# 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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### **Tennessee's State Natural Areas Week**

April 15 - 22

Tennesseans are encouraged to join in a weeklong celebration of Tennessee's State Natural Areas April 15-22 with activities such as wildflower hikes, guided tours and volunteer stewardship activities.

The State Natural Areas Program provides long-term protection for rare, threatened and endangered plant and animal life. It also protects ecologically sensitive areas, areas of geological and archaeological interest, and areas of great scenic beauty. First established in 1971 by the Tennessee Natural Areas Preservation Act, today there are 69 state natural areas covering nearly 105,000 acres. Tennesseans and the Department of Environment and Conservation are celebrating the 36th Anniversary of the Natural Areas Preservation Act in 2007.

The week includes a full schedule of events in many of these 69 natural areas. Whether your interest is in a wildflower or birding hike, a canoe float, or a cave exploration, there is a wide variety of interesting activities planned to engage Tennesseans in appreciating and enjoying these special places.

The full schedule of activities is available online at www.state.tn.us/environment/na by following the link "Tennessee Natural Areas Week April 15-22." Or call 615-532-0434 for schedules and information. All activities require reservations, so please call early to assure an opportunity to participate.

### **2007 Membership Directory**

It's Update Time!

The 2007 edition of the TTA Membership Directory will be mailed to all current members in June/July. Please be sure your dues are paid up so that you will be listed in the directory, and receive your copy when it's published. Also, please let us know if your home/email address and/or telephone number has changed since the last directory that was published in August 2006.

Here are a few ways you can notify us of your changes:

- Internet: Visit our website
   (www.tennesseetrails.org), navigate to "Member Services," select and fill out the "Electronic Address Change Form."
- <u>Mail</u>: Using the New/Renewal Membership Form (on the last page of this newsletter), fill in your new information, write on the form "address change" and mail to the address shown on the Membership Form.
- <u>Phone</u>: TTA's Membership Director, Garnett Rush at 615-352-7217.

Not sure of when your membership expires? Please look at the mailing label on your current monthly newsletter; it displays your annual expiration date just above your address. You will need to renew your membership within that month showing on your mailing label in order to avoid a lapse/interruption in receiving your newsletter.

### Hike, Eat, and Meet: TTA's 2nd quarter Board of <u>Directors' Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28 at</u> Cedars of Lebanon State Park.

Hike - At 9:00 am (central), all members are invited to meet at the trailhead for the Hidden Springs Trail. This is a 5-mile hike through a fascinating area of limestone sinkholes and caves. We'll hopefully see some late spring wildflowers also. The terrain is generally flat, but expect the usual rocks, ruts and roots (and possibly mud after wet weather) that make you happy to be wearing boots. Please bring plenty of water and some snacks.

Eat - At 12:00 pm, everyone (whether or not you hiked with us) is invited to gather at the Cedar Forest Lodge for a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish or food item that can feed 10-12 people. RSVP to Anne Wesley (see below) so we know we have enough drinks.

**Meet** - at 1:00 pm, TTA's Board of Directors will meet after lunch at the Cedar Forest Lodge. ALL MEMBERS are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park is located off US 231 South outside of Lebanon. From I-40, take Exit 238 headed south on US 231 for 6 miles. Once you enter the park, drive past the Park Office, and follow signs to the Nature Center. Cedar Forest Recreation Lodge (lunch and meeting location) is just before the Nature Center. For the hikers - continue straight through the park, drive past the camping areas and swimming pool until you see the parking for Hidden Springs trail. For information and/or to RSVP the potluck lunch, email Anne Wesley at ttahiker@msn.com or call 615-851-1052.

### CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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### CTC Spring 2007 Schedule

(Registration is requested for these events)

### April 26-April 30, Soddy-Daisy, TN:

Step into spring and help build wooden steps in the Board Camp Creek Gorge. Help will also be needed with some trail maintenance. Lodging and food will be provided at the Lutheran Camp. Tent camping is also available. Volunteers will be able to arrive at the camp on April 25. Registration is requested in order to plan work details and the food needed.

### May 11-June 10, Spring 07 Trail Building (a.k.a. Big Dig), Stony Fork Community, TN:

Volunteers will continue the trail building effort started during Break-Away 07. Lodging and food will be provided at the Stony Fork School. Educational programs will be offered on some evenings and a "ho-down" on Friday evenings. Besides the usual personal trail building items, volunteers will need some type of bedding such as a cot or air mattress. Tent camping is also available. All volunteers are greatly needed. Registration is requested in order to plan work details and the food needed.

### May 13-May 19, American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation, Stony Fork Community, TN:

American Hiking Society volunteers will be working with CTC staff and volunteers during the Spring 07 Trail Building program. All participants will be staying at the Stony Fork School.

### May 18-May 20, Scout Weekend, at Nick's Creek Campground, TN:

Scouts will camp at Nick's Campground on the New River. Saturday, May 19, will consist of morning trail construction and the afternoon will be outdoor classes on merit badge and rank advancement requirements. On Sunday, May 20, the scouts will be able to participate in a 5-or 10-mile hike. Participants are responsible for their own food, camping gear, and transportation.

### MAY 25-May 27, TTA Weekend (first annual), Stony Fork Community, TN:

This weekend is concurrent with the Spring 07 Trail Building Program. Lodging and food will be provided at the Stony Fork School. Besides the usual personal trail building items, volunteers will need some type of bedding such as a cot or air mattress. Tent camping is also available. This is an opportunity for all TTA Chapters to participate in helping to build the Cumberland Trail. Saturday, May 26, will be a day of trail construction in the Sundquist Wildlife Management Area. There will be a cookout that evening. Sunday, May 27, will be a day of hikes in the area. Hikes will range from easy to difficult. In addition to the trail volunteering and hikes, the TTA chapter with the most volunteers will win the CTC/TTA Volunteer Spirit Stick for the year.

### June 2, National Trails Day, Stony Fork Community, TN:

This will be a day of celebrating NTD by doing trail construction in the Sundquist Wildlife Management Area. There will be a cookout that evening at Stony Fork School.

### June 18-June 30, Trail Maintenance and Inventory, Cumberland Trail:

Details will be announced

### Registration is requested for these events

- 1. Sign-up on line at www.cumberlandtrail.org
- 2. Call the CTC office at 931-456-6259.

### BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

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Apr 7 Spicewood Branch - Old Mac Trail, Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg. Tom and Benita Howell will lead this approximately 7-mile hike, rated moderate to strenuous because of the 1500 foot climb. We'll traverse some prime areas for viewing spring wildflowers, follow the Chimney Top trail northward to its intersection with the Frozen Head tower trail and return to the trail head via the South Old Mac Trail. Dress appropriately for changeable weather, wear sturdy boots, and bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Carpool will leave Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 9:00 EDT, or plan to meet at the Frozen Head Visitor Center parking lot at 10:00 Please reaister with Tom Howell tshowell1003@highland.net, or phone 423-628-5521.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm CT,

Crow Community Center 211 Richview Rd

<u>Apr 7</u> Piney River Trail; 10 miles, moderate; Jack Bastin 931-645-2849

<u>Apr 14</u> Frozen Head; 12 miles, strenuous; Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

**Apr 21** (Begins April 20. Work additional days as desired.) CTC Spring Trail Building session, Part 2, at Smokey Junction, TN. Make individual reservations with Tony Hook, CTC Trails Development, 931-456-6259.

Alternate Hike: Rotary Park; 1-3 miles, easy; call Lucy Weikel, 931-358-5794

Apr 28 Spring Fling at Dunbar Cave; Hikes and Nature Activities; Suva Bastin, 645-2849

(Note: CTC Spring Trail Building session, Part 1—formerly Big Dig—runs from April 20 to May 11. Please volunteer as you are able. Contact Tony Hook, CTC Trails Development, 931-456-6259.)

### **COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER**

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**MEETS MONTHLY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)

Apr 3. Chapter meeting 7 PM Grand Buffet Spring Hill, TN. Paul Freeman, Executive Director of Cumberland Trail Conference will update our chapter of happenings on the Cumberland Trail. Dinner starts at 6 PM and our meeting starts at 7. Plan to be there and bring a friend.

Apr 14. Devil's Backbone Natchez Trace. Bobby Hardeman will lead a hike of the Devil's Backbone Trail. This 3 1/2 mile trail has very little elevation change and is rated easy. This area is abundant in both wild flowers and wild life. We will meet at Columbia State on Hwy. 412 in Columbia in front of the Administration Building and park near the highway. We will leave for the trail at 8:30 am. Wear sturdy boots and bring water and snacks for the trail. We will have lunch at Santa Fe Cattle Company in Columbia after the hike. Register with Bobby

at puttr22@aol.com or call (615)305-7955.

Apr 28. Radnor Lake. Kerry Sumners will lead this easy hike. You should wear sturdy boots and bring water and snacks for the trail. We will meet at Kroger on Hwy. 31 in Spring Hill and leave at 8:00 or meet at the Nature Center on Otter Creek Road at 9. Register with Kerry at karofishes@bellsouth.net or call (615)790-4013.

Trail Work Update and Looking Ahead. On February 17 Sherry Yokley, Bobby Hardeman and Rick Lausten worked with Chad Harden on the Stillhouse Hollow Fall's Trail. Chad, who is the West Tennessee Stewardship Ecologist of Natural Areas for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will speak at our May 1 meeting.

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Apr 7 Rainbow Falls - GSMNP -Join us for 6 miles of hiking at its best. This hike is rated Moderate because of it's elevation. We will meet at the Rainbow Falls Trailhead at 9:45am est and the hike will begin at 10:00am. To pre-register, call hike leader, Lesley Price 865-254-1193 or e-mail Rosemary L@hotmail.com

GSMNP, Albright Grove, via Maddron Bald trail.Come view the virgin forest on Albright Grove Loop trail where some of trees are enormous! Trail prize awarded to the first hiker to ID the "kissing trees", the "heart-shaped" quartz, and the "great white rock"! Hike is 7 miles, rated moderate, with an initial elevation gain of 1600 feet. Meet at 8:30 A.M. at the Asheville Highway Food Lion [From exit 394 ramp off I-40, go left (east) out Asheville Highway, U.S.-11 E/25W/70, 1.0 miles to signal light; turn left, then right into Food Lion lot (not visible from highway intersection). Park along front edge, to left of entryl. For more information and to register, contact and Pattv Paul 865-983-1985 paulr@monroe.k12.tn.us

Apr 21 Frozen Head State Park. There is nothing like an April hike at Frozen Head! The proposed hike will be up Panther Branch Trail to N. Old Mac Trail, then to the Jeep road, to the new observation tower atop Frozen Head.Our descent will be via S. Old Mac and Judge Branch Trails. Be advised, portions of these trails are very narrow, slippery and rocky. There will be one water crossing of Judge Branch, Bring lunch, water, sturdy boots and dress appropriately for the weather. Hiking distance will be about 7 miles with a climb of 1800 feet, Meet at Frozen Head Visitors Center at 9:00 am EST. For further info or to register contact Keith Mertz at 865-982-7368 or email keithmertz@hotmail.com

Apr 28, Once Upon a Time Wildflower Hike A special wildflower hike and lunch are planned at Once Upon A Time, Ed and Arleen Decker's property in the foothills of the Smokies on the Little Tennessee River. Arleen has documented over 110 varieties of wildflowers on the 1 1/2 mile trail and the flowers should be at their peak. The trail also includes overlooks of the Little Tennessee River, the 500+ year old Grandmother Cedar Tree, and the Jovce Kilmer/Slickrock/Citico Wilderness. Homemade potato soup, fresh fruit salad, and beverages will be served after the hike. Hikers should bring water for the hike. The Cove Lake TTA Chapter will be joining us. An additional hike is planned after lunch for those who want to do more hiking in the area. We suggest bringing water shoes for creek crossings. Call 865-856-7262 to register or for directions. Or, see their website at http://www.onceuponatimeadventures.com/. Hlkers can also meet at 8:30a in the parking lot of the old Bi-Lo on Hwy south carpool. 411 to

## HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tullahoma Area)

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TREASURER: Marietta Poteet
NEWSLETTER CONTACT: Sharon Bell
MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00p at the Crockett's restaurant in Tullahoma

Apr 3: April's monthly meeting will begin at Crockett's Restaurant, Tullahoma, at 6:00 for dinner and socialization. We will then drive to the First Christian Church, 120Grundy Street, at 7:00 for the program and a short business meeting. The program will be Emergency first aid and "hurry cases" presented by Jem Reed, EMT. For more information contact Tom Bentley 931-455-5849 or athtbentley@charter.net.

Apr 14: Marietta and Jim Poteet will lead our annual wildflower hike through Shakerag Hollow, Sewanee, and then to Short Springs, Tullahoma. The Shakerag Hollow hike is rated moderate. The distance is only 2 miles; however there is a short ascent near the end. We will then drive to Short Springs in Tullahoma. This hike is about 3 miles rated easy: however there is a steep descend down some stone stairs. Both areas are well known for their abundance of wildflowers. The hikes will be slow to allow ample opportunities for flower viewing and studying and pictures taking. Take water and snacks. For more information and conformation, contact 931-924-7666 Marietta or Jim at or email nannietta@bloman.net.

Apr 14: Joette Carter will be leading a joint hike with the North Alabama Sierra Club to the Walls of Jericho. We will hike down the Alabama trail and back up the Tennessee trail. This hike is 7-8 miles rated strenuous. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Call Joette for more information and to confirm at 931-968-0073. May have to leave a Apr 21: Third Saturday "Eat-Hike-Eat" hike. Rated easy .We will meet at The Blue Chair, Sewanee, for breakfast at9:00. We will then join the "Trails and Trilliums" hikes from St. Andrews, "Abbo's Alley," through "Charlotte Gailor's Garden," which has been restored, and finish at the "Shakespeare Garden." This hike will be lead by Michael Green, who heads the board at Reflection Riding in Chattanooga. Afterwards we will select a place for lunch .For more information and conformation, contact Tom Bentley at 931-455-5849 or htbentley@ charter.net.

Apr 22: Dennis Horn, co-author of WILDFLOWERS of TENNESSEE the OHIO VALLEY and the SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS, and member of Friends of Short Springs, will lead the annual Short Springs wildflower hike. Dennis knows a great deal about wildflowers and loves to share his knowledge. For information contact Marjorie Collier at 931-455-4186 ormarcollier@charter.net.

Apr 28: Joette Carter will lead a hike at Stone Cuts at Monte Sano State Park we will carpool to Huntsville. This hike is rated easy to moderate. Afterwards we will select a restaurant, eat inner, then return to Tennessee. Contact Joette at 931-968-0073 for more information and conformation.

### PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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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 Harris at 931/484-9152 or Jim McCullough at sue1290@frontiernet.net. Rain cancels Apr 7. Piney River Trail, Spring City, TN. Designated as a pocket wilderness by the Bowater Paper Company, it is now part of the Cumberland Trail. The trail is not difficult, but it is 8 miles long. The hike will require a shuttle on this one-way trail. This is a great hike for wildflowers. We will also visit the Spider Den to see the interesting rock formations. Wear boots, and bring water, lunch and snacks. Meet at Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville, TN at the boat launch area at 8:00 AM CDT. For more information and to register, contact Carolyn Miller at 931/456-4465 or by e-mail at cardan@frontiernet.net

<u>Apr 12</u>. Chapter meeting. Art Circle Public Library, Community Room. 6:30 PM. CTC update and continued planning for the annual meeting. For more information, contact Rita Senko.

Apr 14. Angel Falls Overlook, Big South Fork. This is a 10-mile hike rated moderate to difficult due to the length. The hike will require a car shuttle between the Bandy Creek trailhead and the Leatherwood Ford trail head. We will start at the Bandy Creek trailhead and go to Angel Falls Overlook then walk along the river to end at the Leatherwood trailhead. The hike has interesting rock formations, Angel Falls (not a true waterfall, but actually a Class IV rapid), and probably the best overlook in the Big South Fork. Wear boots, and bring water, lunch and snacks. Meet at 8 AM CDT behind the Cracker Barrel. For more information and to register, contact Bill Harris at 931/484-9152.

### **JACKSON CHAPTER**

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday. Socializing & meal starts at 6:00p CT; meeting starts at 7:00 at Perkins Restaurant 999 Vann Drive in Jackson

<u>Apr 9-</u>Monthly Meeting-Come at 6:00 to eat or 7:00 for the meeting to hear about past or upcoming hikes. Everyone welcome.

Apr 14-Tishomingo State Park, Mississippi-Join us for a 7-10- mile hike winding along rocky bridges with spectacular views, through shallow, fern-filled canyons, and across the Bear Creek swinging bridge constructed in the 1930's. Bring lunch and water. Registrations required. For carpool register contact Roy roycorley@aeneas.net 731-668-5070.Directions: Entrance road is 15 miles +/- south of luka on 25. Follow the signs shortly after the town of Tishomingo. After you turn left off 25 at the park sign, you will come to a sort of 'y'. Take the left branch. Best place to meet is at the tollgate. There is a parking lot to the right just before entering the park through the gate. Can regroup into lesser vehicles or whatever before entering. Parking is \$2 or \$3 per car.

Apr 28, -Pinson Mounds-Jackson-To register contact Glen Rognstad 731-217-5966 or grognstad 5966@charter.net

### MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep - May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd. Turn east off Germantown Parkway onto Trinity Rd. approx. 1 mile on the right. Library shares entrance with Bert Ferguson Community Center

Apr 1, Overton Park Old Growth Forrest and V&E Greenline John Martin will lead an easy 3 – 4 mile walk through the Old Growth Forrest and the V&E Green line. Meeting time and location: 9:00 a.m. at the bridge at the end of Old Forest Lane east of the Memphis College of Art and adjacent to Rainbow Lake playground parking lot in Overton Park. For additional information contact John at 901-386-3722.

Apr 7, Bluff River Walk, Memphis Downtown Social Walk Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Tennessee Visitor Center off Riverside Drive near the Pyramid and join us

for a 3-4mile easy walk along the River Bluff. For information call John Martin at 901-386-3722.

Apr 14, Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo, MS 38873 approx 3-hour drive from Memphis A Great Hike! Meet at the park tollgate at 9:30 a.m. for a 7-mile hike winding along rocky bridges with great views, through shallow, fern-filled canyons, and across the Bear Creek Swinging bridge constructed in the 1930's. Hike rated easy to moderate. Bring lunch and water. Registration required. To register contact Jerry Lenski 901-213-0604.Directions: Entrance road is approx 15 miles south of luka on Hwy 25. Follow the signs shortly after the town of Tishomingo. After you turn left off Hwy 25at the park sign, you will come to a sort of 'y'. Take the left branch. There is a parking lot to the right just before entering the park through the gate. Can regroup into vehicles or whatever before entering. Park Fee \$3 per car

Apr 19, Monthly Meeting - Jim & Anna Clark Is this heaven? No, it's Austria! — planning and implementing an inn-to-inn hike in Austria. Jim Clark, ho accompanied with his wife Anna, has been on two such expeditions and is planning a third will discuss the planning of such a trip including how to book with an American firm, to booking directly with

travel offices in Austria, where to find maps, costs, and more. He will also discuss the possibility of using a Wanderdorf (Hiking Village) as a base and venturing forth on day hikes. Those familiar with the television series Band of Brothers will recognize some of the towns en route: Saalfelden, Kaprun and Zell am See.Bring a friend and experience hiking in Austria!

Apr 21, Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR Meet at Village Creek Park Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. This is an 8-mile hike with an option to shorten it to a 5-mile hike. The trail is rated easy to moderate. Bring lunch and plenty of water. For information call Kathryn Skinner 901-527-4308.

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Apr 7- Stevens Gap near Huntsville, Alabama, 2.5 miles, moderate. This area, which is on private property, includes deep sinkholes, wildflowers, and a unique, beautiful waterfall next to a large cave opening where you can see the falls from below. The falls and cave were featured in a National Geographic video on caves. Bob Goodwin and Sandra Parker will lead this moderate 2 1/2 mile hike. The trail is rocky and uneven in several places. There will be a 300-foot elevation gain in the first mile. After our hike we will go to a local restaurant for lunch. If time permits we will go on a second hike of 1 1/2-2 miles in the area which will be easy to moderate. We will leave from the Murfreesboro Sam's Club overflow parking lot next to Hardee's at 8:00 AM. Distance from Sam's Club to Huntsville is about 90 miles. For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at CAMEL40@earthlink.net or 256-564-8417.

Apr 10- Chapter Meeting- Barfield-Crescent Park, Wilderness Station, 7pm. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the tales spun by J.R. "Model T" Tate as he tells us about his latest thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. Perhaps he'll tell us if his alter ego joined him again, or if he was spooked by the ghost of Gen. Mosby. Whatever the tales, you'll be enlightened and entertained as Model T tells us about his 4th thru-hike, during which he turned 70 years young!!!

Apr 14 - Wildflower Hike in Shakerag Hollow (Sewanee) and Short Springs State Natural Area (Tullahoma), 5 miles total, rated easy to moderate. Jim and Marietta Poteet will lead this annual multi-chapter event in two locations famous for an abundance of spring wildflowers. The 2-mile Shakerag Hollow trail is rated moderate due to a short, steep ascent at the end. The Short Springs segment is about 3 miles, rated easy. The pace will be very slow with ample opportunities for pictures and studies of the wildflowers. Murfreesboro people need to contact Ron Dunn for information, carpool details, and to sign up. Ron may be reached at trekkingtn@yahoo.com or 615-867-3301.

Apr 21- Wildflower Hike & Potluck Lunch, 3 miles, moderate. Tony & Millette Jones will lead this popular hike and feast at the Bowling Tree Farm near Monterey. The hike will be a moderate 3-mile walk through rich tree forest with wonderful views of the plateau. The last mile will be through dense wildflower growth where we will take time to view the gorgeous scenery. The hike is rated moderate for a few small stream crossings and a few hills. After the hike we will return to Winston & Billie Jo Bowling's country home for a potluck meal. There are several other trails of varying length to hike after lunch for those interested. For information or to sign up contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or awj68@comcast.net Apr 21-22- Walls of Jericho, Beginning Backpack/Day hike,

Apr 21-22- Walls of Jericho, Beginning Backpack/Day hike, 6.0 miles total round-trip, rated difficult/strenuous. The hike is rated difficult due to a 1000' descent along with several stream crossings. On dry days, hikers should plan on a minimum of six hours to make the round-trip. After a 2.5-mile downhill hike to Clarke Cemetery we will set up tents at Turkey Creek. We will then hike an additional half-mile into

### **MURFREESBORO** (cont)

the Walls of Jericho. Day hikers should wear comfortable shoes, bring food, plenty of water, and remember the hike back will be mostly uphill and strenuous. Backpackers: We'll take our time hiking out Sunday morning. After we reach the trailhead, we'll dust ourselves off and head to the nearest restaurant that welcomes weary hikers. We meet 10 a.m. at Sam's Club parking lot in Murfreesboro and carpool to the Walls of Jericho, Alabama. Contact Kim Griswold at griswold.kim@gmail.com or leave a message at (615) 893-6489. Please register in advance in case of cancellation due to rain.

Apr 28 - Millennium Trail at Edgar Evins State Park, Center Hill Lake & Reservoir, Silverpoint (near Smithville), 4 miles, easy to moderate. The Murfreesboro TTA Chapter conceived the idea to build this trail and enlisted the aid of 5 chapters to complete it during the summer of 2000. It was dedicated at the 25th year celebration of the park that August. This wooded trail near the edge of the lake passes some reminders of the time before the home places of local people were displaced by the impoundment of the land to build Center Hill Lake... This includes remnants of the foundation of the Hogard family home place, an abandoned "moonshine" furnace, where the scraggly corn crops were turned into "White Lightning", an old spring near where the sharecropper shack of Lon Christian once stood. The remains are about midway into the hike. Near the end of the loop, there is a natural salt lick that is still visited by many wild animals in the park. There are old growth beeches, poplars, oaks and hickories. It is a relaxing, deep woods experience that is well worth the effort. It is rated as easy to moderate due to some uphill terrain, but for the most part it is a fairly level deep woods hike. Hikers may come for this one event or take part in an entire weekend of activities known as the Spring Fling at Edgar Evins State Park. The hike will be led and coordinated by Radford Smith and Mary Belle Ginanni. Contact Mary Belle for carpool information, driving directions, and to let her know you're planning to hike, mginanni@comcast.net or 615-895-6072.

Apr 27 - 29 - Did someone say SPRING? Yep...we're saying it loud and clear at Edgar Evins State Park! The Friends of EESP and the park employees are again sponsoring another fun **Spring Fling** weekend at the park. This will include hikes, wildflower walks, exhibits, entertainment, storytelling, campfires and a lot of socializing and sharing. There are several things that we have depended on TTA to help with in the past, and this year will not be any different. In return for some minimal efforts, the park will furnish free camping for Friday and Saturday nights. What are these jobs? Assisting with the hikes and wildflower walks...helping set up the displays and exhibits...are just some of them. We always have a great time while promoting the park and our Friends Group, as well as TTA.

Please tell us you are willing to help out...If you can't do that, then mark your calendar to come and join us just for the fun and excitement. We are working on the program and will have that done soon. You can go to the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park web site http://foeesp.ne1.net/ for that information. It should be posted in about a week to 10 days. We would love to see a good number of you there! Please contact Fount to volunteer or for more information. Fount Bertram, TTA Member, and President of Friends of Edgar Evins State Park. fwbertram@dtccom.net or 615-765-5357

### NASHVILLE CHAPTER

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**MEETS MONTHLY:** 

**HIKING HOTLINE:** 615-367-7045

Apr 24 Our monthly gathering plays host to our own Judi Curp! Husband Gene may also squeeze a word in as Judi takes us on a power-point tour through New Hampshire's White Mountains. Our well-traveled couple spent part of last summer there, and will focus their show on the Appalachian Mountain Club and its accommodations and services for hikers. 7:30 in the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Headquarters Building on the campus of Ellington Agricultural Center.

Apr 5, 12, 19 Radnor Lake State Natural Area. Nashville. After work hikes. Enjoy great views of the lake as the trees fill out and see the wild flowers. Newcomers as well as seasoned hikers are welcome. We will hike Ganier Ridge and the Lake trail for a total of around 4 miles. The trails are rated easy, though there are some short elevations. Wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the <u>east</u> parking lot on the Franklin Rd side of Otter Creek Rd at 4:00 PM CDT. For more information and to register contact Robbie Benson, wk 615-781-6504 or cell 615-419-1165.

Apr 7 Trail Building Workday at Beaman Park, Nashville. 9:00 am to noon CT. This trail building project will connect the new nature center site with the existing park trail system. Bring work gloves. We will provide the tools. Meet at the Creekside Trailhead. For more info, call Libby Francis at 615-889-5718 or e-mail libbyslibbys@comcast.net.

Apr 7 Richland Creek Greenway, Nashville Walk in the park with Mayor Purcell. Nashvillians can take a walk in the park with Mayor Bill Purcell each month during the Celebrate Nashville festivities. The walk will be held rain or shine on the first Saturday of each month through June. Most of the walks will be about an hour long. All hikes are free, open to the public and start at 9am CT. For more information on these hikes, call the Mayor's office at 862-6000.

Apr 14 Black Mountain Lady Slipper Hike\_near Crossville Hike the Grassy Cove Segment of the Cumberland Trail. We will hike the newly rerouted portion of the trail that leads to extensive rock formations and intensive vistas. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring lots of water. We will lunch at one of the overlooks on the trail. This hike is about 4 miles and is rated moderate. Meet at the Kinko's on Donelson Pike in Nashville to carpool at 8:00 AM CT. For more information and to register contact Nora Back at 615-517-6486 or e-mail Nora Beck@comcast.net.

Apr 21 Fiery Gizzard Trail near Monteagle Hike the famously rugged Fiery Gizzard trail and be rewarded with spectacular scenery that includes waterfalls, deep gorges, sheer rock bluffs, scenic overlooks and spring wildflowers. We will hike the entire length starting at Grundy Forest and ending at Foster Falls for a 13-mile trip. We will shuttle to return to the parking lot. Bring water, sturdy hiking boots, and lunch for this hike, rated difficult. For meeting times and places and more information contact Nancy Juodenas, njuodenas@hotmail.com, or 615-319-8811.

Apr 21 Earth Day Celebration at Centennial Park, Nashville 11:00 AM-7:00 PM CT The Festival hosts a number of environmental displays with a wide variety of interactive educational opportunities for children and adults, as well as an

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exciting *live* musical line-up all in a family-fun atmosphere. The Nashville chapter will be hosting a booth, and we need volunteers to help with this. Please call Libby Francis at 615-889-5718 or e-mail libbyslibbys@comcast.net if you can help out for an hour or so.

Apr 22 Montgomery Bell State Park - This 11.5 mile trail follows the perimeter of the park and passes by several lakes, near several historic areas and crosses 3-4 shallow streams. The terrain is rolling, but the hike is rated moderate to strenuous due to length. Wear sturdy hiking boots or trail shoes; bring snacks, water, lunch and money for carpooling. Meet in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Charlotte Pike (exit 201 off I-40) at 8:00 a.m. CT - For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 615-352-7217 or e-mail rushga01@yahoo.com

Apr 28 - Hidden Springs Trail, Cedars of Lebanon State Park - This 5-mile trail is full of interesting rock formations, sinkholes and caves characteristic of the local limestone. The trail is generally flat, but there are rocks, roots and possibly mud - so broken-in boots are advised. We will meet at 9:00 am CT at the Hidden Springs trailhead. Please bring plenty of water and snacks. At noon, there is an optional potluck lunch after the hike at the Cedar Forest Recreation Lodge. Directions to the park from Nashville: Take 1-40 east to exit 238. From the exit turn onto US 231 headed south. Drive approximately 6 miles, and turn left into the park entrance. To get to the trailhead, stay on the main road in the park. You'll pass the Park Office, Cedar Forest Lodge, camping areas and swimming pool. Park at the Hidden Springs trailhead where we'll meet. To RSVP, e-mail Anne Wesley at ttahiker@msn.com or call 615-851-1052.

### COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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MONTHLY MEETING: <u>Apr 2</u> 6:00pm Cove Lake State Park Shelter One. Call Richard for info 562-1110

Apr 14 Meet at Eagle Market at 9am. Clear Fork and Big South Fork in Kentucky towards Burnt Bridge Trail- 4 I/2 miles – rated moderate. Call Jerry for info 423-563-0867

Apr 28 Meet at Eagle Market at 9am Leave to Arlene Decker's (Once Upon a Time) house for an exciting hike. 4 ½ miles – rated moderate. Call Faith Dippold at 423-566-8026

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

CHAPTER OFFICER: Jim Clark

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Contact Jim Clark for information about hikes.

Be sure to participate with other chapters on weeks when our chapter does not have a hike.

## UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Pam Miller 931-526-9259

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Apr 6-7, Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, Robbinsville, NC. The hike is 3 to 6 miles depending on if you are staying overnight or driving back. We will start at Big Fat Gap and hike up to Hangover where there is a fantastic view of the Smokies. We will camp here and those who want to explore more can hike several different trails. The hike is moderate. There will be a 2000-foot elevation change. This is an overnight hike but those who wish to return the same day can do so. You can meet us at 7:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. We will return April 7. Those spending the night should be sure to have all necessary winter backpacking gear. For information and to register Guy Zimmerman at 931-526-1574 guvz@charter.net. Online information can be found at http://main.nc.us/graham/hiking/hangoversouth.html.

Apr 14 Standing Stone State Park Lake Trail, Hilham, TN. This hike is about 5 miles and rated easy to moderate. Hopefully, we will see a lot of wildflowers. You can meet us at 9:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring snacks, water, lunch, and wear good hiking boots. For information and to register contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

Apr 14 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. 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. You can meet us at 6:30am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 6:50. For information and to register contact 931-526-2035 Richard Savage at savage\_richard@hotmail.com.

Apr 21 Savage Gulf Waterfalls, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Altamont, TN. Highlights of this hike include six of the major waterfalls of Savage Gulf and the spectacular spring wildflower displays. This hike will begin at the Greeter Falls parking lot. We will see Upper and Lower Greeter Falls before descending into the gulf and taking the side trip to Ranger Creek Falls. We will then continue along the Big Creek Gulf and Connector Trails before ascending from the gulf on the Collins Gulf Trail past Horsepound and Suter Falls. The hike is about 14 ½ miles and rated strenuous. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. Hiking boots are required. You can meet us at 7:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 7:30. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 savage richard@hotmail.com.

Apr 21 Stone Door Ranger Station to Collins West, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN. Highlights of this hike include impressive overlooks of Big Creek Gulf, the Stone Door, waterfalls, the sink of Fall Creek, and usually fantastic April trillium displays in Collins Gulf. We will

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descend into Savage Gulf through the Stone Door before joining the Connector Trail. We will follow the Connector Trail across the gulf before ascending from the gulf on the Collins Gulf Trail past Horsepound and Suter Falls. The hike is about 9 ½ miles and rated moderate to strenuous because of the distance, elevation changes, and rocky footing in some parts. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. Hiking boots are required. You can meet us at 9:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 9:30. For information and to register contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

Apr 28 Max Patch, Pisgah National Forest, Hot Springs, NC. Spectacular views atop the grassy bald. This section on top of Max Patch Mountain near Hot Springs is part of the famous Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The 4600-foot mountain was cleared and used as a pasture in the 1800s. Today, it's a 350-acre tract of open land on a high knob with 360-degree views. What a picnic spot! Some have been known to spin around with open arms while singing, "The hills are alive with the sound of music." The 6-mile hike will begin at Lemon Gap and is rated moderate. Bring lunch, water, snacks, sturdy hiking boots, etc. You can meet us at 7:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville For information and to register contact Kathleen Sullivan at 931-520-6294 or gkhs@multipro.com.

#### TTA's Calendar\*

The following dates in 2007 refer to statewide activities that TTA as a whole participates in. Please refer to this calendar often so that you . . .

- will know when your volunteering interests are especially needed (such as during BreakAway, National Trail Days,
- will consider organizing/leading volunteers from your chapter/region for an event listed
- can be sure to prevent scheduling conflicts with an activity you wish to plan

Apr 2-8 Apr 21	TDEC's Natural Areas Week (Statewide) Earth Day Events (Observed Apr 22)				
Apr 28	Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)				
May 3-6	American Hiking Society's Great Southeastern Hiking				
	Festival (Montreat, NC)				
May 11-Jun 10 CTC's Spring Trail Building in Sundquist WMA ( Caryville)					
May 25-27	TTA Weekend: Trail Building in Sundquist WMA ( Caryville)				
Jun 2	National Trails Day				
Aug 4	Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)				
Sep 29	National Public Lands Day (Location TBA)				
Oct 27	Make a Difference Day (National Volunteer Week)				
Oct 12-14	Annual Meeting (Crossville, TN)				

\*Calendar will be revised as needed.

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Please send all submissions to:

editor@tennesseetrails.org

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Do you have a product or service that you would like to promote to our 600+ members? (Here's a golden opportunity for our real estate-, financial advisor-, caterer-, dog whisperer-, landscaper-, architect-, farmer-, handyperson-friends of our hiking community to promote their services. How does a total cost of \$125.00 for an entire year sound? There are two sizes available for advertising in TTA's upcoming 2007 Membership Directory; both are business card sizes:

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The deadline for getting your ad into the 2007 Membership Directory is May 21. All you need to do is drop your business card into an envelope with a \$125.00 check (made out to Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.) addressed to: Tennessee Trails DIRECTORY, c/o Diane Manas, 5729 Stoneway Trail, Nashville, TN 37209-4556. If you include your email address with your business card & check, a confirmation that your business card has been received will be sent; otherwise, your cancelled check and Membership Directory will be your confirmation.

NOTE: Ideally, business cards submitted should contain only black and white text/images. We will try; however, cannot guarantee the reproduction quality from business cards submitted that contain colored ink. Also, all advertisements are subject to the approval by TTA's Editorial Committee, which reserves the right to reject any ad for any reason. Questions? Contact Diane Manas at 615-352-7777, or dmanashikes@comcast.net

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