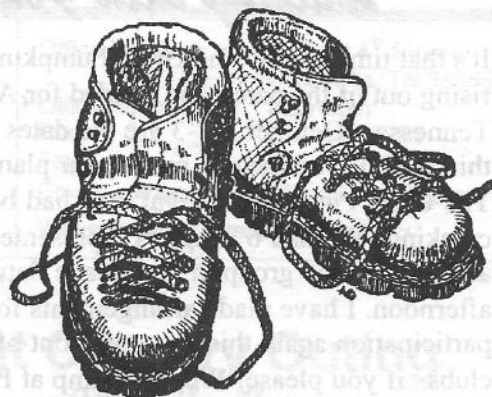


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Mission: To promote, construct and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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History, Mystery, and Adventure:

Hiking in West Tennessee at the TTA 2004 Annual Meeting

Submitted by Anna and Jim Clark

After experiencing one of the scheduled hikes at the TTA 2004 Annual Meeting, to be held Nov. 5-7 at Pickwick Landing State Park, hikers will understand just why West Tennessee gets a full and equal star on the Tennessee State flag.

Granted, West Tennessee doesn't have the Great Smoky Mountains nor the impressive Cumberland Plateau, but this area does have enough history, mystery, and possibility for adventure to keep any hiker's boots on the trail.

With planned hikes focusing on Shiloh National Military Park near the Tennessee River, Big Hill Pond near Selmer, and Tishomingo State Park in neighboring North Mississippi, all hikes have been planned to appeal to a broad range of hikers.

Shiloh

The name "Shiloh" is now forever linked to the American Civil War and the dates April 6-7, 1862, when the armies of the Union and the Confederacy met in violent conflict in this once-peaceful area near the Tennessee river. After the fall of Forts Henry and Donelson, General Albert Sidney Johnston was forced to fall back to this area where he could then plan for an offensive against Union General Ulysses S. Grant. All scheduled hikes at Shiloh offer an opportunity to consider the massive battle that was fought here. One hike will be led by Dr. Tim Smith, a park ranger at Shiloh and an expert on the history of the area. This five-mile hike will follow in the footsteps of a general during the two-day battle.

Another hike planned at Shiloh is the popular and challenging 10-mile compass hike through some heavily wooded areas, across creeks and open fields, and into places where some of the most intense fighting of the Battle of Shiloh took place.

This compass hike will be led by Woody Pierce; all participants will need a compass. Still another hike at Shiloh will be a three-mile hike with views of the Tennessee River. This hike will be led by Freddie Felts.

Big Hill Pond

Other hikes are planned at Big Hill Pond, a place that some have called "a hidden gem in West Tennessee." Hikers will follow an eight-mile trail that includes an .8 mile boardwalk experience over the mysterious Dismal Swamp. From the fire tower at Big Hill Pond, says hiker Jim Clark, one can see three states: Tennessee, Mississippi, and confusion. This "must-do" hike will be led by Ken Novak who will be assisted by other hike leaders if this hike becomes overbooked.

Tishomingo State Park

Another hike is planned in Tishomingo State Park, just north of Tupelo, Mississippi, on the beautiful Natchez Trace Parkway. This area has a long and rich history with some artifacts from the park dating back to 7,000 B.C. Those who have hiked here say that it is a "fantastic place to hike." Jerry Lenski will lead this 6-8 mile "spectacular trek" that will take hikers over a 200-foot long swinging bridge that passes over boulder-strewn Bear Creek.

Choosing what hike to take at the annual meeting won't be hard: you simply can't go wrong because there is history, mystery, and adventure waiting for you on the trails at Shiloh, Big Hill Pond, and Tishomingo. **Note:** If a large number of people sign up for any one hike (excluding the walking-in-the-footsteps-of-a-general hike at Shiloh), other "standby" hike leaders will be added and the starting times of the hikes will be staggered.

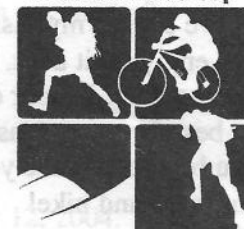
TTA Needs Your Help!

It's that time again—time to gather treasures for TTA's annual auction. The TTA annual auction will be held this year on Saturday, November 6, at 8:00 p.m. Pickwick Landing State Resort. Check your house for quality items, ask local businesses to donate merchandise and/or services, share your talents for woodworking and crafts, or make a cash donation to your local chapter to purchase items for the auction. Contact Gloria Lenski 901-320-2117 glorialenski@yahoo.com or Carol Haley 901-388-9163 Hav2Hike@aol.com.

Hike, Bike, Run

Heritage Trails Festival hosts
Tc4 BackCountry Cook-Off,
October 16, 2004,
Cumberland Gap, TN.
Competitions, Appalachian
Heritage craft/trade
demonstrations, vendors, live
music, and more. Visit
www.heritagetrailsfest.com,
www.titaniumchef.com.

Heritage Trails Festival In Cumberland Gap



Hike. Bike. Run.
Hosts Titanium Chef Backcountry Cookoff

Walking with Fount

It's that time again! The Great Pumpkin will be rising out of the patch and headed for Allardt, Tennessee. October 1-2-3 are the dates for the event this year. If you haven't made your plans to attend The Great Pumpkin Festival, you had better get cracking! We had 6 chapters represented last year and had a good group in the parade Saturday afternoon. I have made arrangements for our participation again this year...in front of the horse clubs...if you please! We will camp at Pickett State Park, Friday and Saturday nights. We always have a great time camping together. Jackson will be joining Murfreesboro as a chapter event this year and we hope a lot of the other chapters will come join us as well. We will decorate a float...bring what you have that would be appropriate and help with that activity. We then will walk the 2 mile parade route and toss candy to the kids along the way. There are 1000's of spectators and a lot of kids. I gave away 15 pounds of candy last year.

After the Saturday parade we will do the short, easy to moderate, hike to Colditz Cove and Northrup Falls. On Sunday we will do the Twin Arches, Charit Creek hike at Big South Fork. It is right at 6 miles for the loop. It will be a camping/hiking/socializing weekend...guaranteed to be fun! I'll look for you there!

I do hope you all are planning on attending the Annual Meeting at Pickwick Landing. I know the Memphis and Northwest Chapters have worked hard to get it put together. That is a special time of year for me and I haven't missed one since I joined TTA. I look forward to seeing some of the people I first met 8 years ago at Norris Dam State Park. Some of them I only get to see one time a year. In addition to taking care of business we take time to have fun and form and renew friendships that will be good for years to come. It also gives us a chance to acknowledge and honor those who have gone beyond the expected and contributed outstanding services to the organization and our principles. You are missing a good deal when you don't attend.

I have started my visits to the individual chapters and enjoying it a lot. I am trying to get a schedule put together. If your chapter has a time that would be best for you, please let me know. If I don't see you before...I'll see you at the Annual Meeting...Get out there and hike!

Fount

Evan Means Small Grants Program **Deadline is December 31, 2004**

In February 2005, TTA's Board of Directors will award small grants memorializing Evan Means. The grants support special volunteer projects that are compatible with the chartered objectives of 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, 2004.

All chapters are encouraged to look within their local area, identify a special trail or park project, request and submit a formal grant application for the February 2005 Evan Means Small Grant Program Award.

Grant request 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:

Leigh Jones, TTA Grants Administrator
P.O. Box 405; Pleasant Hill, TN 38555

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 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.

♪ **A Musical Journey** ♪

When you are planning your schedule for the TTA annual meeting, (Nov. 5-7 at Pickwick Landing State Park), make sure you include hearing Kindred Spirits, the folk music duo from Martin, TN. Scheduled to perform after the dinner buffet on Friday night, Nov. 5, Lisa LeBleu and Teresa Collard, both professors at UT Martin, will begin their program of folk, Appalachian-inspired, gospel, and even Cajun music at 7:30 p.m. or so.

✉ **'04 TTA Directory Mailed**

The 2004 TTA Membership Directories have been mailed to all current members. If you have not received one and your membership is current, please contact Toni Reeves at ToniR@bellsouth.net or 615-790-3839. New TTA members will receive a directory as they join.

Each directory contains a special insert listing the addresses and telephone numbers of our newest chapter, Jackson, and we apologize to our Jackson chapter members. Due to a formatting error, they were inadvertently listed under the Memphis chapter heading when the directory was initially printed. We promise to get it right next year folks.

Address Correction Nashville Directory

Robin Harkins
3433 B 33rd Ave S
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 292-9473 home phone number

CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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Email: cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com
Website: www.cumberlandtrail.org

The Fall Program

October 14th - 22nd

Lutheran Camp in Soddy Daisy, TN

The "Fall Program" is the newest program for the CTC. Think of it as a miniature BIG DIG without the staff or the home cooked meals. This is a consolidation of some of our fall programs such as Fall BreakAway and AHS Volunteer Vacation. For a week we will become one happy family where you will not only build trail but also be asked to share in the cooking and camp duty responsibilities. If some one would like to participate but not on the trail than being a camp person would be your opportunity! Volunteers will continue the work in the R/P/S Segment near Soddy Daisy. We need your help and leadership for the college students that take time during their Fall Break and the participants from American Hiking Society who travel great distances at their expense to help build the CT. This is a great opportunity for those wanting to get involved in trail building to come out and enjoy the autumn season. Housing and food provided at the Lutheran Camp in Soddy Daisy. To register call or write the CTC office. You can reach Mark at mstanfill@onemain.com. You are welcomed to stay for the Trail Training Workshop that follows this program.

Trail Training Workshop

October 22nd - 24th

Lutheran Camp in Soddy Daisy, TN

If you would like to learn the art of building trail or need a refresher, than please sign up for the 5th Annual Trail Training Workshop. The CTC will have classroom and in the field training from 7:00 EST Friday evening with the classroom session and ends Sunday at noon. Participants will learn trail building and maintenance techniques, trail design, team-building skills, receive backcountry first aid instruction, and receive hands on training. We will also demonstrate trail building by mechanical techniques including a field exercise using trail building equipment. Check in will be at 4:00 EST Friday. Registration fees cover the cost of meals, twonights lodging, and instructional materials.

Front Country Outing

October 1st - 3rd

Rock/Possum/Soddy in Soddy Daisy or Black Mt. In Crossville. Volunteers will either continue the work on a 55ft bridge in Possum Creek that was started the weekend of September 24 - 26 or trail re-location on Black Mt near Crossville, TN. If the bridge project is to continue than camping will be at a local campground a short distance away. Participants will camp on top of Black Mt if we decide to work at that location. Both outings provide a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors on the CT and to camp without a long hike. You are welcomed to work the whole weekend or just a day. Call for meeting times and places. If interested call CTC office at 931-456-6259 or email Mark at mstanfill@onemain.com for additional information and work location.

Cumberland Trail Conference Trail Training Workshop Registration Form

Sign me up!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Work phone: _____

Home phone: _____

E-mail: _____

____ I am a CTC volunteer or TTA member and will pay \$45.

(I agree to work 2 days during CTC programs within 1 year.)

____ I am a TN State employee and will pay \$65.

Please specify department & title: _____

____ I am not a volunteer or a state employee and will pay \$85.

Please return this form along with payment of registration fee to:

Cumberland Trail Conference
19 E. 4th Street
Crossville, TN 38555

*Registration deadline is October 12, 2004.

Additional information will be sent to registrants receipt of form.

"Good Times at BIG DIG II"

There were some good times on the CT for BIG DIG II! Volunteers returned for 6 weeks to the Dogwood Church Camp in Soddy Daisy, TN. We had over 230 volunteers to show up for BD2 which included 12 AHS members and a team, Blue 2, of 11 Americorp members, CTC/TTA Volunteers, scouts, and various groups represented. A staff of 8 college age men and women did a fantastic job of leading volunteers on and off the trail. During the program there were 3 miles of new CT built in the Rock and Possum Creek Gorges, 2 front country bridges, many new signs added, and trail maintenance completed. The TDOT working with Tennessee State Parks completed a new parking lot/trail head and ADA trail on Leggett Rd. The new paved parking area provides a safe and easy accessible place for vehicles to park. The ADA trail will take you to the CT Lower Access Trail and to the one mile Swimming Hole Trail that volunteers built along Rock Creek. This area will benefit the Sale Creek community with opportunities for walking, hiking and swimming. The CTC and volunteers would like to give A BIG DIG thank you to Carol Haley, Ray Haley and Betty Porter for their leadership in the kitchen and camp for the whole six-week program. They did a great job keeping everyone feed during the program. Give it up for the 4 CTSP rangers. That's right, there are now four CTSP rangers, Park Manager Bobby Fulcher, Kenny Matthews, Andy Wright, who arranged for the even educational sessions, and newby Joey Calton. Thanks to TDOT & TDEC for the new Leggett Rd parking area and for the others that are on their way to being built. Thanks TTA for providing funds that were used to house and feed volunteers at the Dogwood Lodge Camp. I would like to thank each and every volunteer who is dedicated in seeing the completion of the Cumberland Trail!

TTA Volunteers

<i>Big South Fork</i>	<i>Clarksville</i>
Julian Bankston	Ron Hunter
<i>Columbia/Franklin</i>	Diane Todd
Marvin Caine	<i>Cove Lake</i>
Bobby Hardeman	Ed Dippold (Knows his way
Russell Smith	around the Kitchen!)
Rick Lausten	Faith Dippold
<i>East TN</i>	<i>Highland Rim</i>
Toby Koosman	Walley Bigbee
<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Memphis</i>
Gary Cooper	Betty Porter
Karen Cooper	Carol Haley
Sara Hakim	Ray Haley
<i>Murfreesboro</i>	<i>Nashville</i>
Jim Schroeder	Rick Ashworth
Mike Harvey	Hank Ashworth
Anna Bertram	Shirley Ora
Fount Bertram	Fran Wallas
Mike McCullough	Libby Frances
<i>Plateau</i>	Dick McClure
Jim Hardy	
Jim Lifsey	Sandra Spearman
Barry Spearman	Carolyn Miller
Jean Gantzer	

3rd Annual Cumberland Trail Stump Jump Run

Saturday, October 9, 2004

The Stump Jump raises awareness and funds for the Cumberland Trail. The first and second Stump Jumps brought runners from across the country. A 31-mile run and an eleven-mile run will be offered. Rock Creek Outfitters is the race host, and The North Face is the premier race sponsor. Contact Mike Owens, Stump Jump Coordinator, at 423-653-3397 or stumpjump50K@aol.com to register and information.

Fall Americorp Team

October 15th - November 11th

Lutheran Church Camp

Just added to program! We have an Americorp team that will arrive during our Fall Program and will stick around for a couple of weeks afterward. So if you can not make the dates during the "Fall Program" this would be a great opportunity to come out and work with a dedicated group of young people who are very service oriented. They will continue work in the R/P/S Creek Gorge. It would be great for CTC volunteers to give them guidance and maybe help them by providing a home cooked meal. For details call the CTC office at 931-456-6259 or email Mark at mstanfill@onemain.com for additional information and work location.

Volunteer Weekend Schedule Change

NEW DATE November 12 - 13, 2005

This years Volunteer Weekend will be a time of fun and fellowship where many will have an opportunity to meet the new CTC Executive Director Paul Freeman. We have secured cabins and camping at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN. You are invited to arrive Friday to drop by the office for those who have never been. Scheduled activities begin Saturday with day hikes on CT segments in the area. After you return there will be an open forum for the volunteers to give feedback and ask questions with the staff. Afterwards CTC will provide dinner and entertainment. Sunday relax and enjoy the local area. I'm sure people will do some hiking before returning home. Please pass the word around so that every volunteer can participate in this event.

2004 TTA ANNUAL MEETING
November 5 - 7, 2004
Pickwick Landing State Park
800-250-8615

REVISED
REGISTRATION FORM
DUE ON OR BEFORE
October 15, 2004

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

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ Chapter: _____

LODGING— The following accommodations are available. **Reservation for rooms being held for TTA must be made directly with TTA and paid by check payable to TTA by October 15th.** After October 5th all open rooms will be released. After this date, anyone needing to make room reservations must make direct contact with Pickwick Landing State Park.

If you are the person reserving an Inn Room or Cabin for a group, please provide the names of those sharing with you.

name _____ name _____ name _____
 name _____ name _____ name _____

INN ROOMS - 70 Rooms are on hold and rates include 5% hotel tax (2 queen beds with private bath)

Inn Rooms:	Fri	Night Rate / 2 people	@	\$81.90	Total \$	_____
	Sat	Night Rate / 2 people	@	\$81.90	Total \$	_____
		Rollaway bed	@	\$ 6.00	Total \$	_____
		No Smoking _____ Smoking _____				

Suites are not on hold - 4 queen beds, living room sleeper, 3 baths

2 Bed Suites	Fri	Night Rate	@	\$235.20	Total \$	_____
	Sat	Night Rate	@	\$235.20	Total \$	_____

AAA Cabins (3 cabins are on hold— 2 Bedroom total 4 double beds, 1 bath, capacity of 8 people)

AAA Cabins:	Fri	Night Rate	@	\$126.00	Total \$	_____
	Sat	Night Rate	@	\$126.00	Total \$	_____

CAMPING— All sites are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The campground has a total of 48 sites with hook-ups (20/30/50 amp electric). **Please provide the details of your reservation for planning purposes.**

Friday Night

Tent Camping (2 people)	# of People	_____	@	\$15.50 + tax	_____
RV Camping :	# of People	_____	@	\$17.50 + tax	_____
ADDITIONAL CAMPERS	# of People	_____	@	\$.50	_____
children under 7 free					

Saturday Night

Tent Camping (2 people)	# of People	_____	@	\$15.50 + tax	_____
RV Camping :	# of People	_____	@	\$17.50 + tax	_____
ADDITIONAL CAMPERS	# of People	_____	@	\$.50 + tax	_____

MEALS: (Fri. Dinner, Sat. Breakfast and Dinner are buffets).

FRIDAY	Dinner Buffet	# of People	_____	x	\$14.00	Total \$	_____
SATURDAY	Breakfast Buffet	# of People	_____	x	\$ 8.30	Total \$	_____
	Box Lunch	# of People	_____	x	\$ 6.95	Total \$	_____
	Dinner Buffet	# of People	_____	x	\$14.00	Total \$	_____
SUNDAY	Breakfast Buffet	# of People	_____	x	\$ 8.30	Total \$	_____

REGISTRATION FEE	# of People	_____	x	\$15.00	Total \$	_____
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(This registration fee cannot be pro-rated. The full amount is required of each participant, regardless of the number of days attending.)

If you have special dietary needs, please write in request on this form.

Pickwick's Room Cancellation Policy for group billing is October 15. Individual rooms booked with Pickwick: 48 hours prior to arrival.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please complete this Registration Form and mail it with a check for your registration fee, lodging and meals made payable to: Tennessee Trails Association c/o Jim Clark, 307 S. McCombs, Martin, TN 38237 Phone: 731-587-2225 jclark@utm.edu

An email confirmation or postcard will be sent to you upon receipt of your check and registration.

Friday Evening
Entertainment
By Kindred
Spirits

2004 Annual Meeting
November 5 - 7, 2004
PICKWICK LANDING STATE PARK
PICKWICK, TENNESSEE

Registration
form is on the
other side.

Once each year, Tennessee Trails Association members from all across the state gather for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship. There will be hikes, exhibits, auction and Friday evening entertainment. The Annual Meeting will be held from Friday, November 5, through Sunday, November 7, at the Pickwick Landing State Park and Convention Center, Pickwick, Tennessee. Our hosts for this year's event are the Memphis and Northwest chapters.

Lodging:

Inn Rooms— The rooms have two queen size beds and are located at the Conference Center, where TTA's meetings and meals will take place. All Inn rooms have a balcony and picturesque view of the lake.

Cabins— A two-night stay is required and for cabins. The cabins sleep eight and have two bedrooms, each with two double beds and 1 bath. Linens are provided. The kitchens are stocked with pots, pans, and cutlery. They are located in a wooded area ½ mile from Pickwick Inn & Conference Center.

Camping— There are 48 sites are available on a first come, first serve basis. Each site may contain up to eight people but no more than three tents. Parked vehicles must not infringe on a neighboring campsite or block the road in any way. All sites have tables, grills, and water and electrical hook-ups 20/30/50 amp electric. A central bathhouse with showers is close by. Campsites are located about 1 1/2 mile from Pickwick Inn & Conference Center.

Meals:

A 15% gratuity is included in the cost of all meals. If you have special dietary needs, please write in request on registration form.

2004 Annual Meeting Schedule of Events - tentative

All Times are Central

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
3:00 pm	Check-In Begins	7:30 - 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	7:30 - 9:00am	Breakfast Buffet
5:00 - 9:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	8:30 - 9:00 am	Depart for Hikes	7:30 - 11:00 am	Check Out
7:30 - 8:30 pm	Entertainment	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Dinner Buffet	8:30 am	Board Meeting
	Kindred Spirits	6:30 - 6:45 pm	Shop the auction tables	8:30 am	Depart for Hikes
		6:45 - 8:00 pm	Annual Meeting		
		8:00 - 9:30 pm	Live Auction		

Hikes scheduled:

Big Hill Pond State Park, Shiloh National Military Park, Tishomingo State Park.

Directions to Pickwick:

From I-40 East take State Route 22 South (Lexington Exit) through Shiloh National Park; then follow State Route 142 South to State Route 57 East. State Route 57 will take you to the Park.

From Jackson: US 45 South to State Route 57 East

From Memphis: State Route 57 East to the Park.

Don't Miss an Outing ... Plan Ahead, Register Early!

Our hike coordinators are volunteers. Make it easier for them to contact you in the event their hike needs to be cancelled by registering! There are times when a hike leader must limit (due to park regulations, etc.) the number of participants on an outing. Please do not wait until the afternoon or evening before the outing to RSVP. Plan ahead and register early.

BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

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423-628-5521, tshowell@nxs.net

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423-628-5521 or 865-974-7797, bhowell@nxs.net

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Tim and Lynn Takacs

615-824-7048, lynntakacs@comcast.net or
ttakacs@comcast.net

OUTINGS COORDINATOR:

(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Kathy Hicks 865-938-6846, khudson3@utk.edu

Oct 9 Rice Hollow, Wayne County, Kentucky. Meet at Harrow Road Cafe, Rugby, at 9:00 a.m. ET to caravan with Charles and Lavonne Gibbs to their property in Rice Hollow, where we'll hike an easy to moderate four miles up to the bluffs for a panoramic view of the fall color. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring lunch, snacks, and water. For additional information and to register, contact Charles Gibbs atcgibbs@nxs.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6, Tennessee Parks and Greenways has scheduled dedication of a new trail at Peters Ford, located at the southernmost end of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, for 1:00 pm ET. There will be a hike on the trail at 11:00 am ET prior to the ceremonies. Meet at the Peters Ford parking area. We invite hikers from the East Tennessee and Plateau chapters who aren't heading to Pickwick Landing for the annual meeting to join us in this event.

CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Bill Hamilton

931-920-2760, billhamilton@charter.net

OUTINGS COORDINATORS:

(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

Sandra Janus 931-551-8523

MEETING: Monthly - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT,

Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

Oct 2 Backpack - Stone Door. South Cumberland Recreation Area. Contact Bill Hamilton at 931-920-2760 for information.

Oct 9 Hike Rimrock in Southern Illinois. Call Ron Ashley at 713-644-0009 or Sandy Janus at 931-551-8523.

Oct 16 Fiery Gizzard. Tracy City, TN. Grundy Forest to Foster Falls. 12.5 miles difficult. Requires shuttle. Contact Suva Bastin at 931-645-2849 for more information.

Oct 19 No monthly meeting at Crow Community Center. See below.

Oct 30 MONTHLY MEETING/ANNUAL BONFIRE Rotary Park Amphitheater (backside of Rotary off Old Ashland City Rd). This is a potluck gathering, and also will be our monthly meeting. Contact Wanda Cumberland at 931-906-3338.

Attention: Hike Coordinators

A TTA Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement form (aka "Liability Waiver") must be signed by everyone before you start your hike or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our web site:

www.tennesseetrails.org/release.php

Yum Yum! Need Bakers for Annual Meeting

Hikers need lots of calories to replace what they've burned on the trails. We welcome cookies, cakes, breads, pies, brownies, candy, etc. Individually wrapped portions are handy for tucking into daypacks. When you arrive at the annual meeting, just drop off your baked goods at the registration desk.

(cont') CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Oct 23, Make a Difference Day. Activities to be announced. Get involved by planting, digging, cleaning, and trimming. Contact Sandy Janus at 931-551-8523.

COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Rick Lausten

615-373-0029, saturncar1@aol.com

OUTINGS COORDINATOR:

(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Tanya Juday 931-490-0856

MEETING: Monthly - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT

Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)

Oct 2&3 Kerry Sumners will lead an overnight canoe/kayak trip down the Elk River. For more information and to register, contact Kerry at 615-790-4013 or karofishes@aol.com.

Oct 5 MONTHLY MEETING 630 Grand Chinese Buffet 5228 N. Main Street Spring Hill, TN Fount Bertram. President Tennessee Trails Association. will present the status of our organization. Discount coupons can be obtained online at

www.chinesegrandbuffet.com/coupon.jpg

Oct 15&16 Kerry Sumners is participating in the Titanium Chef Backcountry Cookoff. Backpackers vie to create the best backpacking meals in Martin's Fork. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. Kerry placed third last year with his Foil Cooked Trout. This year he will compete in the tuna fish helper division. Kerry will lead a hike to Martin's Fork (7.5 miles). Anyone that would like to attend or observe this year's event, contact Kerry at karofishes@aol.com or 615-790-4013.

Oct 16 It's back to Savage Gulf to hike the North Rim, North Plateau, and Mountain Oak Trails. This is a 7-mile moderate hike. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Plan to meet at the A&D Market on Hwy. 231 south of the I-840 interchange. We will leave there at 7:30 am and plan to start our hike at 9:30 at Savage Gulf Ranger Station. To register, contact Bobby Hardeman at puttr22@aol.com or 615-305-7955.

Oct 24&25 Ernie Stewart will lead an overnight hike, without (ugh) heavy backpacks, to Roan Mountain. We will hike 14 miles over several balds on the AT from Hwy. 143 at Carvers Gap to Hwy. 19E. If weather cooperates the vista of the distant mountains and the valley below should be spectacular with their fall colors. A van will transport our camping gear to Yellow Mount Gap, about halfway thru our hike. The next day we will hike out to Hwy. 19E. We will meet at Carvers Gap, Hwy. 143, at 11 am eastern time. To register and for more information, contact Ernie at 931-381-2278.

(cont') COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

Oct 30 Bob Warnica will lead a Halloween Eve hike of Virgin Falls. costumes are optional. This is a 7.7 mile strenuous hike. For more information, contact Bob at rlwarnica@msn.com or 615-791-1334.

HIKE REPORTS

On August 28 Six of us overcame the poorly marked trails at Edgar Evans State Park's John C. Clayborn Millennium Trail. Marvin Cain lead us through the heat and over several fallen trees. At the end of the day, we all agreed this is not a hike for the Dog Days of summer.

PLANNING AHEAD

Nov 2 Durk Peterson will be our guest speaker, discussing his rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon.

Nov 20 Rick Lausten will lead a hike of the new Wall of Jericho Trail on the Tennessee/Alabama border just south of Winchester, TN.

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly - 2nd Monday at 6pm ET

LaFollette Recreation Center's Craft Room, 201 S. 9th St.

Oct 11 MONTHLY MEETING. We will be taking reservations and prepayments for the October 2005 overnight outing to Hike Inn in Georgia. For more information, contact Mari Haslam.

Oct 13 Trail-work Day. We have set aside the Wed. following our monthly meeting as our standing trail-work day. We will be working either on our local project, the LaFollette Nature Trail, or on the Cumberland Trail in our local area. Bring sturdy boots, work gloves, snacks and water. For information, contact Faith Dippold at 423-566-8026.

Oct 16 Hike in the Piney River Nature Area. This is a moderate 7-mile hike on a beautiful trail following the River. We will park some cars at the end of the trail, and then carpool up to the trailhead. Bring lunch, snacks, plenty of water, and rain gear. Plan to eat out after the hike. Meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot behind Eagle Market in Jacksboro. For more information, contact Faith or Ed Dippold at 423-566-8026.

Oct 31 Hike to Chain Rock at Pine Mountain State Park, KY. Hope to catch some of the beautiful fall colors on this easy hike out to this rock out-cropping overlooking some of the high mountain ranges of the Appalachia Mountains. Meet at 1:30 pm at the Food Lion parking lot, LaFollette. For information, contact Vance Lawson at 423-562-6856.

EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

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Oct 2 North Boundry Greenway Trail, Oak Ridge. Also known as the Old Guard Shack Trail, this is a wide, gravel trail that passes through creekside habitats and ridgetop woodlands on the Department of Energy Reservation. Rated easy due to minimal elevation change (300 feet), but moderate due to distance (seven miles). Meet at 9:00 am ET at West Guard House on Oak Ridge Turnpike at Wisconsin. We will carpool to the trail starting point at the junction of State Highways 95 and 58. To register, contact Melanie Harmon at 865-376-4982.

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(cont') Oct 2 To register, contact Melanie Harmon at 865-376-4982.

Oct 9 Flats Mountain Trail, Citigo Wilderness. The six-mile Flats Mountain Hike in Tellico Ranger District offers outstanding views a thousand feet below to Indian Boundry Lake and west to Ridge and Valley area. After an initial uphill climb, the trail undulates, with some short steep climbs, but is mostly downhill. We will arrange a car shuttle and park cars at both Eagle and Bee House Gap. Meet at 8:30 am ET at the Goodys, Foothills Mall, Maryville for the hour-long drive to the trailhead, and bring lunch and water for the hike. For more information, contact Harold Draper at 865-689-7757 or h.m.draper@att.net.

Oct 16 Cooper Road and Little Bottoms Trails, Great Smoky Mountains. We'll combine these two trails for a moderate to strenuous hike of 6.8 miles roundtrip. Beginning on the Cooper Road Trail from the Abrams Creek Campground we'll hike .9 miles through hemlock and pine woods to the Little Bottoms Trail. Little Bottoms is a rugged narrow trail that runs along the slope above Abrams Creek for 2.5 miles. Although the elevation change is less than 500 feet, there are several abrupt ascents and descents along the way. Sturdy shoes are a must on this hike. Hopefully we'll be able to catch some of the fall foliage while avoiding the large crowds at some of the more popular areas in the park. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. Meet at the Maryville Target at the intersection of Alcoa Highway (129) and Lamar Alexander Parkway (321) at 8:30 am ET. For more information, contact Bob Uhren at 865-748-9227 or snowcap34@charter.net.

Oct 16 CHAPTER MEETING. Following the Little Bottoms hike we'll be holding our annual chapter meeting at Bob Uhren's house. We'll be discussing various chapter business but our main focus we'll be putting together our hike schedule for 2005. Everyone please consider taking the time to lead a hike next year. **WE NEED HIKE LEADERS.** It's fun, easy and a great way to share your favorite outdoor places with others. Contact Bob Uhren to RSVP or volunteer.

Oct 23 Hooper Bald to Huckleberry Knob, Cherochala Skyway. Beginning at the Hooper Bald parking area, this easy section of trail meanders through a second growth forest that has slowly taken over the edges of Hooper Bald before it exits the woods and comes out onto the bald, after walking only 1/2 mile. This bald was one of the original spots where lodges were built for hunting Russian wild boar, imported bear and Red deer. We will proceed over the bald and after walking through high grass, with blueberry bushes and thornless blackberries, we will come to the Cherochala Skyway, which we will walk along for 1/4 mile before beginning our hike out to Huckleberry Knob. The trail to Huckleberry Knob has gradually become overgrown with thornless blackberries over the past 2-3 years. At one time the trail was wide enough to drive a car on. In some areas it is only wide enough for a single row of hikers. After about 2 miles we break out onto Huckleberry Knob, with magnificent 360-degree vista (provided the weather cooperates). We will also pay our last respects to Andy Sherman, whose grave, marked by a 6 ft. cross, is situated near the top of the knob. We will meet at 9:00 am ET at Bi-Lo grocery store parking lot in Maryville on the right just past the US-129/US-411 intersection. Bring lunch, water, and wear appropriate clothing as this hike starts at 5204-ft elevation and never gets below 5000 ft. After the hike, for those interested bring money to join us for an early dinner at Cardin's Landing Restaurant located in the Town of Tellico Plains. For additional information and to register, call Beverly Neurock at (865) 220-9679 or bneurock@bellsouth.net.

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Oct 30 Fiery Gizzard Trail, South Cumberland State Park, Tracy City, TN. This 10-mile hike will start at the Grundy Forest State Natural Area Picnic shelter parking lot/trailhead, proceeding around the eastern part of the Grundy Forest Day loop to the Main Fiery Gizzard Trail. We will take the Dog Hole Trail up onto the plateau and then on to Raven Point overlook before returning on the Dog Hole and Fiery Gizzard trails to the western part of the Grundy Forest Day loop trail. The hike is rated difficult for length, ascents and descents. Sights will include Big and Little Fiery Gizzard Creeks, Chimney Rocks, several waterfalls and Raven Point Overlook. Bring snacks, lunch, plenty of water, and sturdy hiking boots. A trip to the Dutch Maid bakery in Tracy City may be necessary. We will meet at Kingston High School parking lot and leave at 7:30 am ET. Contact Lorelei Jacobs at loleleijacobs@att.net or 865-481-3290.

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tulahoma Area)

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MEETING: Monthly - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

D.W. Wilson Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma

Oct 16 Rock Creek Loop Trail and Connector Trail near Soddy Daisy, TN. This outing will give you a taste of hiking the Cumberland Trail! Experience mountain laurel, rhododendron, scenic overlooks and high bluffs. For a complete description, check the CT website (www.cumberlandtrail.org/rock.html). This 5.7 mile outing is rated moderate. Bring water, a snack, and wear your boots. For carpool information and to register, contact Brent Morris at bmorris@edge.net or 931-454-1718.

Oct 19 MONTHLY MEETING Join us as Marjorie Collier, TTA member and President of the Friends of Short Springs, speaks about the struggle to preserve the Short Springs State Natural Area. Marjorie has been instrumental in establishing the natural area and in preserving it over the years. New hikers and guests are always welcome to attend. See you at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W. Wilson Community Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Oct 30 Grundy Forest Day Loop / Fiery Gizzard Trail, Grundy Forest State Natural Area, Tracy City, TN. We will be hiking the Grundy Forest Day Loop with a side trip on the Fiery Gizzard trail to Chimney Rocks and Sycamore Falls. Other trail features include Hanes Hole Falls, Blue Hole Falls, a five-foot-wide by 30-foot-deep gorge named the Black Canyon, and a 500-year-old hemlock tree. Total hiking distance is approximately three miles and the hike is rated moderate for the rocky and uneven terrain. For information and to register, contact Doug Ratliff at dougratliff@hotmail.com or call 931-455-0249.

TRAIL WORK REPORT

On August 14, On August 14, TTA members continued construction of a new trail at the Short Springs State Natural Area near Tullahoma. Can you believe the temperature was in the 70's in the middle of August! What a heat index change from our work day in July! Hopefully by the time you read this the Adams Falls loop will have been completed on National Public Lands Day in September. Thanks to Sharon Bell, Earl Kiech, Brent Morris, Dave Peterson, and Doug Ratliff of the Highland Rim chapter and Jeffrey Corser from TDEC who worked in August.

JACKSON CHAPTER

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MEETING: Meeting: Monthly: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT
Lambuth University, 705 Lambuth Blvd, Hyde Hall in basement on Maple Street

Oct 1-3, Fri-Sun Allardt, TN Pumpkin Festival & Parade; Multi Chapters Camp & cabins at Pickett S.P.; Includes hikes: 1. Colditz Cove S.N.A. 2. Twin Arches at Big South Fork. More hikes are possible. For additional information or to register, contact Roy Corley at roycorley33@aol.com

Oct 5 MONTHLY MEETING Come and meet new friends and discuss hikes. New hikers and guests are always welcome!

Oct 9-10 Sat-Sun NEW HIKE Walls of Jericho Wilderness and Recreation Area, Winchester, TN-Jackson Co., AL. We will meet at 9:00 am CT at the trail head parking area. Take I-24 east to exit 127. Take Hwy 64 south toward Winchester. Stay on Hwy 64 for about 15 miles and turn south on Hwy 16. Just after crossing into AL look on the right for a gravel parking area with yellow gate and an information kiosk. The hike is about 3.5 miles in length one way and is downhill. Several streams to be crossed. Rated strenuous due to the 1000 foot elevation change into gorge. The Nature Conservancy purchased 21,543 acres (2003) of natural area in TN and AL, which contains scenic wilderness areas known for their unique karst topography and waterfalls. The "Walls of Jericho" is a massive unique natural geological rock formation featuring 150-200 foot vertical limestone walls at the closed end of a half mile long narrow wooded canyon. Plan on a minimum of eight hours to make round trip. For additional information and to register, contact Glen Rognstad at 731-217-5966 or glenrognstad@charter.net

Oct 23, Bonfire Social For additional information, contact Ann Knighton at alittleless50@msn.com

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly (Sep-May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm CT
Germantown Library

Oct 2 Wolf River Germantown Greenway Join us for an easy 4-mile walk along the river and through a hardwood forest.

Bring water and snacks. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the old vacant WalMart off Germantown and Humphreys Blvd. New hikers welcome! For information call Woody Pierce at 755-5635.

Oct 16-17 Buffalo National River Hike, Jasper and Ponca AR Join Woody and Carolyn Pierce for a look at the Ozarks' highest river bluffs, some reaching as high as 440 feet. Towering over the Buffalo National River these multi-colored cliffs have been sculptured over the centuries by erosion. We'll hike along some river trails near Jasper and venture into the Ponca Wilderness to Hawksbill Crag, one of Carolyn's favorite places as well as the most photographed place in the natural state. The fall colors should be fabulous by this time. Hikes will be between 3 and 6 miles and range from easy to moderate based on elevation gain. Exact hiking venues will be determined by makeup of hikers. Reservations are required for this trip. Contact Carolyn at 755-5635 if you wish to go. Hotel reservations should be made asap. Two recommended motels are Little Switzerland and the Cliff House. Jasper can be found by following I-40 to Russellville AR and turning north on Scenic 7. We will meet in Jasper on Saturday morning at 8:30 in front of Coco's Den on Scenic 7.

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Oct 21 MONTHLY MEETING A frequent visitor to the Grand Canyon, Margaret Smith will bring the canyon to us. Sharing the experience of more than 50 nights below the rim, Margaret will share slides, stories, and knowledge accumulated through many backpack trips and a recent rafting trip down the Colorado River. She is currently preparing for a rim-to-rim backpack trip offered through the Bluff City Canoe Club, an organization of which Margaret has long standing affiliations. Come join with us for the ascent and descent into this wonderland of nature, some refreshments and good company. For meeting location, call Carolyn Pierce 755-5635.

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station

697 Barfield Rd., Murfreesboro

Oct 1-3 (Fri-Sun) The 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival and Weigh-Off in Allardt (near Jamestown) Fentress Co., TN. You won't want to be left out of this annual Multi-Chapter Event. Last year six chapters were represented. How many will it be this year? As usual we'll gather Friday evening at Pickett State Park to camp together (or stay in cabins). We'll have a campfire, and catch up on all the news. Saturday morning some may enter the runs or walks, the pumpkin cook-off, visit the exhibits and weigh-off, shop at the crafts and foods fair, or some may just opt to sleep late. We can pay a small fee of \$2 or \$3 after the judging to sample the hundred or more cook-off entries for lunch. This includes things like chili, spaghetti, stew, dips, and pies, cookies, candies, and more...all containing pumpkin. If you don't like pumpkin there are plenty of food vendors nearby. Right after lunch we'll get together at the schoolhouse to "throw" a float together. (All participants bring decorations and bags of candy.) Then we'll walk beside our decorated pickup truck float with our T.T.A. banner in the 2-mile parade, throwing candy to the children along the parade route. Next we'll hike the 1.5-mile Northrup Falls Loop Trail in the Colditz Cove State Natural Area. This trail is always a thrill because of the big trees, gorgeous overlooks, a 60-foot waterfall, and interesting rock formations. (It has been appropriately called "The Little Jewel of Tennessee Trails" by a former T.T.A. President.) After the hike we'll go out to eat together or go back to cook at camp. Another campfire Saturday evening will bring us all together again to exchange information and laughs about the events of the day. Sunday morning some may start home, but others will want to stay for more hiking. We're looking for someone from any Chapter to lead the 6-mile hike to the Twin Arches in Big South Fork Sunday, unless someone prefers to lead the 10-mile hike on the Hidden Passage Trail at Pickett S.P. More hikes are possible if we get interest and more hike leaders.

Related Links and Phone Numbers:

members.aol.com/TNpumpkin/fest.html,

www.AllardtPumpkinFestival.com

members.aol.com/TNpumpkin/events.html,

www.jamestowntn.us/allardt.htm

Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN; Office: 931-879-5821 Cabin

Reservations: 1-877-260-0010

www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/Pickett/

To volunteer to lead a hike, for more information, or to register, contact Anna or Fount at abertram@heartoftn.net, fwbertram@heartoftn.net, or 615-765-5357.

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Oct 9 Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN. Enjoy the wonder of the woods with the convenience of the city on this New Comer/Beginner hike at an old favorite. We will have the option of either the easier 2.5-mile Warner Woods Trail or the moderate 4.5-mile Mossy Ridge Trail. Either way, bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes and \$\$\$ for lunch afterwards. To sign up, contact Jeanne' at 615-542-8044 or hoaxie@comcast.net.

Oct 12 MONTHLY MEETING Following the Lewis and Clark Trail, Part I; Bertha Chrietberg will educate and entertain us with her slides and talk regarding her trip on this historical route along the Missouri River from St. Louis, Missouri to the Rocky Mountains. She and her daughter, Susan, armed only with two guide books from National Geographic, followed the course of this trail as closely as possible, sometimes on foot, sometimes on water, and many times on gravel or dirt roads that only the fearless would attempt! They spent most nights in Susan's Volkswagen Camper, many times in very isolated and primitive locations, where even park campgrounds did not offer running water or flush toilets. Bertha's presentation will include stories about the Native Americans and the original exploring party. All of this, combined with her keen sense of humor and wonderful nature photography will be a pleasure for all. (Part 2 is scheduled for January.)

Oct 16 Rock Creek Loop on the Cumberland Trail, near Soddy Daisy, TN. This is a moderate 5.5 to 6 mile hike, with occasional challenges. Please read more about this hike under the Soddy Daisy Chapter News. We hope you'll bring your enthusiasm and join us! To register or for more information, contact Fount Bertram at 615-765-5357, fwbertram@heartoftn.net, or abertram@heartoftn.net.

Oct 30 -The Sewanee Natural Bridge and Buggytop Trail, Carter State Natural Area, Sewanee, TN. We will stop for half an hour at the Natural Bridge, which is on the way to Buggytop Trail. The trail is a 2.2-mile hike (4.4 miles total) to the impressive entrance of Lost Cove Cave. The terrain is rated moderate due to high bluffs and steep descent. It can be muddy following a rainfall. Bring water and lunch. For more information and to register, contact Nabil Wakid at 615-893-793 (nwakid@prodigy.net) or Jeanne' Hoechst-Ronner at 615-890-9084 (hoaxie@comcast.net).

PLANNING AHEAD

Nov 5-7 Campout at Annual Meeting: Tammy Day is coordinating a group camping effort from the Murfreesboro T.T.A. so more people can attend the Annual Meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park. Tent Camping Rates (2 persons) are only \$15.50/night and .50 for each additional person per tent. The plan is to car pool, group camp the nights of Nov 5th and 6th, and maybe have a special communal meal on Friday evening at the park. Sounds like a lot of fun! Other Chapters are welcome to combine with Murfreesboro. Contact Tammy at tlday@comcast.net or 615-904-0009

Nov 6 AUCTION AT ANNUAL MEETING The hosts for the 2004 Annual Meeting are requesting the donation of 5 quality items from each Chapter for the Saturday night auction. Please contact the owners or managers of the stores where you do business to request items. These items usually relate to camping or hiking. Examples from the past have been backpacks, tents, hiking sticks, camp stoves, or books on hiking trails. Or you may wish to donate an item yourself. There also will be a Silent Auction, which in the past has included other quality items such as hand crocheted afghans, antique lamps, wood carvings, bird houses, vases, etc. Thirdly, there will be a White Elephant Sale for all those small yard sale items you wish to donate. For further information or to donate items, contact Anna Bertram abertram@heartoftn.net or 615-765-5357.

Nov 9 Finger Food Supper and Hike Planning for Feb. 2005 - July 2005 It's time for each Murfreesboro Chapter member to start thinking about a new schedule of hikes. Which hikes have you enjoyed the most in the past? What hikes would you like to do in the future? What hikes will you volunteer to lead? Please take some time, and give this some thought before the meeting.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

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Sue Waldrop

MEETING: Monthly - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at Ellington

Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike

HIKING HOTLINE - 615-367-7045

Oct. 15 Lakeshore Trail Backpack, Smoky Mountains National Park. This trail basically follows the north shore of Fontana Lake, beginning at Fontana Dam and ending near Bryson City, NC. The trail is moderate in difficulty and 42.5 miles in length. We will hike three, 12 mile days with the first and fifth day being used for vehicle travel and shuttling and hiking, to and from the trailheads. This is considered a strenuous hike, the hiking is in some very remote areas of the Smokies, so appropriate gear and preparation is a must. For more information and to register, contact Ed Tensley at 615-446-6809, 615-749-1315, or setinsley@hotmail.com.

Oct. 13 The 13th Annual Pumpkin Festival and Weigh-Off at Allardt (near Jamestown) Fentress Co., TN. See Murfreesboro Chapter for description. Contact Anne Wesley at 615-851-1052 or tthiker@msn.com.

Oct. 2 First Saturday Hike in Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. Join Freinds of Beaman Park as we explore one of Nashville's newer parks. Our hike is from 9:00 until 12:00 noon CT on terrain rated easy to moderate. We will meet at the spring on Little Marrowbone Rd. For information and to register, contact Nancy Dorman at 615-352-6299 or nancydorman@yahoo.com.

Oct. 8 Nocturnal Niches Night Hike, Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. This hike will be from 7:00 to 8:30 at night. Come out and learn about what happens at night in Beaman Park. For information and to register, contact Nancy Dorman at 615-352-6299 or nancydorman@yahoo.com.

Oct. 8-11 Smoky Mountain Backpack. This is a great time of year to see the changing fall colors in the Smokies. This trip will start at Newfound Gap, spending Friday night at Icewater Springs shelter. Saturday we will hike the Boulevard Trail to Mt. LeConte and stay in the shelter there. Sunday we will hike down Alum Cave Trail. The total mileage is 17 miles. This trip is rated strenuous and the size of the group is limited. For additional information and to register, contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or Katibug1959@aol.com.

Oct. 9 Piney River Trail. Spring City, TN. This lovely trail winds along streams and the Piney river most of its 10-mile length. Designated as a pocket wilderness by the Bowater Paper Company, it is now part of the Cumberland Trail. The trail is not difficult but is long and the hike should be undertaken only by hikers who have hiked 10 miles on a single hike. We will need to arrange a shuttle on this one way trail and will hike at a moderate pace. Wear boots, and bring water, lunch and snacks. We will meet at 7:00 am at Kinkos parking lot on Donelson Pike. For information and to register, contact Elizabeth Gerlock at 615-356-6260, 615-516-3478, or eygerlock@bellsouth.net, but be sure to include your phone number.

Oct. 9 Trail Building Work Day, Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. 9:00 am to noon. Call 615-299-9586 for more information.

Oct. 21 Fall Trees of Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. This hike in our newest Metro Park will be from 9:00 to 12:00. For more information and to register, contact Nancy Dorman at 615-352-6299 or nancydorman@yahoo.com.

Oct. 16 Walls of Jericho, Franklin County, TN. A 7-mile round trip to this newly opened Nature Conservancy site. See "Oct 10" in Jackson Chapter for description. To preregister, contact Jim or Marietta Poteet at 615-824-7666, jpoteet@genesco.com or mattheml@bellsouth.net.

Oct. 23 Double Bagel Hike, Warner Woods and Mossy Ridge Trails, Percy Warner Park. Nashville, TN Reward yourself with two bagels after completing both trails, which combine a total of 7.5 miles. The hike is rated moderately difficult due to elevation change and distance. Bring water, snacks and sturdy boots.

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(cont') Oct. 23 After the hike, we will go to Breuggers Bagel at Hwy 70/100 split. Meet at 9:00 am CT at the Deep Well parking area (stone entrance into the park on Hwy 100, about 1.5 miles from split). For information and to register, contact David Furse at 615-308-7988 or dfurse@comcast.net.

Oct. 23 Fall Foliage Newcomer's Hike, Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. We will join Warner Parks Naturalists for this short, local hike in one of Nashville's newest parks. Wear boots and bring water and snacks. After the hike we will go for lunch at a nearby restaurant (bring \$\$ for lunch). Meet at 8:30 at the Kroger on White Bridge Rd. and Charlotte Pike or the spring at Little Marrowbone Rd. at 9:00. Contact Nancy Juodenas at 615-643-0936, 615-319-8811, or njuodenas@hotmail.com.

Oct. 24 Collins Gulf Trail, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Gruetli-Lager, TN. This is a strenuous, 11-mile loop hike. Bring sturdy hiking boots, lunch and water for the hike, and a change of clothes and restaurant funds for the drive back to Nashville. For meeting time and location and to register, contact Doug Burroughs at 615-292-9307.

Oct. 29-31 Appalachian Trail Backpack, Wesser, NC to Fontana Dam. This will be a strenuous backpacking trip, covering 28 miles of the AT. We will leave Nashville the evening of Oct. 28 and drive to Fontana Dam, spending the night at the trail shelter known as the "Fontana Hilton". Saturday, we will be shuttled to Wesser, NC and begin the hike. This trip is for experienced backpackers and reservations are limited. For additional information, contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or Katibug1959@aol.com.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Newsletter Parties are held once a month at members' homes in the Nashville area, to collate, label, and prepare the newsletters for mailing. If you would like to be put on the e-mail list for these get-togethers please call Jerry Hendrixson at 615-423-7019 or CHEIFWAGEE@aol.com.

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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MEETING: Monthly - 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm CT, Art Circle

Public Library's Community Room, 154 East 1st Street in Crossville

There is a leaderless hike every Wednesday morning at 8:00 am CT. The hikes are moderately paced and may average 5 to 7 miles. For additional information or to get on an e-mail list for the hikes, contact Bill Haynes at 931/707-7606 or billhaynes@citlink.net. Rain cancels.

Oct. 9 Devil's Breakfast Table hike on the Cumberland Trail, Crossville. This is a moderately difficult hike in the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area from the Devil's Breakfast Table to the Obed River Junction. The round-trip mileage is 7 miles. The hike is rated moderately difficult due to the many rock steps. Along the way, you will pass rockhouses with some nice views of Daddy's Creek. Meet at 8:00 am CT behind the Hardee's on Peavine Road. For more information and to register, please contact Gene or Myra Holloway at 931/788-1724.

Oct. 14 MONTHLY MEETING Community Room of the Art Circle Public Library. 6:30 pm CT. Let's get together and plan hikes for the rest of the year. Charles and Leigh Jones have offered to share their vacation adventures along the Lewis and Clark trail.

Oct. 16 Multi-chapter hike along the Cumberland Trail in the Soddy Daisy-Sale Creek area. (See Soddy Daisy Chapter for more information).

Oct. 23 Lily Bluffs trail in the Obed Wild and Scenic River, Crossville. This hike has some difficult terrain and rock hopping. The scenery includes a couple of hundred foot cliffs, rock formations, and overlooks. For more information and to register, please contact Joe Matlock or Rita Senko at 865/354-6101 or rsenko@usit.net.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

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MEETING: usually the 2nd Thursday

Call for confirmation or visit our chapter website.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm CT

UT Martin Campus, Boling University Center, Room 231

WEBSITE: www.utm.edu/~jclark/trails/

Oct. 23 Jackson Hollow, Shawnee National Forest. A scant 100 miles north of Martin, lies one of the premier rock climbing and hiking areas in Illinois. Widely known to rock climbers, hikers have the walking trails to themselves pretty much regardless of the season. If it has been wet, 2-3 waterfalls will be flowing. The hike begins with a walk along a bluff line until we encounter the "stone door" allowing for access to the canyon below. From here the trails skirt the base of the same bluffs we descended from. The thinning foliage and fall day should allow us to see the huge boulders and rocky creek bed in what we hope is a perfect fall walk. Lunch will be at base of an intermittent waterfall, and if the water is flowing, will provide for lots of boulder climbing and exploration. The whole hike is 5 miles and worth every footstep. This has always been a favorite of NW members and it has been since May 2003 since we have been here.

Oct 21, MONTHLY MEETING tentative topic: Ultralight Backpacking
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SODDY DAISY CHAPTER

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This chapter is being reorganized. For further information contact the T.T.A. President, Fount Bertram, at 615-765-5357 or fwbertram@heartoftn.net. In the interim, you are welcome to attend other chapters (13 to choose from) **outings, events and meetings.**

Oct. 16 The National Trails Day Event at Soddy Daisy in June supplied us with a data base of about 40 persons interested in a reorganization of the Soddy Daisy Chapter. Follow up letters with invitations to join us for a hike on the Cumberland Trail have gone out. We hope to have many enthusiastic members from other Chapters are present to hike with us on October 16th to encourage these prospective new T.T.A. members. Our hike leader, Brent Morris, has chosen the 3.3 mile Rock Creek Loop and the 1.2 mile connector trail, for a total hike of about 5 1/2 to 6 miles, rated moderate, with occasional challenges. Plans are to meet and carpool from Manchester at 7:00 am CT. It may be possible to form carpools from other cities if there is enough interest. We plan to meet the locals at the Sale Creek Post Office on U.S. Highway 27 at 10:00 am. ET to proceed to the parking area. For further information or to sign up for the hike, contact Fount Bertram fwbertram@heartoftn.net or 615-765-5357 (Woodbury-Woodland, for Murfreesboro Chapter); or Brent Morris bmorris@edge.net or 931-454-1718 (Manchester, for Highland Rim Chapter).

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

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Oct. 2 Bearwaller Gap Trail, Cordell Hull Lake, Carthage, TN. The hike is about 6 miles and rated moderate for the several rolling hills we will climb. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water, snacks, and lunch. Because this is a one-way hike it is necessary to park cars at each end of the trail. You can meet us at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00 am. For information and to register, contact Tom Lewis at 615-735-6558 or jluiii@earthlink.net.

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Oct. 9 Devil's Breakfast Table Segment of the Cumberland Trail, Catoosa Wildlife Management Area, Crossville, TN. We will hike a part of the Cumberland Trail beginning at the Devil's Breakfast Table trailhead. The trail goes through the Gorge of Daddy's Creek under sheer bluffs. The many rock steps, laid by volunteers, earned this trail the name, "a trail of a thousand steps." The hike is about 7 miles and rated moderate to strenuous because of the rocky terrain. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and sturdy hiking boots. You can meet us at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:00 am or at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:30. For information and to register, contact Mary Jane Powell at 931-738-4500 or mjhike@blomand.net.

Oct. 12 Chapter Meeting. Join us for dessert and coffee at the home of Bobby and Arlene Felton, Sparta, TN. Richard Savage will make a presentation on his end-to-end hike of South Australia's Heysen Trail. You can meet us at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 6:30 pm or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta about 6:50. To register, contact Bobby or Arlene Felton at 931-657-8660 or ChickenCity@blomand.net.

Oct. 16 Black Mountain Segment of the Cumberland Trail, Crab Orchard, TN. Black Mountain is noted for its interesting rock formations and wonderful overlooks. We will begin from the Cox Valley trailhead and ascend to the summit of Black Mountain before returning to our starting point. The hike is about 8 miles and rated moderate to strenuous. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and sturdy hiking boots. For information and to register, contact Cindy Walinski at 931-394-3413 or cwalinski@blomand.net.

Oct. 23 Above the Gulfs!, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Palmer, TN. We will enjoy the spectacular fall colors of Savage Gulf while avoiding the strenuous climbs in and out of the major gulfs. This hike will start at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station and follow the Savage Day Loop to the South Rim Trail. We will take the South Rim Trail to the start of the Collins Gulf Trail. We will then hike the Collins Gulf Trail to the Collins Gulf trailhead. The hike is about 14 miles, mostly on the top of the mountain. There are numerous outstanding overlooks of Savage Gulf and Collins Gulf as well as Savage Falls. The terrain is easy to moderate with the exception of the moderate climb from the Collins River crossing to the parking area, but is strenuous due to the distance. There may be fording of small streams. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring snacks, lunch, and water. For information and to register, contact Lillian Ey at 615-746-8890 or eyintn@hotmail.com.

Oct. 30 Across the Gulf!, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN. We will start at the Stone's Door Ranger Station and cross the gulf to Hobb's Cabin. We will then hike the length of the North Rim Trail and end our hike at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station. The North Rim Trail features more overlooks than any other trail in the South Cumberland area and should be spectacular with the fall color. The trails vary between level, steep, and rocky. Sturdy hiking boots are required! The hike is 17 miles and rated strenuous. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Meet us at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 6:00 am or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta about 6:20 am. For information and to register, contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

Oct. 30 Big Creek Gulf Trail, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN. We will descend into the gulf through the Great Stone Door. This is a favorite spot to see the leaves changing. The hike to Ranger Creek Falls is a bit challenging (and spectacular!), but, if you prefer you can have a wonderful easy hike enjoying the vistas along Big Creek Rim Trail. The hike into the gulf is about 7 miles and is rated moderate. You can meet us at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00 am or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:30. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and sturdy hiking boots. For information and to register, contact John Harwood at 931-528-6395 or jharwood@ntech.edu.

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