

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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TTA Annual Meeting Special Guests

Our special guests for the annual meeting are Tennessee State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath and Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park.

Friday evening Randy Hedgepath will present a program "My Favorite Places on the South Cumberland Plateau." With more than 32 years of experience with Tennessee State Parks, Randy Hedgepath has served as a Ranger Naturalist at South Cumberland and Radnor Lake State Parks. He was appointed State Naturalist for Tennessee State Parks in 2007. Randy's work ethic, commitment, and boundless energy have made him the most sought after State Naturalist. He's also leading three hikes at the annual meeting.

Saturday evening after the TTA Membership Meeting Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park, will present a program "Update on the Cumberland Trail". In 1999, Bobby joined the staff of Cumberland Trail State Park, where he now serves as park manager. It's the state's only linear park, and the only park in the world with its own record label, Sandrock Recordings, which draws extensively from Bobby's field recordings. He also created a radio show called "Music of the Cumberland Trail" that is broadcast weekly on station WDVX in Knoxville. The Cumberland Trail is an ambitious hiking trail project under development in East Tennessee. When completed, the Cumberland Trail (CT) will extend more than 300 miles from its northern terminus in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (TN/KY) to its southern terminus at the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park located on Signal Mountain just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee. As of November 2016 over 210 miles of the trail are open for hiking.

Third Quarter TTA Board Meeting August 5, 2017 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm REI, Brentwood, TN

Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes of second quarter board minutes
- Discuss and vote on the proposed bylaw revision – Bruce Whitehead
- Membership survey discussion - Cheryl Heckler
- Approve 2017 TTA award nominees
- Website Update
- Annual Meeting Update
- Evan Means Grant Application

If you have additional agenda items, please send them to President, Carolyn Miller or Vice President, Bruce Whitehead prior to the meeting.

All members are welcome to attend the board meeting

TTA Annual Meeting October 13-15, 2017

Dubose Conference Center
Monteagle, Tennessee

Hosted by the Columbia/Franklin, Highland Rim
and Murfreesboro Chapters

Hike Details, Schedule and Registration Form Inside

Early Registration Ends September 29 to save \$10!



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Farewell Pete!! It's a season of change for our hardy trail building crew. Pete Berntsen has left his position as Central crew chief after many years of service as a volunteer and as a valued staff member. We will miss having him and his expertise with us on a regular basis, but he has already made plans to come and lend his skills to trail building efforts in the future.

Shauna Wilson will act serve as Crew leader for both crews, working at both work sites during the week. CTC crews are always interested in having volunteers join them with advance notice. Contact CTC office for current work site locations and to volunteer to join the crew.

CTC has received a RTP (Recreational Trails Program) grant to administer a Trail Master Certification and Mechanized Trail Building Certification Program. The first training session took place June 19-24 at the Head of Sequatchie, with 14 attendees for Trail Master Certification and 6 for the Mechanized Trail Building Certification. Three CTC trail crew members earned their Trail Master Certification and Mechanized Trail Building Certification after an intense week of training with Mike Riter of Trail Design Specialists. The next session will take place Sep 18-23, also at Head of the Sequatchie, Crossville. Contact the CTC office to register for an upcoming trail training program.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
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Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>

Aug 5 – Ashland City Rails-to-Trails unpaved section. 6 miles out and back. Moderate due to length. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT, Madison Street Kmart parking lot, Clarksville. 18 miles to trailhead.

Aug 12 - Pennyriple State Park. 3 mile hike. Moderate, and then swim. Eat lunch at Park Restaurant; John Harris 270-227-9871. Meet 8:00 am CT, at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 49 miles to trailhead.

Aug 15 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Aug 19 - Dunbar Cave SNA, Butterfly & Hummingbird Festival. There will be a hummingbird banding demonstration, children's arts and crafts, hikes, and informational talks, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm CT. The festival will be a great way to spend an educational day outdoors for all ages.

Aug 26 - Red River Canoe Trip. We will float from Adams to Port Royal 6.7 miles. It should take from 3 to 5 hours. \$45 per canoe for the first two people, third and fourth in that canoe \$10 each additional. Bob Lyon 931-648-2354. Meet 8:00 am Port Royal Stat Park parking area, Adams, TN.

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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.

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Aug 5 - Third Creek Greenway. 5 miles. We will begin at Tyson Park and walk (2 by 2) to Earth Fare. This trail is heavy with bicycles most of the time, nevertheless it's very scenic and a wonderful walk on a summer Saturday. Let's meet at 10:00 am ET at Tyson Park across from the tennis courts. Pre-register with Lesley Price 865-254-1193 or *Lesley.p616@gmail.com*.

Aug 12 - Frozen Head-South & North Mac & Lookout Tower. 7 miles. Difficult due to elevation gain. Join us on a hike in Frozen Head State Park. We will gather at the Park headquarters on Flat Fork Road then relocate to the large parking lot just past Judge Branch. The trail starts at this parking lot. We will hike South Old Mac trail for 2.4 mile then the Lookout Tower trail for another .5 miles to the Lookout Tower, a repurposed fire tower. The elevation gain is about 1963 feet in 2.9 miles. Our return route to the parking lot will follow North Old Mac trail. All the distances and elevation changes are estimates based on a topo map. We recommend shoes to wear to and from the hike plus sturdy hiking shoes, other weather appropriate clothing, a snack, a drink, a camera and \$\$\$'s for car pooling. We will meet in the Bearden Central Baptist Church parking lot for car pooling and leave there at 8:30 am ET stopping in Oak Ridge at the American Museum of Science & Energy, 300 Tulane Ave. and meeting in the parking lot nearest Illinois Ave. We will leave there at 9:00 am ET for those who would prefer to meet there. For specific information about the hike please call Tom at 865-974-4422 or leave a message at 865-588-5622 or send an email to *cressler@utk.edu* before August 11.

East TN Chapter – con't.

Aug 19 - House Mountain State Natural Area. Corryton, TN. 4.5 miles. Difficult to moderate. 1000 foot elevation gain. House Mountain is known for its huge sandstone boulders, wild variety of bird life (especially raptors) and plant life, and for the spectacular views from its twin peaks on a clear day. Starting on the West Overlook Trail, we will hike 0.80 difficult miles to the West Overlook. Then we will continue on the moderate Crest Trail (1.5 miles) to the east Overlook. We will retrace the trail back to the Mountain Trail (1.0 miles) where we will descend back to the parking lot. Blount County Hikers will meet at 8:00 am ET at Brown's Creek Shopping Center, down past Blount Memorial Hospital, near Food Lion. All others will meet at Shoney's in Knoxville on Rutledge Pike (I-40, Exit 392) at 9:00 am ET. Hike leaders are Karen Towle and Robby Paul. Please register with Robby Paul (865-983-6926) or at *robbypaul@hotmail.com*. We recommend an extra pair of shoes to wear to and from the hike, plus sturdy hiking boots, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch and a drink to eat at the picnic shelter.

Aug 26 - Obed River. The Obed Wild & Scenic River Park consists of four streams that have cut into the sandstone of the Cumberland Plateau creating rugged landscape of wild land and water. There are spectacular gorges with 400 ft cliffs above the streams, and huge sandstone boulders dotting the streams creating large whitewater rapids in the rushing water. We will hike approximately 5 miles in and out at Alley Ford. The trailhead begins at the Rock Creek Campground adjacent to Nemo. Pre-registration is required due to the weather conditions. We will have 2 meeting places. The first meeting place will be at the Ingles parking lot at Merchants Rd. Exit off I-75 North at 9:00 am ET. Another meeting place will be at 9:30 am ET at the Oak Ridge Museum of Science parking area. Please register with Sherry at *sbarber6189@comcast.net* or 865-209-6189.

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER

(Coffee and Franklin Counties)

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(contact Joan & volunteer to lead an outing)

MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Monday at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W.

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

Aug 5 - Greeter Falls Loop/Greeter Trail to Big Bluff Overlook, spur trail to Blue Hole for a swim. 4 miles.

Moderate. Hike features upper and lower Greeter Falls, Boardtree Falls, Big Bluffs Overlook and a swim in cool Blue Hole. Please register with our hike leader Marietta Poteet nannietta@blomand.net or 931-924-7666. Bring water, lunch, hiking sticks and swim clothes. Wear sturdy hiking boots.

Aug 12 – “Prentice Cooper Medley”, Sections of Mullen Cove Loop and Pot Point Loop, Prentice Cooper State Forest, west of Chattanooga. 6.5 miles. Moderate.

Our hike features highlights of Mullen Cove Loop and Pot Point Loop. We begin at Snoopers Rock, a bare rock promontory offering a wide view of the Tennessee River Gorge. Next we hike to Mullens Cove Overlook which provides a view of Mullens Cove where it joins the river gorge. Our next stop is Ransom Hollow Overlook, one of the best views of the region and our lunch spot. Then we visit McNabb Gulf to enjoy the cool cascading streams lined with towering hemlocks. A brief walk along Tower Drive pass an experimental tree farm takes us back to our vehicle. Bring lunch, snacks, a lot of water, hiking shoes and hiking sticks and insect repellent. Contact Joan Hartvigsen at 931-962-0811 or jhartvigs@comcast.net for carpool information.

Aug 19 – Elk River Float, Shiloh Bridge to Dickey Bridge, Kelso, TN. 7.4 miles. Meet at Shiloh Bridge at 9:00 am CT. Bring water, lunch and snacks. Contact Naullain Kendrick, naullain@hotmail.com, 931-224-6225.

Highland Rim Chapter – con’t.

Aug 21 – Solar Eclipse. Welch Point overlooking Big Laurel Creek and Virgin Falls State Natural Area.

Partial phase start: 12:01:32 pm CT. Totality Start: 1:30:04 pm CT and lasts 2 min 40 sec. Plan on meeting at 11:45 to setup and enjoy the event. Bring water, snacks, lunch, lawn chairs, camera(s) and your solar viewing glasses/filters for cameras. Recommend a solar kit such as the following links for viewing safety: Just Glasses: [https://www.amazon.com/Celestron-EclipSmart-Observing-Certified-Guidebook/dp/B01N17N0MO/ref=sr_1_3?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1498950067&sr=1-](https://www.amazon.com/Celestron-EclipSmart-Observing-Certified-Guidebook/dp/B01N17N0MO/ref=sr_1_3?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1498950067&sr=1-3&keywords=solar+glasses)

3&keywords=solar+glasses. Glasses and filter for non-optic cameras:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01MUHBNZX/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o03_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Links to get you smarter:

1. Smarter Everyday
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc7MfcKF1-s&feature=youtu.be>
2. Shadow Bands: 28:45 Smarter Everyday:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twHZPxYVOe4>
3. HOW TO VIDEO THE ECLIPSE:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmg01KYfjc0>
4. <http://www.solareclipsesetimer.com/>
5. <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/tennessee/>

Contact: Michael Glennon, KB4JHU@GMAIL.COM, 931-588-0302.

A hike after the eclipse is to be announced. Directions to Welch’s Point, about halfway between Sparta and Crossville. Turn south off of US 70 onto Eastland Road. The closest GPS address is 5747 Eastland Road, Sparta, TN 38583 (Gulf Trading Post). From the Gulf Trading Post, turn south onto Scott’s Gulf Road. Follow the gravel road and fork to the right immediately past the parking lot for Virgin Falls Trail. About three miles past the fork, you will enter a large gravel parking area with the remains of an old cabin and the hint of a view into the Caney Fork River valley; then follow the foot trail (about 400 ft.) to the overlook, Welch’s Point. Contact Joan Hartvigsen for carpool information. jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-962-0811.

Aug 28 – Chapter Meeting. Dinner at 5:00 pm, Ruby Tuesday, 1936 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma. Meeting at 7:00 pm, D. W. Wilson Community Center. Sidney Sexton and Jaclyn Ewart will present a program on their hikes in and around Sitka, Alaska.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Perkins Restaurant, Vann Drive, Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts 6:45 pm

Hike information unavailable at press time.

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No hikes planned. See you in September!

TTA Annual Meeting Flat River Band

Our entertainment Friday evening at the annual meeting will be the Flat River Band. The Flat River Band's members are lead singer, guitarist and songwriter Chad Sitze. His brother Dennijo plays the mandolin, harmonica and electric guitar. Their other brother Andy plays the electric and upright bass and harmony vocals. The Flat River Band has played venues such as Dollywood, Jim Oliver's Smokehouse in Monteagle, and numerous festivals and fairs.

To learn more about the group, visit their website at <https://www.flatriverband.com/>.



TTA Annual Meeting Schedule of Events All times are Central Daylight Time

FRIDAY

12 Noon Registration and Room Check-In Open, Drop off Baked Goods & Auction Items

1:00 pm Randy Hedgepath's Fall Color Hike on Fiery Gizzard Trail from Foster Falls to Laurel Gorge

1:30 pm Sycamore Falls Hike, Fiery Gizzard Trail

1:30 pm Shakerag Hollow and Piney Point, Sewanee Perimeter Trail

3:00 pm Silent Auction Bidding, White Elephant and Bake Sale Begins

5:30 -7:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Program - Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Naturalist, My Favorite Places on the South Cumberland Plateau"

8:00 pm Flat River Band

SATURDAY

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast

7:00 am Pre-ordered sack lunches can be picked up

7:30-9:00 am Depart for Hikes

Noon-7:00 pm Silent Auction (Bidding closes at 7:00 pm) Shop White Elephant Sale

5:30-7:00 pm Dinner

7:00-8:00 pm TTA Annual Membership Meeting

8:00 pm Program - Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park, "Update on the Cumberland Trail".

9:00 pm Bonfire

SUNDAY

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast

7:00 am Pre-ordered sack lunches can be picked up

Room and camp check out

7:30-9:00 am Depart for Hikes

9:00 am TTA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT, Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station, 697 Veterans Parkway, Murfreesboro

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro

Aug 5 – Stones River National Battlefield. Murfreesboro. 3.6 mile loop trail. Easy. The trail is flat and there are access points to leave the trail. This loop hike goes throughout the preserved portion of the battlefield where the Union and the Confederacy battled for control of the road and railroad connecting Nashville with states to the south. With troops totaling more than 80,000 men combined, the two armies fought during the three day period, starting December 31, 1862. If time permits, we'll visit the visitor center for a slide show and displays about this battle and the Civil War. For more information or to sign up, contact Jennifer Zahn at 615-943-8853 or jenzahn@gmail.com.

Aug 8 – Chapter Meeting. Chapter member Ron Dunn will share his 2012 trip to Scotland and the Orkney Islands. The Orkney Islands are located off the northern coast of Scotland and are rich in history. He'll be sharing photos and stories from Loch Ness, Scapa Flow, Skara Brae and more.

Aug 12 – Window Cliffs State Natural Area, Putnam County, southwest of Cookeville. 5.5 miles roundtrip. Rated easy but could become difficult by the number of crossings over Cane Creek if there's high water. There are no bridges, but only cables and rock crossings. There is a bluff that separates the upstream and downstream parts of the creek. The bluff has eroded from both sides causing an opening to develop, which is how the name "Window Cliffs" came about. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For more information or to sign up, contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

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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

Aug 12 - Window Cliffs, southern Putnam County approximately 18 miles south of Cookeville near Burgess Falls State Natural Area. The hike is a 5-3/4 mile walk in the park with nine crossings of Cane Creek. Plan on getting your feet wet and wear suitable footwear. The trail is easy and sneakers or substantial water shoes work just fine. I'm bringing a change of clothes as I plan on getting wet twice. Once from sweating and once from jumping in the creek at the last crossing (maybe sooner). We will meet at 6:00 am at Kinkos, 540 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. I know that this is early, but the early bird beats the crowd and in the immortal words of Bruce Hornsby, "That's just the way it is" contact Karl Dupre at karld@comcast.net or 615-207-2250 to register or for more information. Read about the state's newest natural area here: <https://tn.gov/environment/article/na-na-window-cliffs>.

Aug 22 – Chapter Meeting. Ninth annual "Show and Tell". Join us for a fun evening of personal accounts of hiking adventures in Tennessee and beyond. You're invited to bring photos on a thumb drive (preferred, using the chapter's laptop and projector) or CD. Show us where you've been and what you saw! Remember, some of the very best adventures are close to home. Please let Nora Beck know in advance that you're planning to be a show-er and teller so that time can be allotted fairly to all presenters - we'll have approximately 1 1/2 hours total time. Come and pique our interest as cooler weather approaches - inspiration is always welcome!

Aug 26 - Stones River Greenway Hike. Donelson, TN. 6 miles. Easy. This hike includes rolling hills, a close-up walk past two historic mansions, and considerable time walking directly alongside Stones River. It takes place on a paved greenway. 8:30 am start time. We will start at the greenway trailhead at the parking lot of Kohl's Hermitage, which is in Jackson Downs shopping plaza, just past Target. From Briley Parkway exit 8, the driving distance along Lebanon Pike is 3.5 miles east. Our hike will first head north along the greenway with a slight detour to the Stone Hall mansion, and then up into metro owned parkland, the former Ravenwood country club golf course to the crest of the hill and then back- about 2 miles. Then from our starting point we follow the greenway along Stones River, including some boardwalks and some interesting sights. We'll bear right at the first junction and walk over to the Clover Bottom Mansion, an Italianate home built in 1958. We retrace our footsteps back to parking lot. Hike leader Tom Vickstrom 615-405-6713 tomzinger55@gmail.com.

**Tennessee Trails Association Annual Meeting
October 13-15, 2017
DuBose Conference Center - Monteagle, Tennessee**

REGISTRATION FORM

Early registration Deadline: Friday, September 29 – save \$10!

Please Print

Complete a separate form for each attendee. Make copies as needed. Costs are per person. Forms must be postmarked no later than September 29 for early registration. You will receive confirmation via email.

Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

LODGING – See Lodging Descriptions & Pricing Information Sheet

Registration and payment for rooms, cabins, and camping must be made directly with Dubose Conference Center.

To make a reservation: dubose.wufoo.com/forms/tennessee-trails-association/

For more information: contact Dubose: 931-924-2353; stephanie@duboseconferencecenter.org

MEALS

Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Dinner will be served buffet style

Friday Dinner	\$19.50 / person	Total \$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$11.50 / person	Total \$ _____
Saturday Sack Lunch	\$13.50 / person	Total \$ _____
<i>Turkey Sub Sandwich – includes condiments, fruit, drink</i>		
Saturday Dinner	\$19.50 / person	Total \$ _____
Sunday Breakfast	\$11.50 / person	Total \$ _____
Sunday Sack Lunch	\$13.50 / person	Total \$ _____
<i>Ham Sub Sandwich – includes condiments, fruit, drink</i>		

Check if Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE = \$25.00 / person	Total \$ _____
LATE REGISTRATION FEE = \$35.00 / person (postmarked after September 29)	Total \$ _____

COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK - TOTAL ENCLOSED -

One check may cover more than one registration, but please send the individual forms and check together.

Make your check payable to:

Tennessee Trails Association

c/o Ann Jacobs, 3746 Manchester Pike, Murfreesboro, TN 37127-7709

615-896-3935

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For more information, contact DuBose: 931-924-2353; stephanie@duboseconferencecenter.org

ON-SITE LODGING DESCRIPTIONS & PRICING

BISHOP'S HALL (BH) ROOMS

Bishop's Hall rooms are hotel / motel style with private bathrooms. Each room has two double beds. Up to four individuals may room together in a single room. Linens, towels, and hand soap are provided.

Best for: Families, couples, groups of adults, those with limited mobility, or those who prefer a hotel-style room.

BH SINGLE OCCUPANCY: 68 / night for one adult

BH DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 48 / night per adult

BH TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: 34 / night per adult

BH QUAD OCCUPANCY: 28 / night per adult

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

CLAIBORNE HALL (CH) ROOMS

Claiborne Hall has dormitory-style rooms with gendered restroom & shower facilities at the end of the hall. Each room has two twin-sized beds. Please note that all CH rooms must be accessed by a flight of stairs. Linens, towels, and hand soap are provided.

Best for: Young adults and individuals traveling in pairs, families with older but-not-quite adult children, or those who prefer a little more privacy & comfort than cabins can afford.

CH SINGLE OCCUPANCY: 46 / night per adult

CH DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 33 / night per adult

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

GROUP CABINS

Group Cabins are bunk-house style cabins. Each wing (16 beds) has restroom and shower facilities available. Individuals will be placed by DuBose Conference Center in different wings based on preferred gender. Basic linens, towels, and hand soap are provided.

Best for: Single adult attendees or groups of adults who want to be 'in community' for the weekend.

GROUP CABIN: 32 / night per person

** Please note that Group cabins are NOT family-oriented cabins. Families are suggested to room in Bishop's Hall or Claiborne Hall. Larger family groups might consider a Rustic Cabin.

RUSTIC CABINS

Rustic Cabins have ten bunk beds in a primary sleeping area and two bunks in an adjoining room. Each cabin has shower / restroom facilities.

Best for: Larger family groups or like-family groups (min. 8 people).

RUSTIC CABIN: 22 / night per person

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

TENT CAMPING

Bring your own tent and grab a piece of greenspace! Tent campers will be set up behind the Rustic Cabins, a little bit before the treeline. Tent campers will have a simple, coed cabin available to the entire group for showering and restrooms. The cabin may also be used as a temporary rest spot during the day. Towels are provided in the cabin for tent campers to use.

Best for: Someone who doesn't mind roughing it, those who are on a limited budget.

TENT CAMPING: 8 / night per person

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

PLATEAU CHAPTER

(Crossville)

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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.

Aug 10 – Chapter Meeting. 6 pm CT at First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. Dinner at LaCosta's Restaurant, 138 The Crossings, Crossville at 5 pm CT. Program: John Wigginton's AT hike. Contact Chapter Chair, Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436 for additional information.

Aug 12 – Big South Fork, Honey Creek Loop, Allardt. This is a moderate 5.7 mile loop hike that is one of the top scenic hikes in the BSF. The hike features fabulous rock cliffs, a waterfall and a cave. Depart from Cracker Barrel back parking lot at 7:30 am. Carpool cost is \$7. Pack water, snacks and lunch. For more information and to register contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

Aug 26 – Smokies Hike: Gabes Mountain Trail, Cosby. This is moderate in and out 6-7 mile hike with several stream crossings on foot logs to Hen Wallow Falls. **Bring water shoes just in case.** The trail passes many homesites and rock piles; a side trail leads to two former chimneys. The M.A. Ramsay 73- acre farmstead is not far from here. A short steep spur trail goes to the base of the falls where there are rocks to sit on for lunch. At Lower Falling Branch is a series of cascades with a wet cave to the right of the main cascade. Depart from Vanity Fair west parking lot at 7:30 am. Carpool cost is \$8. Pack water, snacks and lunch. For more information and to register contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

Looking Ahead:

Sep 14 – Plateau Chapter Cookout at Meadow Park Lake from 5-7PM. Meal will start around 5:30 pm. Bring your own meat to grill, beverage and covered dish or dessert to share. Charcoal grills will be ready for grilling by 5:00 pm. Plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins will be provided. Contact Carol Quattrociocchi at Quattrociocchi@frontiernet.net or 931-484-4230 or Chapter Chair, Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436 for additional information.

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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>

No hikes scheduled.

TTA Annual Meeting Dubose Conference Center Monteagle, Tennessee

Dubose Conference Center is Tennessee's historic conference center located in beautiful Monteagle between Chattanooga and Nashville. Originally build in 1872, Dubose is on the National Register of Historic Places. This is an ideal location for the TTA annual meeting since the mountain setting offers some of the most beautiful hiking trails in the Southeast.

See On-Site Lodging Descriptions & Pricing Information Sheet for more information

Registration and payment for rooms, cabins, and camping must be made directly with Dubose Conference Center.

To make a reservation:
dubose.wufoo.com/forms/tennessee-trails-association/
Or contact Dubose: 931-924-2353;
stephanie@duboseconferencecenter.org



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Hike information unavailable at press time.

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Aug 5 - Mt. LeConte, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 13 miles. Strenuous. We will hike a section of the Appalachian Trail to its junction with the Boulevard Trail, which makes a gradual ascent of Mt. LeConte along a crooked ridge connecting the mountain to the main Appalachian chain. As the elevation never drops below 5000 feet on the ascent, temperatures should be pleasant. We will descend by way of the spectacular Alum Cave Bluff Trail. There are many excellent viewpoints along the Boulevard and Alum Cave Trails. Bring headlamp/flashlight, snacks, water, lunch, and hiking boots. The hike leader will be traveling from Oak Ridge, so please register to be informed of possible changes or cancellations. You can meet us in the JC Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 5:30am CT. For information and to register, contact Jeff Graves at *jagraves21@students.tnitech.edu*.

2017 TTA Annual Meeting Hikes

Self Guided Strolls

Meadow Trail. 2 miles. Easy
The University of The South Campus Walk. Easy.

FRIDAY

Fiery Gizzard Fall Color Hike. 6 miles. Easy
Shakerag Hollow and Piney Point Hike. 4 miles. Easy
Sycamore Falls Hike. 2.6 miles Moderate

SATURDAY

Collins Gulf Overlook Hike. 6 miles. Easy
Savage Day Loop and South Rim Trail to Savage Falls. 5.2 miles Easy
Grundy Forest Day Loop. 2 miles. Easy
Stone Door Trail, Big Creek Rim Trail, Laurel Trail Loop Hike. 7 miles. Flat, easy terrain
Cloudland Canyon State Park. Overlook Trail, Waterfalls Trail, West Rm Trail 7 miles. Moderate
Big Creek Gulf Trail, Ranger Creek Falls, Alum Gap, Big Creek Rim Trail. 7.2 miles. Moderate to strenuous.
Walls of Jericho State Natural Area. 7.5 miles. Strenuous
Sewanee Perimeter Trail. Memorial Cross to Bridal Veil Falls and Campus. 6+ miles. Moderate
Rock Creek Section of the Cumberland Trail. 8 miles. Moderate
Raven Point, Anderson Falls, Showcase of Fiery Gizzard Reroute. 4 miles. Strenuous.
Lost Cove Cave Hike. (Buggytop) 4.5 miles. Strenuous.

SUNDAY

Greeter Falls, Alum Gap Hike. 5 miles. Easy
Chickamauga Battlefield Civil War Hike. 4 miles. Easy
Horsepound Falls Hike. 5 miles. Moderate.
Short Springs State Natural Area. Machine Falls & Rutledge Falls. 3 miles. Moderate
Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park. 4 miles. Moderate
Denny Cove, Denny Falls, Foster Falls Overlook. 3 miles. Strenuous

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TTA is seeking nominations for awards to be presented at the annual meeting in October. We annually present the Tennessee Trails Award and the Bill Stutz Awards. **The Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award** is awarded periodically to those with a lifetime of leadership and extraordinary contributions.

Please send written nominations for the TTA awards to a member of the awards committee: Joan Hartvigsen, Garnett Rush, or Carolyn Miller. Alternately, please send the written nomination to one of the chapter chairs or to one of the TTA officers. Nominations should include contact information for the person making the nomination, a full name and address of the nominee and a paragraph stating why the person should be nominated for the award.

Tennessee Trails Award. This award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee.

Bill Stutz Award. The Association gives this award in honor of the late Bill Stutz, past TTA member and beloved hiker. Any chapter (or voting member) can make a nomination to the Board for the recipient of this award. The award is to be presented to an active hiker for his or her individual contribution to the Association or one its chapters.

Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board of Directors of the Association established this award to honor the extraordinary lifetime leadership and personal contributions of Bob Brown to hiking and conservation in the State of Tennessee. The Board may give a Bob Brown Award from time to time to others for lifetime leadership and contributions that it finds equally extraordinary.

Newsletter Deadlines:

Deadlines for Chapter announcements and articles of special interest are due on the 10th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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

Please note: Newsletter submissions to the "editor" address are automatically copied to the webmaster for inclusion on the TTA website.

Each month TTA offers opportunities to volunteer – be it leading hikes, organizing events, fundraising, leadership on the Board – if you've never volunteered to help before, how about it in 2018?

Officers are elected annually by the members in attendance at the general membership meeting. The term of office is from January through December. The TTA officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director. If you want to serve on the TTA board, please consider serving as an officer or chapter chair.

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

- A NEW MEMBER**
 RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP

Aug 17

Please Mail This Form To:
Membership Director
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Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.
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Cheryl Heckler 931-200-7436 membership@tennesseetrails.org

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___ Plateau (Crossville)
___ Soddy Daisy
___ Sumner Trails (Sumner County)
___ Upper Cumberland (Sparta/Cookeville)
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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.