

# 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.**



TTA's Annual Meeting is November 10-12<sup>th</sup>

Registration Deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>

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. (Of course, there will be a wide variety of hikes for all fitness levels.) In addition to hiking, there are plenty of other places to explore, for example: the Elk & Bison Prairie, Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory, and Homeplace-1850.

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. 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 8 for the registration form, containing lodging, meal reservations and map to LBL. A brief outline of the weekend's events can be found on page 7.

For those who have never attended an Annual meeting or are new to TTA, here's what you can expect: meet fellow members from all over Tennessee, as well as surrounding states, 2 full days of hiking, entertainment, and the infamous and very entertaining Saturday night "live" auction. All of the auction proceeds go to help fund the Cumberland Trail BreakAway 2001 program in March.

With the upcoming gift-giving season approaching rapidly the Saturday night "live" auction is the perfect time to bid on quality crafts, handmade by top-notch artisans, outdoor gear that may include clothing, tents, backpacks, footwear and vacations. Don't miss it!

*Come celebrate with us!*  
*Tennessee's Millennium Legacy Trail*  
*The Cumberland Trail State Park*  
*Wartburg, TN*  
*September 15-16<sup>th</sup>*

Governor Sundquist will be the honored guest as we celebrate the Cumberland Trail's designation as Tennessee's Millennium Legacy Trail. Celebrate the preservation of the historic Nemo Bridge as a pedestrian crossing for the Cumberland Trail State Park (CTSP), and "cut the ribbon" on the newly completed 14-mile core Obed Wild & Scenic River segment of the CT.

Friday's activities include a ceremony at 11 a.m. (EDT), followed by a picnic lunch and an easy 2-mile hike on the Obed segment of the CTSP.

On Saturday, the Cumberland Trail Conference will offer a 14-mile through hike, an overnight backpack of the Obed, as well as some shorter hikes so as many people as possible can enjoy the beauty of the Obed.

RSVPs needed for the Friday lunch being provided and/or to pre-register for Saturday's hike/backpack by calling the CTC office: 931-456-6259.

Directions: Exit 347 off I-40 at Harriman. Turn north on Hwy 27 to Wartburg and follow signs to Obed WSR office. Buses will shuttle attendees out to Nemo Bridge.



NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY  
SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tennessee Trails Association and Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area invite you to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD), a nationwide event involving more than 200 sites across the nation. Volunteers are

needed from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT at the East Rim Maintenance area, 10 miles west of Oneida on Tennessee Route 297 (Leatherwood Road). Volunteers will help maintain trails in the park through trail tread repair, trimming vegetation, removing blow-downs, and painting blazes on trees. All tools will be provided. Wear grubby clothes that you don't mind getting dirty; bring lots of water, snacks and lunch. Volunteers will receive a poster of Grinnell Lake in Glacier National Park, a certificate, and other gifts provided by local sponsors.

NPLD is a nationwide event set aside each year as a day when thousands of volunteers come together to give something back to America's public lands. The idea is that the millions of Americans who use the public lands could (and should) spend a day giving something back to the land and to their country. This year, an estimated 30,000 volunteers will participate nationwide. Join in, give back and sign up for this event by phoning Harold Draper at 865-689-7757, or by e-mail: [hmdraper@knoxnews.infi.net](mailto:hmdraper@knoxnews.infi.net)

"Caring for Clear Creek Day" Obed Wild & Scenic River  
September 9<sup>th</sup>

Climbers and other trail volunteers will gather to rehab overly broad trails in the Clear Creek area of the OW&SR by narrowing trails and performing maintenance, trash collection, elimination of a number of fire rings, and bolt and anchor camouflage will be some of the things undertaken on September 9<sup>th</sup>.  
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## Letters from Libby .....TTA's President

Dear friends,

On the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup>, over 20 TTA volunteers from the Plateau, Clarksville, Nashville, and Murfreesboro chapters were joined by community service workers, with varying degrees of experience, to complete the first phase of a hiking trail at Edgar Evins State Park. Their ages ranged from teens to past retirement age. Everyone worked tirelessly, battling heat and yellow jackets. I was so excited to see the hiking community pulling together for such a worthwhile project with such enthusiasm. The hiking community also joins together to share grief and sadness with the sudden loss of Brian Brown, founder of the Northwest Chapter of Tennessee Trails Association. Anyone who met him was impressed with his energy, his caring for his students, and his love of the outdoors. Our deepest sympathy to his family, friends and the members of the Northwest Chapter. We will all miss him.

Till next time, Libby Francis

### Caring for Clear Creek . . . (cont. from pg. 1)

The event is part of "Adopt-A-Crag Day", a nationwide effort set up by the Access Fund to bring climbers together to preserve climbing resources and clean up climbing areas. As a national conservation effort, it will hopefully inspire activism, advocacy, volunteerism and stewardship across the country. The Access Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving the climbing environment, encouraging cooperative efforts among different user and interest groups and promoting responsible climbing.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (EDT). Volunteers will meet in the parking area off Doc Howard Road, just up from Lilly Bridge. From Wartburg take Hwy 62 through Lancing. From the railroad tracks in Lancing go 3 miles to Ridge Road where you go left. Doc Howard Road turns left off of Ridge Road just as you head down to the bridge. For more information, to sign up or to get directions phone Frank Harvey: 865-986-6618 or, e-mail him: [faharvey@aol.com](mailto:faharvey@aol.com)

### Edgar Evins State Park Update

The official ceremonies to celebrate Edgar Evins State Park's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary were opened to the sounds of the DeKalb County High School Marching Band and cheers from the assembled crowd. After the usual speeches and acknowledgments were made and the dignitaries introduced, several activities took place throughout the park. The major one for the hikers took place at 1 PM at the trailhead of our brand new hiking trail: *Jack L. Clayborn Millennium Trail*.

Ranger Wayne Morrison and Murfreesboro's Chapter Chairman Fount Bertram dedicated the trail to the future. This is the first of many trails that are on the drawing board for this lovely and accessible park. Enthusiasm ran high among those gathered for the dedication and the first official hike ever.

The trail earns its name, *Jack L. Clayborn Millennium Trail*, because Mr. Clayborn was a part of the crew that built the park and its first maintenance supervisor. He retired a few years ago, but has maintained an interest in the park and volunteers his services on a regular basis. He is well liked and respected by park personnel as well as the community.

The consensus of those hiking the trail was that it is a wonderful trail and has that quality of tranquility and peacefulness about it. It is a lovely deep woods hike where flora and fauna are abundant along the canopied trail. It is approximately 4 miles round trip and is rated moderate because of two fairly steep ascents/descents. As you know, some of the best trail maintenance is hiking a trail. We are anticipating a lot of usage for this one. Come on out and give it a go!

Submitted by Fount Bertram

9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Great Pumpkin Festival and Weigh-off  
Allardt, TN  
October 7



On Saturday, October 7, all TTA members are invited to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Pumpkin Festival and Weigh-off in Allardt, TN. It's just not autumn until you've experienced the delights of this pumpkin festival. Some of the day's events will include a Pumpkin Festival Fun Run and Walk, a Pumpkin Cook-off (a few dollars will buy you a taste of all the entries), the World Pumpkin Federation Weigh-off, a vintage vehicle show, tons of seasonal crafts, and finally the awe-inspiring: *PUMPKIN PARADE !!!* We are planning to enter a "float" in this year's parade, and everyone is welcome to help decorate, march along and throw candy to the kids. We will need some volunteers so step right on up and let's have some fun! Call Anne Wesley to volunteer your talents: 615-851-1052.

Of course there will be hiking. After the festivities on Saturday, around 3:30 p.m. CDT, Anne will lead a hike into Colditz Cove. Colditz Cove is very close and practically within the community of Allardt. On Sunday, Anne will also lead a hike on the Twin Arches trail in BSFNRRA, with an option to continue on to Slave Falls.

Anne is planning to camp Friday and Saturday nights at Pickett State Park. You are welcome to join her there or drive up for the day. Anne will provide directions for day-trippers. Call Anne to obtain many more details and to volunteer your decorating talents: 615-851-1052. *You'll love this festival !!!*

## BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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

Sept 2 We will hike the Nemo Bridge section of the Cumberland Trail. This out-and-back trip from Nemo Bridge to Breakaway Bluff will be 4 miles each way, with a lunch stop at the bluff. Contact Eric Wilson or Vi Biehl to register. 423-628-2817 or email them: [ericavi@highland.net](mailto:ericavi@highland.net)

### HIKE REPORT:

On July 15<sup>th</sup> Peter Erickson led 10 hikers from the Leatherwood Ford out to the O & W Bridge in the BSFNRA. We were joined by 5 members of the Cove Lake chapter – thanks guys! Most of us also enjoyed a swim in the river along the way.

## CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Suva Bastin 931-645-2849 [stevjune42@aol.com](mailto:stevjune42@aol.com)

**MEETS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, 7pm, The Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

Sept 2 Wildlife Management Refuge and breakfast. Call J.R. Tate: 931-920-2692.

Sept 16 Overnight at Savage Gulf, 14 miles to Hobbs Cabin. Call Sandi and Bill Hamilton: 931-920-2760.

Sept 19 MONTHLY MEETING

Sept 23 Cedars of Lebanon, 7 miles, easy. Call Suva Bastin: 931-645-2849.

Sept 30 Canoe the Red River, Adams to Port Royal, about 3 hours. Call John Sneed: 931-920-3820.

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Todd Horton 615-302-3336 [todd1966@aol.com](mailto:todd1966@aol.com)

**MEETS:** Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Civitan Pavilion, Maury County Park, Columbia

Sept 16 We're joining the CTC on their through hike of the Obed Wild & Scenic River segment of the Cumberland Trail. This hike is 14 miles and rated moderate. The hike starts 7:30 a.m. EDT (NOTICE TIME SHOWN IS EASTERN!!!). There are several options we can do: drive up in the pre-dawn hours on Sat or drive up Fri eve and camp/hotel it. For departure time, accommodations, etc call Todd Horton: 615-302-3336.

Sept 28 MONTHLY MEETING. We're so close to Montgomery Bell State Park, we visit and hike the trails often but how much do we know about its history? Join us as Sam Reed, Park Ranger from Montgomery Bell SP, presents "The First Tennesseans." A program about early cultures in Middle Tennessee. In addition to this informative presentation, we're going to have a potluck supper and plan future hikes, meetings and programs. Bring your favorite dish to share, appetite and ideas. TTA will provide drinks and dinnerware. Meet 7 p.m. CDT at the Civitan Pavilion in the Maury County Park in Columbia. If you need additional information call Todd Horton: 615-302-3336.

Oct 21 Join Ranger Sam Reed for a tour of restricted-access Mound Bottom Mace Bluff. More details forthcoming.

## COVE LAKE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Siler McCarty 423-566-1291  
[webmaster@tnrlca.org](mailto:webmaster@tnrlca.org)

Sept 16 Cumberland Trail. We have a choice of 2 hikes. These CT segments need a lot of foot traffic to stomp them down and keep them in shape, so please come and join us. Meet 8 a.m. EDT at Eagle Mart in Jacksboro. Bring snacks, lunch, water (and raincoats?). Questions and/or to pre-register call: Doris and Gordon Early 423-566-8319 or e-mail them: [ganddearly@aol.com](mailto:ganddearly@aol.com), or call: Siler McCarty 423-566-1291.

**1.) Cumberland Mtn.** Eagle Bluff to Tank Springs. For those hardy souls - a difficult 9.9 miles offering spectacular views of the Powell Valley and the Cumberland Mountain range. There are some rugged spots along the way, rock walls to traverse, and a crevice in the rocks to ascend.

**2.) Smoky Mtn.** Eagle Bluff to Devil's Racetrack. For those who want something less vigorous. We will decide that day whether to hike up (and down again) a portion of the new Smoky Mountain segment of the CT. This 4 – 6 mile trail, in & back, is rated moderated. If the roads are muddy we won't be able to drive to the trailhead and will have to hike in to start our hike.

### HIKE REPORT:

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we hiked at Pickett State Park. We took a quick hike before lunch then regrouped at one of the shelters to have a picnic. Everyone enjoyed the picnic. We even had a birthday party for one of our younger members. After lunch we hiked the lake trail. Both trails were easy and quite beautiful. Pickett State Park is an often-overlooked little park with lots of natural beauty and things to do. Built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park has rustic cabins, canoes and several natural bridges and arches to explore. This is a great park to just relax and take it easy.

**Don't Forget !!!  
Annual Meeting  
Reservation Forms  
Due October 1<sup>st</sup>**



(The Reservation Form can be found on page 8.)

## EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Keith Mertz 865-376-4827 KeithMertz@msn.com

Sept 16 Cumberland Trail. Nemo Bridge to Devil's Breakfast Table. 14.2 miles (according to Arleen). Shorter segments will be offered. Meet 7 a.m. EDT at the Obed Wild and Scenic River Headquarters in Wartburg. Don't forget to bring snacks, food and water. Questions and/or to pre-register call Keith Mertz: 865-376-4827.

Sept 23 National Public Lands Day at Big South Fork NRRRA. Show your support for the BSFNRRRA! as we "give back to the trail" by doing one day of trail maintenance work. All tools will be provided. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Meet 9:45 a.m. EDT at the East Rim Maintenance Area on State Route 297 (Leatherwood Road). Questions and/or to volunteer call Harold Draper: 865-689-7757.

### HIKE REPORTS:

On Jul 15<sup>th</sup> 8 hikers set out from the Sinks in the GSMNP on a beautiful mid-July day. Meigs Creek had enough water in it that our Middle TN "mermaids" - Heloise and Fran - had ample opportunities to splash about. Yellow-fringed orchids were beginning to bloom and several types of mushrooms were poking up from the leaf litter. Harold Draper turned over a couple of rocks on an unnamed stream on Curry Mtn. and found 2 salamanders (species unknown).

On Jul 22<sup>nd</sup> Bill and Lee Monroe led 8 hikers up the Big Creek trail in the GSMNP. The creek had a good flow for mid-July with lots of large pools for swimming and wading, although nobody got in above their knees. (No mermaids on this hike.) Six hikers went all the way to Walnut Bottoms while 4 hikers turned back after 4 miles. It was a beautiful day on beautiful Big Creek trail. We saw lots of horses and riders.

## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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### ELECTED BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Gloria Norrid 901-382-4227 gnorrid@yahoo.com

### MEETS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur 7p, Germantown Library (Sept-May)

Sept 21 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Charles Norvell will present a talk "Walking the Pathways of the Past." We will explore the evolution of Meeman-Shelby Forest; it's natural and cultural history as the past and present come crashing into a strange new century. Charles is a lifelong West Tennessee resident and one of the original organizers of the Memphis TTA chapter. He was employed as park naturalist at Meeman-Shelby for 10 years, then 18 years as the West Tennessee Regional Naturalist. Mark your calendar, 7 p.m. CDT, Germantown Library.

Sept 23 Shiloh National Military Park, near Counce, TN. This is a flat and easy 6 - 9 mile walk across open terrain and through the forest. Bring lunch and water. For meeting time, location and to pre-register call Martye Burkett: 901-357-9183.

Oct 6-8 Fri-Sun. Blanchard Spring, Mountain View, Ark. Join us to hike in Arkansas. Saturday we will hike 8 - 10 miles of the Sylamore Creek trail which is rated moderate. On Sunday we'll explore a cave. Lodging is available in Mountain View. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Call Norma McMinin: 901-785-1479.

### TRAIL MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

TTA members Ken Novak and Jerry Lenski worked with Shelby Forest park rangers and summer trail workers to build another bridge on the Woodland Trail.

## MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Fount Bertram 615-765-5357  
fwbertram@hotmail.com

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

### Sept 12 **MONTHLY MEETING**

Sept 15-17 Cumberland Trail, Obed Wild & Scenic River segment. This is the dedication hike (for dedicated hikers!) of the Obed River section of the Cumberland Trail. We'll camp at Frozen Head. Questions and/or to pre-register call Fount Bertram: 931-765-5357, or email him: fwbertram@hotmail.com

Sept 23-24 Big South Fork NRRRA & Pickett State Park. Hiking & car-camping weekend. We'll hike Twin Arches on Saturday and Colditz Cove on Sunday. Meet at the parking area for either location at 10 a.m. or join us for camping (and maybe some singing around the campfire!) at Pickett State park. This is an outing you don't want to miss! Questions and/or to pre-register call Fount Bertram: 931-765-5357, or email him: fwbertram@hotmail.com

## 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**

Sept 3 Stone Door and Big Creek Gulf, Savage Gulf State Natural Area. The most striking features of this hike are the bluff overlooks and the break in the bluff that is the stone door. The hike will pass by Ranger Falls and if the conditions are favorable, we will include Greeter Falls. We will hike on trails rated moderate for a total of 6 - 8 miles. Meet 8 a.m. CDT Target parking lot on Bell Road. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Questions and/or to pre-register call Jim Poteet: 615-824-7666.

Sept 3 Beaman Park. If you are looking for a less strenuous hike, join Radnor Lake naturalist Lynn Ann Welch for a hike that will last about 3 hours to explore this completely undeveloped park. Although an entrance gate has been erected, Beaman Park is not officially open to the public so hiking 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. (cont. on pg. 5)

## NASHVILLE CHAPTER (cont.)

### 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**

Sept 13 Edwin Warner Park, Nashville, TN. Full Moon Harvest hike. For something a little out of the ordinary, Heather Perez will lead us as we explore the park from dusk into dark: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. CDT We'll meet at picnic shelter 4. For directions, questions and/or to pre-register call Heather: 615-352-6299.

Sept 15-16 We're joining the CTC on their through hike of the Obed Wild & Scenic River segment of the Cumberland Trail. This hike is 14 miles and rated moderate. In order for us to meet them early (they are on EDT) on Sat, we will drive up on Fri eve and camp overnight at nearby Rock Creek campground. We will hook up with them Sat 7:30 a.m. EDT (NOTICE TIME SHOWN IS EASTERN!!!) Doug Burroughs is coordinating the carpooling and campsite logistics - you will be responsible for providing your own gear and food. In order to secure enough campsites **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Call Doug Burroughs ON/BEFORE TUE SEP 12<sup>th</sup>: 615-292-9307.

Sept 17 Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN. Bring the entire family! and hike the Mossy Ridge trail. Malcolm and Jean Pfothenauer will lead us on this 4½-mile trail, rated easy, that'll take about 1½ - 2 hours to complete. Bring snacks and plenty of water. We'll meet at 2:30 p.m. CDT at the Deep Well parking area. Deep Well can be reached from Hwy 100. For directions and/or to pre-register call Malcolm and Jean: 615-646-8562.

Sept 22-24 Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN. We're doing it all - hiking, biking & camping. This area is so flat and scenic the entire weekend is rated EASY!!! Activities will start Friday afternoon for those who can & want to come early. Questions about the activity schedule, meeting time and place, campsite directions and to pre-register call Glenn Turner 615-352-1907 or e-mail him: [glenn.turner@nashville.com](mailto:glenn.turner@nashville.com)

Sept 24 Carter State Natural Area in the South Cumberland State Recreation Area. Monteagle, TN. We'll hike the Buggytop trail and explore caves in the area. For questions, meeting time and location, and to pre-register call Charlie and Jennifer Hann: 616-941-1503.

Sept 26 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Our "2 for 1" speakers, Cathy & Vernon Summerlin, have written 4 travel books about the southeast, with an emphasis on Tennessee. Their slideshow will showcase favorite places and feature day trips from Nashville. Cathy's many credits range from the Tennesseean to National Geographic Traveler. She is president-elect of the Tennessee Outdoor Writers Assoc. (TOWA). Vernon, author/co-author of 2 fishing books, writes for 8 Middle Tennessee newspapers as well as outdoor magazines and internet sites. He is the past-president of TOWA. Together, they co-host Destination Outdoors, heard on radio stations in TN, AL and FL. You can catch past radio programs on their website: <http://www.tennesseek.com/do.html>

Sept 30 Beaman Park. Come discover the plants and critters of Beaman Park as Bob Brown leads us through this special area. Plan on a slow comfortable pace so we're sure not to miss anything. Although an entrance gate has been erected, Beaman Park is not officially open to the public so hiking 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.

Sept 30 Newcomers Hike. The Volunteer Trail in Long Hunter State Park, Hermitage, TN. This hike is so close to Nashville, scenic, only 4½ miles long and rated easy. Bring a snack and plenty of water. We'll have lunch, restaurant to be determined, after the hike. Meet 9 a.m. CDT at the Visitor's Center in Long Hunter. Questions, directions and/or to pre-register call Elizabeth Gerlock: 615-356-6260.

## NORTHWEST CHAPTER

(UT at Martin / Weakley County)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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**MEETS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur, 7pm, UT Martin Campus,  
Boling University Center, Room 230

Our first official business meeting for the academic year was August 24<sup>th</sup>. A brief summary about the meeting, upcoming hikes planned, etc. will appear in the October newsletter.

## IN MEMORIAM

Brian Brown, who was the driving force behind the establishment of TTA's new Northwest Chapter, was tragically killed in a biking accident in Martin, TN, on July 18<sup>th</sup>, while training for a triathlon.

He is survived by his wife, Laura, and two children, Georgia and Boone.

Brian, 32, was a native of Crossville, and a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin. He had served as assistant director of Student Life for Campus Recreation at the university since 1992. In this capacity, he was very active in encouraging young people at the university to become interested and involved in all sorts of outdoor activities, including hiking. Students from his program were responsible for constructing a biking and hiking trail at one of TWRA's fishing lakes in Weakley County. Brian was also working on a "greenway project" that would be for multiple use along a railroad right of way. Brian was also very excited about the progress the CTC had made on the Cumberland Trail, since it passed through his home county, and was looking forward to being able to work with his students and participating in its completion.

Brian had initiated discussions with TTA about 3 years ago with the thought of forming a TTA chapter centered around the students in his campus recreation program, but also including other hikers from the Martin community and surrounding area. These discussions came to fruition this past April, when Brian, with the encouragement of Jerry Lenski, TTA's West Tennessee regional rep, and Suva Bastin, Clarksville's chapter chair, organized a group of hikers that voted to petition the TTA Board for chapter status. On May 20, that petition was granted, and the Northwest chapter was formed. Their inaugural hike was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> on the Fort Henry trails at Land Between the Lakes.

Brian's passing was tragic, but his legacy will continue as the Northwest chapter grows and thrives while promoting the ideals and goals of TTA.

Brian also served as the chairman of the Weakley County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Memorials in his name can be sent to the Red Cross at 209 Fonville Street, Martin, TN, 38237.

## PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Vicki Perdue 931-456-6466

**MEETS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 7pm, Crossville Housing Authority

Sept 9 Pickett State Park & Big South Fork NRA, Oneida/Jamestown, TN. Join us as we hike Hazard Cave Loop in Pickett State Park, then we'll go to Big South Fork and hike Twin Arches. Total miles hiked will be 5 miles and rated moderate. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We'll meet 8 a.m. CDT, in the rear parking area, at the Cracker Barrel in Crossville. Questions and/or to pre-register call Carolyn Miller: 931-456-4465.

Sept 2 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Mack Prichard, a state naturalist with the Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation, will present a slide program on Cumberland County and the Plateau region. Here's one program not to be missed, especially if you've never seen one of Mack's slide presentations. His slides capture nature at its best, add a little history and prose, it's quite magical! See you 7:00 p.m. CDT, Crossville Housing Authority.

Sept 23 Charlie's Bunion, Great Smoky Mountain NP. Join us for an 8-mile hike, rated moderate, on the A.T. to Charlie's Bunion – a rock outcrop that provides a spectacular view over watersheds and of the ranges out in the distance. Meet 6 a.m. CDT at Hardee's on Peavine Rd. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. Questions and/or to pre-register call Terry and Pam Brophy 931-707-7234.

## UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Helen Angelmier 931-858-5947  
helena@cookeville.com

Sept 12 **MONTHLY MEETING,** hike and potluck. Meet at 6 p.m. CDT Cane Creek Park for all of our favorites! First, we'll take a short hike before sunset, then we'll gather to share our favorite potluck dishes while we plan future hikes, etc. NOTE: TTA will provide bar-b-q sandwiches, drinks and dinnerware, therefore your RSVP is necessary for buying the appropriate amounts. Bring your appetite, side dish/dessert potluck items and ideas. RSVP to Helen Angelmier 931-858-5947 or e-mail her: [helena@cookeville.com](mailto:helena@cookeville.com)

## CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

### CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE CONTACTS:

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*Please note, we have a new website address:*

**[www.cumberlandtrail.org](http://www.cumberlandtrail.org)**

### Backcountry Outing Smoky Mountain Segment of the CT September 21-24

We will ..... connect ..... the dots ..... between the new ..... trail constructed ..... by the May ..... Sierra Club Service trip ..... and the May-June AmeriCorps NCCC team ..... in the new Smoky Mountain ..... segment. Completing this ..... connection ..... will offer another 2 miles of ..... trail for the hiker .....

Volunteers will base camp on the beautiful Montgomery Fork (with swimming holes) and build trail between Montgomery Fork and Spring Branch. If water levels permit, volunteers may be shuttled in via 4WD to within ¼ mile of base camp. If the creeks are up, it's a 3-mile backpack from the top of Cross Mtn. down to base camp.

(Options may be available for 2 or 3-day participation but will require backpacking in to camp.)

For further information and to register call the CTC office: 931-456-6259, or e-mail: [cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com](mailto:cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

February 23-25, 2001

2<sup>nd</sup> CTC Trail Training Workshop

*Stay tuned for further info in the upcoming CTC newsletter.*

## 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:

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## *Rail Roadbed Between Jackson and Nashville May Be Converted Into a Rail-Trail*

In Jackson, TN., within current history, there have been 8 abandonments of rail lines that once served the city. TRAC hopes that sufficient community interest can be mounted so that the unused rights-of-way might be converted to rail-trails as area projects.

The still-standing Jackson depot of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad (N.C. & St.L.) is mute testimony to the bygone days when the platform would bustle with travelers enroute east to Nashville or west to Memphis. TRAC points out that the abandoned 67 mile line toward Memphis could be a rail-trail, bringing new life, commerce, and health opportunities to all in the communities along the way. The city station which is now a railroad museum could serve as a rail-trail headquarters, attracting local residents as well as rail-trail enthusiasts from afar interested in railroad lore and memorabilia, as well as a jump-off point to enjoy the many healthy activities found on a rail-trail such as bicycling, jogging, and walking.

The line from Memphis to Jackson was built by the Tennessee and Midland Railway and opened in sections between 1888 and 1889. Eventually it became part of a through route from Paducah, Kentucky, to Memphis. In 1895 it was purchased by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad (which already had a line to Memphis north of Jackson) and leased to the N.C. & St.L., an L&N affiliate, which ran directly west from Nashville and met the purchased line. With this acquisition the L&N controlled duplicate rail lines to Memphis, the one through Jackson and the one to the north. Apparently the L&N wanted to protect its business to Memphis and prevent a rival from getting a foothold.

The railroads operated independently until 1957 when the N.C. & St.L. was merged into the L&N and freight traffic between Nashville and Memphis was routed via the northern L&N line rather than through Jackson. The new route was 10 miles shorter. The Jackson route continued with a single passenger train and local freights into the 1960's. In late summer 1967, in spite of local resistance, the Interstate Commerce Commission gave permission to abandon the right-of-way between Cordova, 17 miles out of Memphis, and a site close to the Jackson depot. The rails were removed by the following year.

*Because of noted interest into the conversion of some or all of the rail roadbed into a Rail-Trail, Bert Schappell of TRAC prepared this history of the railroad line between Jackson and Nashville.*

## **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  
11a-12p - After the Board Meeting  
Hikes

*(Directions are on the other side)*

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

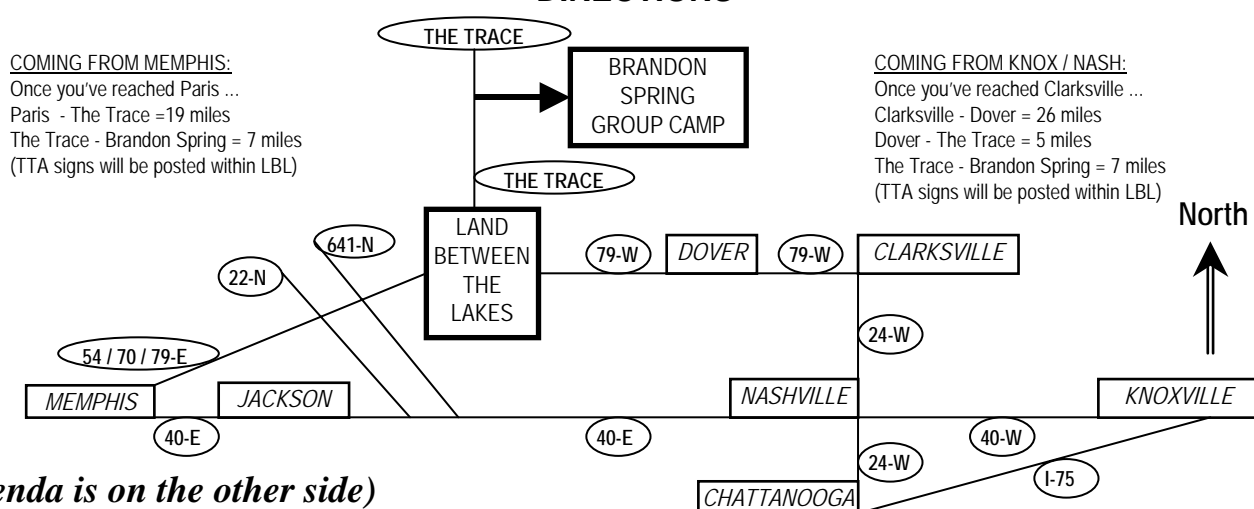
**Due to scheduling requirements at Brandon Springs,  
REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.  
SORRY, REFUNDS CAN NOT BE MADE AFTER October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000.**

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



*(Agenda is on the other side)*



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## 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: Sept 10<sup>th</sup> submissions will appear Oct 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Please send all submissions to:

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## ATTENTION: Hikers & Hike Leaders

Where do you want to go this fall?

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area?

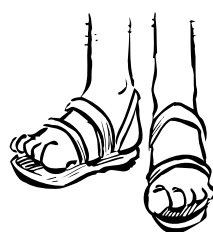
South Cumberland State Recreation Area?

Maybe Shenandoah National Park?

Our very own Russ Manning of Norris, Tennessee, has recently updated hiking information found in his previous hiking guides of BSFNRR, SCSRA and SNP and released: *100 Trails of the™ Big South Fork: Tennessee & Kentucky, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*; *40 Hikes in™ Tennessee's South Cumberland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* and *75 Hikes in™ Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Just in time for the cool hiking temperatures of fall. Most of us are already familiar with Russ through his previous publications. Russ' user-friendly hiker's-guide format is very easy to follow and a must for those unfamiliar with these areas. Trailheads are grouped by access point, with clearly drawn maps, legends and directions. Each trail description starts with a "summary block" containing accurate trail mileage, difficulty rating, elevation changes, cautions and trail connections. Following the summary block you'll find details on the trail's attraction, notes about the history, geology and wildlife you may encounter along the way.

With the approach of cooler temperatures, fall color and TTA hikes (and backpack trips!) forthcoming, it's not too late to study up. See your local bookseller and if they don't have the title you're looking for you may contact the publisher: The Mountaineers Books; 800-553-4453 or, visit their website: [www.mountaineersbooks.org](http://www.mountaineersbooks.org)

*Plants grow by the inch and die by the foot.  
Please, keep to the trails.*



## 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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.**