

TENNESSEE TRAILS



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

*We are hikers and advocates that have helped to build, maintain,
and promote the responsible use of Tennessee trails since 1968.*

SUPPORTING THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL

SAVE THE DATE - 2022 TTA ANNUAL MEETING

The East Tennessee and Soddy Daisy Chapters will host the TTA Annual Meeting November 4 - 6, 2022 at Glenstone Lodge, 504 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

Lodging: Glenstone Lodge has recently been renovated. A block of rooms will be held until October 5, 2022. Individuals can make online reservations by going to <https://bit.ly/3N338qU> or call 800 362-9522. Dial 1 for individual reservations and identify yourself with Tennessee Trails Association at the time of reservation. Reservations requires the first night's room/tax at the time of reservation with remaining balance due upon check-in.

Meals: The lodge restaurant is closed. Meals will be catered and must be ordered on registration form. The Lodge is in walking distance of several restaurants.

Menu for catered meals:

Friday Dinner-Buffer Style

Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork (Barbecue sauce on the side)
Pulled Chicken (Barbecue sauce on the side)
Baked Bean, Potato Salad, Potato Chips
Tea (Sweet and Unsweetened), Lemonade

Sack Lunch

Sandwich (select Turkey or Cheese)
Chips, Health Bar, Cookie

Saturday Dinner-Buffer Style

Sliced Sirloin, Asiago Bacon Chicken
Fresh Garden Salad and Dressings
Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes
Tea-Sweet Iced

Saturday and Sunday Breakfasts-Buffer Style

Bacon (2 slices), Sausage
Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits-Sawmill Gravy, Butter, and Jelly
Home Fried Potatoes,
Orange Juice, Coffee (Regular or Decaf)

Campgrounds:

Greenbrier Campground – 2353 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN (Approximately 7.8 mi from Glenstone Lodge) 865 430-7415.

Pigeon Forge RV Resort – 1111 Wears Valley Rd., Pigeon Forge, TN (Approximately 11.5 mi from Glenstone Lodge) 865 428-5841.

Elkmont Campground - 434 Elkmont Rd., Gatlinburg, TN. (Approximately 9.1 mi from Glenstone Lodge) 877 444-6777.

Hikes: Hikes will be near Gatlinburg.

Annual Membership Meeting: TTA members in attendance will receive reports about the status of the Tennessee Trails Association and its chapters and they will elect TTA Board Members for the 2023 Calendar Year.

Fundraising: Live Auction, Silent Auction, White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, TTA Logo T-shirt available by order on registration form (see next page for T-shirt design). Funds received will go toward the Evan Means Grant Program. Forms for soliciting auction items will be forwarded to all Chapter Chairs in June.

Members of the East Tennessee and Soddy Daisy Chapters are looking forward to hosting hikers from across Tennessee.



Shirts are unisex and 100% polyester and are moisture wicking, stain release, and odor resistant. Color is sand with green logos. Prices are on registration form.

ANNUAL MEETING HIKES

FRIDAY

Chimney Tops. Moderate. 3.3 miles
Rainbow Falls. Moderate. 5.1 miles
Baskins Creek Falls. Moderate. 3.1 miles

SATURDAY

Mt. Cammerer. Difficult. 11.9 miles.
Meigs Creek. Moderate. 6.5 miles.
Peregrine Peak via Alum Gap. Moderate. 4.5 miles.
Ramsey Cascades. Difficult. 8.1 miles
Maddron Bald to Albright Grove. Moderate. 6.7 miles
Little River Trail & Cucumber Trail. Moderate. 5.4 miles.
Old Sugarlands. Moderate. 7.5 miles.
Porter Creek. 6.0 miles. Moderate.
Sugarlands Mtn. 6.0 miles. Moderate.
Cove Mtn. 7.7 miles. Difficult.
Grotto Falls. 5.5 miles. Moderate.
Charlie's Bunion. 8.0 miles. Difficult.
Middle Prong. 6.5 miles. Moderate.
Injun Creek. 6.5 miles. Moderate.

SUNDAY

Chimney Tops. Moderate/Difficult. 4.0 miles.
Alum Cave Trail. Moderate. 4.4 miles.
Middle Prong. Easy. 4 miles.
Rainbow Falls. Moderate. 5.1 miles.
Deep Creek Loop. Moderate. 3.9 miles.
Charlie's Bunion. Moderate. 8.0 miles

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The TTA Awards Committee is calling for nominations for awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting at Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg early November 2022. Please forward your nominee's name, the award for which you are nominating the individual or organization, and a brief description listing accomplishments, to Duane Frichtl, the committee chair by July 10th. His email address is vicepresident@tennesseetrails.org. Following are the descriptions of each award.

The Tennessee Trails Award recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of individuals and organizations to the furtherance of TTA's objectives. This award is not necessarily presented each year and may recognize either individual members, nonmembers, or organizations.

The Bill Stutz Award honors the memory of Bill Stutz, a much beloved hiker who played an active role in the early days of TTA. The award is to be presented to an active hiker and TTA member for his or her individual contribution to the Association or to one of its chapters.

The Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award honors the extraordinary lifetime leadership and personal contributions of Bob Brown to hiking and conservation in the State of Tennessee. TTA may present this award from time to time to others for similar lifetime leadership and contributions.

The Mack Prichard Environmental Award is a tribute to Mack Prichard, one of the founders of the Tennessee Trails Association and the Tennessee State Naturalist, Emeritus. It is presented from time to time to an individual for their outstanding leadership, contributions, and achievements in sharing their knowledge about environmental and conservation issues, specifically relating to trails and hiking in Tennessee.

**2022 Annual Meeting
November 4-6
Glenstone Lodge
504 Historic Nature Trail
Gatlinburg, TN 37388**

**REGISTRATION FORM
DUE ON OR BEFORE
October 5, 2022**

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

Name:		Name:		Name:	
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:	
Telephone – Day:	Night:	Email:		Chapter:	

Lodging reservation and payment will need to be arranged by you directly with Glenstone Lodge. A block of Inn Rooms will be held until October 5, 2022. Individuals can make online reservations by visiting <https://bit.ly/3N338qU> or call 800-362-9522. Dial 1 for individual reservation and identify yourself with Tennessee Trails Assn. at the time of reservation. Individual reservation requires the first night's room/tax at the time of reservation with remaining balance due upon check-in.

CAMPING – Call direct to make reservations:

Greenbrier Campground, Gatlinburg, TN
Pigeon Forge RV Resort, Pigeon Forge, TN
Elkmont Campground, Gatlinburg, TN

865-430-7415 (Approx 7.8 miles to Glenstone Lodge)
865-428-5841 (Approx 11.5 miles to Glenstone Lodge)
877-444-6777 (Approx 9.1 miles to Glenstone Lodge)

MEALS (Vegetarian meal available upon request)

*See Menu for each meal on TTA website and in newsletter.

Dinner – Friday	# of people _____ x \$15.00pp	\$
Dinner – Saturday	# of people _____ x \$15.00pp	\$
Breakfast – Saturday	# of people _____ x \$12.00pp	\$
Breakfast – Sunday	# of people _____ x \$12.00pp	\$
SACK LUNCH	SATURDAY - Turkey or Cheese	# of people _____ x \$10.00pp \$
<i>(circle selection)</i>	SUNDAY - Turkey or Cheese	# of people _____ x \$10.00pp \$
MEAL COSTS TOTAL:		\$

Order your T-Shirts here (Circle your choices) Shirts are unisex and 100% polyeseter, moisture wicking, stain release and odor resistant

Short sleeve: Small Medium Large XLarge (\$20) XXLarge (\$22) XXXLarge (\$24)	# of shirts _____ x \$ _____	\$
Long Sleeves: Small Medium Large XLarge (\$23) XXLarge (\$25) XXXLarge (\$27)	# of shirts _____ x \$ _____	\$
TOTAL:		\$

RESERVATION FEE PER PERSON

of people _____ X \$30 = Total _____

TOTAL DUE (registration, meals, T-shirts)

Total Due \$ _____

Please make check payable to East Tennessee Chapter of Tennessee Trails Association

Mail to: Rosemary Marshall
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Knoxville, TN 37912

Any questions: Call Rosie Marshall 865-985-9144 or rosemary_L@hotmail.com

Deadline for registration October 5, 2022. No refunds after October 5, 2022. Cancellations must be in writing.

Evan Means Grant Awarded to Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park

Located in Castalian Springs in Sumner County, Tennessee, this Park preserves the site of the settlement founded by Isaac Bledsoe in 1780 as a frontier fort and its trails are open to the public year-round. The awarded funds went toward creating the new Abram Hiking Trail. The volunteers officially opened this new trail and led the 'First Day' hike on Saturday, April 2, 2022. This day corresponded to the county's seasonal opening of the many Historic Sites and Museums in the county and brought many visitors. Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park itself has several historically significant sites worth visiting. These include the 18th century Rogan Irish-style Stone Cottage, the Nathaniel Parker Cabin (Longhunter and Explorer), the Horace Hunley cabin (boyhood home of famed engineer who created the first hand-powered submarine used during the Civil War), the outline of the original 1780s Bledsoe Fort and more! A visit to this historic site and its available 3 miles of trails will certainly be worth your time. They are located at 2895 Hartsville Pike, Castalian Springs, TN and are open from sunrise to sunset. It is operated as a passive park.

Many thanks to Joan Hartvigsen and the Grant committee for worthy projects like these! And thank you for supporting the Tennessee Trails Association with your membership fees so the Evan Means Grants can continue to fund the building and maintenance of Trails all across our State! Pictured are Evan Means Grant committee member Jenny Fitzgerald on left, and Sumner Trails member and Trail work volunteer Wayne Drown fifth from the left. <https://bledsoesfort.org/>



Evan Means Grant Program

TTA's Board of Directors accepts Evan Means Grant submissions at quarterly board meetings. The grants support special volunteer projects that are compatible with the chartered objectives of TTA: promoting and developing a system of hiking trails in Tennessee. Remaining deadlines for 2022 are July 2 and October 1.

All chapters are encouraged to look within their local area, identify a special trail or park project, request and submit a formal grant application. Grant requests less than \$1,000 are encouraged. However, if a project requires additional grant money, considerations will be made. Guidelines and applications can be found on the TTA website at www.tennesseetrails.org, under "Get Involved".

The Evan Means Grant Program was established in February 1999 to honor Evan Means - journalist, author, conservationist, hiker, trail builder, originator of the Cumberland Trail, and co-founder of the Tennessee Trails Association. Mr. Means won countless awards for his work over the years to protect Tennessee's natural resources and beauty, as well as for his dedication to projects that allow hikers to enjoy this natural beauty.

Carpool Etiquette

Gasoline prices have continued to roller coaster up and down. Please be considerate and take your turn as a carpool driver. If you are a rider, always contribute to the cost of gasoline (i.e. bring small bills, it'll save time and prevent the inconvenience of having to stop to locate change).

Your driver is not a chauffeur. Assist him or her by reading the map and/or directions to the trailhead. Help your driver remain alert on the drive home by staying awake and conversing.

All passengers must wear seat belts to minimize the risk of injury in case of an accident!!! The drive to and from a trailhead is generally the most dangerous part of any hiking trip.



Cumberland Trails Conference

Office Location: 409 Thurman Avenue, Ste 102
Crossville, TN 38555
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8 AM – 3 PM CT
Phone: 931-456-6259
Office Staff: Savana Keeton
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Website: www.cumberlandtrail.org

The Cumberland Trails Conference trail crew continues to work in the Upper Piney section near Spring City, TN. This month our trail crew has completed 1,970 feet of trail! They have put in 148 rock steps and pavers which will help hikers navigate the steep gorge and boulder fields that line the Piney Creek gorge. We have added several new faces to our crew! Justin Justice and John Johnson have been hard at work learning the art of trail building with our experienced trail crew. If you know anyone interested in being a part of our trail crew, we have open positions! Email your resume to ctcoffice2014@gmail.com.

The Cumberland Trails Conference (CTC) will be attending the Friday at the Crossroads event in Crossville, TN on June 3rd. This event is located in Downtown Crossville where our office is located. During the Friday at the Crossroads events, businesses stay open later in the evening and you can find live music, food vendors, craftspeople, art, and activities for the kids. The CTC will also be attending the Tri-State Outdoors Festival in Cumberland Gap, TN. This event is located in Downtown Cumberland Gap which is near the northern terminus of The Cumberland Trail. The Tri-State Outdoors Fest will provide you with the opportunity to see representatives from local parks and outdoor agencies, live music, shop from regional outdoor vendors, and attend workshops and guided hikes throughout the day.

We are continuing to hold monthly volunteer weekend events. We typically have our volunteer events on the second weekend of every month. If you would like to be a part of these events keep an eye out on our social media pages and our website. We regularly update our pages with the information and registration for these events. Come leave your mark on the Cumberland Trail by helping us build the beautiful Upper Piney section!

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(call Paul & volunteer to lead an outing)

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

Jun 1 - Erin Rails to Trails, out and back. 4.5 total miles. Paved, easy. We will eat lunch somewhere in Erin, or bring your own lunch; meet 9:00. CT am, BigLots parking area, Riverside Drive, Clarksville. 26 miles to trailhead. Contact: Suva Bastin 931-645-2849.

Jun 11 - Maintenance on LBL, NS. 8.2 miles. Moderate. Requires car shuttle. We will do our assigned trail maintenance on LBL, NS trail from the South Checking Station to Tharp Road. We will need garbage bags, small saws and pruning shears. Meet 8:00 am CT, at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 35 miles to trailhead. Contact Mike Covey 608-206-9850.

Jun 18 - Walls of Jericho Trail, out and back. 8.1 total miles. Difficult. The trail is on natural turf in the woods. The lower quarter of a mile may be slick. Trekking poles are recommended. Bring your lunch. The "Walls" are made from limestone and resemble a large bowl-shaped amphitheater. There is a beautiful hidden waterfall. Dogs are allowed if on a leash. Bring your lunch. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 new commuter parking lot. 154 miles to trailhead. Contact Ryan Dowdy 615-925-1796.

Jun 21 - Monthly Chapter Meeting. Meet 6:00 pm CT, at Wade Bourne Nature Center, 2308 Rotary Park Dr, Clarksville. Potluck supper. Bring your own drinks. Contact Paula Sanders 954-993-5541 or Suva Bastin 931-645-2849.

Jun 25 - Long Hunter SP, Day Loop Trail. 4.5 miles. Moderate. The trail is on natural turf in the woods. There are a lot of views of Percy Priest Lake. Dogs are allowed if on a leash. Bring you lunch. Meet 8:00 am Exit 11 new commuter parking lot. 62 miles to trailhead. Contact Paul Schwab 931-801-9484.

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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.

Jun 4 - National Trails Day. Hike with a Ranger. Pick your park, contact some friends, and hike somewhere you've never been or somewhere you have always wanted to hike. The Tennessee State Parks want you to have a memorable day. Pick a park, discover a new natural area OR simply hike with a ranger at one of your most memorable sites. Check out the Tennessee State Park website for more information. To find a park: *tnstateparks.com*.

Jun 7 - Chapter Quarterly Meeting. 6 pm social hour and 7 pm meeting time. Meeting place: Barnabas Center behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin - 506 Fair Street. **ONLY VACCINATED PARTIES WILL BE ADMITTED** per St. Paul's rules. If you have problems locating the meeting site, just contact either Marvin Caine or Jane Coffey. We will discuss the summer hiking schedule hoping for more input from all interested hikers.

Jun 18 - Montgomery Bell State Park. 9 am. Located only 40 minutes from downtown Nashville, TN in Dickson County, Montgomery Bell State Park serves as a natural oasis for local city dwellers and a peaceful vacation destination for travelers. Three lakes are nestled into the 3,850-acre park and provide visitors the opportunity to soak up the sun on their swim beach shores and paddle the calm waters. The park was once the center of the iron industry in Middle Tennessee. The park's namesake, Montgomery Bell, formed one of the largest iron industries in Tennessee. Iron was once thought to be more valuable than gold and was a very lucrative industry at the time. If we are hungry after the hike, we may want to try lunch at the newly remodeled restaurant and kick back with a craft beer at the same time. Details to be determined at quarterly meeting on June 7.

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Jun 4 - Cove Lake State Park. In celebration of National Trails Day, we will enjoy a brisk walk around Cove Lake. There is another trail through the woods that we may decide to do also. We could very well get 2 miles in and around Cove Lake area before we start to grill our Burgers and Dogs. All food will be provided but you are welcome to bring your most memorable hiking stories to share. For those who want to carpool, we will meet at 9:00 am in the Ingles parking lot on Cedar Lane close to the Merchants Road Exit off I-75 North. We should arrive at Cove Lake by 10:00 am. Preregistration is advised. Contact Rosie 865-985-9144 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

Jun 18 - Cherohala Parkway. We will begin our hike at Huckleberry Knob trailhead. This part of the hike is very scenic with a nice overlook. There is very little woods but a nice meadow descends to a highway crossing. We'll hike on Hooper Bald until it ends. On a clear day, we can see forever. Both trails are in and out and should give us about 5.5 miles. For those who want to carpool, we will meet at Denny's Restaurant off the Watt Road Exit off I-75 South at 8:00 am. We may stop at Tellico Grain Co for their delicious pastries. We should arrive at Huckleberry Knob trailhead by 10:00 am. Preregistration is required. Contact Rosie 865-985-9144 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

Jun 25 - Big Ridge State Park. This park has over 15 miles of hiking trails, but we will settle for only 5 miles on this Saturday in late June. We will begin our hike at the Lake Trail adjacent to the park Office. After about 1 mile we will cross the lake to get to the other side and pick up the same trail. Another mile will get us to Snodderly Cemetery and then to Ghost House trail. We should then connect to the Big Valley trail which will take us to the Grist Mill where we will find our shuttle car. A short drive will get us to the park Office and to our cars. For those who want to carpool, we will meet at 9:00 am at the Ingles parking lot on Cedar Lane at the Merchants Road Exit off I-75 North. We should arrive at the park Office by 10:00 am. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Rosie at 865-985-9144 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

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(Coffee and Franklin Counties)

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(contact Tom & volunteer to lead an outing)
MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Monday

Jun 7 - Grundy Forest Day Loop and Lone Rock Loop around Grundy Lakes, South Cumberland State Park, Tracy City. Moderate due to some rough footing. 3.5 miles. Meet at the Grundy Forest Day Loop Trailhead at 8:30 am CT/9:30 am ET. Address: 131 Fiery Gizzard Road, Tracy City, TN. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring hiking sticks, water and lunch. We will enjoy our lunch at one of the picnic tables overlooking Grundy Lakes. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. We will see giant hemlocks, waterfalls and cascades and the junction of the Big and Little Fiery Gizzard Creeks. We will also enjoy views of Grundy Lakes and see the historical coke ovens built in 1883.

Jun 12 – Tennessee River Gorge Paddle. 8 miles. Suck Creek boat ramp to Raccoon Mountain boat ramp, Marion County, TN. Joint event with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Meet at the Suck Creek Boat Ramp, 1900 Suck Creek Road, Chattanooga at 8 am CT to arrange a vehicle shuttle to our take out at Raccoon Mountain boat ramp. This paddle passes through Prentice Cooper State Forest. We will see Bald Eagles, Osprey, turtles and otters. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. Bring a lot of water, snacks, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen. Please wear your PFD.

Jun 14 – May Prairie State Natural Area Field Trip, Manchester. Easy. Dennis Horn will be our expert guide for this special trip. Dennis is a charter member of the Tennessee Native Plant Society and an editor of the field guide “Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians”. Meet at 9:00 am CT at the Asbury Road Parking Lot. Directions: From I-24 take the Manchester Exit 114. Proceed south on US 41 away from Manchester for approximately one mile. May Prairie is on the north side of US 41 across from an auto salvage business. A small parking area for the Natural Area is on Asbury Road on the right about one and a half miles off US 41. Wear long pants and waterproof hiking boots. Bring a lot of water, snacks, insect repellent, sun screen and a camera. May Prairie is one of the State’s most floristically diverse natural areas with 25 of its more than 300 plant species that occur here considered rare in Tennessee. We should see Mock Bishop’s Weed, Coppery Saint Johnswort, Marsh Pea, Swamp Candles and more. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914.

Highland Rim Chapter – con’t.

Jun 17 - Big Creek Rim and Greeter Falls Hike, South Cumberland State Park, Altamont, TN. 5.5 miles. Easy to moderate. Marietta Poteet will lead an easy to moderate hike on Big Creek Rim Trail from Stone Door to Greeter Falls. We will see many wonderful views of the Big Creek Gorge. We will also be able to see the tremendous improvements to the Greeter Falls Trail made by South Cumberland State Park Trails Committee with funding from Tennessee Trails Association. We will go to Blue Hole which is a fabulous swimming hole on the Greeter Trail. Wear clothes you can swim in. And have a towel in your vehicle. Please meet at Greeter Falls Parking Lot and we will shuttle to Stone Door to begin the hike. Email Marietta at *nannietta@benlomand.net* or call 931-924-7666 to find out further details.

Jun 20-23 – Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cades Cove. Camping, Hiking, Bike Riding Event. Joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. We have reserved a gorgeous group campsite in Cades Cove Campground. Azaleas and spring wildflowers will be blooming. Monday: short out and back hike on Anthony Creek Trail. Tuesday: Hike to Gregory Bald on Gregory Bald Trail. Wednesday: bike ride in Cades Cove and hike to Abrams Falls. Bring bike lock. Rental bikes available at campground store. On Thursday on our way out we will hike the West Prong Trail in Tremont. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

Jun 27 – Chapter Meeting. DW Wilson Community Center, 501 N. Collins Street, Tullahoma, 7:00 pm. TTA Highland Rim Chapter Member Stuart Coulter will give a presentation on a recent trip to Colorado. He and his wife Jeanie backpacked and day-hiked a variety of trails around the state including segments of the Colorado Trail around Durango, the San Juan Mountains and Engineer Mountain. Don’t miss this inspiring account of their adventures through the spectacular scenery and backcountry in the Colorado Rockies. Before the meeting, we will meet for dinner at 5:30 pm at La Fiesta Bar & Grill, 1410 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma next to the Quality Inn. Please contact Highland Rim Chapter Chair Patty Deen if you plan to attend dinner so I can confirm the number for our reservation. Contact Patty at *pdeen@palomar.edu* or 760-703-8115 for more information.

Planning Ahead:

Aug 8 -11 – Camping at Devils Fork State Park on Jocassee Lake, Salem, SC. Private Kayak Tour of Jocassee Lake on Tuesday. Wednesday: hike to Lower Whitewater Falls, then more kayaking. Thursday on our way home we can visit the waterfalls at Gorges State Park, NC. Campsites and reservations for private kayak tour are limited. Contact Joan Hartvigsen early to reserve a spot, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914.

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Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Sep 9-11 - Camping on Devils Step Island on Tims Ford Lake. Kayaking on Tims Ford Lake. Joint outing with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Contact Joan Hartvigsen to reserve a spot on Devils Step Island, jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-636-2914. Paddlers have the option of camping at nearby Fairview Campground. Make your own reservations for Fairview Campground early. Or paddlers can meet us at 8 am CT Saturday on Devils Step Island if they do not want to camp. Friday evening we will paddle in the local area. Saturday morning at 8 am we will head out west to explore Maple Bend and Goose Islands and paddle to the end of Owl Hollow Creek and return. Saturday evening we will drive to Winchester and eat outdoors at Twin Creeks Marina. Sunday morning we will enjoy an early morning paddle heading east to explore Dripping Springs/Dry Creek Area.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING HIKE INFORMATION

When submitting monthly hike listings, please include the following information:

- Date, trail name, location (Park, City, State), mileage, rating (easy, moderate, etc), hike description (what you may expect to see, elevation changes, obstacles that affect the hike rating), what to wear or bring, meeting time and location, and hike leader's contact information.
- Please identify any hikes that are multi-chapter events.
- Please DO NOT format the submissions (avoid bold, italics, underlining or colored text), as this slows the editorial process.
- Please submit as either a Word document or typed in the body of the e-mail.

Hike descriptions are strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. A good hike description can encourage members (and prospective members) to try a new hike, but also alerts prospective hikers to outings that may be unsuitable for their level of expertise, fitness, or fear of heights and suspension bridges.

All submissions should be made by e-mail to editor@tennesseetrails.org. All submissions MUST be received by the 10th of the month PRIOR to the hikes (i.e. February hike listings must be submitted by January 10) in order to be included in the newsletter. Late submissions have no guarantee of inclusion in the newsletter.

We will also be glad to print any hike reports, general chapter news and hike or event photographs as space permits.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Monday at 6:00 pm CT

Jun 4 - Charlie's Bunion in Gatlinburg. 8 miles. Difficult due to length and elevation. Hike begins at the parking lot at Newfound Gap rest area. We will meet at 9:00 am ET. The trailhead is near the restrooms at the east (left) side of the overlook. You will head northeast from the parking lot through mixed pines and hardwood forest. The trail continues at a steady climb. The trail then passes thru a section dominated by Fraser fir then a successional forest creating an ideal environment for berries in the summer. And note, the trail continues at a steady climb. You will be able to see the southern slopes of Mt. LeConte. You will reach the top of a ridge and a grassy area, where a spur trail leads to a partially obscured overlook to the north. You may see signs of wild hogs in this area. The trail levels out and rejoins the ridgeline and intersects with the Sweat Heifer Trail that should be full of spring beauties and trout lilies. The trail descends along the creek on the North Carolina side and connects to the Kephart Prong Trail. Then the trail ascends steeply providing some spectacular views into North Carolina. This trail connects to the Boulevard Trail. This portion of the AT continues straight ahead and then descends steadily thru a rutted section thru red spruce, Fraser fir, black cherry, yellow birch, American birch and a thornless blackberry. After curving around the shoulder of Mount Kephart, you'll see a dramatic view of Charlies Bunion. Along the trail you will also see rock walls and crags. Please dress accordingly and bring water, snacks, lunch. Please register with Jeff at chambers.jeffreyb@gmail.com or 731-431-1538 by June 1.

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No hikes planned. See you in September.

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Jun 4 – National Trails Day. Barfield Crescent Park. Come join us for trail maintenance at this beautiful park from 8:00 am until 11:00 am CT. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes, a snack and water. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or *sarabpollard@gmail.com*.

Jun 11 – “Pick a Park” series. Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park and Johnsonville State Historic Park. 4 miles total. Easy. First, we'll hike by the lake at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. At Johnsonville, we'll hike the three short trails to see an African American Cemetery, an old railroad line that goes out on a peninsula, and a trail with several Civil War displays. Pack snacks, drinks, and we can discuss lunch in between parks in either Camden or New Johnsonville. For more information or to sign up, contact Jeanne Conatser at 615-971-8894 or *djconatser@comcast.net*.

Jun 12 - Tennessee River Gorge Paddle. Prentice Cooper State Forest. 8 miles. Suck Creek boat ramp to Raccoon Mountain boat ramp, west of Chattanooga in Marion County. Joint event with the Highland Rim chapter. Meet at the Suck Creek boat ramp, 1900 Suck Creek Road in Chattanooga at 8:00 am CT to arrange a vehicle shuttle to our takeout at the Raccoon Mountain boat ramp. We will paddle through the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge, and we should see bald eagles, osprey, turtles, and otter. Bring snacks, lunch, water, and sunscreen. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or *sarabpollard@gmail.com*.

Jun 14 – Chapter Picnic. Pavilion #5. Barfield Crescent Park. 6:00 pm CT. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. This is our annual summer picnic for our chapter members and their families. This is “Yogi Bear” style meaning bring your own picnic including drinks, personal utensils, and napkins. For more information or to sign up, contact Jeanne Conatser at 615-971-8894 or *djconatser@comcast.net*.

Jun 20-23 – Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cades Cove Biking, Camping and Hiking Event. Joint activity with the Highland Rim chapter. We have reserved a gorgeous group campsite in the Cades Cove Campground Monday through Thursday. See Highland Rim listing for event details To reserve a spot in the group campsite, contact Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or *sarabpollard@gmail.com*.

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Jun 5 - Burch Reserve Trail, Warner Parks, Nashville, TN. 3 miles. Moderate. Sunday Weekend Ender Hike, 630 pm. Meet at the trailhead for Burch Reserve at Warner Park. A 3 mile hike that has a bit of everything: paved, unpaved single track, hills, meadows, a pond and provides a refreshing way to end the weekend as we enjoy nature in the slant light. Rsvp by 10 am morning of the hike to Niola at *Niolac@gmail.com* or text to 408-455-2472.

Jun 10 - Bryant Grove Trail at Long Hunter State Park, Hermitage, TN. Up to 8.4 miles out and back. Easy to moderate for distance. This easily navigated and relatively flat trail moves along the shoreline of Percy Priest and through wooded sections, cedar glades, and other more open areas. Much of the trail is in the open and ticks are abundant this year – so sun protection and insect repellent are recommended. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the trail. Meet at the Couchville Lake parking lot for an 8:15 am step-off. The trail is easy to follow and hikers who want a shorter hike can drop a car at the far end or turn back as they choose. We'll be back at the meetup by lunchtime. Register with Mark for details and updates: *midtn@tnhiker.net* or 615-669-3221. Alternate date for inclement weather: Thursday, June 16th.

Jun 12 - Burch Reserve Trail, Warner Parks, Nashville, TN. 3 miles. Moderate. Sunday Weekend Ender Hike, 630 pm. Meet at the trailhead for Burch Reserve at Warner Park. A 3 mile hike that has a bit of everything: paved, unpaved single track, hills, meadows, a pond and provides a refreshing way to end the weekend as we enjoy nature in the slant light. Rsvp by 10 am morning of the hike to Niola at *Niolac@gmail.com* or text to 408-455-2472.

Jun 18 - Window Cliffs State Natural Area, Baxter, TN. 5.4 miles out and back. Moderate. 2.4 stream-miles of Cane Creek flow through the natural area along with Phelps Branch, a tributary to Cane Creek. A few small cascades, steep slopes, narrow ledges and a 20 ft. waterfall occur along Cane Creek. Many of these features can be observed along a 2.7 mile trail (5.4 miles total) that leads from the parking area to the Window Cliffs. The trail traverses some old fields and successional forest through a section of natural area acquired to provide public access to the Windows. The hike is moderate difficulty with 18 or so creek crossings. I just wear light hikers with good liner socks and leave them on, otherwise you spend hours changing shoes. For more information or to sign up, contact Karl Dupre at *karld@comcast.net* or 615-207-2250.

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The Chapter hikes every Wednesday and two Saturdays a month. For up-to-date information on our hikes visit <https://tennesseetrails.org/chapters/plateau-chapter/>.

Jun 1 - Martha's Pretty Point, Yellow Bluff and Welch's Point, Clifty Community, TN. Joint hike with Upper Cumberland Chapter. Long hike: We will hike a 5 moderate mile loop to Martha's Pretty Point and Laurel Falls then 2 short hikes out to the other overlooks. **Short Hike:** 4.5 mile moderate Martha's Pretty Point loop. Depart 7:30 am CT from Tractor Supply on West Ave. Carpool cost is \$4. Pack water, snacks and lunch. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. For additional information contact the hike coordinator, Deb, email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243.

Jun 4 - National Trails Day. CT Brady Mountain, Grassy Cove, TN. Plus Soldier Beach Trail, Crossville, TN. Picnic at Meadow Park Lake. Joint hike with Upper Cumberland Chapter. Long hike: CT Brady Mountain 4.8 mile moderate to strenuous in/out. Drive to Meadow Park Lake for the picnic sponsored by Friends of the Trail. Hike Soldier Beach 2 mi trail before or after the picnic. **Short Hike:** Soldier Beach 2 mile trail before or after the picnic. Bring water. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Long Hike departs 7:30 am from Central Baptist Church, South Main St, Crossville, TN. Short hike meets 11 am at the Soldier Beach Trailhead at Meadow Park Lake. For additional information contact the hike coordinator email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243.

Jun 8 - Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area, Jamestown, TN. Joint hike with Upper Cumberland Chapter. Long Hike: 8 moderate miles with 1,463 feet elevation change out and back. **Short Hike:** 4+ mile moderate thru hike. Vehicle shuttle required. We will leave vehicles on Black House Mountain Road at Moccasin Rock Trail junction. Bring water, lunch and snacks. Pogue Creek Canyon features immense sheer bluffs and cliffs, many rock houses and beautiful, rich forests of hemlocks, beech, sycamores, basswood, oaks and hickories. Depart 7:30 am CT from the Crossville Cracker Barrel. Carpool gas cost is \$6. Pack water, snacks and lunch. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. For additional information contact the hike coordinator, Deb, email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243.

Jun 11 - History Tour of Sgt York's Birthplace, Pall Mall, TN. Joint tour with Upper Cumberland Chapter. Depart 8 am CT from the Crossville Cracker Barrel Southeast parking lot. Carpool gas cost \$6. Bring water and snack. Sign up for the tour, contact Bill Harris 931-484-9152 or email titan55@charter.net.

Plateau Chapter – con't.

Jun 15 - CT Stinging Fork toward Head of Sequatchie, Spring City, TN. Joint venture with Upper Cumberland Chapter. Long Hike: Approximately 7 moderate to strenuous miles out and back on new section of the Cumberland Trail heading to Head of Sequatchie. **Short Hike:** 5 mile moderate out and back. Depart 7:30 am CT from Central Baptist Church, South Main St, Crossville, TN. Carpool gas cost is \$4. Pack water, snacks and lunch. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. For additional information contact the hike coordinator, Deb, email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243.

Jun 18 - Lilly Bluff Climbers Trail, Lancing, TN. Joint hike with Upper Cumberland Chapter. Long Hike: 7 mile moderate in/out hike along the base of impressive bluffs that overlook the Obed River. **Short Hike:** 5 mile moderate in/out. Bring water and snacks. We'll eat lunch at the Hopyard Brewery. Carpool gas fee is \$4.00. Depart 7:30 am CT from the Stonehaus Winery parking lot on Genesis Rd and I-40. For additional information contact the hike coordinator, Deb, email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243.

Jun 22 - Wilderness, Tri-State and Fort McCook Trails to Pinnacle Overlook, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Cumberland Gap, TN. Long Hike: 7 moderate to strenuous in/out miles to Tri-State Point where you can stand on 3 states (TN, VA, KY) then on to Pinnacle Overlook. **Short Hike:** 4-5 miles to Tri-State Point and back. Bring water, lunch and snacks. We'll walk around the small town of Cumberland Gap afterwards possibly eat dinner before heading home. Carpool gas fee is \$9.00. Depart 7:30 am CT from Dorton United Methodist Church, 3405 Hwy 70 East one mile past Peavine Rd. For additional information contact the hike coordinator, Deb, email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243.

Jun 25 – Greenway Walks - Maryetta Trail, Crossville, TN. 1.7-mile groomed trail. Meet at the trailhead for a 9 am start on the trail. Directions - Take Hwy 70 West (Sparta Highway) from West Avenue at Kroger's. After half a mile turn right onto the driveway of the Crossville Wastewater Treatment Facility. Before reaching the gates, turn left into the gravel parking area for the trail-head. For info call John 410-707-6107.

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Jun 4 – Daddy’s Creek Gorge, including part of the Cumberland Trail. 6-7 miles out-and-back. Difficult. This is an exploratory expedition to a trail described as “ultrarugged and ultrascenic.” It includes a roaring whitewater stream, bluffs, overlooks, rock houses, boulder fields, an arch, a trailhead at the Devil’s Breakfast Table, and the turnaround point at Obed Junction. What more could you ask for? Well, perhaps a shorter drive to the trailhead and fewer rocks on the trail. Regardless, we’ll meet at the parking lot off Durham St in Soddy Daisy, just off Dayton Pike, at 8:30 am. Please register with hike leader Betsy Darken, 423-718-2060.

June7 - Grundy Forest Day Loop and Lone Rock Loop around Grundy Lakes, South Cumberland State Park, Tracy City. 3.5 miles. Moderate due to some rough footing. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring hiking sticks, water and lunch. We will see giant hemlocks, waterfalls and cascades and the junction of the Big and Little Fiery Gizzard Creeks. We will also enjoy views of Grundy Lakes and see the historical coke ovens built in 1883. We will have our lunch at one of the picnic tables overlooking Grundy Lakes. Choose between two meeting places. (1) Meet at 8:30 am CT/9:30 am ET at the Grundy Forest Day Loop Trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Road, Tracy City, TN. (2) For carpooling from the Chattanooga area, meet in the lot on the far side of La Quinta Inn, north off I-24 at Exit 175, Brown’s Ferry, at 8:30 am ET. For meeting at the trailhead, please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914. For carpooling at Exit 175, please contact Betsy Darken, 423-718-2060.

Jun 11 - Laurel Falls Loop Trail followed by the loop from Laurel Trail to Alum Gap to Big Creek Rim Trail. 7.3-7.9 miles. Moderate. Great trails, great woods, great overlooks, great waterfall! Best of all, no uphill to speak of. Along the way you can peer down the Stone Door without letting yourself get sucked in. Meet at the parking lot off Durham St in Soddy Daisy, just off Dayton Pike, at 8:30 am. Please register with Bob Caperton, 423-902-7898 or *rhcaper@comcast.net*.

Soddy-Daisy Chapter – con’t.

Jun 14 – May Prairie State Natural Area Field Trip, Manchester, a wildflower stroll. A few miles. Easy. Dennis Horn will be our expert guide for this special trip. Dennis is a charter member of the Tennessee Native Plant Society and an editor of the field guide “Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians.” May Prairie is one of the State’s most floristically diverse natural areas with 25 of its more than 300 plant species considered rare in Tennessee. We should see Mock Bishop’s Weed, Coppery Saint Johnswort, Marsh Pea, Swamp Candles and more. Meet at 9:00 am CT at the Asbury Road Parking Lot, or for carpooling from the Chattanooga area, meet in the lot on the far side of La Quinta Inn, north off I-24 at Exit 175, Brown’s Ferry, at 8:30 am ET. Directions to Asbury Road Parking Lot: From I-24 take the Manchester Exit 114. Proceed south on US 41 away from Manchester for a little over one mile. May Prairie is on the north side of US 41 across from an auto salvage business. A small parking area for the Natural Area is on Asbury Road on the right about one and a half miles off US 41. Wear long pants and waterproof hiking boots. Bring a lot of water, snacks, insect repellent, sunscreen, and a camera. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-636-2914, or for carpoolers from Chattanooga, please contact Trish Appleton, *Appleton-p2@comcast.net* or text 423-240-3443.

Jun 18 - Mullens Cove Loop, Prentice Cooper State Forest. 9.6 miles. Difficult due to distance. This loop trail includes many interesting sights, including Indian Rock House and Snoopers Rock, with great views of the Tennessee River Gorge. While the trail does some ups-and-downs as it follows the rough edges of this part of the plateau, there are no major elevation gains. Meet at Food City on Signal Mountain Road at 8:30 am. Please register with Carl Dumsday, (423) 842-5843 or *cdumsday@outlook.com*.

Jun 21 - Sherwood Forest Trail and Natural Bridge trail. 2.7 miles. Easy. We start on the Sherwood Forest Day Loop, an easy 2.5-mile feature-packed trail southeast of Sewanee on Monteagle Mountain. We then drive a short distance to the Sewanee Natural Bridge, which is only 0.2 miles, but we will want to take some time to explore and take pictures. Meet in the lot on the far side of La Quinta Inn, north off I-24 at Exit 175, Brown’s Ferry, at 8:30 am. Please contact hike leader Trish Appleton, *Appleton-p2@comcast.net* or text 423-240-3443.

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Soddy Daisy Chapter – con't.

Jun 25 - Soddy Creek Gorge, Cumberland Trail, north section. 7-8 miles. Strenuous due to hot weather, lots of rocks and elevation gain. We'll do a shuttle and hike from Little Soddy Creek trailhead to Big Soddy Creek trailhead. We will see remnants from the coal mining days, hike up and down the gorges to Deep Creek and Big Soddy Creek, and watch climbers scale the bluffs. Bring lunch, lots of water and bug spray, maybe water shoes for a creek crossing at the end of the hike. Meet at Durham St in Soddy Daisy at 8:30 am. Please register with Tammy Hendrick at 315-949-8187.

Jun 28 - Ritchie Hollow Trail to Blowing Wind Falls, out-and-back. 3-4 miles. Moderate due to steep climbs near and around the falls. A fine walk in the woods, a couple of interesting and easy creek crossings, and a nice waterfall at the top of your climb, or to be more precise, at the bottom of the spur trail after a short but attention-grabbing climb. You'll be proud of yourself after it's all over. Meet at Food City on Signal Mountain Road at 8:30 am. Please register with hike leader Earl Helmer, 770-877-0600, e_helmer@epbf.com.

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Jun 1 - Dunbar Cave Recovery Trail and Lake Trail, Clarksville, TN. 2.5 miles. Moderate. At Dunbar State Natural Area, we will hike the shaded Recovery Trail which has a hill and roots to be maneuvered. We will end the hike along the easy Lake Trail with a visit to the historic Dunbar Cave entrance. There we will see the site of the old dance floor where big bands like Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey played. Dunbar cave is the 280th largest cave complex in the world. You may want to bring water and hiking poles and to wear sturdy hiking shoes. For those interested, after the hike we will eat in Clarksville. Meet at the Kroger Glenbrook parking lot, 1010 Glenbrook Way, Hendersonville at 8:30 am CT for caravanning to Dunbar Cave. If meeting at the Visitor's Center at 9:30 or for more information, text or call Judy Jenkins at 615-403-0002 or email Judy_Jenkins@comcast.net.

Sumner Trails Chapter – con't.

Jun 15 - Eagle Pass Trail. 2.5 miles. Easy. Eagle Pass is an extension of the Rails-To-Trails Ashland City Bicentennial trail. We will drop a car at the Sycamore Harbor trailhead and then drive to the northern end of this trail near Cheatham Dam where we will begin our hike back to Sycamore Harbor. The trail follows the old Tennessee Central Railroad grade and we will see evidence of the railroad along the way. The old T.C. ceased operations in the early 1960's. Trail is mostly fine gravel with very few ups and downs and great views of the Cumberland River in mostly shade. There are restrooms at the Cheatham Dam trailhead. Meet for carpooling or caravanning at the Glenbrook Kroger parking lot at 1010 Glenbrook Way in Hendersonville at 9 am CT. After the hike we will go for lunch at Riverview Restaurant in Ashland City. For further info or directions to the trailhead contact RiverRat Al at ballallenger@aol.com or call/text at 615 454-7673.

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(Sparta / Cookeville)

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

Tuesday, Aug 2, 6:30 PM CT Zoom Video
Conference

November, Date/time TBD Townsend
Annual Meeting

Attention: Hike Coordinators (aka Hike Leaders)

A TTA Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement form (aka "Liability Waiver") must be signed by everyone before you start your hike or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our website:
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Please send all submissions to:
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Not a member yet? Please check out one of our hikes or meetings soon!