

# 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 AUCTION Saturday, November 11

It's that time again - time to gather treasures and bake goodies for TTA's Annual Meeting weekend. The TTA Board of Directors voted in August to dedicate all of the auction proceeds to the Cumberland Trail Spring BreakAway 2001. College students from all over the nation will travel to our Tennessee mountains to spend three weeks lovingly building Tennessee's Millennium Legacy Trail and first linear state park - the Cumberland Trail State Park. Funds will be used to feed and house our TTA and CTC volunteers who donate their time and energy to work along with these students, and to purchase trail materials such as bridge supplies.

The CT Spring BreakAway budget typically ranges around \$12,000 and TTA members have provided between \$2,000-\$3,000 for the past two years. Dare we challenge ourselves to raise \$3,500 this year? Check your house for quality items for the "white elephant" table or for the "live" auction. It's not too late to solicit one more local business to donate merchandise and/or services. If you have a special talent and the time to create a handcrafted item, please as they make wonderful gifts and are always a favorite auction item.

Don't forget the Bake Sale! Hikers need lots of calories to replace what they've burned on the trails. We welcome cookies, cakes, breads, pies, brownies, candies, etc. Individually wrapped portions are handy for tucking into daypacks.

### **WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS ...**

As the TTA Auction has grown, so has the need for more volunteers to help make things happen.

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## DON'T FORGET !!! ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND November 10-12

Brandon Spring Residential  
and Group Camp

Land Between the Lakes

This year's meeting hosted by the Clarksville Chapter begins with dinner Friday night and concludes Sunday with afternoon hikes. In addition to the two full days of hiking, events scheduled include a bake sale (you can buy your snacks for the entire weekend as early as Friday evening-bring \$\$\$), entertainment and a bonfire on Friday night. Saturday evening events include dinner, lively entertainment, opportunity to shop the "white elephant" table before the general meeting where we'll learn this year's award recipients for the Bill Stutz, TTA and Golden Squirrel awards. Following the awards announcements our infamous Saturday night "live" auction

## **GOING, GOING, GONE!**

The gift giving season is almost here. Remember, all of the auction proceeds go to help fund the Cumberland Trail BreakAway 2001 program in March. Our Board will meet Sunday morning before the hikes to plan for 2001. Members are welcome to come and participate.

A map to Brandon Spring is on page 3. The itinerary for the weekend is on page 4.

## EVAN MEANS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Small Grants Request Deadline  
December 31, 2000

In February 2001, TTA's Board of Directors will award small grants honoring Evan Means. The grants support special volunteer projects that are compatible to the chartered objectives of the TTA; promoting and developing a system of hiking trails in Tennessee as well as working for the conservation of natural resources. Project proposals are due no later than December 31, 2000.

All chapters are encouraged to look within their local area, identify a special trail or park project, request and submit a formal grants application for consideration against the February 2001 Evan Means Small Grant Program Award.

Grant requests in the range of \$300-\$600 are encouraged. However, if a project requires additional grant money, considerations will be made.

For additional information and an application, please write to:

TTA Grants Administrator  
P. O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204

The small grants program was established in February 1999 to honor Evan Means - journalist, author, conservationist, hiker, trail builder, originator of the Cumberland Trail, and co-founder of the Tennessee Trails Association. Mr. Means has won countless awards for his work over the years to protect Tennessee's natural resources and beauty, as well as for his dedication to projects that allow hikers to enjoy this natural beauty.

## ANNUAL AUCTION (cont. from pg. 1)

**VOLUNTEERS** ... are needed for Friday and Saturday to prepare for the bake sale and auction (volunteer work times will not conflict with the hikes scheduled). On Friday we need volunteers from 4-8 p.m. to help set up tables and to receive and tag bake sale and auction items. On Saturday we need volunteers from 7-11 p.m. to assist the auctioneers, record bids, and help close out buyers' tabs (totaling purchases & collecting money). Volunteers will be asked to commit to at least one hour. You can commit more hours if you wish. Don't wait. Call Arleen Scheller today to volunteer your baked goods, auction items or time: 931-456-6259. By e-mail: [scheller@usit.net](mailto:scheller@usit.net)

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY 2000

### Event Report

Thanks to the 11 TTA members and 2 guests who helped renovate the Gentlemen's Swimming Hole and Meeting of the Waters trails at the Big South Fork NRR on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those attending received an official National Public Lands Day certificate and a poster of a hiker overlooking Grinnell Lake in Glacier National Park.

Approximately 2.6 miles of trail were maintained. The weather was good with temperatures in the 70s. Everyone made it back to the cars just before an afternoon thundershower. Volunteers removed large blow-downs, repaired trail tread, cleared vegetation from the trail and installed trail reassurance markers. The highlights of the day: lunch at the Meeting of the Waters, where hiking trail issues in the Big South Fork NRR were discussed, and stump removal with the park maintenance crew. We moved some serious dirt!

Thanks to Carolyn Miller for taking photographs of the volunteers in action. And many thanks go out to the TTA members for their participation and help to make this event a success: Julian Bankston, Fount and Anna Bertram, Libby Francis, Richard Horvath, Keith Mertz, Carolyn Miller, Darlene Rabalais, Rachel Rabalais, and Eric Wilson.

Submitted by Harold Draper,  
Adopt-A-Trail Chairman

## A Note of Thanks . . .

This letter was sent to our Treasurer acknowledging the donation made by TTA in Brian Brown's memory.

(In Memorium announcement appeared September 2000.)

WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAPTER



**American Red Cross**  
PARTNER WITH UNITED WAY

September 5, 2000

Dear Ms. Matheson,

*Please extend to the members of your organization our deepest appreciation of your most generous donation in Brian's memory. He would be so pleased. He gave so much and leaves a void that will never be filled in the same way again.*

*Most Sincerely,*

*Cindy Young*

*Director*

## HIKING Tennessee Trails

Our very own hiking guide is currently undergoing revisions in preparation for a 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Ideas and suggestions on the guide's layout and formatting, improvements, trail descriptions needing to be added/deleted (you're invited to write new or update old trail descriptions) must be submitted to Bob Brown before December 31, 2000. The final manuscript will be submitted to Pequot Press in August 2001.

If you have a favorite trail that you wish to see included, call Bob.

If you like to hike and write, call Bob.

If you like to draw maps, call Bob.

**Get involved! Call Bob!**

Bob Brown  
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Nashville, TN 37205  
615-352-7474

## BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Eric Wilson

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Nov 4 Yellow Doors trail in Wolf River Valley. This is a gradual 4-mile climb to the Yellow Doors - the bluffs from which Alvin York looked down on the Wolf River Valley while wrestling with the dilemma of taking a life in times of war. It is also the spot where a scene in the movie "Sgt. York" was filmed. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the bluffs. Meet 9:30 EST at the Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby. For information and/or to pre-register, contact Linda Konig: 423-628 5243.

## CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

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

Nov 10-12 **ANNUAL MEETING.** Brandon Spring Group Camp, Land Between the Lakes. See you there.

Nov 21 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Come learn hiker safety tips, hear about past and upcoming hiking trips, meet/greet members/friends and see a fun-filled program presentation from a like-minded outdoor enthusiast. Lots in store!

Nov 25 After Thanksgiving Day hike. Rotary Park, Clarksville. The hike is 3-4 miles and rated easy. We'll meet at 11am CST. For meeting location and/or to pre-register, call Wanda Cumberland: 931-906-3338.

### HIKE REPORT:

On Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 TTA members gathered to hike Dunbar Cave and Rotary Park. We ate lunch by a small stream while sitting on limestone rocks.

On Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, our backpacking trip to Hobbs Cabin in the Savage Gulf SNA was a "buzzing success." Buzzing with yellow jackets we crossed paths with. The weather was splendid. Our trip started with 5 backpackers and 1 day-hiker. Lots of stories were shared around the campfire. Darryl Butts told the best of 'em. Thanks go to Sandi and Bill Hamilton for arranging this successful trip.

On Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, 13 hikers met to hike the Cedars of Lebanon State Park. The lightest of rain showers on the cedars we walked through in the cedar glades made them quite fragrant.

On Sep 30<sup>th</sup>, John Sneed led 7 canoes and 5 kayaks along the Red River. The weather was perfect with blue skies and a cool gentle breeze. This activity was very well received and fun. We hope to make it an annual event.

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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**MEETS:** Nov 30, 6:30pm, Hunter Matthews complex (NE corner of the Maury County Courthouse square), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bethel Room.

Nov 5 Devil's Backbone State Natural Area, off the Natchez Trace in Lewis County, TN. A great hike near home! We'll hike along the ridges and valleys of the Highland Rim. Libby Francis introduced us to this trail in January and we resolved to return. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We'll meet 1:30pm CST at the fountain on the corner of High and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Columbia. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Todd Horton: 615-302-3336.

Nov 30 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Come learn hiker safety tips, hear about past and upcoming hiking trips, meet/greet members/friends and see a fun-filled program presentation from a like-minded outdoor enthusiast. Refreshments will be served. Lots in store! See you 6:30pm Hunter Matthews Complex, Bethel Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Hunter Matthews Complex is located on the NE corner of the Maury County Courthouse square.

## COVE LAKE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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Nov 18 Grotto Falls to Brushy Mtn, Great Smoky Mtn NP. We'll hike a section of the Trillium Gap trail to the summit of Brushy Mtn. Round trip mileage is approximately 6.5 miles and is rated moderate. Those not wishing to go to Brushy Mtn have the option of turning around at Grotto Falls, making the round trip mileage 3.5 miles. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Meet 7am EST at the Eagle Market gas station in Jacksboro or trailhead at 9:15am EST in the Grotto Falls parking lot on the Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail Road. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Laurie Salveson 423-907-0951.

### HIKE REPORT:

Cove Lake Chapter hiked the Cumberland Trail segment from Cross Mountain to Red Ash that was completed earlier this year. We drove to the top of the mountain, which is over 3,000 feet in elevation, and hiked down 2,000 feet during the approximately 4-mile hike. The weather was ideal.

## Directions

TTA Annual Meeting  
November 10 – 12, 2000

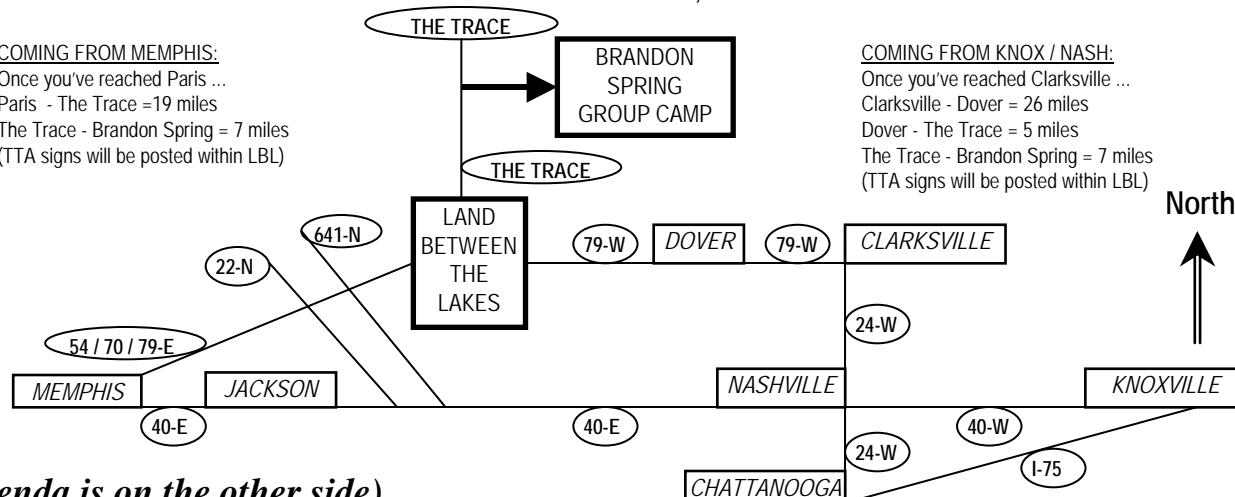
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### COMING FROM MEMPHIS:

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)

# EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

## CHAPTER OFFICER:

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**MEETS:** Nov 20, 7pm, Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike

- Nov 4 Middle Creek Nature Loop and Slave Falls Loop, Big South Fork NRRRA. Come see the numerous rock shelters Middle Creek Nature trail offers as well as the gigantic rock house found along the Slave Falls Loop trail. In addition to the natural attractions to this area, come hike with Russ Manning, author of the *Trails of the Big South Fork NRRRA, A Guide for Hikers, Bikers, and Horse Riders* and *100 Trails of the™ Big South Fork*. Come get the inside scoop on the area while hiking with the author. The combined mileage for both trails is 6.5 miles and rated moderate. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Knoxville and Norris area carpoolers meet 8:30am EST in Norris at the parking area in front of the Norris Middle School, across from the Norris Commons. All others meet 10:30am EST at the Middle Creek trailhead in the Big South Fork NRRRA off TN 154 on the west side of the park. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Russ Manning 865-494-8121.
- Nov 18 Lone Mountain State Forest, Wartburg, TN. This 6-mile hike is rated moderate. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Carpoolers meet 9am EST under the AmSouth Bank sign in the mostly abandoned Tri-County Mall between Oak Ridge and Oliver Springs on Hwy 62. Or, meet 9:45am EST at the trailhead on Clayton Howard Rd. ½ mile off U.S. Hwy 27N between Harriman and Wartburg. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Ken Cole: 865-494-6810.
- Nov 20 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Time to plan our hikes for 2001. Everyone is invited to help plan all of the outdoor activities we've enjoyed doing. Bring your ideas and/or suggestions for new places to hike, maps, brochures, guidebooks, etc. We will meet at 7pm EST in the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike. If you are unable to make the meeting and wish to lead a hike or need directions to the meeting, call Keith Mertz 865-376-4827.

## Heard About...

a TTA Member Profile

Michael Lollar of the Memphis *Commercial Appeal* writes:

"You know you are a part of an adventure travel when one of the nine safety tips for your trip begins like this: *'If you camp on the crater floor, be aware of where lava is flowing and be sure it doesn't invade your camp during the night.'*"

TTA's Memphis chapter Chairperson and University of Memphis math instructor, Frederick Belton, led a tour group this past summer, and will lead two more next summer, to Tanzania in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa. Frederick is a world adventurer, his story follows:

"My desire to travel and to pursue related activities such as hiking, 'volcano chasing' and snorkeling has been a dominant influence in my life. I have spent at least 8 years traveling in roughly 80 foreign countries and the United States. If asked what my goal of travel is at this time in my life, I would say it is to visit the most unusual and spectacular natural features in the world, preferable in remote areas with few visitors. Recently my interest has focused on the Oldoinyo Lengai volcano in Tanzania and I have made repeated trips there. I made my first international trip in 1975 (the summer after my freshman year at UT Knoxville), spending 5 weeks traveling by train and hitch-hiking through Scandinavia and Britain. In 1977, I made a 6-month trip through Scotland and West Africa, which included a visit to Timbuktu and a crossing of the Sahara desert. The travel in Africa was very difficult but exciting, and it stirred my interest in Third World travel. Just after graduating from the University of Tennessee, I traveled to Venezuela for one month in order to visit Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall. All of these trips were made while I was a student and had very little money, but were possible by using cost-cutting measures such as hitch-hiking, frequent 'wild camping' outside of official campsites, cooking food bought in supermarkets rather than eating in restaurants, and use of youth hostels and cheap hotels. After working for 3 years as an electrical engineer for a telephone company in Bristol, Tennessee, I resigned and used my savings to set out on a trip that lasted for 3 years. I referred to this as a 'world trip' because it involved circling the globe and traveling for many months in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, plus several Pacific Islands. This trip was solo because my girlfriend (whom I later married) was working in Switzerland and Germany during that time. After this trip I was able to find a new job as an electrical engineer with the U.S. Air Force at Griffiss Air Force Base in upstate New York. My work involved frequent trips around the eastern U.S. and to Europe. After about 3 years I was promoted to a position in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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TTA Annual Meeting  
November 10 – 12, 2000

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY Nov. 10

3:00 p - Check-in & Registration  
5:00 p - Shop the Baked Goods  
6:00 p - Dinner & Entertainment  
7:00 p - Program  
8:00 p - Bonfire

### SATURDAY Nov. 11

7:00 a - Breakfast  
8:30 a - Hikes Begin  
5:00 p - Dinner  
6:00 p - Program  
6:30 p - Shop the White Elephant  
7:00 p - General Meeting & Awards  
8:00 p - "LIVE" Auction

### SUNDAY Nov. 12

7:00 a - Breakfast  
8:00 a - Board Meeting  
10:00 a - Hikes Begin  
11a-12p - After the Board Meeting  
Hikes Begin

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## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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### ELECTED BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

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

Nov 4 Meeman-Shelby Forest, Millington, TN. Hike and light trail work. Park Rangers Charles Norvell and Mary Meier along with summer trail workers and TTA members have done major trail repair on the Chickasaw Bluff and Woodland trails. Join us and see the trail work and improvements done thus far. Bring water, lunch, and clippers for light trail work. Meet 9am CST at the Meeman-Shelby Forest visitor's center to carpool over to the Chickasaw Bluff trail. We will connect up to the Woodland trail, cross two new bridges, then loop back to the visitor center. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Ken Novak: 901-377-9127.

Nov 10-12 TTA Annual State Meeting, Brandon Springs, LBL. Contact John Martin: 901-386-3722.

Nov 16 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Frederick Belton will present a slide show of his 5 climbs of the Oldoinyo Lengai volcano "The Mountain of God" in Tanzania and will talk about the guided expedition to the volcano that he is offering in 2001. The program will conclude with some shots of lava and explosions at a few of the 50-odd volcanoes he has climbed during the past 20 years. See you 7pm, Germantown Library.

Nov 19 Arkabutla Lake, MS. Meet 1pm CST at the Arkabutla Lake Spillway to hike this 5-mile flat and easy trail. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Freddi Felt: 901-685-9915.

Nov 25 Ft. Pillow State Park, Henning, TN. A great after Thanksgiving hike! This is an 8-mile hike rated moderate. Carpoolers meet 7am CST at Davis-Kidd Bookstore on Perkins & Poplar or meet 9am CST at the Interpretative Center at Ft. Pillow SP. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Gloria Norrid: 901-382-4227.

Dec 1-3 Big South Fork & Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN. Join us to hike the spectacular Big South Fork NRR and discover the scenic, botanical and geological wonders found nowhere else in Tennessee. Norma McMinn will lead a weekend of hikes in the area. Hike one or both days, just let Norma know when you will be joining her so you won't be left behind. In addition to the hiking, Norma can provide information on the lodging. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Norma McMinn: 901-785-1479.

- On Sat, weather permitting, we'll hike the Honey Creek Loop trail. Meet 7:30am EST at the Pickett State Park office.
- On Sun, hike to be announced.

## Heard About... (cont. from pg.4)

Although I traveled constantly for my job and made numerous hiking trips and visits to regions all over Europe, I still longed to make another 'world trip.' This was accomplished in the spring of 1990, when, after getting married in January, my wife and I both resigned from our jobs and set out on another 3-year trip around the world. After returning in 1993, I discovered that it was no longer very easy to find a job as an engineer, and since I had always liked mathematics and tutoring, decided to take up a career in teaching. I enjoy teaching a great deal and have struck a balance between career and travel. I now travel every summer and Christmas break, sometimes with, sometimes without my wife. Since 1993 my trips have focused on Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, East Africa, Scotland, Central America and the Ozark Mountains."

Excerpt from Frederick Belton's website titled "Oldoinyo Lengai, Tanzania" located: <http://www.oldoinyolengai.org>

## M. U. S. E. Event in Nashville November 4, 2000

Musicians United to Sustain the Environment (M.U.S.E.) will host a multi-media celebration of wilderness to benefit local and national wilderness protection efforts on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm CST. The event will be held at the Rocks and Ropes facility in the Cool Springs YMCA in Franklin, TN.

Money raised will support M.U.S.E., a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to funding grassroots wilderness protection projects. M.U.S.E. grants have funded the Mountain Biodiversity Project, Wild Things Unlimited, American Wildlands Wilderness Corridors and a host of others.

For information on obtaining tickets, call 615-376-4248. Suggested ticket price is a donation of \$10.

More information about M.U.S.E. can be found at their website: <http://www.musemusic.org>

## MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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

Nov 18 Bicycle Ride. This will be a 50-mile loop starting from the MTSU-Murfreesboro campus to Bell Buckle and back. BYOB (Bring your own bicycle!) and helmet is required. Meet 8am CST at MTSU's Campus Recreation Center. Ride will be finished by 1pm. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Maryedith McFarlin: 615-896-1344.

Nov 24 Old Stone Fort Park, Manchester, TN. This is a 3-mile scenic walk on moderate terrain. We'll trod the paths of the ancient Woodland Indians and inspect the archaeological wonders on display in the park's museum. Meet 8am CST at the park office. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Brent Morris: 931-728-8191 & 931-454-5935, or email him: [bmorris@edge.net](mailto:bmorris@edge.net)

# NASHVILLE CHAPTER

## CHAPTER OFFICER:

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## MEETS:

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

## HIKING HOTLINE

615-367-7045

- Nov 3-4 **TTA NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** - Come learn how to improve your nature photography. Malcolm Pfothauer, known for his spectacular slide presentations of his global travels of South Africa and South America, will lead this workshop at the Radnor Lake Visitor's Center. The workshop is limited to 15 persons, therefore **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!!** The workshop will consist of one 3-hour in-class session on Friday evening followed by a 6-hour in-the-field photography session early Saturday morning, and commencing around noon. Your donation of \$15 per person will be gifted to a special TTA project. Those interested may contact Malcolm to obtain a full course description outlining topics covered and what you will need to bring. Pre-register with Malcolm on or before Tue Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Malcolm can be reached at home: 615-646-8562, office: 615-292-6252, fax: 615-383-5923 or by e-mail: pfoth@ix.netcom.com
- Nov 4 Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, TN. We'll hike the Bluff and Skyuka trails. This hike is approximately 12 miles and rated moderate. Boots providing ankle support highly recommended. Bring appropriate hiking gear for the weather, lunch, snacks and water. Meet 7am CST at the Target parking lot on Bell Road/I-24. For additional information and/or to pre-register, call Diane Manas 615-352-7777.
- Nov 4 Beaman Park Trail Work Day. Joelton, TN. Have you overindulged on Halloween candy? Want to look fit and trim in your jeans at the annual meeting. Set aside 9am until noon CST and join the Friends of Beaman Park for this trail work day. Well, ½-day. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Bring snacks, water and lunch. Questions and/or to volunteer, call Dave Walton: 615-646-5355.
- Nov 5 Mossy Ridge and Warner Woods trails, Warner Park, Nashville, TN. Hike length is 7 miles and rated easy to moderate. Bring appropriate hiking gear for the weather, lunch, snacks and water. Meet 10am CST at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard. For additional information and/or to pre-register, call Diane Manas 615-352-7777.
- Nov 10-12 **TTA ANNUAL MEETING** at Land Between the Lakes. See you there.
- Nov 19 Honey Creek Loop, Big South Fork NRR, Jamestown, TN. This is an all-day hike, 5 miles and rated strenuous - the most difficult 5 miles in the state. There will be stream and creek crossings. An extra pair of dry socks is recommended. The overlooks are spectacular. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We'll meet 7am CST at the Kinko's in the K-Mart parking lot on Donelson Road. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Charlie or Jennifer Hann: 615-941-1503.
- Nov 24 After Thanksgiving Day hike. Nashville, TN. We'll hike the Mossy Ridge and Warner Woods trails at Warner park. Hike length is 7 miles and rated easy to moderate. Bring appropriate hiking gear for the weather, lunch, snacks and water. We'll meet at 11am CST, after all of the retail early-bird shopping hours have ended, at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard. For additional information and/or to pre-register, call Diane Manas 615-352-7777.
- Nov 25 **NEWCOMERS HIKE** at Radnor Lake SNA, Nashville, TN. If you have not hiked before, or have not hiked in a long while, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hike the beautiful and easy trails of Radnor Lake. Bring snacks and water. We'll meet 9am CST at the visitor's center. After the hike we'll reconvene for coffee and conversation (bring \$\$\$) at the Corner Market. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Dan Brennan: 615-599-4713.
- Nov 25 Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. Be the first to see the trail work that was done earlier in the month. We will explore the park, both on and off the trail. Bring snacks and water. Hiking in this park is by permit only. Pre-registration is required. We'll meet at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road at 9am CST. Pre-register by calling Nancy Dorman: 615-299-9586.
- Nov 26 Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, TN. Still needing to burn off that turkey and pumpkin pie? We'll hike the 11.5-mile park perimeter trail. The trail is rated easy, however, it is still 11.5 miles! Bring snacks, lunch and water. We'll meet 7:30am CST in the Kroger parking lot on Charlotte Pike, one block west of Whitebridge Rd. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.
- Nov 28 **MONTHLY MEETING** Our speaker is Russ Manning from Norris, Tennessee. Russ is the author of numerous guides to the hiking trails of the South Cumberland State Natural Area, the Big South Fork NRR, the Great Smoky Mtn NP and the Shenandoah NP. He has just updated each of these books and will speak about the research and adventures involved in writing a trail guide. See you 7pm, Radnor Lake Visitor's Center, Otter Creek Rd.

## Hey Nashville, Murfreesboro and Columbia Chapter Members:

*Trail Talk* is a free informative weekly program offered to the public by Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Cool Springs location. Everyone is invited to hear invited guests and store personnel share their knowledge and experience about the outdoors. Weekly topics include but are not limited to hiking. No RSVP required. Just show up at 6:30 p.m. CST. Upcoming *Trail Talk* programs:

Nov 2 Adventure Travel Night. TTA's Alicia Gray will talk Adventure Travel - what it is and what it isn't.

Due to the busy retail-shopping season forthcoming, *Trail Talk* is taking a break and will resume February 2001.

## NORTHWEST CHAPTER

(UT at Martin / Weakley County)

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

Nov 9 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Come learn hiker safety tips, hear about past and upcoming hiking trips, meet/greet members/friends and see a fun-filled program presentation from a like-minded outdoor enthusiast. Lots in store!

Nov 10-12 Annual Meeting. Land Between the Lakes.

Nov 18-19 Land Between the Lakes backpacking weekend. To obtain backpacking particulars call Joe Seago: 901-587-8405

### **HIKE REPORT:**

Well someone didn't watch the signs closely in Dyersburg and missed the turn for highway 51. That same person realized the error upon reaching the Jackson city limits. So the hike that was to begin at 9:30, which we shall generously say was "rain-delayed," (well there were some heavy thunderstorms in the area, and we did get wet) started at 10:30, while the 15 other folks patiently waited for the lost party. Compounding the problem was the folks who blindly followed yours truly, falsely believing that I knew what I was doing.

Anyway, 14 members from the Northwest chapter were joined by 7 members from the Memphis chapter for a muggy, rain-dampened hike at Fort Pillow. Three of our group immediately decided that it was too rainy for them, and headed back to Martin. The rain was pretty much gone by 11:00 and by 2:00 the skies had cleared to the point that it was getting downright uncomfortable on the trail. An older edition of the Evans Means book states that the Memphis chapter has adopted the trails here. If that is the still the case, then perhaps we can heap some of the blame on that chapter for the 3 of us who did one portion twice. (Nancy: "We are going in a circle!" Jim: "No way!" Jim: "Hey, there's the same fallen tree we had to go around before. Way!") Fortunately in our second traversal of the loop we overtook another portion of the group just about ready to make the same error. This time, we all agreed to take the "emergency exit" route and end our dizzying trek.

All in all it was a very nice hike through woodlands with ample opportunity to cut the route short, as several folks did. Most of the party hiked about 8-10 miles. The fact that the Memphis folks joined us made it an especially rewarding day. The historical aspects in the area also made for an interesting and informative hike.

I guess several honorary awards, for the day, are in order: most knowledgeable about the battle, flora, and fauna goes to Ray from Memphis. The best-looking boots prize belongs to Gayle Anderson who was sporting a new pair of Asolos. Now they are fully broken in for her upcoming trip to England. Most confused goes to yours truly, who missed the sign in Dyersburg, and also was involved in the "circle tour." Joe Seago is to be leader of our next hike, so you can be assured of fewer "adventures."

For those who missed this hike, or even for those who did go on it, the Memphis Chapter is doing it again the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This might be a good time to work off some of that Thanksgiving meal and join them. Since the leaves will be gone by that time, we should have a totally different perspective and glorious views of the river.

Participants associated with the Northwest Chapter: Sandy Davis, Joe Coulombe and Michelle, Hao Nguyen, Anna Clark, Jim Clark, Gayle Anderson and her sister, Tim Johnston, Joe Seago, and Nancy Warren. From Memphis: Ray, Marty, Jerry, Gloria, Freddie, Margaret, and Howard.

## PLATEAU CHAPTER

(Crossville)

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

Nov 4 Grassy Cove Segment of the CT, Crossville, TN. We will participate in one day of a two-day work weekend the Cumberland Trail Conference is hosting. Our chapter adopted this segment so please come out and show your support and help perform trail maintenance, inspection, and clean-up on Black and Brady Mountains. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Tools will be provided. Meet 7:30am CST at the Cumberland Mountain State Park visitor's center. Questions and further information can be obtained by calling Tanya Meachen at the CTC office: 931-456-6259.

Nov 16 **MONTHLY MEETING.** You are in for a treat! We have 2 programs scheduled tonight. Our own Cumberland County Executive, Brock Hill, will present a short slide program on the Black Mountain Acquisition Project. Clint Perdue, Cumberland County Rescue Squad, will provide us with insights of what is involved in performing rescues. Take the opportunity to find out what's happening in Cumberland County! See you 7pm CST, Crossville Housing Authority.

Nov 18 Laurel Falls, Bowater Pocket Wilderness, Sparta, TN. PLEASE NOTE: *This hike is replacing the hike previously scheduled for this date.* Roundtrip hike distance is 5 miles and rated moderate. This trail has recently undergone renovation with new blazing, signage, and trail maintenance performed during the Cumberland Trail Conference's Fall BreakAway program last month. Join us for a beautiful fall hike to Laurel Falls. Meet 8am CST at the Cumberland Mountain State Park visitor's center. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Bill Eldridge: 931-456-4459.

# UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

## (Sparta / Cookeville)

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Nov 11 Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Exact trail hasn't been decided. Plan on an easy to moderate 5-mile hike. Meet 9am CST at the ranger station. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Willa Parrish: 931-738-5874 or e-mail her: [parrishwillla@hotmail.com](mailto:parrishwillla@hotmail.com)

Nov 18 Virgin Falls, Bowater Pocket Wilderness, Sparta, TN. Virgin Falls is an amazing falls having no visible stream leading to or from it. You can go the full 8 miles or turn around at Laurel Falls, the halfway point. The trail is rated moderate to difficult. We'll meet 8:30am CST at the trailhead on Scott's Gulf Road. Questions and/or to pre-register, call Marnell Cothran: 931-738-5874.

### HIKE REPORTS:

Impromptu hike update: We'd had several requests to do Honey Creek so we gathered 4 members and had a great time. Reminder: do this one when the weather is warmer, in case someone slips into the river. We gathered three ladies for a leisurely stroll at Cookeville's City Lake Park. The waterfall there is such an enchanting place.

On Sep 12 Twelve hikers attended the barbecue at Burgess Falls. Despite the heavy rains, the food and companionship were great. Our meeting was quite productive as we completed our hike schedule for the remainder of 2000. One of our newer hiker members told us of their travels and hikes on Diamond Head in Hawaii. (Would make for a great topic for an upcoming meeting.)

On Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Ross and Brenda Cardwell led a workday on the new trails at the Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness Area.

*The following was submitted by Brenda:* The Friends of Scott's Gulf (FOSG) had a dream and now due to Bridgestone/Firestone "we are walking through gold" on our new trails. On October 7 the fall colors added a touch of golden magic for our volunteer trailblazers. The weather was cold with bright blue skies, which made a perfect day to clear the 8/10 of a mile on the last segment of the 3.05-miles of Yellow Bluff Trail. As our crew was gathering, Ross Cardwell, Bruce and David Vaughn entertained us with tales of other hikes long ago into Scott's Gulf. The game of "Who Knows What on Who" got to be quite interesting, gave us a lot of laughs and brought back great memories. We left the Polly's Branch trailhead and followed it to where we were to work. WOW! These guys were like "The Amazing Trail Building Machine". We were really moving down the new trail when all of a sudden Oliver Hill uncovered a yellow jacket nest with his weed eater. Oh No! As you can guess this caused quite a stir especially with my dog, Perky, whose tummy was a convenient target and, Missy, David's dog who nosed in to see what all the raucous was about. As uncomfortable as the stings created, we all survived. At last, the final 8/10 of a mile connection was made, with roars and shouts of "Hey, I thought you said it was only a 1/2-mile connection." So in payment for all the hard work done, Ross led everyone on a hike to the Boar Hog Gap Twin Overlook and ending at Yellow Bluff. The view from Boar Hog Gap Twin of the Caney Fork River Gorge was inspiring and made all the hard work worthwhile. Ross had brought along more trail signs to put up, so we said goodbye to all, except Robert Oaks, our FOSG spelunker/trail builder, who was still up for more site seeing. Ross and I took him to a place where we had seen a hole in a rocky area, which Robert wanted to explore immediately if not sooner. The potential cave didn't go very far but it was enough to "make his day."

This workday completed the first phase of our Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness Trail system, having a total of 12 miles. Ross has gotten all of the trail signs up at the trailheads as well as at each point of interest and intersection so you can't get lost even if you try. In November we will begin work on the River Trail, which is approximately 5 miles long. We have plans for more trails in phase two. For comprehensive information about BFCWA, visit their website: [www.centennialwilderness.com](http://www.centennialwilderness.com)

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Nov 3-5

Volunteer Cabin Weekend

Cumberland Mountain State Park

The Cumberland Trail Conference has reserved cabins at CMSP in Crossville on Friday and Saturday evenings for volunteers participating in the Fall Cumberland Trail Volunteer Weekend. Make your reservations early because the cabins fill up fast.

We will be working on the Grassy Cove segment of the CT, performing trail maintenance, inspection and clean-up on Black and Brady Mountains. CTC will provide tools and trail maintenance instructions. Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy, you will get them dirty! Bring a daypack to carry your water, snacks and lunch. The Plateau Chapter members will be joining us on Saturday.

CTC will provide dinner on Saturday evening. You will be responsible for your dinner on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. If you can only commit to one day, let us know so we can watch for you. We will meet each morning at 7:30am CST at the CMSP visitor's center.

The cabins contain linen and cooking utensils. There is always a blanket shortage so you may want to bring a sleeping bag. At the time of the newsletter printing we had not received our cabin numbers for the cabins reserved over the weekend; therefore, we will post CTC signs in the cabin area of the park for you to locate us, before the Friday 5 p.m. CST cabin check-in time. (NOTE: The CMSP campground is closed for renovation. If you want to camp, Arleen Scheller has plenty of camping space at her Homestead Farm in Crossville. Arleen can be reached: 931-456-6259.)

Don't hesitate! Have questions, want to volunteer, make cabin reservations or obtain directions to CMSP, call CTC's Program Coordinator, Tanya Meachen ASAP: 931-456-6259, or you can e-mail Tanya: [tmeachen@onemain.com](mailto:tmeachen@onemain.com)



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