles. The trail is in Pickett State Park and includes waterfalls, overlooks and many interesting rock formations. Meet at 7:00 am at the K-Mart/Kinko parking lot on Donelson Pike. Call Jim at 824-7666 for more information and to preregister.

JULY 28 - It's time once again for our annual TTA Nashville Chapter Picnic. Tuesday, July 28th. We'll gather at picnic area #10 in Edwin Warner Park at 5:30 pm. Dust off your favorite recipe or try a new one. Call Janie Stone at 868-2043 if you have questions about what to bring. Frisbees and other airborne objects would be welcome. See you there!

"Do what we can, summer will have its flies. If we walk in the woods, we must feed mosquitoes." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Looking Ahead....

AUG. 1 - Newcomers Hike and Social led by Elizabeth Gerlock. We will explore some of the trails along the Natchez Trace Parkway and have lunch in Franklin. Call Elizabeth at 356-6260 for meeting time, place and more information.

TRIP REPORT SHORT SPRINGS STATE NATURAL AREA - TRAILWORK

There's just something about creating a path in the woods for people to enjoy and appreciate the natural wonders around us—something about feeling the earth in your hands, listening to water tumbling over rocks—that draws people, even on a warm summer day in June.

Sixteen volunteers showed up on June 13 to work on the trail development project at this State Natural Area between Tullahoma and Manchester. First-time trail builders Agnes and Arthur Smedley of Cowan, and Phil Pratt of Tullahoma joined Murfreesboro's Mike Harvey, Mt. Juliet's Alan Stokes, Nashville's Libby Francis, Judy Wood, Patti Latta, Bob and Arleen Barnett, and Pikeville's Rob Weber to build steps on the steep descent to Machine Falls and clear new trail tread to complete the outer Machine Falls Loop trail. Dan Frazier, a local Tullahoma high school student who helped with last year's trailwork at Short Springs, eagerly and energetically assisted again with the task of hauling 6x6 timbers (provided by TVA) into the work site and installing waterbar-type steps. Dr. Phelps and three of his Scouts from Troop 303 in Tullahoma worked on clearing new trail and digging post holes.

The City of Tullahoma also lent a hand (and dump truck and front loader) to haul off cement blocks and trash from a demolished building within the Natural Area close to Bobo Falls.

Workers cooled off in the icy waters of Machine Falls and creek after calling it a day and were rewarded with cookies, lemonade and ice water provided by Friends of Short Springs, who spent a considerable amount of time trying to find us on the trail!

Blazing will be completed in the near future. If you haven't been to Short Springs yet, it's an absolute must to add to your list of new places to hike.

Thanks to Brian Bowen of the State Division of Natural Heritage, Judith Bartlow of TVA, the City of Tullahoma Recreation Board and Utilities Dept. and Marjorie Collier of Friends of Short Springs for their assistance in coordinating and publicizing this event.

--Arleen Barnett

PLATEAU

No meetings or hikes are scheduled for July and August.

UPPER CUMBERLAND

July 11 (Saturday) -Waterfalls and Mountains Car Hike and Chapter Meeting. Meet at First Union Bank in Sparta at 9:30 am. Drive about 120 miles. See two waterfalls. Hike approximately 7 miles. Chapter meeting and picnic are atop scenic Mt. Roosevelt above Rockwood!

August 8 (Saturday) - Walk and Chapter Meeting at Cookeville's City Lake Park. Bring your lunch and meet at the parking lot at noon.

FRIENDS OF BEAMAN PARK HIKE
NASHVILLE
JULY 26, 1-4 PM

CALL NANCY DORMAN AT (615) 299-9586 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.
SPACE IS LIMITED.

NOTE: WE'LL BE HIKING CROSS
COUNTRY TO EXPLORE FUTURE
TRAIL ROUTES

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.....

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park expects to receive a special appropriation for trail maintenance next year to repair 20 to 25 trails. The park estimates that 400 of the 800 miles in the park are in need of repair. In order to determine which trails to repair and how to repair them, the park announced at a June 1 public meeting in Tremont

that they will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on proposed 1999 trail work. The EA will analyze different ways of bringing trails back up to standards.

Alternatives proposed were:

- no action
- major repair by hand tools only
- major repair by mechanized tools
- administrative actions such as closing trails and redesignation of uses from horses to hiking only

The use of mechanized tools might be expected to detract from the wilderness character of the park, and this issue helped to prompt the park to seek public comment on the proposed trail repair methods. Mechanized tools include use of helicopters, all terrain vehicles, rock crushers, small trail bulldozers, and backhoes. At the meeting, it was stated that the environmental assessment would consider the effects of various repair methods on such issues as visitor experience, natural resources, and cultural resources. It is expected that a proposed repair method will be described for each trail to be repaired.

Trails in Tennessee that are on the tentative repair list include Anthony Creek, Bote Mountain, Boulevard, Goshen Prong, Rainbow Falls, Road Prong, Russell Field, Snake Den Ridge, Sugarland Mountain, and Trillium Gap.

To comment on the trail repair, hikers should write to:
Karen Wade, Superintendent
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Rd.
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Book Review

Walking Down the Wild, by Gary Ferguson

A naturalist's account of a 500-mile backpacking trek through the Yellowstone Rockies. Excerpt...

"How's the road to Elk City?"

"Depends on if it's raining on the Divide."

"That happens a lot this time of year?"

"Hasn't rained there for going on two months now."

"So the road's probably in good shape."

"Well, it was until the rockslide last week."

"So I should forget it."

"I wouldn't say that. Jim Franks lives up there, and he's probably cleared it by now."

"So you think a van can make it?"

"Kinda depends on whether Jim was drunk or not when he cleared it."

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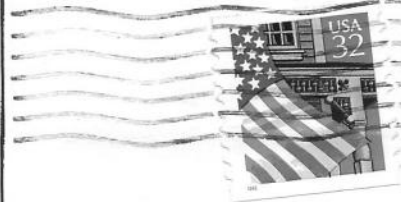
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