



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF 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.*



SUPPORTING THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL

2021 TTA Annual Conference Save the Date October 22-24, 2021

The Nashville and Sumner Trails Chapters will host the TTA Annual Conference at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns TN, about an hour west of Nashville. (Please note: With the fluid Covid-19 situation, the situation looks more hopeful for conducting the Annual Meeting this year, but it is not guaranteed. Please check the TTA Newsletter and on the TTA website for updated information.)

Attendees will have the option of newly renovated rooms at the Park's Inn or the campground inside the State Park. There is also commercial lodging in Dickson and other nearby towns. In addition to Montgomery Bell, our hikes will include other nearby State and Municipal Parks and urban hikes in Nashville. Members of the Nashville and Sumner Trails Chapters are looking forward to hosting hikers from across Tennessee!

Registration information for INN ROOMS: Phone the Inn & Conference Center directly to make your reservation (615-797-3101 or 800-250-8613). Provide our GROUP CODE 9880 to receive special discount pricing on the Inn Rooms. Inn Rooms (some have 1K; some have 2Q) do not require a 2-night minimum but a deposit of one full night's stay is required (\$143.44/night; includes the tax. Same price as last year!). Any remaining group rate rooms will be released for general reservation on 9/7/21, so don't wait until the last minute! (Discounts for Seniors, Veterans, and Tennessee State Employees are available only when booking separately from our group rate.) Note: There will be a direct internet link to access our TTA Group reservations in the Annual Meeting area of the TTA website.

For the CAMPGROUND, contact the Park Office at 615-797-9052 or

<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/campground/montgomery-bell>. Note: The park does not hold any campground sites for our group and takes reservations on a first come first served basis. All sites come with a grill, fire ring, picnic table, and access to the bath house (toilets, sinks, showers with hot water). Campground sites are \$18-36/night, before taxes. Reservations may be cancelled up to and including 2 days prior to the scheduled arrival date with a refund of all campground fees - minus the \$5.00 advanced reservation fee. Be sure to read the Campground Firewood Policy. (As of early February, a couple of campsites had already been booked for these dates!)

Evan Means Grants

The TTA Board voted to fund three Evan Means Grant requests during the February 2, 2021 meeting.

- ***The Friends of South Cumberland State Park*** received an Evan Means Grant of \$1,470 to restore the entry platform to the plunge pool portion of the Foster Falls Climbers Loop Trail. This project will enable visitors to descend safely down a steep rocky section to view the base of Foster Falls and access the climbing walls.
- ***The Friends of Rocky Fork State Park*** received an Evan Means Grant of \$859.44 to purchase equipment and tools to build and maintain hiking trails in our newest Tennessee State Park.
- ***The Friends of Johnsonville State Historical Park*** received a \$750 Evan Means Grant for 6,000 copies of updated hiking trail maps. The Friends of Johnsonville State Park have worked hard to reroute and restore trails and build new trails. These changes made the existing maps outdated. The new updated trail maps will include GIS tracked mapping, points of interest, and interpretive information on the Civil War history and the changes in the Tennessee River.

Tennessee State Park budgets have been cut by 12% at the same time park visitation has dramatically increased due to the pandemic. The Friends Groups greatly appreciate TTA supporting our Tennessee State Parks.

Joan Hartvigsen
Evan Means Grant Committee Chair



Cumberland Trails Conference

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During the annual CTC meeting in January, the CTC Board elected the following Corporate officers: Frank Jamison, Chairman; Lionel Senseney, Vice Chairman; Nora Beck, Secretary; and Jameson Miller, Treasurer to serve until the next annual meeting in January 2022.

The CTC trail crew continues to work to connect Stinging Fork Falls and Brady Mountain. The current work site is on Hinch Mountain just above the Head of Sequatchie and will connect to the trail on Brady Mountain. The crew has completed just over a mile of new trail on Hinch Mtn. The new section has amazing views of the Sequatchie Valley and follows the only limestone bluff on the Cumberland Trail.



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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
Wade Bourne Nature Center, 2308 Rotary Park Dr.,
Clarksville, TN 37043.

Please call hike leaders to confirm hike time and meeting place.

Mar 6 - LBL's N/S Trail from Tharp Road, to Forest Rd 205. 5.5 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT, at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 35 miles to trailhead

Mar 13 - Beaman Park, Henry Hollow Loop Trail. 2.5 miles. Moderate. Lili Ball 931-552-2773. Meet 8:00 am CT, Madison Street Food Line parking lot. 32 miles to trailhead.

Mar 16 - Monthly Chapter Meeting. Because of the pandemic we will not share food or drink. Please bring food and drink for yourself only. Cinde Jones 870-215-8993. The meeting could be canceled depending on the pandemic.

Mar 20 - Long Hunter SP, Day Loop Trail. 4.5 miles. Moderate. Cinde Jones 870-215-8993. Meet 8:00 am AT THE NEW EXIT 11 PARK AND RIDE. The new Exit 11 Park and Ride is on the southeast side of the interstate. If you are driving toward the interstate on MLK Parkway, cross under the interstate and turn right at the first traffic light. 62 miles to trailhead.

Mar 27 - LBL, a portion of Ft. Henry Trail and Pickett Loop Trail. 4.5 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT, at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 51 miles to trailhead.

TIP

Dressing in layers will allow you to adjust to different levels of exertion. Weather can change unexpectedly in the spring, fall and winter, and proper layering will help keep you comfortable, warm and dry.

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MEETS QUARTERLY: Meets quarterly at the Barnabas Center at
506 Fair Street, Franklin, TN 37064. The Barnabas
Center is located behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
Social hour from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Please check the TTA website for updates on our hikes.

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Mar 6 - Chestnut Top Trail, GSMNP. 8.6 miles. Moderately difficult. We will start this hike at the Townsend Y, going to Schoolhouse Gap trail and return. In the first 2.75 miles we will gain about 1,200 feet, then lose about 300 feet before we reach the Schoolhouse Gap trail. After the hike, plan on stopping on the way back for a meal and refreshments. Because of Covid 19 restrictions there will be no carpooling and you should bring face mask to wear when you are unable to maintain a 6 foot social distance. We will meet at the Brown Creek Shopping Center parking lot nearest the Sonic at 1707 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. This is across the street from the Hardee's, near the hospital in Maryville. We will leave there at 9:00 am ET. If you want to meet at the trailhead, we expect to be there about 9:45 am ET. To pre-register for this hike, please call Rosie at 865-985-9144 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

Mar 13 - Laurel Falls. 5 miles. Moderate. One of the crown jewels of the TN State Natural Area, Laurel Falls in the Laurel Snow State Natural Area tumbles 80' from the top of the Cumberland Plateau, with scenic streams and cascades, steep gorges, remnants of old coal mines and mining infrastructure along the way. The first (and last) 1.5 miles are easy, fairly level, following Richland Creek, with massive boulders. The trail then ascends more steeply about 1 mile via switchbacks to the base of the falls, and is sometimes rocky, but not overly strenuous (total elevation change less than 900'). There will be an opportunity to extend the hike to a 150' metal bridge over Richland Creek, possibly watch kayakers in the creek, or rock climbers ascending the bluff near Laurel Falls. Meet at the trailhead, which is 1 hour, 15 minutes from Watt Rd at I-40. Parking is limited, so the hike will be limited to 10 people. This is a popular place on weekends, so it is recommended to get there a little early. Register with Randy Graham at *rgraham0921@gmail.com* (preferred) or 865-659-1289 (text).

East TN Chapter – con't.

Mar 20 - Seven Islands State Birding Park. 6 miles. Easy. Seven Island is Tennessee's newest park. It is a 416 acre park that was established in the 1990s by private donors and jointly managed as Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge by a local foundation and Knox County. In the fall of 2013, it was designated as state park effective Sept 2013 with the grand opening July 2014. The park, on former farmland, includes the Kelly Bend peninsula along the French Broad River. Habitats include wooded hills and intermittent stream and several fields being restored to native warm-season grasses. More than 180 species of birds have been sighted in the park. The views are great, you can see Smoky Mountains and Mount LeConte. The hike is mostly easy with rolling hills. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel at Strawberry Plains Pike, leaving at 9:00 am ET tailgating to the park. If you want to meet at the Seven Islands parking lot, we expect to be there about 9:30 am ET. For specific information about the hike, please contact Tom at 865-588-5622 or send an email to *cressler@utk.edu*.

Mar 27 - River Bluff Trail-Norris Dam State Park. 4 miles. Easy. We will park at the trailhead on Dabney Rd and hike the lower section of the trail along Norris River, less than two miles each way. The walk along the river is relatively flat. Where we will turn around the trail goes up the bluff to make a loop. Some may want to walk the loop. We recommend shoes to wear to and from the hike plus sturdy hiking shoes, other appropriate clothing, a snack, something to drink and a camera. Because of Covid 19 restrictions there will be no carpooling and you should bring face mask to wear when you are unable to maintain a 6 foot social distance. We will meet at the southeast end of the Walmart parking lot at the I-75-State 61 intersection near Norris, for tailgating to the trailhead, leaving there at 9:45 am. If you want to meet at the trailhead, we expect to be there about 10:00 am. This is a short hike. On the way home, depending on the time, we may stop for lunch and/or beverages at a place near I-75 at Clinton. For additional information on this hike, contact Tom Cressler before Mar 26 at 865-588-5622 or *cressler@utk.edu*.

Joining TTA as a New Member? Membership Up For Renewal? Your Generosity Benefits All!

When you join or renew your Tennessee Trails membership, you have the opportunity to become a Supporting Member by donating a little (or a lot) above the regular dues.

Supporting Member donations support the Evan Means Small Grants Fund. Your tax-deductible Supporting Member donations will now directly benefit trail projects throughout the state of Tennessee. We thank you all for your support of TTA at any membership level, but we hope you will enrich Tennessee's trail system by joining or renewing as a Supporting Member.

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(Coffee and Franklin Counties)

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MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Monday.

Mar 4-7 - Hiking in Cherokee National Forest and Camping at Indian Boundary Overflow Campground off the Cherohala Skyway near Tellico Plains, TN. Joint hike with the Murfreesboro Chapter. The hikes are in Cherokee National Forest: Flats Mountain Trail, 6.2 miles one way, moderate, requires a shuttle. This ridge line hike provides spectacular views of Citico Creek Wilderness. Falls Branch Trail, 2.6 miles round trip, moderate. Falls Branch Trail passes through old-growth virgin forest and ends at a 70 foot waterfall. Indian Boundary Lake Trail, 3 miles round trip, easy. Bald River Falls Trail, 6.5 miles one way, moderate, possible vehicle shuttle from FR 126. Highland Rim Chapter Hike leaders are Joan Hartvigsen and Michael Glennon. Register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914.

Mar 11 – Beaman Park, north of Nashville. Laurel Woods Trail. 12 miles loop. Joint hike with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Marietta Poteet will lead this hike which will take approximately 7 to 7.5 hours. Hikers who wish can turn back at the halfway point for a 6 mile hike negotiated on their own. The terrain is similar to Radnor State Park and Percy and Edwin Warner Parks terrain, with plenty of ridge tops, switchbacks down to and back up from several creek crossings and more gentle slopes. The trail is basically up and down the entire 12 miles. Please plan for an all day hike with hiking sticks, water, food and good hiking boots. Call or email Marietta at 931-924-7666 or *nannietta@blomand.net*.

Mar 19 – Picket State Park/Pogue Creek Canyon. Moderate for terrain and length. 10 miles. Joint hike with Nashville Chapter. See hike description under Nashville Chapter. Register with Joan Hartvigsen for meetup location, details, and updates: *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. *Alternate date for inclement weather: Friday, March 26.*

Mar 20 – Rock Creek Loop in Big South Fork. Moderately strenuous for terrain, length and final ascent. 7.2 miles. Joint hike with Nashville Chapter. See hike description under Nashville Chapter. Register with Joan Hartvigsen for meetup location, details, and updates, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. *Alternate date for inclement weather: Saturday, March 27.*

Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Mar 22- Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN. 3 miles. Moderate due to one short, steep ascent and eroded, rough trail. We will visit Blue Hole Falls, Big Falls, the confluence of the Little Duck and the Duck Rivers and Step Falls. Virginia Bluebell Wildflowers may be in bloom along the Forks of the River Trail. Please bring water, a snack, and hiking sticks. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Meet at 3:00 pm in front of the Visitor Center. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 636-2914. After our hike we will regroup at the park's picnic pavilion for a bring your own picnic dinner chapter meeting.

Mar 22 –Chapter Meeting. Old Stone Fort State Park picnic area, Manchester, TN. 5:30 pm. Everyone should bring their own picnic dinner. In an effort to maintain social distancing, you might want to bring a folding chair. The first part of our meeting will focus on updates regarding upcoming hikes and events. We are fortunate to have a special guest speaker, Lisa Trail, President of the Highland Rim Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society. She will talk about their group activities and other information about birds in our area. Contact Highland Rim Chapter Chair Patty Deen for more information, *Pdeen@palomar.edu* or 760-703-8115.

Mar 28 – Sherwood Forest Hike. 2.5 mile loop. Easy to moderate. 1900 Old CCC Road, Sherwood, TN. Lost Creek East. Meet at the trailhead at 2 pm CT for an early Spring Sunday afternoon hike. We will enjoy scenic long distance views of the mountains the entire way. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. Bring water, snack and wear sturdy hiking boots. Directions to trailhead: Take Jump Off Road (TN Hwy 156) 8.2 miles south from US Hwy 41A in Sewanee and look for Old CCC Road, a dirt road on your right. Follow Old CCC Road about 2 miles to the parking area and trailhead.

Mar 30 - Rock Island State Park Wild Flowers and Waterfalls Hike. Northeast of McMinnville, TN. 5 miles, Easy to moderate. This beautiful park is located on the headwaters of Center Hill Lake at the confluence of the Collins and Caney Fork Rivers. We will see Great Falls, Twin Falls and the limestone gorge. We will see a lot of wildflowers on the Downstream Gorge Trail. This trail features Twin Falls, limestone bluffs, rapids on Caney Fork River and the headwaters of Center Hill Lake. All this spectacular scenery is packed into a 1.7 mile "lollipop" trail. We will then hike Eagle Trail, located on the other side of the Caney Fork River. Eagle Trail is 1.5 miles round trip, follows the Caney Fork River, has spring wildflowers and connects with the Blue Hole Trail. After lunch at Badger Flat Picnic Area, alongside Caney Fork River, we will hike the Bluff Trail, a 1.95 mile lollipop. The Bluff Trail features an overlook of Center Hill Lake. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. Please meet at 8:00 am CT in the visitor center parking lot.

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Planning Ahead:

Apr 1-3 – Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. Camping and Hiking. Joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. We have reserved a group campsite in Flat Creek Group Campground for Thursday and Friday nights. We will hike Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Contact Joan Hartvigsen to reserve a spot in the campground, jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-636-2914 and for meeting times/locations for the hikes. Thursday's hike: Emory Gap Trail to Falls and Judge Branch Trail, 3 miles, flat. Friday's hike: Frozen Head State Park. Wartburg, TN. North Old Mac Trail and South Old Mac Trail Loop with a visit to the Lookout Tower. 8 miles. 1,800 feet elevation change. This hike features spring wildflowers, hemlocks, creeks and awesome mountain views. Saturday's hike: West Lookout Tower Trail and Bird Mountain Trail Loop, 7 miles. Steep. The spring wildflowers will be awesome.

Apr 6 – Perimeter Trail Hike, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN. 14 miles. Moderate. We will hike from Roark's Cove Road to Lake Cheston. Joint hike with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Short vehicle shuttle required. Please wear face masks inside vehicles during shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring hiking sticks. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-636-2914. This hike features beautiful overlooks, interesting geological features and plenty of upland deciduous forests.

May 14-17 – Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cades Cove Camping and Hiking Weekend. Joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. We have reserved a gorgeous group campsite in Cades Cove Campground. Flush toilets and drinking water nearby. We will hike Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday we will hike a section of the Anthony Creek Trail to Anthony Creek Campsite and back, 5.6 miles, moderate. Saturday we will hike the Gregory Ridge Trail to Gregory Bald, 11.4 miles round trip, 2,700 foot elevation change. Sunday we will hike to Abrams Falls and back, 5 miles, easy. Reserve your spot soon. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-636-2914.

Jun 7-10 – Camping in Mile High Campground and hiking in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and trails off Blue Ridge Parkway. Maggie Valley, NC. Joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Possible hikes include Hemphill Bald, Caldwell Fork, Rough Fork Trails Loop in the Smokies and Black Balsam Knob Trail, Art Loeb Loop and other hikes in Shining Rock Wilderness. More details later. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, email jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-962-0811 to save a spot in the reserved campsite.

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Mar 1 – Chapter Meeting by ZOOM. Melinda will send out email invitation.

Mar 6 - 4th leg of Red Leaves Trail at Natchez Trace State Park, near Wildersville/Yuma TN. 5.45 miles. We will meet at the Cub Lake Lodge at 8:30 and drive to the trailhead. Terry will lead the hike from the lodge across the footbridges of the serene Cub Lake, past the cabins and into the woods. From there we will hike thru the woods crossing Parsons Road to the "big culvert" and from there to Sulphur Fork and on to Idem East trail/ dirt road. A vehicle will be parked at Idem East so that we do not have to do a reverse hike back to Cub Lake Lodge. Please bring snacks, water and wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing. You must register with Terry Warren at 731-535-0625 or terrymccoy832@yahoo.com by Friday night (March 5) at 7:00 pm so that we don't leave you behind.

Mar 13 - Waterfall hike. Two waterfalls and a hike. Meet at 10 am at Timberland Park welcome center, Natchez Trace Parkway Mile Marker 437.2, Franklin TN 37064. Our hike there will be app. 3.5 miles of moderate trail with up and down elevation changes (no waterfalls). Our waterfall stops will be about 30 minutes south of Timberland Park at Natchez Trace Parkway mile marker 404.7 (Jackson Falls), and mile marker 391.9 (Fall Hollow Falls). Trails from parking lot to each of the falls is app. 1/3 mile and rated moderate. Leashed pets are allowed at all our stops, if you like to hike with a furry friend. Hope we will see spring wildflowers. Bring lunch. For further questions or to register for hike contact Melinda at 731-225-4293 or jackson@tennesseetrails.org.

Mar 27 - Big Hill Pond State Park trail, Pocahtontas, TN. 7 miles. Moderate to difficult due to terrain and length. Hike will meander around the Travis McNatt Lake passing a 70-foot observation (fire) tower that offers panoramic views of the lake and across the boardwalk that winds through Dismal Swamp. We will leave Panera Bread in Jackson, TN at 8:00 or meet us at the trailhead at 9:15-9:30. There MAY be an option to eat at Top of the River in Michie after the hike (will know for sure closer to hike date). Please register with Howard Ropp at howardropp1@gmail.com or 731-693-4248. We will leave Panera promptly at 8:00 am.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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Mar 6 - Meeman-Shelby Forest, Woodland Trail Plus.

6-7 miles. Strenuous. We will start at the Woodland Trail trailhead and begin with the hilly portion of that trail. This section contains about five steep hills that will test your stamina. After reaching the Woodland Shelter, we will proceed down the Pioneer Springs Trail until we reach the gravel road (Pleasant View Rd.). We will head north along dirt and gravel roads until we reach Beaver Creek. Here we will head back south using a portion of the Chickasaw Trail to rejoin the Woodland Trail. After going up a steep, narrow section, we will walk the rest of the Woodland Trail back to the trailhead. Wear good shoes or boots and bring a snack and plenty of water. Registration required by noon on March 5. Contact Wayne Simpson, w.simpson1@comcast.net or call (not text) 901-385-1988.

Mar 6 - Meeman-Shelby Forest, Woodland Trail. 4 miles. Moderately strenuous.

We will start at the Woodland Trail trailhead and begin with the hilly portion of that trail. This section contains about five steep hills that will test your stamina. We will take a snack break at the Woodland Shelter. The return trail is not as hilly but has one steep hill at the end. Wear good shoes or boots and bring a snack and plenty of water. Registration required by noon on March 5. Contact Lynne Witherington, withlynn@aol.com or text 901-230-1501. Hikers limited to 10 for this hike. Rain or snow will cancel the hike.

Mar 13 - Nesbit Park in Bartlett. We will hike the white trail with possible additions for a total of 5 to 6.5 miles. One ravine crossing is part of this trail (we may have to cross through water) so wear hiking boots. Bring water and a snack and allow 3 hours for this hike. Bring hand sanitizer and pen for signing in. You must register for the hike: email charlie.bright2010@gmail.com. Rain will cancel hike.

Mar 20 - International Harvester Managerial Park, Lakeland. 4 miles.

The park is located adjacent to the Lakeland Senior Center on the west side of Canada Rd, between I-40 and Hwy 70 at 4523 Canada Rd. Allow 2 1/2 hours for the hike. We will hike through mostly bottomland forest, although there are some moderately strenuous places with elevation changes in the beginning and at the end. The trail also goes through a nice meadow and along a small lake. There is one shallow water crossing. Be prepared for mud if we have had recent rain. Terrain-appropriate, waterproof footwear and hiking poles recommended. Bring water and snacks and pen for signing in. Heavy rain or the threat of severe weather will cancel. You must register for the hike: email Marion at mquinlen@gmail.com no later than 6:00 pm Thursday, March 18. Be sure to leave your name and phone number.

Memphis Chapter – con't.

Mar 27 - Herb Parsons Lake State Park, Fisherville.

Here's an easy 6-mile hike around the lake and through the woods. Please wear mask and bring snacks and water and pen for signing in. Registration required. Contact Nancy at nhwark@bellsouth.net (include your phone number) no later than 6:00 pm Thursday, Mar 25. So that lists can be prepared, please indicate if you prefer to be in a slower group. Rain will cancel hike.

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Mar 4-7 – Cherokee National Forest Hiking and Camping at Indian Boundary Overflow Campground.

Joint event with the Highland Rim chapter. Camping is

at Indian Boundary Overflow Campground off the Cherohala Skyway near Tellico Plains, TN. The hikes are in the Cherokee National Forest: Flats Mountain Trail, 6.2 miles one way, moderate, requires a shuttle. This ridge line hike provides spectacular views of Citico Creek Wilderness. Falls Branch Trail, 2.6 miles round trip, moderate. Falls Branch Trail passes through old-growth virgin forest and ends at a 70 foot waterfall. Indian Boundary Lake Trail, 3 miles round trip, easy. Bald River Falls Trail, 6.5 miles one way, moderate, possible vehicle shuttle from FR 126. Hike leaders are Joan Hartvigsen and Michael Glennon of the Highland Rim chapter. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Mar 9 – Chapter Meeting.

Mar 11 - Beaman Park Laurel Woods Trail. North of Nashville. 12 mile loop which will take 7 to 7.5 hours.

Moderately strenuous due to terrain and length. Joint hike with the Highland Rim chapter. Hikers may want to

turn back at the halfway point for a 6 mile hike. This Thursday hike is on the beautiful new Laurel Woods trail that accesses the rugged back country of Beaman Park. There will be plenty of ridge tops, switchbacks down to and back up from several creek crossings. Be sure to bring plenty of food and water. We'll see some early wildflowers as well. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

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Mar 13 - "Pick a Park" series. Tims Ford State Park. Lost Creek Overlook Trail and Marble Plains Loop. 3.5 miles. Easy to moderate. The Lost Creek Overlook trail has two suspension bridges and connects to the Marble Plains Loop trail. The Marble Plains Loop trail meets the paved Overlook Trail. Leashed dogs welcome. Meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 am CT. Please register in case of foul weather cancellation. Contact Jeanne Conatser at 615-971-8894 or djconatser@comcast.net.

Mar 16 – Percy Warner Park Mossy Ridge Trail. Nashville. 4.5 miles. Moderate due to the uneven terrain and several ascents and descents along the way. The trail leaves from the Deep Well trailhead and winds through rich hollows and dry ridges of Harpeth Hills. We'll be on the lookout for early wildflowers. We will meet at 10:00 am CT at the Deep Well trailside kiosk. Directions: From the point where TN 100 begins at US 70 near the Belle Meade Post Office, head west on TN 100 1.7 miles to the large stone gates on the left that mark the Deep Well entrance of Percy Warner Park. Turn left from TN 100 and pass through the gates, staying right when the road splits and reach the Deep Well trailhead parking at 0.6 miles. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Mar 20 – Cumberland Trail. Black Mountain to Ozone Falls. Crossville. 6 miles. Moderate. This Grassy Cove Segment of the Cumberland Trail from Black Mountain south to Ozone Falls was completed in 2020. There are beautiful mountaintop views from Black Mountain and then a spectacular waterfall at the end at Ozone Falls. This trail has a nice grade, switchbacks and rock steps leading up from the falls. A shuttle (masks required) will be necessary to start at Black Mountain. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Mar 27 – Bowie Nature Park. Fairview. 5 to 6 miles. Easy. We will visit Bowie Nature Park, which is nestled on 700 acres in Fairview, TN. There are over 17 miles of trails and small lakes, cemeteries and plenty of forest. We will hike the Perimeter Trail, 4.4 miles and will go in between different trails to see small lakes and other scenery. The flowers should be making an appearance. We will meet at the Visitor Center at Bowie at 9:30 am. We will also carpool (individual cars) from Murfreesboro. We will leave from the 840 Park N Ride on Broad Street at 8:15 am. Bring water, snacks, camera and hiking poles. This will be a LEISURELY walk. For information or to sign up please contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

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BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Mar 12 - Ashland City Bicentennial Greenway/Trail. Eagle Pass section. Ashland City TN. 5+ miles. Easy. We will hike the Eagle Pass section of the Bicentennial Trail to the Cheatham Dam Campground and back. This section is unpaved and has wonderful views of the Cumberland River. Along the way we will look for signs of some very early wildflowers, like bloodroot, hepatica, spring beauty, and harbinger of spring. When we get to the campground there is a short trail to the top of a bluff where we will rest for a snack and take in the view of the river. Please come dressed for the variable weather we have in March. This means, possible mud (hiking boots), drizzle (rain gear/rain cancels), light snow or ice covering (hiking poles), OR bright sunshine (sunglasses/sunscreen/hat). Bring a snack and water. For more information and to register contact Nancy Juodenas at 615-319-8811 or njlj1011@gmail.com.

Mar 19 – Picket State Park/Pogue Creek Canyon. Moderate for terrain and length. 10 miles. Joint hike with Highland Rim Chapter. We'll depart from Arch Lake in Pickett Civilian Conservation Corps Memorial State Park and hike segments of its Ridge and Moccasin Rock trails through Picket State Forest and Wildlife Management Area. We'll continue into Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area and onto the Mesa Top and Upper Canyon trails. We'll see spectacularly varied geologic features that include rock houses, arches, mesas, and overlooks. We'll return via a similar but slightly different route. Brings snacks, plenty of water, and pack a lunch for the trail. Register with Mark for meetup location, details, and updates: mark.hubbard@mhhub.us, 615-715-1517. *Alternate date for inclement weather: Friday, March 26.*

Mar 20 – Rock Creek Loop in Big South Fork. Moderately strenuous for terrain, length and final ascent. 7.2 miles. Joint hike with Highland Rim Chapter. We'll descend to the rocky, mossy banks of Massey Branch and Rock Creek passing below bluffs and along the remains of the Stearns logging railway. Much of the route is concurrent with the John Muir and Sheltolee Trace trails. Brings snacks, plenty of water, and pack a lunch for the trail. Register with Mark for meetup location, details, and updates: midtnhiker@mhhub.us or 615-669-3221. *Alternate date for inclement weather: Saturday, March 27.*

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Come take a GUIDED hike with us. We offer a short 5 mile or less and a long 8 +/- mile hike every Wednesday and two Saturdays a month. For additional information contact the hike coordinator plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org. For a list of monthly hikes, visit the Plateau Chapter website. Check the blog one hour prior to hike time for cancellation or for any other updates/changes to our schedule before hiking. **Instead of carpooling to trailheads our hikers may opt to drive themselves.**

Mar 3 - East Lakeshore Trail, Greenback, TN, Lotterdale 3.9 mi and Sinking Creek 4.4 mi Sections along the Little Tennessee River. New to us. Requires shuttles. Long hike is 8.3 miles thru hike. Short hike is 3.9 mi thru hike. Depart 8 am CT from Dorton United Methodist Church, 3405 Hwy 70 East, Crossville, TN. Gas is \$6. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Mar 6 - Bear Den, Grassy Cove, TN. This is newly acquired State land without designated trails. John Ford, Grassy Cove resident and Chapter member will lead the hike. Short hike: This is a moderate to strenuous 4-6 mile in/out hike. Long hike: 12 moderate to strenuous miles with a 1300ft elevation gain. First and last mile will be off trail. Going up will be really steep, we will be going by a really nice Karst sink and waterfall if it's been raining a lot it has a good flow of water. Most of this will be on the 1000 acres that was bought by the State. From the top you can see around 120 miles, because you can see off in both directions, John thinks it's the best view in Cumberland County. Pack water, snacks and lunch. Depart at 8 am CT from Central Baptist Church, 1346 S Main St, Crossville, TN. Gas cost \$2.00.

Mar 10 - CT McGill Section, Graysville, TN. We'll start from the Roaring Creek Trailhead. Short hike is 4.8 mi in/out to the bridge. Long hike is 8 mi in/out on a newly completed trail called the Trail of a Thousand Overlooks. Depart 8 am CT from Central Baptist Church, 1346 S Main St, Crossville, TN. Gas is \$6. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Mar 17 - CT Devil's Breakfast Table to Peavine Section, Hebbertsburg, TN. Shuttle required for this hike. Short hike: 4 moderate miles from Devil's Breakfast Table to the 1st overlook and back. Long hike: 7 moderate miles thru hike. Non-FFG hikers depart from VF Outlet Mall west parking lot on Interstate Dr, Crossville at 8 am CT. FFG hikers meet in FFG at the 4-Way STOP at 8:15 am CT, where they will meet the hikers from Crossville. Gas cost \$2. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Plateau Chapter – con't.

Mar 20 - CT Graysville Mountain Section, Graysville, TN. Long hike is 6 mile in/out moderate to strenuous. Starting from the Roaring Creek trailhead to Hell's Kitchen (climbers trail) to a maze of giant boulders. OR alternate moderate to strenuous hike of 8 mi in/out on the CT to an old mining area, a seasonal waterfall, and to Cranmore Cove Overlook with a spectacular view overlooking Roaring Creek, the town of Graysville and Cranmore Valley. Short hike is 3.5 in/out easy along Roaring Creek. Depart 8 am CT from Central Baptist Church, 1346 S Main St, Crossville, TN. Gas is \$6. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Mar 24 - Fall Creek Falls State Park near Pikeville, TN. Short Hike: 4 moderate miles on the Woodland, Overlook and Paw Paw Trails. Long Hike: 4.6 moderate miles Woodland, Overlook and Paw Paw Trails plus the strenuous Base Trail to the bottom of the falls. Depart 8 am CT Central Baptist Church, 1346 S Main St, Crossville, TN. Carpool cost is \$6. Pack water, snacks and we will eat lunch at Scotties in downtown Pikeville.

Mar 31 - Big South Fork, Burnt Mill Bridge Loop, Allardt, TN. Our hike will be the Burnt Mill Bridge loop about 5 miles with moderate terrain. Depart 8 am CT from the Cracker Barrel's rear lot in Crossville. Carpool cost is \$6. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch. Contact the hike leader, Curt Thomas, 931-260-2140 for more information.

Meet the New Logo

Tennessee Trails has a new logo! The Communications Committee felt that with the new website, an updated logo would better represent the Association's vision for the future. Notice that people are the center of the design. The core of Tennessee Trails is hikers, hike leaders, trail builders, chapter officers and countless other local and state volunteers. The trail in the design reminds us of the thousands of dollars that TTA has given through Evan Means Grants to local communities for trail development throughout the years. The light green mountains remind us of local trails and the dark green mountains remind us of the Cumberland Trail and its rich history of support from TTA. The trees represent the Tulip Poplar, the state tree of Tennessee. The Tennessee state outline and the year TTA was founded remind us of our traditional logo and our founders, Evan Means, Mack Pritchard, and Bob Brown. The TTA Board of Directors approved this new design with its tribute to the past and exciting outlook for the future.



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

Mar 2 - Short hike: Sherwood Forest Day Loop and Natural Bridge SNA. 2.4 miles. easy. Rock formations, multiple beautiful views, natural bridges. **Longer hike added to short hike: Buggytop Trail to Lost Cove Cave. 3.7 miles. Moderate but steep toward the bottom, 900' elevation gain.** Great views, huge cave entrance (cannot enter due to hibernating bats). Located south of Sewanee TN. Join caravan at 8:30 am at the parking lot on the far side of LaQuinta Inn, which is to the right at Exit 175 off I-24. Driving time from LaQuinta: less than an hour. Register with Trish Appleton, 423-240-3443 or appleton-p2@comcast.net. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water and snacks, lunch for the longer hike.

Mar 6 - Oswald Dome trail. 7.6 miles in & out. Moderate to strenuous. Elevation gain 2,276 ft. Fine views, nice rock formations, a good workout. Located near the Hiwassee River and Reliance, TN. Meet at Food City in Ooltewah to join the caravan at 8:30 am. Driving time from Food City: 1.5 hr. Register with Tammy Hendrick at 315-949-8187. Dress appropriately for the weather; bring water, snacks, and lunch.

Mar 9 - Benton Falls trail. 3 miles in & out. Easy to moderate. Waterfalls and a nice trail. Located on Chilhowee Mountain in the Cherokee National Forest, just north of the Ocoee River. Meet at Food City in Ooltewah to join the caravan at 8:30 am. Driving time from Food City: about 1 hr. Register with hike leader Betsy Darken, 423-718-2060 (text or call). Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water and snacks.

Mar 13 - Virgin Falls Trail. 9 miles out-and-back. Strenuous with about 1400' of elevation gain. One and a half hours from Soddy-Daisy, near Sparta TN. Meet at Durham St., Soddy-Daisy, to join a caravan at 8:00 am, or at 9:45 am at the trailhead. This is a really interesting and rugged hike with creeks and several waterfalls that demonstrate that Tennessee is hollow—water keeps disappearing into the ground! Register with hike leader Betsy Darken, 423-718-2060. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water, snacks, and lunch.

Soddy-Daisy Chapter – con't.

Mar 16 – Fort Mountain State Park, Chatsworth, Georgia. Gahuti Loop Trail. 8 miles. Moderate. Meet at 9:00 am ET at the Cool Springs Overlook on Old Fort Road inside Fort Mountain State Park. We will enjoy vistas of the Cohutta Mountains, overlooks and waterfalls. Please register with hike leader Joan Hartvigsen, jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-636-2914.

Mar 20 - Short hike: Live Wire 2 trail. 4.4 miles out & back. 560' elevation gain. Easy to moderate. Longer hike: keep on going up on the contiguous Live Wire 1 trail to the top of Raccoon Mountain, maybe 4 more miles out & back. Moderate to strenuous. Views of the Tennessee River which get better and better on the longer trail. Raccoon Mountain, TN. Join caravan at 8:30 am at the parking lot on the far side of LaQuinta Inn, which is to the right at Exit 175 off I-24. Driving time from LaQuinta: 10 minutes. Register with hike leader Betsy Darken, 423-718-2060. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water, snacks, and lunch.

Mar 23 - Shakerag Hollow. 2.5 miles in & out. Moderate. 740' elevation gain. Wildflowers (we think)! Located in Sewanee TN. Join caravan at 8:30 am at the parking lot on the far side of LaQuinta Inn, which is to the right off I-24 Exit 175. Driving time from LaQuinta: less than an hour. Register with hike leader Tom McElhone 805-208-4654 or sarmitta@yahoo.com. Dress appropriately for the weather; bring water and snacks.

Mar 30 - Sitton Gulch trail. 3-5 miles out & back. Easy to moderate, depending on your turnaround point. A well-maintained trail, three spectacular waterfalls, a rushing whitewater creek, looming cliffs, and lots of wildflowers (we hope). What more could you ask for? Starts in Trenton GA and heads up into Cloudland Canyon SP. Register with Marti and Roy Owensby, 423-386-5222, sewmarti@aol.com. Dress appropriately for the weather, bring water and snacks.



Marietta Poteet, TTA Highland Rim Chapter member, checks a custom milepost marker on the Fiery Gizzard Trail in South Cumberland State Park. In August 2020 TTA awarded an Evan Means Grant to the Friends of South Cumberland for a project to install custom mileage-marker medallions on all South Cumberland State Park trails over one mile in length. Medallions have been installed in half mile increments, with two sets, one set each displayed in both directions. The Park has over 100 miles of trail. The project is over 70% completed.

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Mar 10 - Springfield Greenway. 4.2 miles. Easy. All flat and paved, mostly along Sulphur Fork Creek, 2.1 miles each way from the Garner Street Park trailhead, 210 North Garner St., Springfield (good restrooms at both ends of trail). Meet to caravan at Glenbrook Kroger, 1010 Glenbrook Way, Hendersonville at 9 am, or meet us at 10 am at the trailhead. Contact John Thomas, 925-759-0517, johnndt@sbcglobal.net, or Donna Thomas, 925-759-0518, donnamt2@sbcglobal.net.

Mar 18 - History Hike. 1 mile. Easy. Historian Mark Zimmerman will lead us on a tour of Fort Negley in Nashville. We will start by watching a video at the visitor center. Then Mark will lead us on a tour of the fort, stopping along the way to fill us in about the Civil War history and the battle of Nashville during the war. Meet for caravanning at First Presbyterian Church parking lot, 172 W. Main Street in Hendersonville at 11:15 am CT (The fort is only open noon to 4 pm this time of year). Mark has written several books on historic Nashville and suggests listening to podcast at: <https://nashville-daily.simplecast.com/episodes/episode-407>. And possible book purchase at: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0985869224>. You might want have lunch before the hike, or bring lunch or snacks. You won't need your boots or hiking poles for this one. For further info contact Owl at ballallenger@aol.com or call/text at 615-454-7673.

Mar 25 - Sanders Ferry Park Stroll. Approx 1 mile. Please meet at 10 am at the Sanders Ferry Park Boat Ramp parking lot (513 Sanders Ferry Rd, Hendersonville, TN). We will stroll the easy, flat loop around the park, sometimes along the paved park road and some of the time meandering onto the grassy trails along the beautiful waterfront. This park has a lot to offer as it hosts disc golfers, boaters, fishing and an RC airplane site as well. Join us for this easy stroll as we explore around the park. Dogs on leash are welcome. Contact Jenny Fitzgerald at 615-517-8185 or mrzfitz@gmail.com with any questions.

Mar 31 - Hidden Lake Trail, Harpeth River State Park. 1.9 Miles. Easy to moderate. This trail has one steep but short hill. This is a loop trail that starts out in a meadow and winds its way into the woods along the ridge to the ridgetop and to the hidden lake with overlooks along the way. Water and hiking poles are recommended. There is no bathroom at the trailhead. After the short hike, we will drive about 3 miles to the historic site of Newsome Mills. We will meet at the Glenbrook Kroger at 9:00 am to caravan to the trailhead off exit 192 to Hwy 70, Kingston Springs, TN 37887. For more information or if you are meeting us at the trailhead, please contact Judy Jenkins at judy_jenkins@comcast.net or 615-403-0002.

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(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Please check online calendar for updates.

TTA Website Update

Our new website offers an updated Membership page and secure access to your TTA account details. When you first pull up the TTA website, you will see a new Login option at the upper right. Once logged in, you will see two new Menu items: Members Area and Account.

From the **Members Area**, you can access:

- A list of the Association Leadership
- All TTA Newsletters to date
- TTA Bylaws and Conflict of Interest form (for Board Members)
- Coming soon: TTA Directory
- Coming soon: Annual Meeting information

From the **Account** area, you can:

- Review and update your personal information, including:
 - Name, address, phone number, email address
 - Privacy and Newsletter delivery preferences
 - Membership status and expiration date
- Change your password
- Renew your subscription

You should have received an email from the TTA Webmaster with a link to the Login page, as well as your user name and a way to set your password.

If you have any questions, contact webmaster@tennesseetrails.org.

You are encouraged to use this new benefit from TTA!

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2021 TTA Board of Directors Meetings

All members are invited to attend board meetings
Contact Libby Francis for the link to join Zoom meetings

Tuesday, May 4, 6 PM Zoom Video
Conference

Tuesday, Aug 3, 6 PM Zoom Video
Conference

Sunday, Oct 24, Time TBD Montgomery Bell State
Park

Board of Directors Update

Our 2019-2021 Tennessee Trails' President, Mary Etta Ward has resigned this January, 2021, due to health and work concerns. She is proud of the work TTA has done with its support of local chapters, promotion of Evan Means grants and development of its new website. She is confident the association will continue to move in a positive direction.

Libby Francis was elected by the Board of Directors to serve as TTA President for 2021 to fill this vacancy. She is excited to be serving once again in this capacity and looks forward to meeting and hiking with as many chapters as possible. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Annual Meeting at Montgomery Bell (we hope). Duane Frichtl was elected to serve as an At-Large Director and as the Board Vice President. He previously served as the Sumner Trails Chapter Board Representative. Welcome Libby and Duane!

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.

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For privacy, please do not list the following in the TTA Annual Membership Directory

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☐ Mailing address
☐ Telephone numbers

☐ I would like to receive my newsletter by mail.

Please list me with the following chapter:

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___ East TN (Oak Ridge/Knoxville)	___ Plateau (Crossville)
___ Highland Rim (Manchester/Tullahoma)	___ Soddy Daisy
___ Jackson	___ Sumner Trails (Sumner County)
___ Memphis	___ Upper Cumberland (Sparta/Cookeville)
___	___ At Large

When you become a TTA member, you will receive: (1) TTA's Annual Membership Directory and Hiking Handbook, listing members by chapter and how to reach them and including 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. 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 hikes or functions.
Not a member yet? Please check out one of our hikes or meetings soon!