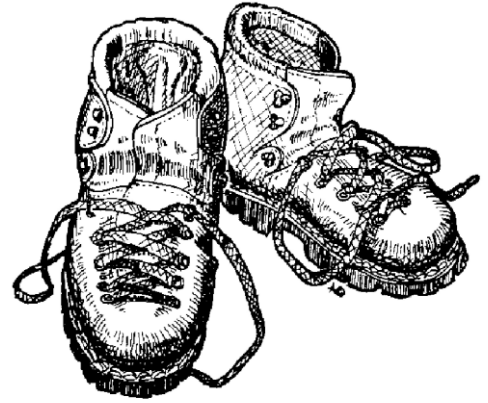


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and Fellow Hikers,

It is fall which is when we have an annual meeting and celebrate hiking and trails while we explore different areas of the state. This year we travel to Pickwick Landing State Park in West Tennessee.

The general membership meeting is on Saturday night, October 29 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During this meeting, each chapter chair will have a few minutes to tell the membership about their chapter's activities this past year. We will also be electing officers and directors for 2017.

Nominees for officer and directors for 2016:

President – Seeking candidates

Vice President – Bruce Whitehead (candidate for re-election)

Secretary – Seeking candidates

Treasurer – Kathy Woods (candidate for re-election)

Membership Director – Cheryl Heckler (nominee)

Middle Tennessee Regional Rep – Joan Hartvigsen (candidate for re-election)

If you are interested in serving as the President or Secretary for a one-year term beginning in January 2017, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Carolyn Miller, Bruce Whitehead or Garnett Rush, East Tennessee Regional Representative. Nominations for any of the above positions will also be accepted from the floor during the general membership meeting.

We will be presenting the following awards during the general membership meeting:

Bill Stutz Award to Cheryl Heckler of the Plateau Chapter for her years of service and individual contributions to the organization.

The Tennessee Trails Award to the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy and the Wolf River Conservancy for their work to promote trails and non-motorized transportation.

The Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award to Bob Richards for a lifetime of leadership and extraordinary contributions.

The 4th Quarter Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:00 a in the Hospitality Suite at Pickwick Landing lodge. The agenda items are listed below. If you have an additional agenda item, please send it to me, so that it may be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

With my regards,

Carolyn Miller
TTA President

Announcement for 2016 4th Quarter TTA Board Meeting
Pickwick Landing State Park
Sunday, October 30
9 am – 11 am
Hospitality Suite

Agenda Items for the 2016 TTA 4th Quarter Board Meeting

Welcome New Officers
Approval of 3rd Quarter Minutes
Treasurer's Report – Kathy Woods
Membership Report
Annual Meeting Summary – Charlie Bright
TTA/CTC Update
Request for Budget Items for 2017
Dates for TTA Board Meetings for 2017



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Upcoming CTC outreach events:

Sept. 14-Oct. 22 Fall Big Dig, Eden Ridge, Crab Orchard
Sept. 19 Trail Building 101 Training- Cumberland
County Playhouse Nature Trail
Sept. 24 National Public Lands Day- Trail Building 101
Woodlawn Loop Trail
Sept. 27 Cumberland Trail Communication Meeting
Sept 1-30 Cumberland County Hiking Marathon, various
Cumberland County trails
Sat. Oct 1 Hit the Trails Festival, Mirror Lake, Fair Field
Glade
Wed. Oct 5 Fair Field Glade Ladies Club, Community and
Conference Center in Fairfield Glade
Oct. 8 or 14 WagonMaster Leadership Course- Eden Ridge,
Crab Orchard
Oct. 22 CTC Board Meeting- Eden Ridge
Oct. 28-30 TTA Annual Meeting
Oct. 25-Dec. 19 AmeriCorps, Eden Ridge, Crab Orchard

TTA Fall Big Dig Chapters Challenge

Murfreesboro TTA members are issuing a challenge to TTA chapters across the state: **Will you be Big Diggers this fall?** The group from the “Boro” will be at Big Dig on September 28-30. You can meet the challenge on those dates or choose from all other sessions between September 14 and October 22, with the exception of October 5-8 and Sept. 24, when a large crew will be there and will fill the lodging facilities to capacity. Big Dig runs Wednesday through Saturday, with food and lodging at the lovely Eden Ridge retreat center north of Crab Orchard in Cumberland County. It's just minutes from I-40 but you'll be working in the quiet of the woods near Daddy's Creek.

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers Trail Builders: Join our seasonal BreakAway,(March) and Big Dig programs, (6 weeks in May and June), (6 weeks in Sept. and Oct.) and/or the daily activity of the Central (working in Crab Orchard on Daddy's Creek) and Southern (working in Graysville in McGill Creek Gorge) Trail Crews. Training always provided and free housing & meals available during program times.

WagonMaster: Leading a group of 8-10 volunteers, with all trail training and CPR/First Aid provided by CTC. Next training session during “Big Dig”.

Camp Moms/Camp Dads: Spend a week providing leadership and guidance to both our adult and university volunteers and build lifelong friends. Fall Big Dig and Spring BreakAway are close at hand with plenty of slots available.

Connector Program Leadership/Community Field Team Members/GIS: Have an interest in planning, studying, and exploring new trail corridors? CTC will be fielding numerous community teams to study routes to link our communities to the CTSP. Called the Connector Program, much of this work will be done from maps on your laptop and exploring the local back roads. Watch for local organizational meetings late summer in the Crossville/Fairfield Glade & Oak Ridge/Kingston areas. Have GIS experience, let us know.

Spring Alternative Spring Break Dates: March 4 – April, 2017 at Fort Bluff Camp in Dayton. Add these dates to your calendar and come spend a day or a week or more working with college students as we build the Cumberland Trail.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.

Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseehikes.org/blog/clarksville>

Oct 1 - Bearwallow Gap Trail, Defeated Creek Recreation Area. 5.6 miles. Moderate. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 190 miles to trailhead.

Oct 8 - Ashland City Rails-to-Trails unpaved section. 6 miles out and back. Moderate due to length. Bob Lyon 931-648-2354. Meet 8:00 am CT, Madison Street Kmart parking lot, Clarksville. 18 miles to trailhead.

Oct 15 - Walls of Jericho Trail, Bear Hollow Mountain Wildlife Management Area, TN, which is contiguous to the Skyline WMA in Alabama. 7.4 miles. Difficult. Paul Schwab 931-645-9068. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 152 miles to trailhead.

Oct 18 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Oct 22 - Annual Bonfire. Meet 4:00 pm at Rotary Park Amphitheater (hike and pot luck supper); 2 miles. Moderate. Eat after hike. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849.

Oct 28-30 - TTA Annual Meeting.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Super China Buffet, 5228 Main St., #B1, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Socializing and dinner at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Please check the TTA website for updates on our hikes.

Oct 8- Virgin Falls Trail, Bowater Pocket Wilderness, near Sparta, TN. 8.2 miles. Difficult. This hike goes to the magnificent 110 foot high Virgin Falls waterfall and by the 30 foot high Big Laurel Falls waterfall. It is rated difficult because of the uphill climb back from Virgin Falls. Elevation change is 800 feet. Total hike length is 8.2 miles if side trails to Sheep Cave and an overlook are not made. We will meet at 6:45 am at McDonalds on the north side of Spring Hill and leave at 7:00 am. If some would like to meet at the Tollgate Medical Plaza north of 840 on Highway 31, we could pick them up at 7:15 am. Bring hiking boots, water and lunch on the trail. Register with Marvin Caine *mlcaine@aol.com* or 931-626-2754.

Solving the "Oh No! What To Do?" Dilemma after the October 15th Deadline to mail Registration

The long awaited Annual Meeting is just a few days away! We hear there may be a few procrastinators who didn't get it done! We don't want to miss anyone! What to do?

While it's too late to mail your registration form after October 15th you may register onsite Friday night. Fill out the Registration Form and bring it and a check with you to the Annual Meeting.

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Oct 8 - Hooper Bald to Huckleberry Knob. 3.5 miles out and back (combined). These 2 easy hikes are great for a late summer outing. We will start at Hooper Bald where a kiosk describes the history of a hunting preserve which operated here in the early 1900's along with information about the introduction of the European Wild Boar and the project to protect the wild azaleas. The gravel walking trail is on a gradual incline through a lush forest. At the far end of the meadow we will have a view of Huckleberry Knob, a leisurely hike along a grassy jeep path. The trail winds through woods into the meadow called Oak Knob. Here we will enjoy big 360 degree mountain views. We will stop at Tellico Grains for lunch. Wear sturdy boots and bring water, lunch and money for carpooling. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 615-210-0660 or e-mail *rushga01@yahoo.com*.

Oct 15 - Pogue Creek Canyon State Nature Area, Pickett State Park. This is a new trail and we will be the pioneers. We will be leaving from the Bandy Creek Camping Area Pavilion. Pre-registration is required on this hike. Please contact Tom Cressler at *cressler@utk.edu* for additional information.

Planning Ahead:

Nov 12 – Laurel Falls Trail/Little Greenbrier Trail to Metcalf Bottoms plus picnic. Moderate. About 7 miles. Meet at Brown's Creek Shopping Center (by the highway up from Food Lion) in Maryville to carpool at 8:00 am ET or meet at Metcalf Bottoms Restrooms at 8:30. We will shuttle to Laurel Falls Parking Area. We will hike 1.3 miles to the most popular falls in the Smokies. Robby Paul will be hiking to the falls and return to the parking area if there are those who would like to do the shorter version, and return to relax at Metcalf Bottoms. For those continuing the hike, at 3.1 miles we will turn onto Little Greenbrier Trail and be hiking down in elevation. We will stop by Walker Sisters' Cabin and Little Greenbrier Schoolhouse. We will continue to Metcalf Bottoms parking/picnic where a table will be set up with tablecloths and a balloon to indicate our site. We will bring hotdogs, buns, condiments, and paper goods. Please bring your drinks and a dish to share. As always, bring \$\$\$ for carpooling, chair if you wish to relax later, shoes to wear to and from the hike, plus sturdy hiking boots and water/snack. Karen Towle/Robby Paul Co-leaders. Contact Karen Towle at 865-254-2044 or *delicadeze@aol.com*.

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Wilson Community Ctr., 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Oct 1 – Savage Falls Hike. Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Palmer, TN. 5.2 total mileage. Easy. We will hike the South Rim Trail to visit the base of Savage Falls. Then we will retrace our steps and hike the Savage Day Loop Trail. We will visit the overlook of Savage Falls and enjoy views of Savage Gulf from Rattlesnake Point. Bring water and lunch and wear sturdy hiking boots. For more information and to register contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

Oct 7-9 - Ghost River Adventure. Camping at Chickasaw State Park, Henderson, TN. Paddling in the Ghost River State Natural Area, near La Grange, TN. Ghost River State Natural Area is a 2,200 acre section of the Wolf River in Fayette County. The natural area includes approximately 14 miles of the Wolf River beginning from the parking area near La Grange to just west of Bateman Road Bridge near Moscow, TN. The Ghost River section of the Wolf meanders through bottomland hardwood forests, cypress-tupelo swamps, and open marshes. Some of the most impressive trees are large oaks that include cherrybark, water, willow, and swamp chestnut. The Ghost River provides excellent habitat for rare aquatic organisms and unique opportunities for observing birds and other wildlife. The paddle is 9 miles and should take about 6 hours. Sunday morning on our way home we will visit Mousetail Landing State Park. Contact Naullain Kendrick at *naullain@hotmail.com* early to reserve space in one of the campsites.

Oct 15 – Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN. 4 miles. Moderate. We will enjoy an autumn hike along the cascading waters of the Duck River in dense forests of mature oaks, hickories and yellow poplars. We will hike the Old Stone Fort Trail, River Fork Loop, Backbone and Little Duck Loop and the Old River Channel Trail. On the Backbone Trail we will walk along a high ridgeline looking down onto the tops of the trees. We will see the confluence of the Little Duck and the Duck River on the Forks of the River Trail. Along the Little Duck Loop we will see tall limestone bluffs bordering the river. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811. Bring water and lunch and wear sturdy hiking boots.

Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Oct 16 – Short Springs State Natural Area Fall Color Hike. 4 miles. Moderate. Meet at 2:00 pm at the Short Springs parking area, 2250 Short Springs Road, Tullahoma. Co-leaders Dennis Horn and Joan Hartvigsen. Bring water and snack and wear sturdy hiking boots. Register with Joan at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811. We will hike the Busby Falls Loop Trail and enjoy views of the cascades in Bobo Creek. We will then visit awesome Machine Falls then continue on to hike Adams Falls Loop.

October 24 – Chapter Meeting. Dinner at 5:00 pm at Las Trojas Mexican Restaurant, 1905 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma, near Kroger. Meeting is 7:00 p.m. D. W. Wilson Community Center. Jim Poteet will present a program on his recent hikes in England and Ireland.

Oct 28-30 – TTA Annual Meeting.

Beyond the information found in this newsletter, everything you ever wanted to know about the October 28-30th Annual Meeting but hadn't asked can be found on TTA's website *www.tennesseetrails.org* by following the link to "2016 Annual Meeting".

Please Pre-Register Auction Items

Send an email to *bhmom@bellsouth.net* with the name of the item, dollar value, name of the donor, your name and chapter. It's that easy!

Get in on the action...

It's Silent Auction Time Again!! Join the fun!

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the TTA Annual Auction held on October 29th at Pickwick State Park.

This is your chance to do a little holiday shopping and support the Evan Means Small Grant Program at the same time. Last year TTA raised over \$7,000 and with your help we can raise even more! Plan to attend the TTA Annual Meeting, bring a friend, and bring your checkbook!

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Oct 1 - Pumpkin Festival hikes around Allardt, TN. Each year, the Murfreesboro chapter of TTA organizes a few hikes and other events in the parks near Allardt in conjunction with that town's Pumpkin Festival. If you are interested in going this year, please contact Roy Corley at *roycorley33@gmail.com* or 731-499-1388 for more information and to arrange rides.

Oct 4 - Chapter Meeting.

Oct 22 - Hike at Big Hill Pond State Park. We will walk around the main lake at Big Hill Pond State Park. This hike will be about 7 miles long, with little elevation change. Contact hike leader Howard Ropp, at *howardropp1@gmail.com* or 731-693-4248 to register. Meet at Panera Restaurant in Jackson at 8 am so that we can carpool together or arrange to meet us at the boat dock at the park around 9:30.

Oct 28-30 - TTA Annual Meeting.

Planning Ahead:

Nov 5 - Hikes near Jasper, Arkansas. To be led by Glen Rognstad.

Nov 19 - Hike in Nathan Bedford Forrest SP. To be led by Susan Woods.

Dec 3 - Hike in Fort Pillow SP. To be led by Sara Rognstad.

Fall Cleaning??

Don't throw away your "treasures" –

Donate them to TTA's Annual

Meeting Auction!

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Oct 1 - Chickasaw State Park. 5 miles. Easy. Join us for this hike through woods and along the lake shore. The group can lunch at the park, with option to hike gravel back roads adjacent to the park after lunch. Bring water, snacks and wear sturdy shoes. The park is about 70 miles from Memphis, east out Hwy 64 to Whiteville and then take Hwy 100 to the park. Carpool from the Walmart parking lot 8400 US Hwy 64 (behind Wolfchase) at 8:00 am or meet at park office at 9:30 am. For information or to register for carpool call Freddi at 901-737-8882. Rain cancels hike.

Oct 8 – Lucius Burch Natural Area, Wolf River Trail North of Walnut Grove. We will meet at 9:00 am for sign-in and announcements in the unpaved parking area on the south side of Walnut Grove immediately east of the Wolf River. Please note that it is very difficult to reach the parking lot if you are traveling west on Walnut Grove. The hike will depart promptly at 9:15, so don't be late. The hike will be approximately 5.75 miles and take between 2 1/2 and 3 hours. The terrain is relatively flat with a few steep ravine crossings. We will leave the parking lot, cross under Walnut Grove and walk north on the wooded interior trail, turn west at the Green Line, and then head back south, hiking partly in the woods and partly along the Wolf River. Bring water and a snack if desired. Hiking boots are recommended especially if we have had recent rain. For additional information, contact Marion at 256-273-9720 or at *mquinlen@gmail.com*. Rain cancels hike.

Oct 15 – Tishomingo State Park, located south of luka, MS (approx 2.5 hr drive from Memphis). Registration Required. This is a 5-6 mile hike winding along rocky ridges with spectacular views, through shallow, fern-filled canyons, and across the Bear Creek Swinging Bridge constructed in the 1930's. Bring lunch and water. Sturdy hiking boots recommended. Meet at 9:30 am at the park toll gate. There is a parking lot to the right just before entering the park through the gate. We will regroup into lesser vehicles. To register email hike leader Francis at *fruffin@aol.com*. Rain will cancel this hike.

Oct 22 – Lucius Burch Natural Area Wolf River South of Walnut Grove. We will meet at 9:30 am in the unpaved parking area on the south side of Walnut Grove immediately east of the Wolf River. The hike will be approximately 6-7 miles on the White/Blue/Yellow trails. Bring water and snack. Rain the day before or day of will cancel hike. For additional information call Janet at 901-494-4452.

Oct 28-30 – TTA Annual Meeting.

TTA 2016 - Pickwick Landing Area Hikes

The Jackson and Memphis chapters have put together a great program of hikes for this year. We hope you come and enjoy the hikes at the wonderful places that this area has to offer.

Friday, Oct 28

Shiloh – Sunken Road/Indian Mound: Friday afternoon hike of about 4 miles into the very heart of Shiloh. It begins and ends at the parking area on Eastern Corinth Road, in front of the Old Sunken Road. The hike takes in the Shiloh landmarks of the Sunken Road, Bloody Pond, Hornet's Nest, and the Indian Mounds. Good walking shoes are OK; boots not needed. Hike Departs from Pickwick Inn at 2:30 pm.

Carrol Cabin Barrens State Natural Area. State Naturalist Allan Trently will lead a three mile hike at the Carrol Cabin Barrens State Natural Area. This area has a series of dramatic Silurian-aged limestone glades and barrens with flora such as little bluestem and forbs. We will leave Pickwick Inn at 1:45 pm and begin the hike at 2:30 pm. It may be more convenient for some people to go directly to the trail rather than coming to Pickwick first. Directions from I-40 are as follows: Exit at U.S. Hwy 69/641 (exit #126). Go south through Parsons (crossing Hwy 412) and Decaturville (crossing Hwy 100). After the 4-way stop at Hwy 100, go approximately 11 miles. Turn left on Bob's Landing Road and continue for about 1 mile then turn right on Smith Gravel Pit Road. The parking area is one mile on the right side of the road.

Pickwick - Island Loop Trail: Just down the road from the Park Lodge. Passes around and through the campgrounds and out to the end of a peninsula. The Island loop is a relaxing 3 mile hike that meanders through a beautiful hardwood forest with views of the lake. Hike Departs from Pickwick Inn at 3:00 pm.

A Musical Journey

When you are planning your schedule for the TTA annual meeting 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, Oct. 28th Lisa LeBleu and Teresa Collard, both professors at UT Martin, will begin their program of folk, Appalachian-inspired, gospel, and even Cajun music at 7:00 pm or so.

Saturday, Oct 29

Cane Creek Falls Nature Preserve: (1 hour 4-minute drive, near Tuscumbia, AL) The preserve has some of the most awesome canyon scenery you'll find anywhere – rock shelters, over hanging rocks, rock formations and waterfalls. The moderately strenuous 7.5-mile hike will take us to Devil's Hollow with several waterfalls, and several large Native American Rock Shelters and a beautiful overlook called The Point.

Tishomingo State Park: (45-minute drive, south of Iuka, MS). The park was built in the 1930s and has many structures built by the CCC. The moderate 5-6-mile hike winds along rocky ridges with spectacular views, through shallow, fern-filled canyons, and crosses the Bear Creek Swinging Bridge. The hike includes a picturesque early 19th century pioneer cabin and Bear Creek rock outcropping.

Pinson Mounds: (1-hour drive, near Henderson, TN). A State Archaeological Park with over fifteen sacred Native American mounds built from 200 BC to 400 AD. There are five short, mostly flat trails to choose from totaling over six miles that take in most of the park's mounds. They include a nature trail and a boardwalk. The highlight is Saul's Mound, which is one of the largest in the country at 72 feet - stairs to the top with a view. The trip will include a stop at Ada's The Unusual Country Store.

Big Hill Pond: (40-minute drive, near Pocahton, TN). This moderately strenuous 8-mile hike circles Travis McNatt Lake. Highlights include a mile-long boardwalk through Dismal Swamp, a fire tower with a panoramic view, and an old livestock dipping vat. The hike covers a variety of ecosystems, from lakefront to swamp.

Shiloh - Historic Hike: (20-minute drive, near Shiloh, TN). We will begin at the park Visitor Center where we'll meet Ranger Charlie Spearman. From the visitor center we'll car-pool to the starting point at the SW corner of park at the old Shaw's Restaurant. The hike will then proceed in a one-way direction back to the visitor center diagonally across the whole park. The hike will follow the path of General Patrick Cleburne's Confederate offensive against the Union. The moderate hike should be about 6 miles along mostly roads and paths.

Shiloh - Compass Hike: (20-minute drive, near Shiloh, TN). We will meet at the park Visitor Center and shuttle to Shaw's Restaurant located just south of the park at the SE corner of TN 142 and TN 22. We will do 5 miles of the challenging 10-mile trek that traverses the park. This is a rugged cross country hike navigated by compass and map. Bring a compass if you have one or just follow the group. This hike is through woods and fields without trails. Note: If time permits, anyone wishing to complete the full 10 miles may do so.

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Sunday, Oct 30

Pickwick - Island Loop Trail: If you don't have time for a long hike before heading home, try this 3-mile hike near the lodge. See Friday for description.

Natchez Trace - Red Leaves Trail: (1-hour, 20-minute drive, just south of I-40). An 8-mile section of the Red Leaves Trail from Cub Lake to Pin Oak Lake. A car shuttle is required. This little used, but clearly marked section of the trail is rugged and muddy in places. It begins and ends with easy half mile hikes along the edges of two beautiful lakes. We will meet at the park headquarters and shuttle cars.

Mousetail Landing - Eagle Point Trail: (1-hour, 20-minute drive, near Parsons, TN). An 8-mile trek rated moderate, with some steep and rugged hills (provides more short climbs than one would expect of the region). The trail follows along Kelly Hollow and then up and over Sparks Ridge. There is an old cemetery at about midpoint and then the trail then makes a giant loop with good views of the Lick Creek embayment of the Tennessee River. The real treasure of this hike is the overlook of the main Tennessee River at shelter #2, which is situated on a high bluff.

Lady Finger Bluff: (1-hour, 30-minute drive, just north of Mousetail Landing). Gnarled old cedars, limestone outcrops, fresh water springs and spectacular views of the Tennessee River contribute to the unique hiking experience that is Lady's Bluff. Round trip walking distance of Lady's Bluff trail is 2.7 miles on gentle to moderately steep grades. The drive to the trailhead is a little out of the way but is very scenic.

Big Hill Pond: (40-minute drive, near Pocahtontas, TN). This is a 3-mile version of the Saturday hike that includes many of its highlights, but also its steepest climb. The hike starts near the dam on Travis McNatt Lake. It crosses the Dismal Swamp boardwalk before climbing the hill to the fire tower. The return is on a horse trail and back across the dam.



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BLOG: www.tennesseehikes.org/blog/murfreesboro

Oct 8-11 - Annual History Hayride at Edgar Evins State Park. Ride wagons back into the past where costumed characters from the history of the park and surrounding area will tell their stories. Between stops there will be narrators who will give additional historical details. The price is \$15 per person for the approximately 2 hour circuit. This event will sell out! Reservations are required and may be made at <https://www.tnvacation.com/events/8740>. If you need help making on-line reservations, call the park office for contact information for Fount Bertram, President of Friends of Edgar Evins State Park. Fount or Anna will be happy to assist you. The park office phone numbers are 931-858-2114 or toll free at 800-250-8619.

Oct 11 - Chapter Meeting. Chapter member Edie McFarlin will be our guest speaker. She will share her experience on a Road Scholar 15 day bicycle trip to the Netherlands and Belgium. Road Scholar is an American not-for-profit organization that provides educational travel tours primarily geared to older adults. The organization was founded in 1975 and until 2010, Road Scholar was known as Elderhostel. Road Scholar offers study tours throughout the United States, Canada and approximately 150 other countries.

Oct 26 - Wild Turkey Trail, Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill, TN. 1.7 miles. Moderate due to the 7 small hills along the way. This is a pretty deep woods hike on the southern end of Horton State Park. We will meet at the parking lot in front of the Horton restaurant, then we will car pool over to the trail head. After the hike we can meet for a sea food dinner at the park restaurant. Cost is about \$15 with senior discount. To sign up call Andy Meeks at 813-447-1224 or email usmcmeeke@gmail.com.

Oct 28-30 - TTA Annual Meeting.

Oct 29 - Color Cruise at Edgar Evins State Park. The Friends of Edgar Evins sponsors a pontoon boat cruise on Center Hill Lake each autumn. We take a tour lasting approximately 2-3 hours on the lake to view the fall colors, enjoy the wildlife and get a chance to see some of the homes of the rich and famous. Register on-line by October 27 at <http://www.tnvacation.com/events/9218/> or <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=yvvt>. If you need help making reservations contact Fount Bertram, President of Friends of Edgar Evins State Park at fwbertram@dtccom.net or phone him from 11 am to 7 pm at 615-765-5357.

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OUTINGS COORDINATOR: Nancy Juodenas 615-319-8811
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(email Nancy & volunteer to lead an outing)

MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT in the REI
Community Room, 261 Franklin Road, Brentwood. For
directions, visit: www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php
BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Oct 1 - Bells Bend Park, Nashville TN. Bells Bend Outdoor Center is surrounded by over 7 miles of wonderful trails. We will walk several of them on this large loop around the park. This will be a moderate fall hike through a lot of open fields. Bring binoculars if you have them as well as the usual sturdy shoes or boots, plenty of water, snacks, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact Doug Burroughs at doughurroughs@tennessee.usa.com or 615-587-0085 for more information and to register. Meet at east end of the Richland Park Library parking lot at 46th & Charlotte at 8 am CT or at Bells Bend Park Nature Center at 8:30.

Oct 15 - Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area and Pickett State Park, two trails, 5 miles +/-. **Easy/moderate.** Since the loop trail at Pogue Creek is only about 1-1/2 miles, we'll finish in plenty of time to go next door, to Pickett State Park, and take the trail that will lead us to the natural bridge there. If the group is inclined, we can add more to our hike at Pickett. At both locales we will be able to observe some great views and at least the beginnings of autumn color. For details contact Nora Beck, 615-517-6486 or norellibee@gmail.com.

Oct 21-23 - Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. Rattler Ford Group Camp, Robbinsville, NC. Camping and hiking weekend. Friday we will meet up at 1:00 CT. We will set up camp and then visit the Joyce Kilmer Memorial National Recreation Trail and hike the 2 mile trail through the old growth forest. We will have dinner in camp that evening. Bring appetizers to share. Saturday there will be several options for hiking in the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness Area, but plan on a full day of hiking from moderate to strenuous trails. We will visit a local restaurant in Robbinsville that night. Sunday we will return to Nashville via the Cherohala Skyway, stopping for short hikes and overlooks along the way. This will be a fun weekend of exploration in a more remote and less congested area of our southern Appalachians. Come prepared for any kind of weather. You are responsible for your own food, beverages of choice, carpooling arrangements and camping equipment. For more information and the required registration call or e-mail Nancy Juodenas at njlj1011@gmail.com, 615-319-8811 or Gloria Dale Williams at gdw12@comcast.net, 615-975-2610. You can also get a list of participants for carpooling purposes at this time. All chapters welcome!

Nashville Chapter – con't.

Oct 25 – Chapter Meeting. Benton MacKaye was a New England forester whose vision came to fruition with the Appalachian Trail. His original plan was for a more westerly route on the southern end than the one in place today. After Benton MacKaye's death in 1975, others took up his plan and the 300-mile trail that now bears his name was officially opened in 2005. Kassie Rice, a Vanderbilt nursing student, hiked the Benton MacKaye trail this past spring, and she will be describing her experiences for us at the October meeting. Bring a friend and find out more about this long-distance hiking opportunity.

TREASURE HUNT! BRING TREASURES FOR THE AUCTION! BUY NEW TREASURES!

We are looking for five donation items from each chapter for this year's auction. All proceeds go to Evan Means Small Grant Program and all contributors will be recognized in the TTA newsletter.

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. Check with your chapter chairperson for solicitation materials to give to local businesses or download solicitation materials from www.tennesseetrails.org. Don't forget the white elephant sale. Look in your closets and basements and bring us something for the \$2, \$5, \$10 bargain tables.

Thank you for your support and see you at Pickwick!

PLATEAU CHAPTER

(Crossville)

CHAPTER CHAIR: Cheryl Heckler 931-200-7436

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm CT

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/plateau

There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information, contact Bruce Whitehead at trailwalker80@gmail.com or 941-716-3620 or visit the Plateau Chapter Blog. Check blog for cancellations or changes before hiking.

Oct 8 – East Laurel & Sunset Overlooks, Big South Fork, Jamestown. 5.6 miles. Moderate. Begin at Cumberland Valley Trailhead for a hike to East Laurel Overlook. Be prepared for a breath-taking view at this overlook and after, we can hike to the Sunset Overlook for an additional 2.6 miles. The hike out is not remarkable, but the view definitely is. The Sunset Overlook is not protected by railings or fencing of any kind. Use extreme caution. We can make a stop at East Rim overlook for an easy 300-foot walk on a paved walkway to the overlook. Depart from Cracker Barrel off of I-40 Exit 317 at 7:30 am CT. Contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436 to carpool from Crossville.

Oct 13 – Chapter Meeting. 6:00 pm. First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. Dinner at LaCosta's Restaurant, 138 The Crossings, Crossville at 4:45 pm CT. Program - Steve and Cheryl Luhrs presenting on their hike to Machu Picchu. Contact Chapter Chair, Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436 for additional information.

Oct 15 – Honey Creek Loop, Big South Fork, Oneida, KY. 5.7 miles. Strenuous. Meet a park ranger at the Honey Creek Loop Trailhead at 9:00 am ET. Honey Creek Loop holds some of our most rugged terrain and it will take your breath away with its beauty. You will be using your hands and knees to maneuver through parts of this trail. We will also be following the creek bed so you may get wet. This is an all day hike; please plan accordingly. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and wear appropriate shoes and clothing for a safe and comfortable trip. Depart from Cracker Barrel off of I-40 Exit 317 at 6:30 am CT. Contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436 to carpool from Crossville.

Oct 28 – 30 - TTA Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting

Oct 28 - 30

You can register at
the door Friday
night.

SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER

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MEETS QUARTERLY: 1st Tuesday in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct at

6:00 pm ET at Burk's United Methodist Church, 6433

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Additional information may be seen at our web site:

<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy>

Oct 1 - Raccoon Mountain. Approximately 8 miles.

Moderate. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 4 - Daddy Creek (Crab Orchard). Approximately

5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Durham Street parking lot

in Soddy Daisy at 8 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 8 - Connector Trail on Hwy 157 in Georgia.

Approximately 8 miles. Moderate. \$5 per car parking

fee. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am.

Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 11 - Stringer's Ridge. Approximately 4 miles.

Moderate. Meet at parking lot at the end of Spears

Avenue at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 15 - Piney River. Approximately 6 miles. Slightly

strenuous. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy

Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 18 - Signal Mountain High School loop.

Approximately 4 miles. Moderate. Meet at Food City

parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am. Hike leader: George

Bonneau.

Oct 22 - Flipper Bend. Approximately 8 miles.

Slightly strenuous. Meet at WalMart parking lot in

Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 25 - Roaring Creek to McGill Creek and back.

Approximately 5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Durham

Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader:

George Bonneau.

Oct 28-30 - TTA Annual Meeting.

START SAVING!!

GOT STUFF???

**Bring all those wonderful goodies you have
stashed away but aren't using.**

TTA needs it!!!

**The silent auction and the white elephant
table await your donations.**

**One person's junk is another person's
...???????**

**(See your chapter chairs for auction letter
and receipts to give donors or download
letter at www.tennesseetrails.org)**

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm CT.

There will be no meeting this month. We hope you will take the opportunity to sign up for the Annual Meeting.

Oct 8 - Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area. 2 miles. Moderate. Our ranger-led hike will start in Pickett State Park and end at the Pogue Creek trailhead, requiring a shuttle (we will NOT meet at the Pogue Creek Canyon trailhead; that's where our hike will end). Meet Tim & Lynn Takacs and Ranger Monique at the Pickett State Park Ranger's office at 9:30 am CT or at Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast Inn in Rugby for carpooling at 9:30 am ET (Please note - different time zones). For further info, contact Tim at *ttakacs@tn-elderlaw.com* or Lynn at *lynnTakacs@comcast.net*. For more info about Pogue Creek Canyon, visit <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/article/na-na-pogue-creek-canyon>. After this hike we will have an optional visit to Alvin C. York State Historical Park a few miles up US 127.

Oct 9 - Historic Rugby. 3 miles. Moderate with one short gradual incline. Our loop hike will be led by local guide Chris Binge who will lead the group to Kellogg's Crack to Allerton Trail to the Massengale Home Place. Meet for carpooling at Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast Inn in Rugby at 9:45 am ET. For further info contact Owl at *ballallenger@aol.com*.

Oct 17 - Bledsoe Creek. 3 mi loop trail. Moderate for a steep climb. Our "home" trail here in Sumner County. An early Fall may bring some color change. Meet at the parking area behind the new park office around 9:45 am. There are restroom facilities and water available on the site. Leashed dogs are welcome. For more information contact *daytrippersal@gmail.com* or call Sally Ticaric at 615-824-7294.

A REMINDER:

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

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Oct 1 - Honey Creek Loop Trail, Big South Fork NRRA, TN. 5.8 miles. Strenuous. This scenic trail is rated as the "most difficult" in Big South Fork. The entire loop is about 5.8 miles and requires negotiating through narrow rock passageways, navigating across and along streambeds, climbing over several large boulders, and hiking up and down steep trails. The trails can be muddy and treacherous, and the creek can be active depending on the weather. This trail is physically demanding and requires about five hours to complete. You can meet at 7:30 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville, or (estimated time) 9:00 am CT at the Honey Creek Overlook parking lot. Wear sturdy footwear and bring snacks, lunch, and water. For information and to register contact Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or *pabroehl@blomand.net*.

Oct 8 - Bandy Creek to Leatherwood Ford, Big South Fork NRRA, Jamestown, TN. We will hike a section of the John Litton Loop, the Fall Branch Trail, and a portion of the Grand Gap Loop to Angel Falls Overlook - perhaps the finest overlook in the park. We will then descend to Leatherwood Ford via the John Muir Trail. Other highlights include the gorge of Fall Branch and a large rock house. The hike is about 9 miles and is rated moderate for uneven terrain, narrow ledges, boulder passages, and ladders. Wear sturdy footwear and bring snacks, lunch, and water. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00 am CT or (estimated time) 10:00 am CT at the trailhead. This hike will need a shuttle, please register with Richard. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or *savage_richard@hotmail.com*.

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Newsletter Deadlines:

Deadlines for Chapter announcements
and articles of special interest are due as follows:

<u>Due</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
Oct 10	Nov 1
Nov 10	Dec 1
Dec 10	Jan 1

All submissions are subject to editing. Articles of
general interest and non-hiking events will be
included as space permits.

Please send all submissions to:
editor@tennesseetrails.org

Upper Cumberland Chapter – con't.

Oct 15 - Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park. 7 to 8 miles. Moderate. We will take the Incline Railroad (about \$14.00 round trip) to the top of the mountain and walk to the Military Park (Entrance fee \$3.00 per person or seniors who have Goldenage/Senior pass can get 4 people in free). We will hike down to the museum using a trail we haven't done before and then we will hike to Craven House also on a trail we have done. From Craven House we will hike to Sunset Rock via the Rifle Pit, Upper Truck, and Gum Spring Trails. Then from Sunset Rock we will hike back to the entrance via the Bluff Trail. We could see some rock climbers on the way. Lunch will be at Craven House or Sunset Rock (depends on time). After the hike we will have dinner at Sticky Fingers in Chattanooga, Bring snacks, water and lunch. We will leave J.C. Penny's at 7:00 am CT and U.S. Bank, Hwy 111, Sparta across from McDonalds at 7:30 am. (should arrive at Incline Rail Road between 9:00-9:15 am CT or 10:00-10:15 ET, estimated time) For information and to register contact Pete Broehl at *pabroehl@blomand.net* or phone 931-738-3551.

Oct 22 - Maude's Crack, Big South Fork NRRA, Jamestown, TN. Maude's Crack is a shoulder width crack in a rock cliff about 100 feet high. It was used as a shortcut by Minnie Maude Royston to bring supplies from a settlement near the bottom of the cliff to workers at the top. The hike is a loop (plus a side trip to the John Muir Overlook) that descends to the bottom of No Business Gorge, then follows the creek for a mile or so then ascends to the rim of the gorge. The last 100 feet of the climb is through Maude's Crack. The side trip to the John Muir Overlook is a steep climb. The hike is about 8.5 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous because of the rugged terrain, a stream crossing (we may need to wade the creek), and two several hundred foot climbs. Bring snacks, water, lunch, and hiking boots. You can meet us at 7:30 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or (estimated time) 9:30 am CT at Terry Cemetery Trailhead. For information and to register contact Kathleen Sullivan at *katsully4@gmail.com* or 931-284-7822.

Oct 28 – 30 TTA Annual Meeting.

Tennessee Trails Association
P.O. Box 41446
Nashville, TN 37204-1446

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To avoid any interruption with delivering your newsletter, we ask that you renew at least one month before the date shown. Use the Membership Form provided below.

PLEASE RENEW, STAY INFORMED, WE NEED YOU!!!

YES, I WANT TO JOIN TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, I AM . . .

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A NEW MEMBER

Oct 16

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RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.
Gift Memberships are also available. Contact our Membership Director,
Tim Townley 731-607-0512 membership@tennesseetrails.org

Please Mail This Form To:
Membership Director
P.O. Box 41446
Nashville, TN 37204-1446

PLEASE, PRINT CLEARLY.

____ Individual \$25.00
____ Family \$35.00
____ Student (FULL TIME) \$15.00
____ Supporting (\$50.00, \$100.00 or more)
____ Life Member (Individual) \$500.00
____ Life Member (Family) \$750.00

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Zip _____ -- _____
Work Phone (____) _____
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- ☐ Please do not list my e-mail address in the TTA Annual Membership Directory
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**** CTC Membership** **\$5.00****

**** Special \$5.00 rate for membership in Cumberland Trails Conference if you also are joining TTA or renewing your TTA membership. CTC is building the Cumberland Trail, which will go from Chattanooga to Cumberland Gap. Over 185 miles are now complete and open for hiking. More information can be found at www.cumberlandtrail.org. Please consider enhancing your commitment to Tennessee's great trails by joining the CTC.**

Please list me with the following chapter:

____ Clarksville	____ Murfreesboro
____ Columbia/Franklin	____ Nashville
____ Cove Lake (inactive)	____ Northwest (inactive)
____ Dyer County (inactive)	____ Plateau (Crossville)
____ East TN (Oak Ridge/Knoxville)	____ Soddy Daisy
____ Highland Rim (Manchester/Tullahoma)	____ Sumner Trails (Sumner County)
____ Jackson	____ Upper Cumberland (Sparta/Cookeville)
____ Memphis	____ At Large

When you become a TTA member, you will receive: (1) TTA's Hiking Handbook, a reference book containing information about TTA, trail etiquette, hiker responsibilities, etc. (2) TTA's monthly newsletter, containing information on hiker safety, upcoming hikes/overnight trips, volunteer opportunities, chapter meeting announcements, as well as events occurring within TTA's partner organization (CTC) and associate organization (TRAC). (3) Annual Membership Directory, listing members by chapter and how to reach them. You are invited to attend any number of monthly meetings scheduled, where you will enjoy diverse programs, socializing and refreshments. In addition, our annual meeting is held in the fall at one of Tennessee's many parks for a weekend of hiking, camaraderie and programs, in addition to learning about the progress and plans of the organization.

As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend any/all TTA/CTC/TRAC functions.

Friday Evening
Entertainment
By Kindred
Spirits

2016 TTA Annual Meeting
October 28 - 30, 2016
PICKWICK LANDING STATE PARK
PICKWICK, TENNESSEE 38365

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, October 28, through Sunday, Sunday 30, at the Pickwick Landing State Park and Convention Center, Pickwick, Tennessee. Our hosts for this year's event are the Jackson and Memphis 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. Pickwick Inn gives a 10% discount off the regular inn room rate to all seniors (62+).

Cabins – A two-night stay is required and for cabins. The cabins sleep eight and have two bedrooms, each with two queen beds and 1 bath. The cabins also feature a full kitchen, central heat and air, a patio, and fireplace. All cookware, dishes and linens are provided. They are located in a wooded area ½ mile from Pickwick Inn & Conference Center.

Camping – There are 48 sites available on a first come, first serve basis. 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:

An 18% gratuity is included in the cost of all meals. If you have special dietary needs, please write in request on registration form.

2016 TTA Annual Meeting Schedule of Events – tentative

All Times are Central

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
1:00 pm	Registration Opens	7:00 - 10:00	Breakfast Buffet	7:00 - 10:00am	Breakfast Buffet
2:30 pm	Depart Shiloh Hike	8:00 - 8:30 am	Depart for Hikes	Before 11:00 am	Check Out
2:30 pm	Depart Carrol Cabin Barrens				
3:00 pm	Depart Pickwick Hike	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner Buffet	8:00 am	Depart for Hikes
4:00 pm	Room Check-In Begins	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Shop the auction	9:00 - 11:00 am	Board Meeting
4:30 - 8:00 pm	Dinner Buffet	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Annual Meeting		
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Entertainment	8:00 pm	Rob Weber, CTC		
8:00 - 8:30 pm	Speaker – Allan Trently				

Hikes scheduled:

Big Hill Pond State Park, Cane Creek, Carrol Cabin Barrens State Natural Area, Lady Finger Bluff, Mousetail Landing, Natchez Trace, Pickwick Park, Pinson Mounds Nature Trail, Shiloh National Military Park, Tishomingo State Park

2016 TTA ANNUAL MEETING
October 28 – 30, 2016
Pickwick Landing State Park



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

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ Chapter: _____

LODGING – Reservation and payment for rooms must be made directly with Pickwick Landing at 800-250-8615. First night deposit required.

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 - Rates include 14.5% hotel tax (2 queen beds with private bath)

Pickwick Inn gives a 10% discount off the regular inn room rate to all seniors (62+).

<u>Inn Rooms:</u>	Fri	Night Rate / 2 people	@	\$100.76	Payment for room must be made directly with Pickwick
	Sat	Night Rate / 2 people	@	\$100.76	

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

<u>2 Bed Suites</u>	Fri	Night Rate	@	\$263.35	Payment for room must be made directly with Pickwick
	Sat	Night Rate	@	\$263.35	

AAA Cabins (1 cabin on hold – 2 Bedroom total 4 double beds, 1 bath, capacity of 8 people)

<u>AAA Cabins:</u>	Fri	Night Rate	@	\$137.40	Payment for cabin must be made directly with Pickwick
	Sat	Night Rate	@	\$137.40	

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 (4 people) # of People _____ @ \$18.32
 RV Camping: # of People _____ @ \$18.32

Saturday Night
 Tent Camping (4 people) # of People _____ @ \$18.32
 RV Camping: # of People _____ @ \$18.32

MEALS (Fri. Dinner, Sat. Breakfast and Dinner are buffets) price includes beverage & 18% gratuity

FRIDAY	Dinner Buffet	# of People _____	x	\$18.81	Total \$ _____
SATURDAY	Breakfast Buffet	# of People _____	x	\$12.91	Total \$ _____
	Sack Lunch	# of People _____	x	\$10.00	Total \$ _____
	Please circle choice: ham, turkey, or pimento cheese				
SUNDAY	Dinner Buffet	# of People _____	x	\$18.81	Total \$ _____
	Breakfast Buffet	# of People _____	x	\$12.91	Total \$ _____
	Sack Lunch	# of People _____	x	\$10.00	Total \$ _____
Please circle choice: ham, turkey, or pimento cheese					

LATE REGISTRATION FEE postmarked after 9/15/16 # of People _____ x \$35.00 Total \$ _____

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please complete this Registration Form and mail it with a check for your registration fee and meals made payable to Tennessee Trails Association and mail to: Cathey Cole, 1390 Quito-Drummonds Road, Drummonds, TN 38023, 901-835-2273.

An email confirmation or postcard will be sent to you at the time your check and registration are processed.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations and requests for a refund must be in writing. Persons canceling before Oct. 8th will be refunded in full. Persons canceling after Oct 8th refund for meals only.