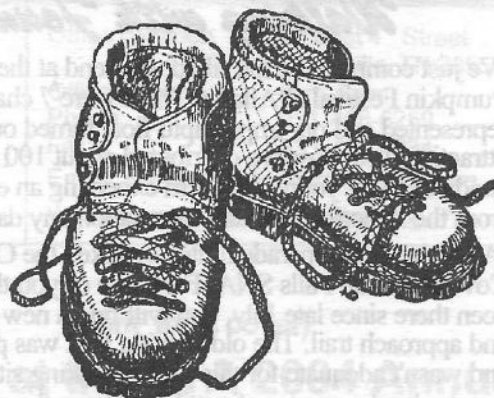


TENNESSEE TRAILS

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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Last Chance!

If after considering all the possibilities -- the hikes, the opportunity to purchase great merchandise (and some not so great merchandise) to benefit the Cumberland Trail, the quest for the golden squirrel, \$50.00 thin mints, Vera Churcher's outrageously rich (in more ways than one) brownies, the folksinging of Kindred Spirits (none of that MTV stuff here), tales of maddock-wielding college students, and great fellowship -- you still find yourself sitting with an uncompleted registration form for the annual meeting in front of you, what can we offer that might tip you over the edge to attend the annual meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park, Nov 5-7?

For starters, the inn is wonderful with many guest rooms and the dining rooms overlooking beautiful Pickwick Lake. The meeting rooms are huge -- you will be able to pitch that tent in the auction to test it out before bidding if you want! There will be adult refreshments, and (do we dare mention it) there is one of those big areas where people ride these carts around -- sometimes they even, gasp, walk -- and endeavor to knock these little white balls into holes in the ground. There is also an indoor swimming pool where you can relax, before, after, or even during the time that some of those other folks are tramping over the battlefield at Shiloh, or viewing dismal swamp or experiencing the hidden gem of Tishomingo State Park in Mississippi.

In short there are lots of activities available for you, and lots of fun too. And take it from experience, there is nothing quite so satisfying as seeing someone else get the golden squirrel award!

Hiking 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.

Walking with Fount

We just completed a fun filled weekend at the Great Pumpkin Festival at Allardt. There were 7 chapters represented and our impromptu float turned out to be very attractive. I suppose we distributed about 100 pounds of candy to eager youngsters...I'm expecting an endorsement from the American Dental Association any day now...

After the 2-mile parade route, we hiked the Colditz Cove/Northrup Falls SNA. For those of you that haven't been there since late July, you will find a new trailhead and approach trail. The old parking area was pretty small and wasn't adequate for this popular hiking site. The new area is about a quarter of a mile on down the road toward Crooked Creek and has a new, vastly improved parking area. The old approach followed an old logging road and had become quite eroded and had tons of downfall due to the pine beetle infestation. The new area was dedicated by Jim Fyke, Deputy Commissioner for Parks and Conservation and other top officials on July 27, 2004. This new addition was made possible by the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, The Neuland Glisson State Parks Connection and the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The actual trail work...which includes a lot of rock work and boardwalks was done by an Americorp team. It was both a surprise and delight to me to discover this major project to improve my old "stomping grounds." I spent a good deal of my childhood there. It's worth the trip to check it out.

I hope all of you have sent your registration in for the Annual Meeting. This is a very important aspect of our organization and the only time most of us get a chance to participate directly in the workings of the governing body. There will be items that require a vote for approval or disapproval by the entire membership. Your vote is important to keep our goals consistent with what the membership wants to see happen with TTA. We can only rely on your wishes to make our efforts compliant with your wants and needs as an organization. Please make every effort to be there and support the statewide organization.

This also brings up another facet that doesn't necessarily have anything to do with TTA...It applies to each of us as citizens. We have one privilege that is also a mandate and that is our right to vote. The upcoming national election has a lot of implications as to what is going to happen in our country in years to come. It behooves us as citizens, to study the issues and vote our conscience as to what will be the best thing for our country. There are many aspects to take into consideration...our economy...our security...our conservation and protection of our wonderful national treasures...our forests...our lakes and rivers...our irreplaceable wildernesses. All of these have to be considered and your decision needs to be based on your best understanding of these issues. The main point is to vote! Make your voice heard and support the system of democracy...your vote *does* count!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting....Happy trails...

Fount

Board Of Directors' Candidates

Election to be held on November 6 at TTA's Annual Meeting at Pickwick State Park. The TTA Board of Directors recommends the following slate of candidates to be elected to the Board by the membership during the Annual Meeting November 6.

Proposed Slate:

President	Fount Bertram	Murfreesboro
Vice President	Anne Wesley	Nashville
Treasurer	June Parker	Nashville
Middle TN At-large Dir.	Brent Morris	Un-affiliated
Membership Director	Garnett Rush	Nashville
Secretary	Carolyn Miller	Plateau

All other interested candidates will be presented at the annual meeting.

All positions are for one-year terms, except for the At-large Director position, which is for three years. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. If you plan to make such a nomination, please contact a member of the nominating committee prior to the annual meeting:

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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.

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Volunteer Appreciation Weekend

November 12 – 13, 2005

Cumberland Mountain State Park

All CT Volunteers and potential volunteers are invited to this year's Volunteer Appreciation Weekend at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN. This year the Volunteer Weekend will be a time of hiking, fun and fellowship at the park and on the Cumberland Trail Segments in the area.

If you arrive in town on Friday afternoon, you are invited to drop by the office to see where we are located. That evening we will gather in one of the cabins and have a social hour. Scheduled activities begin Saturday morning with day hikes. 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.

Both the open forum and dinner will take place away from the park, so please make sure you contact CTC Office to make reservations and to let us know your plans. Sunday relax and enjoy the local area. I'm sure people will do some hiking before returning home. For your dining plans, there are many restaurants in town and the Cumberland Mountain State Park has an excellent restaurant for both dinner and breakfast. Everyone is welcomed to bring their home cook goodies! Again, please contact the CTC Office to make your reservations.

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.

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Hiking at the TTA 2004 Annual Meeting

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.

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.

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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. The hike begins with fording the stream, so come prepared to change into dry socks and boots. Peters Ford Road turns south off TN 52 approximately 6 miles from Rugby or 4 miles from Allardt, at the Church of the Nazarene.

Nov 27 Middle Creek Loop Trail, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Jamestown TN. Meet at the Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 1:00 pm ET to car pool, or meet at the Middle Creek Trailhead at 2:00 ET. Follow TN 154 1.8 miles north from TN 297, turn right and follow Division Road .7 mile to the trail head. The loop is 3.5 miles, rated moderate, and descends below the bluff line for a close look at several rock shelters. Following the hike, everyone is welcome to stop by "Callie's Cabin" for refreshments. Hosts and hike leaders are Tim and Lynn Takacs. For information and to register, contact Tim at ttakacs@comcast.net before the Thanksgiving holidays.

CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly - 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT,
Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

Nov 5-7 Annual Meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park!!

Nov 13-14 Backpacking with "Model T." An overnight backpacking trip with J.R. "Model T" Tate is always an adventure. Our destination has not yet been disclosed. For more information, call "Model T" at 931-920-2760.

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 website:

www.tennesseetrails.org/release.php

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Nov 16 MONTHLY MEETING Crow Community Center, 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship, not to mention a variety of great programs and refreshments.

Nov 20 Long Hunter State Park, Hermitage, TN. Volunteer Trail. 12 miles total. An easy hike close to home. Contact Suva Bastin 931-645-2349 for more information.

Nov 27 After Thanksgiving Hike. Rotary Park, Clarksville, TN. We can hike 3 miles or more. For more information, contact Wanda McCluskey 931-906-3338.

COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT
Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill.)

Nov 2 CHAPTER MEETING 6:30 Grand Chinese Buffet 5228 N. Main Street Spring Hill, TN. Durk Peterson will be our guest speaker, discussing his rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon. Please join us, guest are always welcome.

Nov 5, 6 & 7 Tennessee Trails Annual Meeting. This years meeting will be held at Pickwick Landing's State Park. There are several hikes planned for the weekend. Let's have a good representation from our chapter.

Nov 20 Rick Lausten will lead our chapter on a hike of the new Walls of Jericho Wilderness and Recreation Trail. This is near the Alabama/Tennessee border just south of Winchester, TN. The trail is 7 miles round trip rated strenuous because of several stream crossings and a 1000 feet elevation accent. We will meet at the A&D Market on Hwy. 431 south of the I-840 overpass to car pool to the trail head. Departure is 7:30 sharp. To register, contact Rick at saturncar1@aol.com or (615) 373-0029.

HIKE REPORTS

On September 11. Toni Reeves led 7 hikers from Stone Door Ranger Station on the Big Creek Rim Trail to Greater Falls. There John Orum gave a demonstration of cooking on the trail without matches or a cook pot. While the weaker hikers called it a day and left from the Greater Falls Parking Lot, one strong, brave and true pioneer hiked back to Stone Door Ranger Station along the Laurel Trail.

On September 11. Our chapter joined the Northwest Chapter to hike the Pickett Loop and other trails at Land Between the Lakes. 10 from our chapter and 8 from Northwest were lead by Jim Clark on 8 miles of trails around Kentucky Lake in the rolling hills surrounding the Fort Henry area. Thanks Jim for inviting us to join you.

COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 7 CHAPTER MEETING This will be our chapter's Christmas Party, like last year we will exchange small gifts, \$ range. These gifts should have a hiking theme. Remember guests are always welcome.

December Hike on Mount Eagle Mountain's Buggy Top Trail. This hike will coincide with the Choir's Christmas Concert at Sewanee so that those who wish may attend, the exact date will be announced later.

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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

Our November outing will be participation in the Nov. 13 Volunteer Appreciation Weekend scheduled by the CTC at Cumberland Mt. State Park, or visit the online hike schedule at www.tennesseetrails.org/calendar.php.

EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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Nov 13 Appalachian Trail, Great Smoky Mountains. We'll hike the Appalachian Trail from Newfound Gap to Charlie's Bunion for a moderate hike of 8 miles roundtrip. Charlie's Bunion is a large rock outcrop which provides some of the best views in the park. On a clear day you can see Porters Creek Valley and Greenbrier Cove, as well as Mount Kephart and Mount LeConte. Although there is not much elevation gain the trail is narrow and very rocky in places so be sure to wear sturdy hiking shoes. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. We'll meet at 8:30 am ET at the Sugarlands Visitor Center and carpool to the trailhead from there. For more info on this hike, contact Bob Uhren at 865-748-9227 or snowcap34@charter.net.

Nov 20 Virgin Falls, Bowater Pocket Wilderness Area. Sparta, TN. One of the east's finest and, with the leaves off the trees, offering great views of the crenellations of the Cumberland Plateau. Eight miles with uphill on the way out, and a creek to traverse in each direction; good footwear is needed. Meet to consolidate and to leave at 8:30 (ET) from Roane County High on US 70, Kingston. From I-40 at the Kingston exit go several blocks south, then one-quarter mile west on US 70. Alternatively, at the trailhead: from Crossville go west on US 70 (NOT 70N) to de Rosset, then left on Eastland Rd. ca. 6 miles; sign is on the right: trailhead parking about one mile in on right, just past the Scotts Gulf trailhead on the left. Rendez-vous target is 10:15 (ET). For more information, contact Eph Klots at 865-483-6470 or cemeklots@msn.com.

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Nov 27 Lumber Ridge Trail, Great Smoky Mountains, 8.2 miles. Beginning at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, Lumber Ridge Trail ascends 1300' in the first 2.5 miles before descending 400' in the next half mile and leveling out over the last mile before its junction with Meigs Creek Trail at Buckhorn Gap where we will have lunch. After lunch, we retrace our steps back to GSMT. Meet at 9:00 am ET at the large parking lot on the left at the Townsend entrance to the park. Hike rated moderate for climb and distance. Bring lunch, water, wear sturdy boots, and dress appropriately for the weather. For further info or to pre-register, contact Keith Mertz at keithmertz@hotmail.com or 865-982-7368. To register, contact Melanie Harmon at 865-376-4982.

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tullahoma Area)

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

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

Nov 16 MONTHLY MEETING Our guest speaker is Ward Weems, park ranger at Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN. Ward will talk to us about area hiking opportunities. Guests and new members are always welcome! See you at 7:00 pm at the D.W. Wilson Community Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Nov 26 Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN. This is our annual "walk-off-the-Thanksgiving-dinner" hike. Do you feel guilty about eating those extra helpings of pumpkin pie? Here's your chance to walk off the calories! This easy 3 to 4 mile hike is just what you need! We'll meet at 8:00 am at the park museum parking lot. This is a joint hike with the Murfreesboro chapter. For information and to register, call Brent Morris at 931-454-1718, or email bmorris@edge.net

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

Nov 2 MONTHLY MEETING Come and meet new friends and discuss hikes. New hikers and guests are always welcome!

Nov 6-7 Annual Meeting Pickwick State Park

Nov 13 Newcomers Hike. Chickasaw State Park we will meet at 1:00 pm CT. The chapter will provide the trimmings you bring what you want to throw on the grill. After the cookout, there will be a short easy hike. Invite friend to come and find out how great hiking can be. Please contact Ellen Volet 731-427-3666 by Nov 11 - we need to know you are coming to plan the food.

Nov 20 Ft Pillow State Park, Henning, TN Meet at the Park Interpretative Center at 9:30 am CT Hike is 8 miles and and rated moderate over hilly terrain. The historic loop trail is 10 miles according to the guidebook or 8 miles if you ask certain diehard TTA hikers. Either way its got some very rugged hills since the park rests on one of the Chickasaw Bluffs. Bring lunch and water. To carpool and to register, contact Lee Sparks at 731-298-1658. **Note:** You will pass the park Visitor Center on the way to the Park Interpretative Center.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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

Nov 5-7 ANNUAL MEETING at Pickwick State Park. Join the fun! Entertainment, Hikes, Auction, Door Prizes, Meet Old Friends and Make New Friends!

Nov 18 MONTHLY MEETING (no meeting at Germantown Library this month) **WALKIN JIM STOLTZ.** Location: University of Memphis, Johnson Hall Auditorium, 488 Patterson Time: Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm. Tickets: Tickets \$10 Come experience "Forever Wild" a multi media celebration of wilderness with one of America's most unique folksingers and back country travelers. Take a stirring journey in song, slides, stories and poetry across the wide open spaces and through the windows of time with a man who has walked over 23,000 miles through North American wild lands. For more information call Carolyn Pierce at 755-5635. Sponsored by: Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club, and Outdoors Inc. with support from Memphis Chapter Tennessee Trails Association.

Nov 20 Mousetail Landing State Park, Parsons, TN We will do a 4 mile hike through a scenic hardwood forest and have lunch on a limestone bluff overlooking the TN River. Then we will carpool over to Lady Finger Trail for a 4-mile hike. The trail is rated moderate with some steep and rugged hills. Meet at 9:30 am CT at the visitor center parking lot. For information, contact Kathleen and Gil Griffin at 901-767-0529.

Nov 27 Meeman-Shelby Forest, Chickasaw Bluff Trail Meet at the Visitor Center at 9 a.m. and bring water and lunch. Hike begins with a car shuttle to the north end of the trail for a 5-mile easy to moderate hike through the forest and connect up to the Woodland Trail then hike back to the Visitor Center. New hikers welcome! For more information, contact Ann Lindholm at 901-388-4123

Dec 4 Memphis Downtown Historic Hike, Part 2 Join us for an interesting and educational 6mile hike through the oldest and most historic part of our great city of Memphis. During the years since Memphis was founded in 1819, our city has grown from a small Indian trading post overlooking the Mississippi River to one of the national's outstanding metropolitan centers boasting a population of over one million people in the city and its suburban area. The hike starts at 9:00 am at the Memphis I-40 Welcome Center parking lot, on the northwest corner of Riverside Drive and Jefferson. The official trail is 12 miles. It is likely to be cold and maybe windy...check the weather and dress appropriately. New hikers welcome! For information, contact Jerry Lenski at 901-213-0604.

Annual Meeting

Nov 5 – 7

You can register at
the door
Friday night.

A REMINDER:

We need your
auction donations
to make this event
a success.

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

Nov 5-7 ANNUAL MEETING at Pickwick Landing State Park Resort - includes hikes, meetings, displays, entertainment, socials, sales of T.T.A. merchandise, auctions, "white elephant sale", and much more. Group camping is still possible for latecomers who do not have previous reservations. For camping information and to sign-up for the group camping, contact Tammy Day at 615-904-0009 or tlday@comcast.net.

Nov 26 Old Stone Fort Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN - This is our annual "walk-off-the-Thanksgiving-dinner" joint hike with the Highland Rim chapter. Do you feel guilty about eating those extra helpings of pumpkin pie? Here's your chance to walk off the calories! This easy 3 to 4 mile hike is just what you need! After the hike, we can even head to Crockett's restaurant and eat some more! For carpool information and times, contact Jeanne' athoaxie@comcast.net or 615-542-8044.

Nov 9 Fun Finger Food Supper and Hike Planning for Feb. 2005 - July 2005. It's time for each Murfreesboro Chapter member to be thinking about a new schedule of hikes and other outings. Which ones have you enjoyed the most in the past? What hikes would you like to do in the future? What hikes will you be willing to lead? What dates would you be available to attend or do this? Please take some time to give this some thought and be prepared before the meeting. As for the Fun Finger Foods... just bring anything you wish to share, such as sandwiches, chips and dips, raw veggies and dips, cookies, etc. Beverages, paper plates, cups, and utensils will be furnished. Our new T.T.A. shirts should be available to purchase at this meeting. There just might be a surprise or two in store for you too! Contact Anna Bertram for more information. abertram@heartoftn.net or phone 615-765-5357

PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 14 Family Christmas Dinner Party at the Wilderness Station at 6:00 pm. We will start one hour earlier. Plan to bring a favorite holiday dish to share. Even more important, plan to bring your family, your sweetie, your neighbor, or a friend, to join us for this gala social evening.

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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

Nov 6 First Saturday Hike in Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. Jo in friends of Beaman Park as we explore one of Nashville's newer parks. Hike 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 more information and to register, contact Nancy Dorman at 615-352-6299 or nancydorman@yahoo.com.

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Nov 12-14 Fiery Gizzard Backpack, Tracy City, TN This is a great time of the year to hike one of the most outstanding trails in Tennessee known as the Fiery Gizzard Trail. We will plan to arrive on Friday night and camp at the CCC campsite which is 1/2 mile from the trailhead. Saturday, we will hike approx. approx. 10 miles to Small Wilds campsite and spend the night there. Sunday, we will hike out 2 miles to the Foster Falls trailhead. Shuttle arrangements will be required. If you cannot participate Friday night, it will be fine to join the group on Saturday. Rating moderate to difficult. This trail is well known for spectacular scenery that includes waterfalls, deep gorges, sheer rock bluffs, scenic overlooks, and dazzling ice formations in winter. For additional information and to register contact, Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or email Katibug1959@aol.com.

Nov 13 Bearwaller Gap, Carthage, TN. This is a one-way hike that will require a car shuttle. The 5.6 mile trail follows the shore of Cordell Hull Lake from the Defeated Creek Recreation Area to Tater Knob Overlook. This trail is particularly beautiful at this time of year because the leaves have fallen and the views of the lake are better. For more information and to register, contact Jim or Marietta Poteet at 615-824-7666, jpoteet@genesco.com, or matthem@bellsouth.net.

Nov 13 Trail building Work Day at Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. 9:00 till 12:00 noon CT. Call 615-299-9586 for more information.

Nov 17 Beaman Trek Hike, Beaman Park, Joelton, TN. 8:30-11:30 am CT. Call Nancy Dorman at 615-352-6299 for more information.

Nov 20 Triple Bagel Hike. Warner Park. Nashville. We will be hiking a total of 13 miles in both Percy and Edwin Warner Parks by combining three circular trails - Warner Woods, Mossy Ridge, and Harpeth Woods -hence the name. Rated difficult due to elevation changes and distance so it's not recommended for newcomers. Bring water and snacks, and wear sturdy hiking boots or good trail running shoes. We'll hike rain or shine so bring spare shoes to change afterward if the trail is muddy. After the hike, we will go to Brueggers Bagel Bakery (at Hwy. 70/100 split) for lunch. Meet at 7:00 am at the Deep Wells parking area (stone arch entrance into the park on Hwy 100, about 1 1/2 miles from the Hwy. 70/100 split) and we'll be off the trail before noon. Contact David Furse at 615-308-7988 or dfurse@comcast.net.

Nov 21 Springfield Greenway Newcomer's hike and/or rolloverblade. This beautiful new Greenway in Robertson County is 4 miles round trip. It crosses bridges, runs alongside a creek for awhile and ends in the Springfield's Travis Price Park. This is a nice gentle hike for newcomer's and experienced hikers alike who want a relaxing walk. Bring money for lunch afterwards. No hiking boots necessary but you should bring water. To register and for meeting information, contact Nancy Juodenas at 615-643-0936, 615-319-8811, or njuodenas@hotmail.com.

Nov 26-27 Pickett State Park Backpack, Jamestown, TN. Let's work off our holiday meals with a Thanksgiving weekend backpacking trip. We will meet on Friday at Pickett State Park and car camp.

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(cont') Nov 26-27 We'll do some dayhiking and share a pot luck meal around a campfire. Saturday and Sunday, we will backpack the Hidden Passage Trail. Rating moderate. For additional information and to register, contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or Katibug1959@aol.com

Nov 28 Montgomery Bell Overnight Trail, Montgomery Bell State Park. Burns, TN. The M. B. Overnight Trail is 11.7 miles and rated easy for the gently rolling terrain; however, moderate for the length. The leaves should be off the trees, making it easy to spot the many turkeys residing here. We may even see deer or an owl or two. Hiking boots are a must! There are 2-3 shallow stream crossings along the way, unless we've had rain a few days before our arrival and then it may only be ankle deep. You may want to bring extra socks/shoes if your feet get wet. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Montgomery Bell State Park charges a \$3 per vehicle per day access fee. If you haven't already purchased the annual Multi-Visit Pass, you can purchase one when you arrive, or feed the machine \$3 to park. We will meet at 8:00 am to carpool from west Nashville. For more information and to register, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Jim Clark
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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/

Due to the annual meeting and activities associated with that event, members are urged to participate in hikes and participate in the annual meeting. Therefore our November events will coincide with the activities of the annual meeting.

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Carolyn Miller
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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 (typically 5-7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information or to get on an e-mail list for the hikes, contact Bill Haynes at 931/707-7606 or sue1290@frontiernet.net for details. Rain cancels.

Nov 5 -7 TTA Annual meeting. Pickwick Landing State Park, Pickwick Dam, TN. See cover and page 6 and 7 for more information regarding hikes and other activities.

Nov 6 Hike scheduled to serve those members not attending the annual meeting. John Litton/Angel Falls Overlook, Big South Fork; 9 miles with short car shuttle to end point at Leatherwood Ford. This hike is fairly difficult due to the length, but footing is good and grade is downhill with few uphill stretches.

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(cont') Nov 6 We'll see rock formations, a waterfall, and one of the best overlooks in the Big South Fork. Meet behind the Cracker Barrel at 8:00 CT. For information and to register, contact Bill Harris at 931/484-9152 or sue1290@frontiernet.net

Nov 11 MONTHLY MEETING. 6:30 pm at the Community Room of the Art Circle Public Library.

Nov 13 Two hikes are offered on the Cumberland Trail. Brady Bluffs, Crossville, TN. This is a strenuous hike of 7 miles roundtrip. We will hike on the Brady Mountain section of the Cumberland Trail to the Brady Bluff Overlook. The bluff is reached by taking an unmarked side trail to an overlook from where you can see Grassy Cove. There are also some interesting rock formations along the way. Meet at 8:00 am CT at the boat dock parking lot at Cumberland Mountain State Park. To register and for more information, please contact Jim McCullough at 931/484-8222 or sue1290@frontiernet.net.

Nov Black Mountain Loop, Crossville, TN. This is an easy 2-mile hike around the top of Black Mountain. The overlooks toward the East and into Grassy Cove are spectacular from the rock outcroppings on top of Black Mountain. Meet at 9:00 am CT at the boat dock parking lot at Cumberland Mountain State Park. To register and for more information, please contact Carolyn Miller at 931-260-6674 or cardan@usit.net.

Nov 27 After Thanksgiving New Comer's hike on the Pioneer Trail Long Loop at Cumberland Mountain State Park. Crossville, TN. This is an easy hike of 5 miles around Byrd Lake. Meet at the boat dock parking lot at Cumberland Mountain State Park at 9:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Carolyn Miller at 931-456-4465 or at cardan@usit.net.

SODDY DAISY CHAPTER

Arleen Decker 865-856-7262

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.**

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Richard Savage
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Nov 6 Annual Meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park!!

Nov 13 Brady Mountain Segment of the Cumberland Trail, Crossville, TN. We will hike the length of this trail from the Jewett Road trailhead to Highway 68. Highlights of this trail include overlooks offering spectacular views of Grassy Cove and the mountains to the east. On clear days the Smoky Mountains are visible. The hike is about 8 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous because of the elevation gain.

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(cont') Nov 13 Side trips to interesting rock formations and the site of an airplane crash are possible. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and wear sturdy hiking boots. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00 CT. For information and to register, contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

Nov 20 Pioneer and Byrd Lake and Creek Trails, Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville, TN. We will hike the Pioneer Trail which circles Byrd Lake and is about 5 miles long. Then, we'll hike 3 to 4 miles on the Byrd Lake and Creek Trails below the dam. Both trails are rated easy. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 9:00 am CT. For information and to register, contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

Nov 27 Big Spring, Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness Area, Sparta, TN. This hike features a huge spring under a big bluff which goes into a stream. There is also the possibility of taking a side trip to Rose's Cave. The hike is about 4 miles and rated easy to moderate. You can meet us at 8:30 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from the McDonald's in Sparta at 9:00. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For information and to register, call Marnell Cothran at 931-738-5874.

♪ 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.

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.

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Have You Considered ...

Maintaining a particular trail or section of trail?

Through the cooperation of land managers, who periodically inform us of volunteer opportunities, TTA can put you in touch with several Adopt-A-Trail programs, or offer suggestions on how to approach local land managers in your area.

The Adopt-A-Trail program is quite simple and flexible. Volunteers or chapters select the trail they wish to adopt and at the same time determine the level of trail maintenance they wish to undertake. Their only commitment is to hike, inspect, and report on the trail's conditions and maintenance needs twice per year. Light trail maintenance (clipping, pruning, trash and minor blow-down removal) is encouraged during each inspection. Serious trail problems identified will be reported to the local land management agency for resolution.

To obtain an Adopt-A-Trail or Trail Inspection form, contact Harold Draper at 865-689-7757.

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