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DON'T FORGET... ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND

November 5-7, 1999 Dubose Conference Center Monteagle TN

The meeting will begin with dinner Friday night and conclude with Sunday afternoon hikes. Events scheduled include a bake sale (you can buy your snacks for the entire weekend as early as Friday evening); a bonfire and entertainment Friday night(please bring instruments for joining in the entertainment); two full days of hiking; dinner, entertainment, membership meeting and an auction Saturday night(bring \$\$\$) and our Board meeting on Sunday(members are welcome to come and participate).

Based on input received at this past August's Quarterly Board meeting we focused on obtaining higher quality auction merchandise, some of which includes outdoor gear. We'll still have the "white elephant" items for sale on the bargain tables, with a few items reserved for entertainment value during the live auction.

Christmas is less than 75 days away so come prepared to spend some money!!!

Keep in mind all of the Auction proceeds go to help fund the Cumberland Trail Breakaway 2000 Program.

(see page 2 for agenda specifics)

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Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday Nov 5th

4p-? Check-in and registration

6-7p **Buffet Dinner**

7p-? ♣Welcome - Fount Bertram: Murfreesboro Chairperson

♣Bonfire / Entertainment

♣Storyteller: Dr. Bob Hornsby

♣Trail stories

♣Music

Saturday Nov 6th

Breakfast 7a

8a-5p Hikes: (lunch on the trails)

> **♣** South Cumberland State Park North Rim (leader: Jim Schroeder)

♣South Cumberland State Park Raven's Point (leader: Fount Bertram)

♣Franklin Forest

"New Areas" (leaders: Mike Harvey, John Cristoff)

♣ South Cumberland State Park Savage Day Loop (leaders: Ann and Pete Preston)

♣Great Stone Door/Greeter Falls (leader: TBA)

Return from hikes 5-6p

6-7:30p Dinner

Entertainment;TBA

Annual meeting; Upper Room After dinner After meeting Annual Auction; Upper Room

Sunday Nov 7th

7:30a Breakfast

8:30-9:30a Board Meeting; Upper Room

After meeting Check out

10:30a-? Hikes: (lunch on the trails)

♣Great Stone Door / Greater Falls

(leader: TBA)

♣Foster Falls (leader: TBA)

♣Franklin State Forest-Mountain Bike Ride (leader: Mary Edith McFarlin)

♣West Collins Trail (leader:TBA)

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NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY 2000

September 25 **Event Report**

The 1999 National Public Lands Day event at Big South Fork was held September 25, 1999. The weather was beautiful, sunny with temperatures ranging 40 in the morning to 70 by the afternoon. A total of 14 volunteers (but no TTA members) turned out to help on rehabilitation of trail tread and cleared vegetation on the Angel Falls Overlook trail. This national park area has 370 miles of trails, but has not had good success in attracting hikers as volunteer trail stewards. TTA hopes to use the event to help demonstrate hiker support to park management. This year there was good publicity prior to the event, including a number of newspapers and radio stations within a 75 mile radius of the site. A web site, www.npld.com, with national sponsorship (Toyota, Outdoor Life Television, REI, BHP, Environmental Education and Training Foundation, and Leave No Trace) and two Nashville radio stations (Lightning 100 and Phoenix 93.) provided public service announcements. Participants received free food, a certificate, and a poster of the Appalachian Trail in Virginia suitable for framing. Because of the importance of the Big South Fork to Tennessee hikers, and the closeness to Knoxville, Crossville, and Cookeville, next year we hope to attract some TTA members. If anyone wishes to help in recruiting volunteers and local business sponsors, please call me. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23, 2000.

submitted by Harold Draper, Adopt-A-Trail Chairman

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take only pictures leave only footprints kill only time and bring home only memories



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TTA Officer Nominations for 2000

Each year, at the annual meeting, the TTA membership elects five officers for one-year terms, plus one atlarge board representative for a three-year term. The TTA Board of Directors, acting as a nominating committee, offers the following names as candidates for officers for the calendar year 2000: Libby Francis for President, Leigh Jones for Vice-President, Patti Shaw for Secretary, James Leininger for Treasurer, and Ninez Giles for Membership Director. Jerry Lenski is nominated for the three-year term as the at-large representative for West Tennessee. Elections for these positions will be held on November 6 in Monteagle. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

While the officers are elected for one-year terms, it has been a tradition in recent years that the President serves two terms, and that the Vice President serves as a de-facto President-elect. However, because of her new commitments and responsibilities as a full time employee of the Cumberland Trail Conference, Arleen Barnett, current TTA Vice President, asked the board not to consider her as a candidate for President. Accordingly, the board has nominated Libby Francis as candidate for President for 2000. Libby has been very active in TTA in various capacities for a number of years, most recently as Middle Tennessee at-large board representative and has been heavily involved in chapter development projects. Leigh Jones, candidate for Vice President, has been heavily involved in the activities of both the Plateau chapter and the CTC. Jerry Lenski, from Memphis, is a relatively new member of TTA, but is very excited about the job of at-large representative and is looking forward to the challenge of encouraging the growth of additional chapters in the western part of the state. Patti, James, and Ninez are incumbents in their respective positions and are expected to continue their records of outstanding service to TTA.

BIG SOUTH FORK NEWS

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ericavi@infoave.net

Nov 5-7 Annual TTA Meeting. We'll see you there.

CLARKSVILLE NEWS

Suva Bastin 913-645-2849 stevjune42@aol.com <u>MEETS:</u> 3rd Tues, 7pm, The Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

Nov 5-7 Annual TTA Meeting

Nov 13 Land Between the Lakes-Ft. Henry Trails, Call J.R. Tate 931-920-2692.

Nov 20 Dunbar Cave State Natural Area- Call Suva Bastin 931-645-2849.

Nov 28 After Thanksgiving Hike. Rotary Park, Call Wanda Cumberland 931-906-3338.

COLUMBIA

John Coleman 931-388-9318 jbcoleman@hotmail.com <u>MEETS</u>: No meeting scheduled for November

Nov 14 VFW Lake in Lawrence County. Leave from the First Presbyterian Church at 1pm. Contact Julie Hodnett at 931-840-5540

Nov 20 Radnor Lake. Contact John Coleman at 931-388-9318.

COVE LAKE NEWS

Siler McCarty 423-566-1291 emccarty@highland.net

Nov 5-7 Annual TTA Meeting. We'll see you there.

EAST TENNESSEE NEWS

(Oak Ridge/Knoxville)

Ester R. Ruffner 423-281-0567 erruffner 2@tva.gov MEETS: Nov 9, 6:30pm EST, Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike

Nov 9 This is East Tennessee Chapter's quarterly planning meeting. In addition to planning our hiking calendar for the coming year, we have a special treat planned. Janie Mertz will show slides from one of her excursions in the South Pacific. This will be a real treat for anyone interested in hiking and in exploring remote, romantic lands. This meeting is open to the general public, all members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. EST at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church located at 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike. Light refreshments will be served.

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EAST TENNESSEE NEWS

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Nov 13 Andrew Stevens will lead a moderate hike of about 5 miles round trip to Angel Falls
Overlook in the Big South Fork. We will walk along the river before climbing to a rock outcropping with a spectacular view. Meet at Norris Middle School at 8:30am EST to carpool or meet at 10am EST at the Leatherwood Ford parking area on TN 297.
Call 423-494-0852 to register.

Nov 20 Jeffrey Hell and South Fork Citico Creek in Citico Creek Wilderness, 6.5 miles. Meet at Bimbo's Fireworks, exit 81 on I-75, at 8:30 a.m., or call the hike leader, Harold Draper at 865-689-7757 to meet at trailhead.

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MEMPHIS NEWS

Ray Burkett (901) 357-9183 rburkett@sscc.cc.tn.us <u>MEETS</u>: 3rd Thurs, Germantown Library (Sept-May)

Nov 5-7 TTA Annual Meeting at the Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN. For information, call John Martin 901-386-3722.

Nov 13 Shelby Forest Trail Work Day, Memphis, TN. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. and bring water and lunch. Also, bring any equipment you have such as gloves, shovels, clippers, or a saw. Dress for the weather. For information call Ken Novak 901-377-9127.

Nov 18 Monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Library. The program will be a Sierra Club video "The Battle for the Everglades". Gliding across the saw-grass prairie, meandering around the vast islands of pine or percolating through the mangroves, the Florida Everglades is a 60-mile wide river that is unique and threatened. The video program highlights the good, the bad and the ugly parts of the \$8 billion federal plan to save one of America's most beloved places. A representative from the Sierra Club will be available to answer any questions.

Nov 28 Coldwater Nature Trail, Arkabutla Lake, MS. Carpool from Piggly-Wiggly parking lot at Perkins and Knight Arnold at 12 noon. Hike begins at 1:15 p.m. at the parking lot below the dam at the spillway. This is an easy 5 mile walk through the bottom land forest, bring snacks and water. For information, call John Martin 901-386-3722.

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MEMPHIS NEWS

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Dec 11 Shiloh Natl. Military Park Compass Hike. Preregistration and compass required for each
individual. Carpool at 6:45 a.m. from Borders
Bookstore at Kirby Pkwy & Poplar Ave or meet at
Ed Shaw's Café at 9:30 am. Bring water and
lunch and be prepared for bushwhacking. Call
Betty Porter 901-755-4740 for information and to
pre-register.

MURFREESBORO NEWS

Fount Bertram 615-765-5357 fwbertram@hotcom.net

We're the hosts for the Annual Meeting (we'll see you there)

Nov 5-7 Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN

Nov 14 Join Heloise for a leisurely six mile paddle on the Stones River East Fork in Rutherford County from Brown's Mill to her house. Join her for vegetarian chile and salad (bring your own beer) on her deck after a short but memorable takeout. You'll be surprised how pretty the bluffs are along this stretch. Call Heloise to register 615-896-6278(hm), 615-254-5461(wk)

NASHVILLE NEWS

Dave Walton 615-646-5355

MEETS: 4th Tues, 7pm, Radnor Lake Visitor's Center, Granny White Pike **Hiking Hot Line 615-367-7045**

- Nov 13 Narrows of the Harpeth. This short hike of not more than 2 miles with some climbing and a breathtaking overlook was rained out in October, so it has been rescheduled. Hike coordinator, Dave Walton, will provide historical background of this area. Call Dave at 615–646–5355 to register, and plan to meet at the Circuit City parking lot in Bellevue at 8 am
- Nov 14 Rock Creek Loop. If you have never been to the Big South Fork, register for this one. It is 7 miles, rated moderate, and being lead by Jim Poteet. Call Jim at 615-824-7666 to register and plan to meet at the Kinko's on Donelson Road at 8am.
- Nov 14 Beaman Park Hike. The gate is up and has been dedicated, but it is still necessary to have a permit to hike in this park. Forrest Evans will be leading this hike that starts at 1pm. Space is limited, so register early by calling Nancy Dorman at 615-229-9586.
- Nov 20 Mammoth Cave Floyd Collins Theme Hike. This is approximately a 7 mile hike on a variety of surfaces (gravel roads, off trail) and is rated moderate. We will be visiting sites that were important in the life (and death) of Floyd Collins. Call Anne Wesley at 615-851-1052 for meeting time and location.

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NASHVILLE NEWS

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- Nov 20 Honey Creek. Substantial 5-mile hike in the Bia South Fork National River Recreational Area. The hike includes overlooks, waterfalls, rock houses, stream crossings and stream walks. This is a very scenic area with constant change in topography. The hike requires crawling over and under rocks. Hiking boots required. Could be adventurous if raining. Bring water and lunch. This is a joint hike with the Chattanooga Hiking Club. Departs 6:30am CST. Please pre-register with James Leininger. Phone 615-309-8611, or email iwleiningr@aol.com
- Nov 21 Cardwell Mountain. Charlie and Jennifer Hann will lead this hike of 5.5 miles, rated moderate, along a portion of the Trail of Tears near Cumberland Caverns. Enjoy hardwood forests, mighty sandstone cliffs, and significant elevation change. The trail is located outside of McMinnville, so pack a lunch and water. Meet at I-24 and Bell Road in the Target parking lot at 7:30am. Call 615–941–1503 to register.
- Nov 23 MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING! Quick! Name the Middle Tennessee trail system most under-used by TTA hikers! (For many, this is a trick question---you can't name it if you don't even know about it). That would be Bowie Nature Park in Fairview. Would it surprise you to learn that the park contains 17 miles of trails? Also, a picnic area, playground and a lake suitable for fishing? Additionally, among the park staff is Melissa Bell. She's a biologist by trade and a friend to any and all hikers in her domain. She has much to show and tell and will do so 7:30pm Radnor Lake Visitor's Center.
- Nov 26 (Day after Thanksgiving) Warner Woods/Percy Warner Park. Guerry Jameson has volunteered to lead an easy, 2.5 mile hike for those who have the day after Thanksgiving off. We will meet at 10am at the park gate at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard. Register by calling Guerry at 615–889–4159.

HERB KNEELAND IS NEW EAF BOARD REP! On top of that, he's a new Nashville Chapter member. Talk about jumpin' right in! Herb will attend the monthly meetings of the Environmental Action Fund, making our concerns known to them, and keeping us informed as to EAF's efforts. Good man!

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For those unable to attend the Annual Meeting, yet have time to volunteer...

LONG HUNTER WORK DAY RESCHEDULED Saturday, November 6

The original date was a rain-out, unlikely as that sounds. Meet at 8am in the parking lot near the Volunteer Trail Trailhead. No experience required, just a lot of want-to! Bring a lunch, water, hand pruners and/or trail tools. For more information or to pre-register, call Elaine Hackerman at 615-298-5929.

PLATEAU NEWS

(Crossville)

Bob Bowman 931-456-5169

MEETS: Nov 18, 7 pm CST, Crossville Housing Authority

- Nov 5-7 Annual Meeting at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle. Hikes at South Cumberland State Park and Savage Gulf (See TTA newsletter for hike information).
- Nov 18 Program meeting at 7 p.m. CST at the Crossville Housing Authority: Leslie Morgan of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area will present a slide show on the bear experiment in that area.
- Nov 20 Mystery hike in Fentress County 3 Miles, rated moderate. Meet at Cumberland Mtn. State Park Visitor Center at 8 a.m. CST. Hike Leaders: Bill and Sue Eldridge 931-456-4459

UPPER CUMBERLAND NEWS

(Sparta/Cookeville)

Denise Charvoz or Barbara Phifer 931-738-3595:

- Nov 5-7 TTA annual meeting and hikes. Check the newsletter or the web site for more details.
- Nov 20 Honey Creek at Big South Fork. Contact person is Carol Anderson at 615-597-5660 or ander@dtccom.net. This is 5.63 miles and rated very difficult.
- Dec 4 Savage Gulf. Contact person is Carol Anderson at 615-597-5660 or ander@dtccom.net.
- Dec 18 Stone Door to Alum Gap and rim trail back. Contact person is Carol Anderson 615-597-5660 or ander@dtccom.net. It is 8.5 miles and rated moderate to strenuous.

A suggestion for the first hike for the new millennium is Standing Stone State Park and possibly a cookout.

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HIKE REPORTS

On Sept 18 Nine people came to the Burgess Falls hike and meeting. There was lots of water still going over the falls despite the very dry weather. We did hike planning for the rest of 1999 and enjoyed delicious hot dogs grilled to perfection by the men.

On Sept 30 Six people from the hiking club went on an unscheduled hike at Laurel Falls. There was barely a trickle of water coming over the falls, but it was a spectacular autumn day. We sure did enjoy being outdoors and the wonderful views.

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Adopt-A-Trail

Trail Maintenance Volunteers Needed!

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

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