

# TENNESSEE TRAILS

**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.**



Get Ready! Set! Go!

Clear Your Calendars

TTA's Annual Meeting is November 10-12

The Clarksville Chapter would like to invite everyone affiliated with TTA, CTC and TRAC to attend our next Annual meeting. This year we'll meet in the beautiful surroundings of Land Between the Lakes (LBL). For anyone not familiar with LBL, located in northwest Tennessee, there are more than 200 miles of hiking trails and abandoned roads meandering through backwoods, fields and alongside peaceful lakeshores. In addition to hiking there are plenty of other places to explore. For example, the Elk & Bison Prairie, a very special place where a native habitat lost more than a century ago is being carefully restored. The Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory, where novice astronomers can learn how to identify the constellations on a simulated night sky. At The Homeplace-1850 you'll visit a rural Tennessee farm, much as it would have appeared in the mid-19th century.

As a group we'll be staying in the Brandon Spring Residential and Group Camp facility on the shores of Bards Lake near Lake Barkley. The registration form, on page 7, lists choices of accommodations available. In addition, our meals will be prepared and served within the group site. Anyone requiring special meal arrangements should include that information on the registration form. See page 7 for registration form, containing lodging, meal reservations and map to LBL. Of course there will be a wide variety of hikes for all fitness levels. A brief outline of the weekend's events can be found on page 8.

## A WISH BECOMES A REALITY

The new "Millennium Trail" at Edgar Evins State Park is now an actual addition to the splendid hiking trails in the state! Yes, it has a name and everything now!! The principals in getting the trail designed, flagged, approved and built, decided on that name since it will be a brand new trail in a brand new century

A very enthusiastic work force showed up the weekend of July 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> and the trail has been started. The first loop trail will be approximately 4 ½ miles. Plans are already underway to expand to add another 5-mile loop that will intersect with the Millennium Trail.

On the work force: Jack and Suva Bastin represented Clarksville, Libby Francis from Nashville, Jim Schroder, James Herring, Michelle Latimer, Fount and Anna Bertram from Murfreesboro. Nancy Braam from Nashville volunteered as a non-member.

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### Tennessee Trails Board Meeting

August 19, 1:00 pm CDT

Tennessee Department of Conservation

17<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

L&C Tower

401 Church Street

Nashville, TN

All elected state officers and  
Chapter Chairs are urged to attend.

All TTA members are welcome to  
attend and participate.

### "BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME"

102 HIKERS ATTEND

TRAIL GRAND OPENING!!!

The grand opening of the Smoky Mountain Segment of the Cumberland Trail on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, was a tremendous success! 102 hikers participated in the inaugural event and became a part of history by hiking the newest segment of Tennessee's Millennium Legacy Trail on 3 miles of the Smoky Mountain Segment. The grand opening hike was hosted by the Cumberland Trail Conference, and the Cove Lake and Plateau Chapters of Tennessee Trails Association. This hike gave a whole new meaning to the words "car shuttling"! The hikers ranged in age from 14 years to 83 years!

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## Letters from Libby .....TTA's President

Dear friends,

*In spite of the heat, there continues to be many activities on the trails. TTA has had 12 people, so far, volunteer and work on cutting and building the new hiking trail at Edgar Evans State Park. Enthusiasm is as high as the humidity. I invite everyone to attend the inaugural hike on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The August Board Meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. I encourage everyone to attend and if you have any concerns you wished addressed, please contact your board representative for them to present it at the meeting.*

*Til next time, Libby Francis*

### BUILD IT... (cont. from pg. 1)

The Smoky Mountain Segment, when completed, will wind its way 30-40 miles from Cove Lake State Park to the northeast corner of Frozen Head State Park through the Cumberland Mountains in Campbell, Scott, Morgan and Anderson Counties. This addition to the Cumberland Trail greenway has been under construction since March, and is being built with the assistance of individual volunteers, an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team, a National Sierra Club Service Trip, and the Cumberland Trail BreakAway program. More program outings are scheduled on this segment this fall...watch your newsletter!

I would especially like to thank Faith Dippold, of the Cove Lake Chapter, for her assistance with organizing this event. I would also like to acknowledge the "LaFollette Press" and the "Knoxville News Sentinel" as they attributed so much to the success of this hike via their wonderful press coverage of the event. Also, thanks to Bill Eldridge, Arleen Scheller, and Rob Weber, of the Plateau Chapter, who helped lead the hike, and the AmeriCorp NCCC Red 4 Team who helped so much throughout the day by assisting hikers down the mountain while showing off their beautiful trail building work! We also appreciated AmeriCorps providing the much-needed refreshments of fresh-baked cookies and lemonade when we reached the bottom!

This beautiful new trail, cresting Cross Mtn. at over 3,000 feet, is in need of foot traffic to pack the surface; we call it "stomping"! Hiking is the best trail maintenance there is! CTC would like to invite everyone to come hike the Smoky Mtn. Segment this fall and winter, and as for next spring... there are wildflowers on top of Cross Mountain that rival those at Frozen Head State Park...we kid you not!!! The hike to the crest of Cross Mtn. includes winter views of Powell Valley and Cove Lake, falling water, and wonderful rockwork! Early April to early May appears to be the peak time for flowers on Cross Mtn., depending on your trail elevation. Camping will soon be available on the Montgomery Fork watershed on the backside of Cross Mtn, for those wanting to spend the night.

Please remember that while this trail corridor is open year-round, you must wear 500 square inches of blaze orange (head and chest) during BIG game hunts. Please check the Cumberland Trail website: <http://users.multipro.com/cumberlandtrail> or the TWRA website <http://www.state.tn.us/twra> before heading out on the trail for the current hunting schedule, which will be available after July 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are so grateful for the support of all the hikers who showed up for this hike, and we want you to know how much we appreciate your support of the Cumberland Trail! To obtain a complete trail description and map, please visit the CT website or contact the CTC office.

*Submitted by Susan Weber, CTC*

### Edgar Evins State Park 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Saturday, August 5, 2000 10a - 4p CDT

- 10a Grand Opening, Boat Ramp 1  
1p Hike the new Jack L. Clayborn  
Millennium Trail. The trail is 3 miles,  
BEAUTIFUL and rated easy.

The public has been invited so we will need volunteers to help with signing in hikers as well as assisting the hike leaders on the hike. Volunteers and hikers meet at the trailhead table. Questions, call call Fount Bertram: 615-765-5357 or e-mail him: [fwbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:fwbertram@hotmail.com)

## BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Eric Wilson 423-628-2817 [ericavi@infoave.net](mailto:ericavi@infoave.net)

Aug 12 Yahoo Falls, Big South Fork NRR. If the group is very ambitious and the weather good we can hike the 10 mile Yahoo Arch / Negro Creek / Sheltoewe Trace Loop. More likely we will opt to do a 4-mile portion of the loop with a car shuttle between the ends. In either case we will see 113 ft Yahoo Falls, the tallest in the BSFNRR and the tallest in Kentucky, and two natural arches, Yahoo Arch (80 ft wide) and Makers Arch (60 ft). All trails are rated moderated. Meet at the Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 9:30 am EDT. Bring plenty of liquid and a picnic lunch. Questions and/or to pre-register call Vi Biehl or Eric Wilson: 423-628-2817 or e-mail them: [ericavi@highland.net](mailto:ericavi@highland.net)

## CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

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**MEETS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, 7pm, The Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd Aug 12 Ft. Donelson. Dover, TN. Come and join us as we hike together with the Nashville chapter folks. Trail is 6 miles and rated easy/moderate. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. For questions, meeting time, location and to pre-register call Suva Bastin: 931-645-2849.

Aug 20 Rotary Park. Clarksville, TN. The Rotary Park has undergone some improvements recently so we're going to see 'em all in this 3-mile hike. Trail is rated easy. We'll meet in the afternoon, like 4 pm CDT. For questions, meeting location and to pre-register call June Miller: 931-645-2849.

Aug 26 Cumberland River Bicentennial Rail-Trail. Ashland City, TN. This is an 8-mile trail, rated easy. Bring snacks, lunch, plenty of water and for those wishing, swim clothes. We'll lunch (swim and sun) at Cheatham Dam. Questions and/or to pre-register call Suva Bastin 931-645-2849 or June Miller 931-648-4195.

### HIKE REPORT:

On Jun 3, National Trails Day at Montgomery Bell State Park. Five hikers clicked off 11 miles in observance of NTD.

On Jun 11, James Neblett's farm/wildlife habitat hike. Nine members came out for this special place. We saw fields sown specifically with crops to attract wildlife. As we happened upon the spring we found watermelons strategically placed for cooling, which we couldn't pass up the opportunity for a snack. Yum! Thanks for the surprise!

On Jun 17, Annual Chapter Picnic. Dunbar Cave was the setting for our picnic. What a beautiful area for a picnic. The 20 people attending brought enough food to feed another 20. Everything was so delicious we ate more than we could handle and spent the rest of our time together waddling around.

On Jun 24, Shiloh Military Park. Eleven members hiked and reflected over the 8 miles of historic hiking trails we covered as we passed Indian Mounds, the Bloody Pond and the Sunken Road. It was a very meaningful time for each of us.

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Todd Horton

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS: WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!!!

You've asked for it, we've missed you, we're bringing back our monthly meetings beginning in September. Watch for details in the September newsletter.

Aug 12 Warner Park. Call John Coleman for details: 931-388-9318.

Aug.20 Radnor Lake. Call Todd Horton for meeting time/location(s): 615-302-3336.

Aug 24-27 Great Smoky Mtn NP. We're joining the Nashville chapter for car camping and various day hikes in the Balsam Mountain area of the GSMNP. Todd Horton will be coordinating our carpooling and tenting logistics. Todd can be reached at 615-302-3336. (See Nashville's Chapter News for details.)

### HIKE REPORT

On Jun 24-25 Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area. Eight people joined Todd Horton on Saturday for a hike from the campground, hiking along the Emory Falls and Panther Gap trails to the fire tower atop Frozen Head. The view from the fire tower was worth the ascent. Six people stayed overnight on Saturday night. Then, on Sunday, three hikers took on the rugged Chimney Top trail. It was a great weekend!

Clarksville

Our hosts for the Annual Meeting

Nov 10 - 12

## COVE LAKE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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Aug 19 Join us at Big Ridge State Park on Norris Lake in Union County, east of Andersonville. The hike will cover approximately 5 ¼ miles and is rated easy to moderate. Long trousers are recommended as the trail is narrow and bordered by vegetation in some places. Bring insect repellent, plenty of drinking water, and lunch. Meet 8:30 a.m. EDT at the parking lot behind Eagle Mart in Jacksboro to carpool. We will assemble at the parking area by the park office, which is just off TN 61 near the entrance to the park. Questions and/or to pre-register call Gordon Early 423-566-8319 or email him: ganddearly@aol.com

### HIKE REPORT

On Jun 24 we hiked at Fall Creek Falls State Park. We hiked the Falls trail before lunch. The Falls trail was approximately 2 ½ miles and was relatively easy. Unfortunately, the trail to the base of the Falls was closed due to erosion, but the many beautiful overlooks and the undulating suspension bridge across the creek make the hike well worthwhile. After lunch, for an added bonus, our more hearty hikers took the Cable trail. The Cable trail is a short trail that leads to the bottom of Cane Creek Falls. At one point, hikers must climb down a steep rocky hill with only a cable to help steady themselves. It was a challenge, but well worth the extra effort.

## EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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Aug 12 Little River, Cucumber Gap, Jake's Creek loop. Great Smoky Mtn NP. We'll cover approximately 5.1 miles. Trails are rated easy to moderate. There will be three stream crossings which should be easy if the weather is dry. Meet 8:30 a.m. EDT at the UT Faculty Club parking lot at the corner of Kingston Pike and Neyland Drive or, 9:30 a.m. EDT at the Little River trailhead. The trailhead is 0.6 miles to the left just before the Elkmont campground and ranger station. Don't forget your lunch and water. Questions and/or to pre-register call Esther Ruffner: 865-281-0567.

## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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### ELECTED BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS: WILL RESUME Sept 21<sup>ST</sup> 7p, Germantown Library**

Aug 13 Annual Chapter Picnic\*\*\*\*TIME CHANGE\*\*\*\*

The picnic will be at the lakeside home of John and Regina Martin (canoes and paddle boats available). This is a potluck; bring your favorite summer dish and a lawn chair. Socializing starts around 3 p.m. CDT, business meeting at 4 p.m., and picnic at 5 p.m. This is also our August meeting, so bring any business items you would like to discuss. The address is 3876 S. Lakewood Dr., in the Lake Windermere subdivision near Raleigh. For directions, call Regina and John: 901-386-3722.

### TRAIL MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The Meeman-Shelby Forest Woodland Trail Bridge is completed. Not only bridge building but some trail rerouting was done. Approximately 20 people met at Shelby Forest on June 17<sup>th</sup> to build the bridge. Interpretative Park Ranger Mary Meier did a fantastic job soliciting help from the Coast Guard (8 men). Other volunteers were TTA members Ken Novak, Jerry Lenski, Betty Porter, Carol Haley, Ray Haley, Beckie Long, Jerry Johnson, and Pat Johnson and five Shelby Forest summer workers. One of the summer trail workers is a student and TTA member, Joe Seago from UT at Martin. Now with the new bridge in place we won't have to wade the creek.

### TENTATIVE PLANS

Another bridge building plan is in the works while help is available. July 29<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled work date. An update will be forthcoming.

## MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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**MEETS:** 2nd Tues, 7pm, St. Marks United Methodist, 1403 E. Main St

Aug 5 Edgar Evins State Park. Center Hill Lake, TN. Join us on the inaugural hike of the new Millennium Trail the Murfreesboro chapter and volunteers have been creating. The rollout of this trail coincides with the park's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The trail is 4 ½ miles and is rated moderate. Bring lots of water and lunch. Help us celebrate a new trail and the Silver Anniversary of this beautiful, often overlooked, park. After you've seen what the area has to offer you will wonder why you haven't been before! Questions, meeting time/location, and to pre-register call Fount Bertram: 615-765-5357 or e-mail him: fwbertram@hotmail.com

Aug 5 Rock Island State Park "Cool Off" outing. There are historic structures to check out, cold water to swim or wade in, and a lot of rock hopping to do. Bring your river shoes and swimsuit, water and lunch, and a towel in a pack so your hands will be free for climbing. People from 5 years to 65 years of age have enjoyed this trip. If you don't swim, however, be sure to bring flotation of some type so you can fully participate. A float is fun to have anyway. Rock Island State Park is located between Sparta and McMinnville, so you can get there via I-24 or I-40. Consult any Tennessee map. Heloise Schilstat plans to arrive at Rock Island State Park at 10 a.m. CDT and leave by 3 p.m. Questions and/or to pre-register call Heloise: 615-254-5461 or e-mail her: hshilstat@hardaway.net

## NASHVILLE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Anne Wesley 615-851-1052 ttahiker@juno.com

**MEETS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 7:30pm, Radnor Lake Visitor's Center, Granny White Pike

**HIKING HOTLINE 615-367-7045**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** We're considering changing our monthly meeting time from 7:30p to 7:00p. Radnor Lake staff has approved the time change. If you have questions or comments, please contact Anne Wesley: 615-851-1052 or e-mail her: ttahiker@juno.com. If there are changes to our meeting time it'll be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

Aug 5 Beaman Park. Warner Park staff will lead this hike to explore Beaman Park. Although an entrance gate has been erected, Beaman Park is not officially open to the public so hiking in this yet to be developed park is by permit only and space is limited. Pre-register by calling Nancy Dorman: 615-299-9586. We'll meet 9 a.m. CDT at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road.

Aug 6 Twin Arches, Big South Fork NRR. This trail in the BSFNRR is named for its most striking feature, arches that reach over 90 feet. The hike is 6-7 miles and is rated easy. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. Meet 8 a.m. CDT at K-Mart on Donelson Road. Questions and to pre-register call Jim Poteet: 615-824-7666.

Aug 11-13 Great Smoky Mtn. NP hiking & car-camping weekend. Paul Smith is bringing back his famous camping & hiking weekend. We'll car-camp at Elkmont's Group Camp site #4. On Sat there will be a choice of a 7-mile hike, with not much up hill, and an 11-13 mile hike, mostly down hill. A short hike is planned for Sunday. The group campsite fee of \$33/night will be split among the group. Paul will keep a list of people offering rides as well as those needing rides. Please RSVP to Paul as soon as you can to allow him ample time to coordinate details: 931-270-8766. Questions and/or to pre-register call Paul Smith: 931-270-8766.

Aug 12 Fort Donelson National Battlefield. Dover, TN. This is a joint hike with the Clarksville chapter, we'll meet them at the visitor's center. Hiking and history come together at Fort Donelson National Battlefield. This "march" around the perimeter of the park, and the spur trail to the adjacent cemetery will give us a 6-mile hike. At the visitor's center, before we hike, we'll see a short video presentation to familiarize us with Fort Donelson's place in the War Between the States. Bring lunch and plenty of water. This trail has more up-and-down than you might think, is well-built and maintained, as it courses through a fine, old forest. Meet at the Bicentennial Park (parking lot 8), downtown Nashville at 6:45 a.m. CDT, sharp! Questions and to pre-register call Dave Walton: 615-646-5355.

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## NASHVILLE CHAPTER (cont.)

Aug 13 Beaman Park. Here is an opportunity to keep cool with a hike along the creeks in Beaman Park with aquatic biologist, Jimmy Smith. Although an entrance gate has been erected, Beaman Park is not officially open to the public so hiking in this yet to be developed park is by permit only and space is limited. Pre-register by calling Nancy Dorman: 615-299-9586. We'll meet 1 p.m. CDT at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road.

Aug 22 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Pre-meeting Hike!! Come early and hike the Lakeshore Trail at Radnor!! This trail is approximately 2 FLAT miles in length, and we promise you'll see lots of waterfowl, man-eating turtles and possibly some owls and deer. You can hike in athletic shoes on this trail, but please bring plenty of water. Meet 6 p.m. at the Radnor Lake Visitor's Center (no RSVP necessary). We'll finish in enough time to have our regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30. See you at Radnor Lake Nature Center, Otter Creek Road at Granny White Pike.

Aug 24-27 Balsam Mtn, Great Smoky Mtn. NP hiking & car-camping "3-day" weekend. Come escape the heat and make sure you've packed a sweater because at 5300+ plus feet elevation, it's the highest and coolest of the park's developed campgrounds. Because Balsam Mtn. is located in the southeastern corner and the drive is longer (5-6 hrs) than most to the GSMNP a 3-day weekend will allow those traveling from Nashville the extra time to really enjoy this beautiful faraway area. You're welcome to come - even if you're only able to come for 1 or 2 of the 3 days. Forty-six campsites are on a first-come, first-serve basis and Diane Manas' plan is to arrive at Balsam Mtn early on Thur Aug 24<sup>th</sup> in order to secure enough campsites to accommodate us for the entire weekend. Therefore, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Everyone will be responsible for their own meals. Diane will try to coordinate carpools and tent sharing for those offering as well as those needing to buddy up. Call Diane Manas **ON/OR BEFORE Tue Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 615-352-7777.

Tentative weekend schedule:

Camp: Thur, Fri & Sat nights. (The cost of \$14 per night per campsite to be split among those on the campsite.)

Hike: (Fri & Sun hikes will require a car shuttle.)

On Fri: 13.1 miles. Balsam Mtn. Trail, Beech Gap Trail & Hyatt Ridge Trail. We'll meet and leave from the campground at 7:30 a.m. CDT.

On Sat 13.3 miles. Rough Fork Trail, Caldwell Fork Trail & Hemphill Bald Trail. We'll meet and leave from the campground at 7:30 a.m. CDT.

On Sun 5.5 miles. Polls Gap Trail. We'll meet and leave from the campground at 9 a.m. CDT.

Aug 28 Newcomers Hike. Garrison Creek Loop, Natchez Trace Parkway. This is a 3.7-mile loop trail rated easy. We'll stop for lunch after the hike. Bring plenty of water. Meet 9 a.m. CDT, Elmington Park parking lot on West End Avenue. We may be wading across the Creek if it has rained recently. Questions and/or to pre-register call Elizabeth: 615-356-6260.

## NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

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**MEETS:** August 24<sup>th</sup>, UT Martin Campus, Boling University Center. Then 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur each month.

Our first meeting for the academic year is Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>. We promise our meeting to be very informative as we have a lot to catch up on. Call Jim or Brian to obtain meeting time.

## PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Vicki Perdue 931-456-6466

**MONTHLY MEETINGS: WILL RESUME Sept 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
then 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs each month, 7pm, Crossville  
Housing Authority

There are no chapter meetings or hikes scheduled for August. See you in September!

## UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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There are no chapter meetings or hikes scheduled for August. Because of the summer's heat we hadn't planned any hikes per se. There have been several spontaneous hikes though. If you want to be included on the list of must-calls when we do an impromptu hike please call Helen Anglemier: 931-858-5947.

### IMPROMPTU HIKES REPORT:

On Jun 17 four people braved the heat on our impromptu hike to Virgin Falls. It was very hot and started raining on the way out - this was considered a blessing as it cooled everyone off, even though it was just a little. The trail was very green, lush and there were lots and lots of ferns.

On Jun 30 five people gathered on another spontaneous hike to Big Spring in the Bridgestone / Firestone Centennial Wilderness, a great turn out for a Friday. It was one of those wonderful cooler days. An enjoyably long lunch was spent sitting along Big Spring's beautiful blue hole.

# CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

## CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE CONTACTS:

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***There aren't any hikes or trail maintenance/building dates scheduled for August. Please plan to join us in September for the following event:***

Obed Wild & Scenic River  
CTC 13-mile Segment  
Ribbon-cutting & Dedication  
September 15 & 16

Join us as we "cut the ribbon" to officially open and dedicate the 13-mile Obed Wild & Scenic River Segment, to honor the preservation of the historic Nemo Bridge, and to dedicate the Cumberland Trail as Tennessee's Millennium Legacy Trail. Hundreds of volunteers of all ages can attest to the rugged beauty of the Obed as they have moved rock and earth to create the "Trail of a Thousand Steps" over the past four years.

**On Friday, September 15,** 11 a.m. EDT, ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Nemo Bridge near Wartburg, followed by a picnic lunch and a short easy hike on the Cumberland Trail from Nemo Bridge to Alley Ford. We have tentative commitments from Governor Sundquist, TDOT Commissioner Bruce Saltzman, and TDEC Commissioner Milton Hamilton to be there, along with other local and state officials, who will join the scores of volunteers who helped create the Obed Wild & Scenic River Segment and hikers who want to experience the beauty and challenges of the Obed River and Daddy's Creek.

**On Saturday, September 16,** a 13-mile through-hike of the Obed Segment will be offered, as well as some shorter hikes on various sections. Come see BreakAway Bluff, named after the BreakAway college students who built 2 ½ miles of trail to an incredible overlook on the Obed; Morgan's Overlook, lovingly built by inmates from Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility; Enterprise Rock, a fantastic balanced rock that looks like an aircraft carrier; the Turkey Creek bridge engineered and built by some tough volunteers who had to drag telephone poles incredible distances and across a gorge; raging river rapids and inviting deep pools. Have we enticed you yet?

## *Immediate Job Opportunity*

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

### Full-Time Position

Help develop the Cumberland Trail State Park. Provide organization and leadership for CTC's non-profit Volunteer Trail Building & Educational Programs. Must have transportation; mileage reimbursed. Position based in Crossville. Call 931-456-6259 for more information.

## CT 2000 Auction Prints for Sale

If you missed the auction, now is your chance to order the prints that everyone has been talking about!

"Obed – Maple Bloom" – by artist Terry Chandler (available exclusively through CTC); "Middle Creek Suspension Bridge" – by artist Jim Wright; and "Bluebirds and Morning Glories", "Fond Memories", and "Summer Roses" – by artist Morrison Vaden

To view the prints and obtain ordering information visit the Cumberland Trail website:

<http://users.multipro.com/cumberlandtrail>

Be sure to click on the pictures to hear the musical accompaniment that goes along with each one! You can also phone the CTC office to order these special limited edition prints.

**REMEMBER: All print proceeds go toward the acquisition of the Cumberland Trail.**

## ADOPT-A-TRAIL NEWS

### **ADOPT-A-TRAIL OFFICER:**

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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 865-689-7757.

## TENNESSEE RAILS-TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

### **BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:**

Charlie Tate 931-381-9569

website: <http://members.aol.com/trac2trail/depot.htm>

**MISSION:** To advocate the planning, development, and management of rail-trails throughout the State of Tennessee for the purposes of appropriate recreation, preservation of rail corridors and alternate transportation, in order to benefit the general public, communities, commerce and tourism

# TTA Annual Meeting November 10-12, 2000 Registration Form

Families: please provide the name of each member of your family attending.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Per Person is \$5.00

Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## LODGING

**HUT** - Dormitory-style cabins equipped with comfortable bunkbeds and mattresses, heat and air conditioning, modern restrooms and showers. We'll have separate huts for the women and men. You will need to bring shower and bed linens or sleeping bag.

HUT Fee Per Night Per Person is \$18.00

FRI NIGHT Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SAT NIGHT Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CAMPING

CAMPING Fee Per Night Per Person is \$5.00

FRI NIGHT Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SAT NIGHT Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MEALS

FRI DINNER Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SAT BREAKFAST Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SACK LUNCH Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUN BREAKFAST Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make checks payable to **Tennessee Trails Association**

Mail to: c/o June Miller  
1002 Post Court  
Clarksville, TN 37043

If you have further questions, call June at:  
931-648-4195

**Due to scheduling requirements at Brandon Springs,  
REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.  
SORRY, REFUNDS CAN NOT BE MADE AFTER October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.**

DETACH and enclose this Registration Form with your check.

DETACH and refer to this Map for the Annual Mtg.

TTA Annual Meeting  
November 10 – 12, 2000

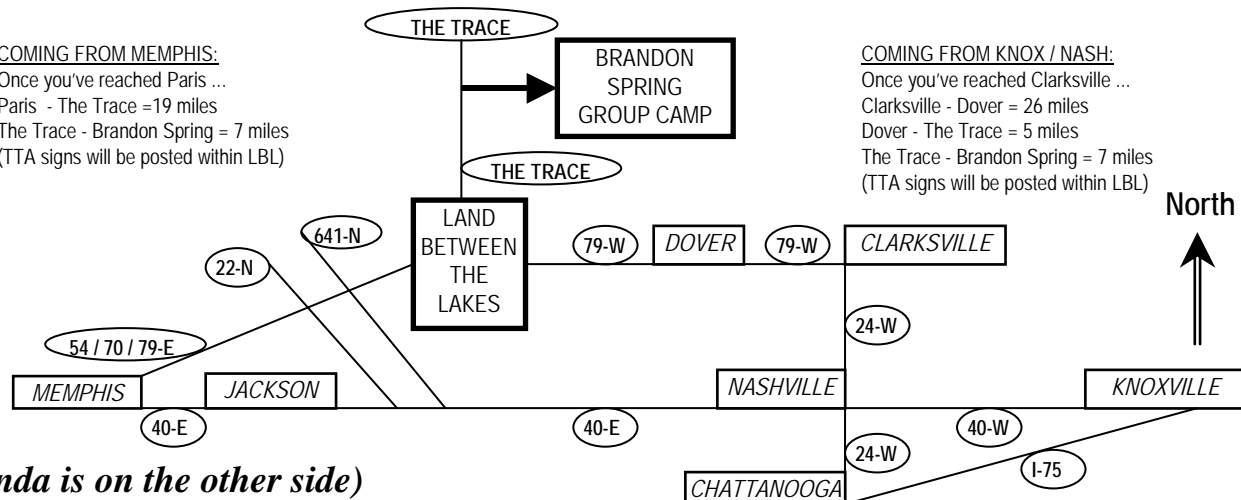
## DIRECTIONS

### COMING FROM MEMPHIS:

Once you've reached Paris ...  
Paris - The Trace = 19 miles  
The Trace - Brandon Spring = 7 miles  
(TTA signs will be posted within LBL)

### COMING FROM KNOX / NASH:

Once you've reached Clarksville ...  
Clarksville - Dover = 26 miles  
Dover - The Trace = 5 miles  
The Trace - Brandon Spring = 7 miles  
(TTA signs will be posted within LBL)



*(Agenda is on the other side)*



July 9, 2000

Dear Friends:

**Tennessee Looks Good to Me** is a statewide initiative to identify 2000 projects that clean up and beautify Tennessee in the new millennium. Since last fall, we have been asking volunteers to join the efforts of government and other grassroots organizations to help us create a cleaner and more beautiful Tennessee. The work of the Tennessee Trails Association to maintain our statewide system of hiking trails is an excellent example of the type of volunteer efforts we are encouraging.

As members of the Tennessee Trails Association, many of you are involved in clean up and beautification efforts on a regular basis. I am pleased to know that a group of Tennesseans has accepted responsibility for our state's trails, and I wish to congratulate you for outstanding volunteer efforts. A **Tennessee Looks Good to Me** project completed by TTA's **Cove Lake Chapter** in association with members of the **Cumberland Trail Conference** is an example of such an effort. On May 6, 2000, volunteers representing these and several other organizations worked together to remove several tons of trash, metal, and tires from Red Ash Creek, near the Smoky Mountain segment of Cumberland Trail State Park.

*Tennessee Looks Good to Me* efforts will continue throughout the year 2000. We would like to include new or existing clean up efforts you make on behalf of the Tennessee Trails Association or any other volunteer organization among our 2000 projects. To find out how to notify us of your efforts and to see pictures of fellow TTA members in action for our state's millennium initiative, please visit our Web page at [www.tnlooksgood.org](http://www.tnlooksgood.org). Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping Tennessee and its trails clean.

Sincerely,  
Josh Brown, Executive Director  
Tennessee Looks Good to Me

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES WITH TTA

Jim and Marietta Poteet (Nashville) are considering organizing a hiking trip to Ireland in June 2001 for TTA members. If you are interested, send an email to: [jpoteet@genesco.com](mailto:jpoteet@genesco.com)

Matthew Pung (Cookeville) is interested in organizing a one-week trip of day-hikes in the northeast Mexico / Copper Canyon region in early November 2000. The plan is to utilize local guides for the day hikes, while accommodations will be within the local town's "Haciendas". The group size is limited to 12 people. If you are interested call Matthew: 931-432-1435.

DETACH and refer to this Agenda for the Annual Mtg.

TTA Annual Meeting  
November 10 – 12, 2000

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY Nov. 10

3:00 p - Check-in & Registration  
6:00 p - Dinner & Entertainment  
7:00 p - Program  
8:00 p - Bonfire

### SATURDAY Nov. 11

7:00 a - Breakfast  
8:30 a - Hikes  
5:00 p - Dinner  
6:00 p - Program  
7:00 p - General Meeting & Awards  
8:00 p - Auction

### SUNDAY Nov. 12

7:00 a - Breakfast  
8:00 a - Board Meeting  
10:00 a - Hikes  
00:00 ? - After Board Meeting Hikes

*(Directions are on the other side)*



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## A WISH BECOMES . . . (cont. from pg. 1)

We also had two public service people that helped. Park Rangers Wayne Morrison and Jason Maynard along with Naturalist Jeremy Vaden added their efforts to the endeavor.

On our first weekend of work we completed just over one mile. Only 3 ½ more miles to go before August 5<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to complete the 4-½ miles before the grand opening, which coincides with the park's Silver Anniversary on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The park has been so supportive of our project that they have waived our camping fees, allowing us camping free of charge.

This will be an ongoing project and will require volunteers. Anyone interested, even if only a few hours, please call Fount Bertram: 615-765-5357 or e-mail him: [fwbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:fwbertram@hotmail.com)

## LET'S GO HIKING . . .



## Tennessee Trails Merchandise Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Hiking Tennessee Trails, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition ..... \$12.95  
\_\_\_\_\_ TTA Patch..... 3.00  
Round embroidered patch, sew it on anything.  
\_\_\_\_\_ TTA Window Decal ..... 1.00  
A must for each car.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check payable to:

Tennessee Trails Association  
c/o Marietta Poteet  
324 Raintree Drive  
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Please allow 4 weeks for delivery and prices shown  
include postage.

## Newsletter Deadlines:

Copy due the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for an  
announcement to appear on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the  
following month

(ie: June 10<sup>th</sup> submissions will appear July 1<sup>st</sup>)

Please send all submissions to:

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**NOTICE: YOUR MAILING LABEL CONTAINS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE.**

To avoid any interruption with delivering your newsletter, we ask that you renew at least one month before the date shown. Use the Membership Form provided below. If you fail to re-apply we will send you one newsletter and a reminder notice. If you have not re-applied by this time, your membership will terminate.

**PLEASE RENEW, STAY INFORMED, WE NEED YOU!!!**

**NEW MEMBER AND  
RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**YES, I want to join Tennessee Trails Association...**

(Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.)

**Please Mail This Form To:**  
**Membership Director**  
**P.O. Box 41446**  
**Nashville, TN 37204-1446**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$35.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$15.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member \$500.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Supporting (\$200.00, \$100.00,  
\$50.00 or other)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please do not list my e-mail address in the TTA Annual Membership Directory

Please list me with the following chapter:

\_\_\_\_\_ Big South Fork \_\_\_\_\_ Murfreesboro  
\_\_\_\_\_ Clarksville \_\_\_\_\_ Nashville  
\_\_\_\_\_ Columbia \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest(UT at Martin/Weakley)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cove Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Plateau(Crossville)  
\_\_\_\_\_ East TN(Oak Ridge/Knoxville) \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Cumberland(Sparta/Cookeville)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Memphis \_\_\_\_\_ At Large

**...volunteer ?...**  
endless opportunities  
available  
contact your local  
Chapter Chairperson

When you become a TTA member, you will receive a monthly newsletter containing information on hiker safety, upcoming hikes / overnight trips, volunteer opportunities, chapter meeting announcements as well as events occurring within TTA's Associate Organizations: C.T.C. and T.R.A.C. You are invited to attend any number of monthly meetings scheduled, where you will enjoy diverse programs, socializing and refreshments. Each April you will receive the Membership Directory listing members by chapter and how to reach them. Every spring and fall we meet at one of Tennessee's many parks for a weekend of hiking, camaraderie and where the board members can meet to exchange ideas and hear reports on TTA's progress.

**As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend all TTA / CTC / TRAC functions.**