

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.

BreakAway '99!

A Spring Migration of Adventure

Early March brings a sense of change, where the seasons are simply unsure of themselves. It is often tempestuous, with the cold and icy storms of late winter bearing down upon the spring sun.

Spring beckons the arrival of the spring migration, where one can witness thousands flocking towards locations located throughout the southern states. Most of these creatures settle on the beaches of the Florida or Texas coasts, setting off a frenzy that draws the attention and ire of the native population. One migratory location is found further north, in the highlands of Tennessee.

Each spring, as with the arrival of bluebirds who quickly inspect the old cedar box that hangs not squarely on the rotten locust fence post, university students flock to the Cumberland Plateau of Tennessee.

Observers this year were dazzled by the brilliance of this year's flock. Sightings included the more common Michigan and Illinois varieties: Wayne State, Michigan State and Eastern Illinois. They noted that Eastern Illinois and Michigan were seen last year and that all three species had tremendous energy and vigor. Other observations included the Universities of S. Carolina and

Vermont, not previously seen wintering on the Plateau before. They overwhelmed our observers with their numbers and desire on the trail. The most uncommon of observations was the presence of the Washburn University species, whose home territory is Kansas. This flock, which winters alone, surprised our observers with their knowledge and effort. Kansas is not Tennessee, but Tennessee is not Kansas.

What calls them to the Cumberland Plateau? It is to participate in our Spring BreakAway Program, which each March tackles the construction of the Cumberland Trail.

This year, the flocks, under the observation of **Barry Spearman, Jim Schroeder, and Alan Stokes**, raised three bridges in Richie Hollow on the Tennessee River Gorge Segment. With the leadership of **Jim Lifsey, Bill Eldridge, and Al Churcher** they completed the revitalization of the Signal Point Trailhead to include the construction of the last rampway and the restoration of the bluff line. They followed **Sandra Spearman, Carolyn Miller, Monty Matney, Rick Glenn, and Mike Harvey** into strange and wondrous corners of the plateau as they cut new switchbacks in the N. Suck Creek, built wonderful rock staircases, and rebuilt and blazed miles of trail. Further efforts saw **Arleen Barnett** lead the Kansas flock in the reconstruction of the Bowater Stinging Fork Pocket Wilderness and the revitalization of portions of the Piney River Pocket Wilderness.

To everyone who flocked to the Cumberland Plateau, we thank you! Special thanks to Carolyn Miller, BreakAway

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Coordinator, to Arleen Barnett, Program Coordinator, and to Sandra Spearman and Alan Stokes for their leadership. Congratulations and a big thanks to the Site Leaders from each school for your leadership. Great job!!

We are pleased to report that all of the flocks have returned safely to their home territories, their urge to migrate suddenly quiet.

BreakAway Program Sponsors

Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation
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Cumberland Trail hike

Saturday, May 22 - Breakaway Bluff Hike on the Cumberland Trail. Come see the Trail of a Thousand Steps (which is rapidly approaching the need to be renamed the Trail of Ten Thousand Steps!). We might be rewarded with blooming rhodoendron if the timing is right. This hike is rated moderate to difficult, total hiking distance 9 miles, with lots of rock steps and some ups and downs, but the view from Breakaway Bluff is well worth the effort! Meet at 9:00 am eastern time at the Obed National Wild & Scenic River office in downtown Wartburg. Call Arleen Barnett at (615) 833-5274 to preregister and for more info.

TTA Spring Board Meeting and Retreat

We are trying a new format for our regular Spring board meeting. We are scheduling a full weekend of hiking activities interspersed with workshops and business meetings. **All TTA members are welcome to come for the hikes and/or the meetings.** The retreat will be held the weekend of May 15 and 16 at Standing Stone State Park near Livingston. The tentative schedule calls for short and long hike options in the Park at noon on Saturday, followed by a pot luck dinner, followed by a couple of board workshops Saturday night. The regular business meeting will then be held Sunday morning, followed by more hiking opportunities. We have reserved a limited amount of cabin space, but camping is also available. Contact Jim Poteet (615-824-7666 or jpoteet@genesco.com) before May 7 to reserve your space.

BackCountry Outing!!

**Obed W.S.R. Segment of the
Cumberland Trail
May 13-16, 1999**

Our Fall BackCountry Outings proved so successful that we are duplicating the program for the spring. We will tackle the construction of the Cumberland Trail on Turkey Creek and behind Hatfield Mtn...a remote portion of the CT with backpack access only. Volunteers can expect to spend from 2-4 days at a remote basecamp on Turkey Creek deep in the heart of the Obed Segment.

We will shuttle volunteers to the trailhead on both Thursday and Saturday mornings, thus allowing volunteers the opportunity to spend either 2 or 4 days on the trail. Volunteers should be fully equipped with backpack, tent, bag, ground tarp, pad (rugged rocky sites), poncho, first aid kit, water filter, SEVERAL water containers (you do not want to chase water all the time), food (carry one extra day), chocolate (a must), sturdy boots, old clothes (you will get dirty), work gloves, and an expectation of fun.

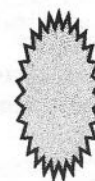
The off-trail hike to the basecamp is approximately 1 mile with a steep descent into Turkey Creek. Participants should be in good physical condition for this outing.

You must register for this program as we must provide and be prepared for transportation to the site. Please contact: TTA/CTC, Rob Weber at 423-533-2620, robweber1@prodigy.net; Middle Tennessee Sierra Group, Alan Ball, 615-228-1962, aball@mail.state.tn.us; Harvey Broome Sierra Group, David Reister, 423-670-8991, DBR@ORN.LGOV.

**No Experience Necessary
We Guarantee an Experience!!**



Come Hike Tennessee's First Linear State Park!!
Cumberland Trail State Park
Saturday, June 5, 1999 (National Trails Day)
Registration 8:00 am; Hikes Begin at 8:30 am



Tennessee Trails Association will lead guided hikes on all open portions of the Cumberland Trail on Saturday, June 5, 1999, for National Trails Day. The purpose of the event is to promote awareness and support for the Cumberland Trail State Park, Tennessee's first linear state park. Tennessee State Parks will assist by providing shuttle vehicles and is also helping secure corporate sponsorship for the event so that we can provide refreshments and free Cumberland Trail T-shirts for all hikers.

We are asking for support in various forms—**first of all, come and hike with us on National Trails Day!**
We want to get a lot of feet on the trail on June 5!

Volunteers Needed!

- Hike leaders (at least 2 for each hike, need a "reserve" hike leader depending on how many hikers show up. We need a volunteer for each hike location willing to have their phone number published on promotional flyers and newspaper announcements for hikers to preregister so we can get an approx. idea of how many hikers to expect.
- Volunteers to handle registration table in the morning — 2 for each of the five locations—Iron Furnace in Town of Cumberland Gap, Cove Lake State Park (Caryville), Frozen Head State Park (Wartburg), Cumberland Mountain State Park (Crossville), Signal Point Overlook (Chattanooga)..
- Volunteers to distribute refreshments and T-shirts at end of hikes—2 for each of the five locations previously mentioned
- If you know a local business and/or community group that might be interested in sponsoring the Cumberland Trail Special Event either through a donation of bottled water for hikers, soft drinks/snacks, or financial support to help pay for T-shirts and event costs, please let me know. Suggested sponsor amounts would be \$50.00, \$100.00, \$250.00, \$500.00, depending on the size of the business. It usually works better if a local person makes the personal contact with the business, but I am available to help with this also. All sponsors will be recognized on the program. Please let me know if you wish to approach a local business for sponsorship so that efforts are not duplicated. Thanks!

This announcement has also gone out to the Chattanooga Hiking Club, the Cherokee, Harvey Broome, Middle Tenn, Upper Cumberland and State of Franklin Sierra Clubs, Cumberland Gap Hiking & Biking Club, Cumberland Trail Stewards, North Chickamauga Conservancy, Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association, Audobon Society, Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, and Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club.

Arleen Barnett, CT Special Event Coordinator
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Hikes

<u>Starting Point for Hike</u>	<u>Time Zone</u>	<u>Total Distance</u>	<u>Hike Rating/Trail Segment</u>
Iron Furnace in Cumberland Gap	Eastern	4 miles	Easy to moderate
Cove Lake State Park	Eastern	3 miles	Easy (Eagle Bluff to Cove Lake)
Cove Lake State Park	Eastern	9 miles	Difficult (Lafollette to Cove Lake)
Frozen Head State Park	Eastern	4 miles	Easy (Rock Creek to Alley Ford)
Frozen Head State Park	Eastern	9 miles	Difficult (Rock Creek to Breakaway Bluff)
Frozen Head State Park	Eastern	8 miles	Moderate (Devil's Breakfast Table/Turkey Ck)
Cumberland Mtn. State Park	Central	3.5 miles	Easy (Black Mountain)
Cumberland Mtn. State Park	Central	7 miles	Moderate (Brady Mountain)
Cumberland Mtn. State Park	Central	10 miles	Moderate (Piney River Trail)
Cumberland Mtn. State Park	Central	3 miles	Easy to moderate (Stinging Fork Trail)
Signal Point Overlook	Eastern	5 miles	Easy to moderate (Signal Pt/Edwards Pt)
Signal Point Overlook	Eastern	8 miles	Difficult (Signal Point to Hwy 27)
Signal Point Overlook	Eastern	5 miles	Easy (CT Parking Lot to Hwy 27)

BreakAway Student Volunteers:

CT Patch awarded to all students.

Eastern Illinois University

Jill Rohr
Carey Miller
Dianne Didominicis
Jeannette Sandman
Todd Wohlrabe
Sheila Dunn
Eric Cler
Cori Franz
Kristi Orlet

Jaymee Farrier, Site Leader
Steven Chereska, Site Leader

Michigan State University

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Smitha Chirumamilla
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Mark Holbert
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Chris Farrci
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Megan Hofeller
Tess Kenney
Andrew Bosley
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Jennifer Wilkinson, Site Leader

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Joseph Bartus
Scott Pritzlaff
Mark Little
Lena Fionda
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TTA/CTC Trail Volunteers:

BreakAway Coordinator: Carolyn Miller of the Plateau Chapter

Program Coordinator: Arleen Barnett of the Plateau Chapter

CT-100 Hour Volunteer Award Recipients:
Rick Glenn, Monty Matney.

CT-24 Hour Patch Recipients: Fount Bertram, Donald Box, David Brill, Al Churcher, Robin Gheesling, Rodney Hornsby, John LeCroy, June Miller (I remembered), Jim Poteet, Joe Schulte, Diane Simpson, Eric Wilson.

(If you did not receive your patch or stripe during BreakAway, it will be mailed.)

Volunteers:

Big South Fork Chapter: Eric Wilson

Clarksville Chapter: Suva Bastin, June Miller.

Cove Lake Chapter: Faith Dippold

East Tennessee Chapter: John Bilbrey

Memphis Chapter: Carol Haley...hurray for Memphis!!

Murfreesboro Chapter: Jim Schroeder, Mike Harvey, Fount Bertram, Mark Stanfill

Nashville Chapter: Alan Stokes, Jim Johnson, Diane Simpson, Al Churcher, Vera Churcher, Jim Poteet

Plateau Chapter: Carolyn Miller, Sandra Spearman, Barry Spearman, Arleen Barnett, Jim Lifsey, Bill Eldridge, Joe Schulte, Rick Peterson, Susan Weber, Joe Bayless

Cumberland Gap Hike & Bike Club: Larry and Virginia Giles

Cherokee Sierra Group: Monty Matney, Rick Glenn, Rodney Hornsby, Joan Haskins

Middle Tennessee Sierra Group: Alan Ball, Robin Gheesling

Chattanooga Hiking Club: Betty Petty, Donald Box

University of Tennessee: David Brill

Prentice Cooper State Forest: Jim Lane,

Kenny Free, Jay, Homer Shirley, Dan Long, Jackie Stephenson, Carla Smith.

Tennessee Heritage Division: David Lincicome.

Tennessee State Parks: John LeCroy.

BreakAway Donors & Supporters:

These organizations, businesses, chapters, and individuals made this program a reality... Thanks!

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TTA's Annual Mtg. Auction
Wayne State University
What is BreakAway?

BreakAway is a nationally recognized program offering university students an alternative to the beach, giving them a 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

BIG SOUTH FORK

Saturday, May 22 Meeting of the Waters Trail in Rugby. 3 miles, easy. Come to Rugby for the 25th Annual Festival of British and Appalachian Culture and enjoy this easy and lovely hike before taking in the Festival activities. Meet at the parking area at Laureldale Cemetery at 10:00 Eastern time. Contact Eric Wilson or Vi Biehl for details or to register for the hike. 423 628 2817 or ERICAVI@infoave.net.

Saturday May 29 Middle Creek Nature Trail, Big South Fork. 3.5 miles, moderate. Meet at Harrow Road Cafe at 9:30 or at Bandy Creek Visitor Center at 10:30 Eastern time. Contact Eric Wilson or Vi Biehl for details or to register for the hike. 423 628 2817 or ERICAVI@infoave.net.

CLARKSVILLE

Congratulations to Clarksville TTA member J.R. "Model T" Tate. On April 17, "Model T" was recognized by Tennessee Legislators as an Honorary Ambassador of Tennessee. We are proud! Oooga!! The Clarksville Chapter meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM at The Crow Community Center at 211 Richview Road May 1 - Frozen Head - call Manuel Mcknight at 358-2115 May 8 - Warner Park - call June Miller at 648-4195 May 22 - Roatary Park hike and work - call Wanda Cumberland at 906-3338 May 29 - Bear Waller Gap - call June Miller at 648-4195 or Suva Bastin at 645-2849

COLUMBIA

May 15th Chickasaw Trace: Trail work

May 22nd Saturday: Lady Finger Bluff Trail (pg226 in Hiking Tn Trails) Length: 2.5 miles moderate. Suitable for kids Leader: Hugh Bullock phone 931-380-8401 Bring: Sturdy shoes, water, lunch Meet: 9:00 Sat may 22nd 1st Pres. parking lot on 7th st. Columbia Other: We will eat lunch on the bluff. Mousetail landing is nearby for a secondary hike in the afternoon if anyone is interested. Directions: U.S. 412/TN 100 just west of Linden, turn right onto Creek Road and follow the signs.

EAST TENNESSEE

SATURDAY, MAY 8, WHITE OAK SINKS—The East Tennes-

see Chapter will sponsor a hike to White Oak Sinks in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on May 8. The hike will be 4-5 miles in length and is rated moderately difficult. The trail begins at School House Gap Trailhead, but we will follow an unmaintained trail to the sinks. Along the way we expect to see beautiful wildflowers and several water falls. To carpool from Knoxville, meet in Western Plaza Shopping Center off Kingston Pike at 8:00 a.m. EDT. We will leave cars near the entrance to the Shopping Center beside Kingston Pike. Or meet at the "Y" in Townsend at 9:00 a.m. EDT. There is limited parking available at the School House Gap Trailhead. For more information, call Keith at 423376-4827.

Burnt Mill Bridge Loop, Sunday, May 16th, East Tennessee Chapter will sponsor a 4.3 mile loop along Clear Fork River, climbing the plateau and returning to the trail head at Burnt Mill Bridge. Good river views, rockhouses, and flowers in season along a nice, soft, trail. Rating, easy. Leave Winn-Dixie in Oak Ridge at 8:30, or meet at the trail head at 9:45. Fifty driving miles, one way. Call Don at 376-5842.

On Saturday, May 22, Russ Manning and Sondra Jamieson will lead a hike on the John Litton Farm Loop at Big South Fork. The 5.9-mile hike is considered moderate, but does include two short ladders, creek crossings, and an elevation change of 200 feet. We will pass rock cliffs, creeks, water falls, the old John Litton Homestead, which is one of the earliest settlements in the area, as we traverse the loop and make our way to the Leatherwood Overlook. Bring water, a lunch, and dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at the Big South Fork at 10:00 a.m. EDT. To carpool, meet at the Norris Commons in front of the Norris Middle School at 8:30 a.m. EDT. Russ and Sondra are co-authors of several hiking guides on the Big South Fork, including "The Best of the Big South Fork" and "Exploring the Big South Fork." This should be a very good hike as well as very enlightening with information about the Big South Fork area. For more information, call Russ Manning at 494-8121.

Saturday, June 5, Tennessee Trails will sponsor a Work Day on the Cumberland Trail for National Trails Day. The public is invited to participate. National Trails Day was created in 1993 to promote awareness of and appreciation for trails and to encourage the formation of partnerships by grassroots organizations and public land management agencies. Participants should meet at the Cracker Barrell at Lake City at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead near LaFollette. Works should bring clippers or hand saws, lunch, and plenty of water. For more information, call Harold Draper at 689-7757.

MEMPHIS

* May 20 (Thursday, 7 p.m.): meeting at Germantown Library. Our speaker will be Pam Riddick, a science instructor at the Pink Palace Museum and geography teacher at the University of Memphis. She will speak about the natural history of the Mid-South. This will be our last regular meeting until September, so let's

have a good turnout before our summer break.

* May 16 (Saturday): SOCIAL HIKE AT SHELBY FARMS. For info, call Ken Novak, 3779127.

MURFREESBORO

Are you interested in a beginner backpack trip in May? If so, contact Mike Harvey at 615-8939594.

May 2, Sunday - Fall Creek Falls; Ranger Naturalist Stuart Carroll will lead a rugged, difficult hike on the recently acquired Huber property. The hike is about four miles long and will include a rock hop up a creek. The climb out of the gorge is about a mile in length. This is a combined hike for the Tennessee Native Plant Society and Tennessee Trails Association. Participants may see some nice ladyslippers. Meet Stewart Carroll at the Nature Center at 9:30 AM. We have Bertha Chrietzberg to thank for this hike.

May 8 - Afternoon float; Float class 1 Smith Fork Creek, Liberty to Doweltown, and explore the little caves in the side of the hill. Along with a canoe and paddle, bring a LIFE JACKET, WATER, food if you want and flashlight. EXPECT TO GET YOUR FEET WET! Call Heloise Shilstat at 254-5461 work or 896-6278 home or email hshilstat@hardaway.net

NASHVILLE

May 1 (Saturday) - Old Stone Fort -For newcomers or those who are looking for an easy outing, join Ed Chidester on this 3-mile hike along the Duck River near Manchester. Call Ed at 615 790 4874 for more details and to register.

May 1 (Saturday) - Beaman Park - Bob Brown will lead a wildflower walk while the rest of the Friends of Beaman Park, and all who are interested in assisting us, continue the trail building that was started on April 5. Meet Forrest Evans and the other Friends at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road at 9:00 am. Register by calling Forrest at 615 876 1981 or 615 876 0100, or by calling Nancy Dorman at 615 299 9586.

May 2 (Sunday) - Fiery Gizzard - Jim Poteet is returning to one of our favorite trails in the South Cumberland Recreation Area. We will hike to Ravens Point and back, by way of Dog Hole. This is a strenuous 12 miles, but the rewards for this hike are overlooks, bluffs and gorges, and if we are lucky, pink lady slippers. Meet Jim at 8:00 am at the Target at Bell Road and I-24. Call Jim Poteet at 615 824 7666 to register for this hike.

May 8 (Saturday) - Collins Gulf Loop - If you did not get enough of the South Cumberland on May 2, you can join James Leininger

on this weekend. This hike is strenuous at 13 miles, with elevation gains, possible stream crossings, and rock hopping. Wear hiking boots and bring water and food for this all day event. Meet at the Target on Bell Road at I-24 at 6:45 am, leaving at 7 am. The commute time will take two hours each way. Please pre-register by calling James at 615 309 8611.

Saturday May 8, 1999 Collins Gulf Loop Hike - At South Cumberland State Park This hike is strenuous at 13 miles, with elevation gains, possible stream crossings, and rock hopping. This is an all day event bring water and food, and wear hiking boots. Meeting in Target's parking lot at I-24 at Bell Road at 6:45am leaving at 7:00am. Commute time two hours each way. Please preregister by calling James Leininger at 615.309.8611.

May 16 (Sunday) - Twin Arches - Charlie and Jennifer Hann will lead this hike on this trail in the Big South Fork Recreation Area which is named for its most striking feature. If you have been doing the easy hikes and want to try something a little more challenging, this is 6 to 7 miles and is rated easy to moderate. Meet the Hanns in the parking lot at Kinkos on Donelson Road at 7 am, and register by calling 615 941 1503.

May 22 (Saturday) - Honey Creek - This is a difficult 5-mile loop. Waterfalls, interesting rock formations, stone buildings and views of the Cumberland River make this hike worth the effort. Meet at 6:45 am at the Donelson Road K-Mart, near Kinkos. Call hike coordinator, Paul Smith, at 931 359 3757 to register.

May 22 (Saturday) - Beaman Park - If you were not able to join the Friends of Beaman Park on May 1, you have a second opportunity to the park. Meet the Friends at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road at 9:00 am and be prepared to hike for about 3 hours. Register by calling Forrest at 615 876 1981 or 615 876 0100, or by calling Nancy Dorman at 615 299 9586.

March 23 (Sunday) - Blue Heron - If you have hiked only in the Tennessee part of the Big South Fork National Recreation Area, here is an opportunity to see it from the Kentucky perspective. For further details on this hike, call Ann Wesley at 615 851 1052.

May 29 (Saturday) - Garrison Creek Trail - Elizabeth Gerlock will lead a newcomers hike on the Garrison Creek Trail on the Natchez Trace Parkway. We will meet at 8:00 am at Elmington Park on West End Avenue in front of West End Middle School. We will have lunch in Franklin. Call Elizabeth 615 356 6260.

Hiking Hot Line - the place to hear the latest in Nashville Chapter hike information (and the lovely voice of Elizabeth Gerlock). Call 615 367 7045.

PLATEAU

Ellen Wolfe

My Adventures on the Appalachian Trail

The Plateau Chapter will host a special program meeting on Thursday, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. CST at the Crossville Housing Authority. Our speaker will be Ellen Wolfe, who, in 1997, became the first woman to thru-hike the Appalachian Trail. Ms. Wolfe is a breast cancer survivor and is currently promoting breast cancer awareness and research through various speaking engagements. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM GIVEN BY A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN!!!

May 1-2 – Obed Wild and Scenic River Overnight Backpack canceled due to Turkey Hunt in Catoosa W.M.A. Watch the newsletter for a future backpack on the Obed.

May 8 – Icy Cove Hike at Cumberland Cove, 3.5 miles, moderate. Meet at 8:00 a.m. CST at the Old Citgo Station on Hwy. 70 at the entrance to Cumberland Cove. Contact Barry and Sandra Spearman at 931-839-2320 to register for this hike or to obtain additional information.

May 22 – Twin Arches Loop at Big South Fork, 5.5 miles, moderate. Enjoy a joint hike under the arches with the Big South Fork Chapter. Meet at 8:00 a.m. CST at the Cracker Barrel (I40 & 127N) in Crossville. Contact Carolyn Miller at 931-456-4465 to register for this hike or to obtain additional information.

UPPER CUMBERLAND

May 6— We will have another meeting at Ryan's at 6:00 and do more hike planning.

May 8— Carol Anderson (615-597-5660) will lead a hike at Black Mountain. This hike is about five miles and is classified as diffi-

cult (ups and downs). Meet at the west side of Penney's at the Cookeville Mall at 8:30 or at the trailhead at 9:30. Carol is a real gung ho hiker, so this should be a good one.

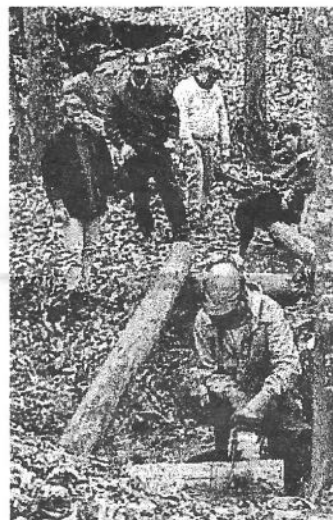
June 12— Marnell Cothran (931-738-5874) will lead a hike to Virgin Falls.

The March 13th hike to Savage Gulf didn't happen because of the torrential rainstorm we had that day.

The hike to Stone Door on April 3rd was attended by ten people. The group split into two groups for a long hike and a shorter hike. The weather was superb although a little on the warm side, and the hikers reported they had a great time.

Photos of volunteers at the Breakaway '99

taken from the Cumberland Trail webpage





MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

☐ Student \$15.00
☐ Individual \$25.00
☐ Family \$35.00

☐ Supporting, \$200, \$100, \$50, Other
☐ Life Member \$500

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