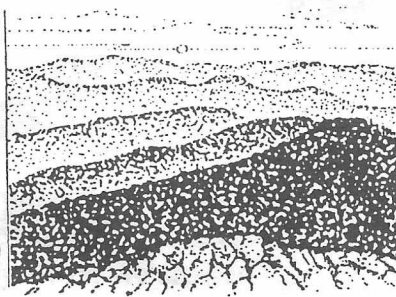


TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be at the Methodist Assembly in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, just off Highway 56 approximately 25 miles southeast of McMinnville. The hotel overlook gives a beautiful view of the Collins River Basin and allows you to gaze upon the natural beauty of this part of the Cumberland Plateau. The facility has a pay phone, volley ball court, tennis court, and horse shoes. Also a limited supply of ice is available for coolers.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Friday, October 27, 1995

- 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Program
- 8:30 p.m. Wildflower Contest (Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places!)

Saturday, October 28, 1995

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast (Pick-up prepaid sack-lunch for hikes)
- 9:00 a.m. Depart for hikes:

Greeter Falls	2 miles	Easy
Big Creek Gulf	7 miles	Easy
Stone Door/Gulf/Ranger Falls	12 miles	Strenuous
Virgin Timber	10 miles	Difficult
Savage Falls	4 miles	Moderate
Car Hike to South Cumberland Visitor's Center/ Dutch Maid Bakery/ & Monteagle		

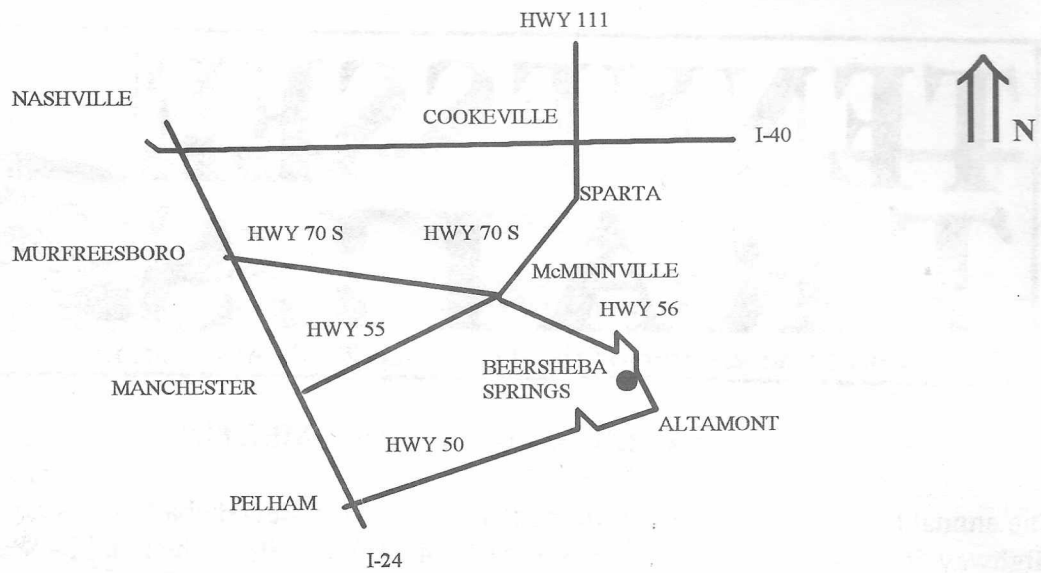
- 4:00 p.m. Auction
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. Program

Sunday, October 29, 1995

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Adjourn

NO ALCOHOL is allowed. NO SMOKING is permitted in buildings. There are NO LINENS, no blankets, no pillows or toilet items provided with the rooms. Bring your own. No private rooms. Rooms will be assigned when you arrive. Due to lack of kitchen privileges, there will be NO POT-LUCK on Friday night.

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MAP TO ANNUAL MEETING

Mail registration with checks payable to Tennessee Trails Association.
Mail to:

Marnell Cothran
Tennessee Trails Association
Route 3, Box 294G, Sparta, TN 38583.

Contact: Bonnie Greene 836-3696, Sparta or Nora Miller 526-9252, Cookeville.

Check-in time is: after 4:00 p.m.
Check-out time is: before 2:00 p.m.



A Letter From the President

October 1995

As the heat of this long obsessive summer passes, I reflected about lost time. Two months of a thick, steamy, tropical depression that baked our forests and wilted the soul. Yet..we managed. We swam in the clear, crisp waters of Rock Creek and Piney River, we crossed the highlands of North Carolina and grazed on late summer blueberries, and we waited. Fall finally knocked on Tennessee's door last week, and we rejoiced.

Our annual meeting is upon us, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Methodist Assembly at Beersheba Springs on October 27-29. A BIG thank you to the Upper Cumberland Chapter, who have worked hard in hosting this years events. The hiking in the South Cumberland Area is excellent, and the Gulfs should be lined with the scarlet of Sourwood, and the crisp Maple reds. Don't forget to bring TTA auction items for Saturday night.

We had an excellent Board Meeting in late August at David & Vickie Rhynes estate in Athens, Tn. A BIG thank you goes out to the Rhynes for their hospitality. The Board officially sanction the East Tennessee Chapter with Harold Draper as Chapterchair—welcome. Directories will be available at the Annual Meeting this year, with one going to each member at no charge. We thank Jim Potect for his efforts on this project. We have scheduled November 18th to host a hike on Brady Mountain in order to jump start a Crossville Chapter. We will need everyone's help in this effort, and more information will be in the November newsletter.

Most of us are familiar with Bowater's Pocket Wilderness, and have enjoyed hiking these trails for years. Currently Bowater Paper Company is undergoing reorganization, and new management views toward their Wilderness Program is unknown. Furthermore, David Rhynes work to designate the Piney River a State Scenic River is stalled. David suggests we write Bowater and thank them for their years of work and dedication to their Pocket Wilderness Program. Write: Bowater Inc., Southern Division, 5020 Highway 11 South, Calhoun, TN 37309.

Many members are familiar with Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife Program, no doubt you have seen the Bluebird license plates. Currently their is a movement underway to fund a nationwide Watchable Wildlife Fund thru surcharges on outdoor products, similar to the surcharge on ammunition collected for game species and managed thru Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. TWRA would also manage the Watchable Wildlife Program, with Tennessee's share being 6.3 million dollars. We have included an educational sheet on this program, and TTA's board will be addressing this issue at our next meeting. Your input is important, so let your Chapterchairs know what you think. More information can be obtained by contacting Bob Brown at 615-352-7474.

Don't forget, TTA membership renewal season starts October 1st!!!

HIT THE TRAILS!!

Rob Weber
President TTA

Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife Program

HOW THE FUND WILL WORK

SUMMARY

A modest surcharge on a spectrum of outdoor products will serve as a user fee for outdoor enthusiasts to raise the \$350 million needed for wildlife diversity programs across the nation. This funding initiative is an ingenious way of investing in the future by giving more Americans the opportunity to contribute to the conservation of our nation's wildlife.

HOW MUCH OF A SURCHARGE?

Up to a 5 percent surcharge will be added at the *wholesale* level. The amount will be considerably less on more expensive products and on products used only partially for enjoyment of wildlife. For example, a 5 percent surcharge on a \$100 tent that wholesales for \$50 would be \$2.50. For the average Tennessean who participates in wildlife recreation, the surcharge would amount to less than \$5 per year.

WHAT OUTDOOR PRODUCTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE SURCHARGE?

Field Guides • Binoculars • Spotting Scopes • Backyard Wildlife Supplies (Birdseed, etc.) • Cameras • Film • ATVs • Backpacks • Sleeping Bags • Tents • Hiking Boots.

HOW MUCH WILL THE INITIATIVE GENERATE FOR TENNESSEE'S WILDLIFE PROGRAMS?

If passed by Congress as written, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's (TWRA) annual share of the Wildlife Diversity Fund would be \$6.3 million. Funds will be allocated to the states by use of a formula based on their population (2/3) and their land area (1/3). No state would receive more than 5 percent of the total allocations, or less than 0.5 percent. The TWRA's 25 percent state match would be \$2.1 million, and/or the equivalent, making the combined federal and state-matching funds \$8.4 million annually.

HOW WOULD TENNESSEE MATCH FUNDS?

There are several ways. Sources of TWRA's 25 percent state match could come from: state appropriations, donated funds and/or land, volunteer and other in-kind services, and from a similar state legislative package that was sought in 1994. Earnings from the Watchable Wildlife Endowment Fund (as supported by the Bluebird License Plate and donations) are expected to increase annually from about \$55,000, beginning in 1997-98.

DOES TENNESSEE'S ECONOMY ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM WILDLIFE?

Yes! During 1995-96 in Tennessee, non-consumptive wildlife uses contributed approximately \$53 million from sales tax and fuel tax. If such uses are increased just 10 percent through this funding initiative, Tennessee's tax revenues should be increased by about \$12 million (state: \$5 million; federal: \$7 million).

IF THE INITIATIVE PASSES, HOW CAN CUSTOMERS TELL WHEN THEIR PURCHASES SUPPORT THE PROGRAM?

The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) is developing a logo for placement on all surcharged items, with an explanation of how funds are dedicated to nongame wildlife conservation, recreation, and education.

WHAT CAN INDIVIDUALS DO TO HELP?

In order for this federal funding initiative to be passed, persons who care about wildlife must convince suppliers of outdoor products of their willingness to pay the small product surcharge, and they must convince their congressional leaders of the many economic advantages wildlife provide to the state. Legislators would then be more receptive to this "win-win" proposal.

CHAPTER NEWS



Clarksville

Meets the third Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Governor's Square Mall.

OCT. 21-22 - FIERY GIZZARD. Call J.R. Tate at 326-5453.

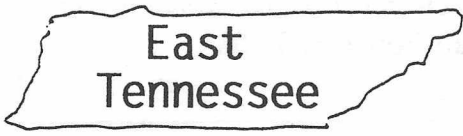


Cumberland Mtn.

OCT. 14 - LEATHERWOOD LOOP, BIG SOUTH FORK. Moderate, 3.3 miles. Call Bob Washburn (615) 879-5426 or Marvin Shanks (615) 879-9765.

OCT. 21 - LAUREL FORK LOOP, BIG SOUTH FORK. Difficult, 11.1 miles overnight backpack. Call Bob Washburn (615) 879-5426 or Marvin Shanks (615) 879-9765.





East Tennessee

The TTA Board voted to officially accept "East Tennessee" as the name of our newest chapter in the State. This chapter has been very active in hiking over the past several months and have had great turnouts for their hikes. WELCOME!

THURSDAY, OCT. 12 - EVENING HIKE AT ANDERSON COUNTY PARK. Take an easy stroll around a short, lakeside trail at Anderson County Park on Thursday evening. Meet at entrance to park at 6:30 pm Eastern time.. Bring flashlight. Trail is a 1-mile loop. Picnic tables at the park for those wishing to bring a picnic dinner. Questions: Call Judith at 494-9421.

SAT. OCT. 14 - FLATS MOUNTAIN TRAIL. The East Tennessee Chapter will hike the Flats Mountain Trail in Cherokee Nat'l Forest. There are spectacular views of Indian Boundary Lake and much of the Tellico Ranger District and Citico Creek Wilderness. We will hike from Beehouse Gap to Eagle Gap and return the same way. Total length is 12.4 miles with an elevation gain and drop of 1900 ft. Meet at Tellico Village Visitors Center at 8:30 am Eastern time (one hour travel time from there to the trailhead). The Visitors

Center is located on Tellico Parkway (Route 444) in the center of Tellico Village. Hike is considered difficult. Hikers should wear sturdy boots, and bring lunch, a drink and rainwear. Questions: Call Bob at 458-6885.

TRIP REPORTS
EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Evening Walk at Songbird Trail. Ten folks enjoyed a pleasant walk on Songbird Trail at Norris Dam Reservation. It was one of those sweltering hot summer evenings, but the walk along the Clinch River was cool. Several people joined us for the first time, and were also introduced to the Songbird Trail.

Gentlemen's Swimming Hole/Colditz Cove. Eight hikers started driving in the rain to our destination at Rugby. The sun came out and we had a great hike to the swimming hole. Blackberries were a delicious snack on our return to the trailhead. Next, we traveled a short distance to Colditz Cove State Natural Area and had another fine walk and lunch beside Northrup Falls. Several of us enjoyed a side trip to Jamestown Winery before returning home.

Evening Walk at Worthington Cemetery Trail. Thirteen people gathered for a short, pleasant walk at Worthington Cemetery in Oak Ridge. We saw prairie dock and blazing star in bloom. It was a nice interlude in the week. This 1-mile loop trail on the east side of Oak Ridge was constructed by Boy Scouts. It is very good for bird watching.



Memphis

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 24 of the Sunday School Building at Kingsway Church.

Please note that since Jerri Bull has moved to Pontotoc, MS and doesn't have a telephone, the Memphis Chapter's contact person is now Debbie Gilbert (901) 454-0613.

OCT. 7-8 - SHAWNEE NAT'L FOREST, ILLINOIS. This is an overnight trip. We'll be staying in Ferne Clyffe State Park, which is inside the nat'l forest. There are primitive campsites (\$6) and a modern campground with showers and hookups (\$11). Motels are available in Marion 15 miles away. Shawnee has lots of short, scenic trails with dramatic cliffs carved out eons ago in the Ohio River watershed. To get there, take I-55 to Sikeston, MO, get on I-57 and follow the signs. (From Nashville, take I-24). For more info, call Ray or Martye Burkett, (901) 357-9183.

OCT. 9 - HIKE PLANNING MEETING. Our meeting to plan the 1996 hiking schedule will take place on Monday night, Oct. 9, at Betty Porter's house. If you're interested in participating, call Betty at 755-4740. And if you have suggestions for great places to go next year, please call Betty or Debbie Gilbert before Oct. 9th and give us the details.

REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Registration deadline has been extended to October 10, 1995. (No refunds!)

Package deals: (These are a better deal than choosing items separately.)

4 meals, lodging and registration: \$45.00 per person X _____ people = \$_____

4 meals, camping and registration: \$30.00 per person X _____ people = \$_____

Due to requests for a fee breakdown, we have come up with the following schedule of fees. If you do not want the package deal, choose from the list below:

Registration:	\$2.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
<u>Friday</u>		
Supper:	\$4.50 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
Lodging:	\$14.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
Camping:	\$7.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
<u>Saturday</u>		
Breakfast:	\$4.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
Sack-lunch:	\$4.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
Supper:	\$4.50 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
Lodging:	\$14.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
Camping:	\$7.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____
<u>Sunday</u>		
Breakfast:	\$4.00 per person X _____ people =	\$_____

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Chapter: _____

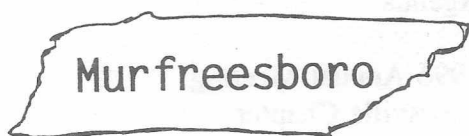
No extra meals will be prepared for drop-ins! All meals, including sack-lunch, must be paid in advance. The Tennessee Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is not responsible for any accidents, injuries, or illnesses that may occur to group members.

The following hikes are planned for Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please indicate how many people in your party will consider which hike. Each person can choose only one. You can change your mind later. This will help us plan for hike leaders and etc.

_____ Greeter Falls	2 miles	Easy
_____ Big Creek Gulf	7 miles	Easy
_____ Stone Door/Gulf/Ranger Falls	12 miles	Strenuous
_____ Virgin Timber	10 miles	Difficult
_____ Savage Falls	4 miles	Moderate
_____ Car Hike to South Cumberland Visitor's Center/ Dutch Maid Bakery/Monteagle		

OCT. 14 - NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK. Carpool at 7:30 am at Kingsway or meet us at 9:30 am at the park visitor center. We'll shuttle cars to the big pecan tree and hike 8 miles back to the visitor center. Terrain is easy. For more info, call Ken Novak 377-9127.

OCT. 19 - MONTHLY MEETING AT KINGSWAY CHURCH. Please note that we are no longer meeting in the Boy Scout Bldg., because it is being used by Boy Scouts (imagine that!). We're scheduled to meet instead in Room 24 of the Sunday School Bldg. Our guest will be Frankie Brown, from the Memphis Light, Gas & Water speaker's bureau, who will talk about how to avoid a common winter hazard: carbon monoxide in your home.

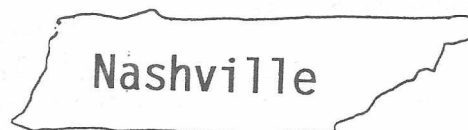


Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's Methodist Church.

OCT. 14 - WM. BANKHEAD NAT'L FOREST, ALABAMA. Twelve to fifteen mile hike through, around, over, and under wonderful obstacles in the Sipsey Wilderness in the William B. Bankhead Nat'l Forest near Moulton, AL. See Alabama's largest tree in a pocket gorge. Meet at the Waffle House in Murfreesboro at I-24 and Hwy 231 at 6:30 am. Please get your breakfast and gasoline ahead of time so we will be ready to leave, since this is a 3-hour

drive.

OCT. 17 - MONTHLY MEETING. Member, Judith Rosciobelli, will talk to us about her trek in Nepal.



Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Cumberland Science Museum.

OCT. 6-8 - The Storytelling Festival trip to Jonesborough has been cancelled due to the Shelby Bottoms work project on Oct. 7.

OCT. 7 - SHELBY BOTTOMS COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY.

Volunteers are needed to do trail work (spreading mulch) from 9:00 am till noon. Call Bob or Arleen Barnett for details (615) 832-6484 or 343-0013.

OCT. 7 - CHIMNEY

ROCK/GREENWOOD CLIFF. Pickett State Forest, 4 miles roundtrip; moderate with some rock scrambling. For those who missed it, here's your chance to climb Chimney Rock and claim it for Tennessee. We'll also make side trips to James Smith's Rock House, Smokehouse Arch, and the spectacular and unusual Greenwood Cliff. We will meet at the Pickett State Park office at 9:00 am CST. For details, contact Rob Weber (615) 952-2949.

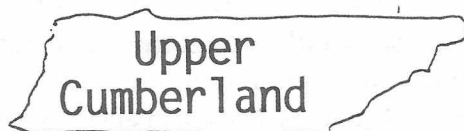
SUNDAY, OCT. 22 - SHORT MOUNTAIN. Meet at 2:00 pm CST at the Town Square in Woodbury. We should be hiking on Short Mountain by 2:30 and heading home around 5:30. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, bring water and snacks, and, of course, an adventuresome spirit.

TRIP REPORT

On Sept. 16th, Jerry Knight, Jim Poteet, Cathy Williams and Bob Barnett "swam" the 2-mile Cedar Forest Trail, picking up trash and doing some light trail maintenance, including clipping and pruning.

Jim and Bob toured the park by automobile, considering the facilities for the 1996 Annual Meeting. As they approached the group lodge, they saw 8 wild turkeys.

The original plan was to work on the 4 1/2 mile Hidden Springs Trail but that plan was scuttled due to the rain. Stay tuned to the Hiking Hotline as this clean-up hike will be rescheduled in the not too distant future.



OCT. 3 - MONTHLY MEETING.

Meet at the Cookeville Community Center at 6:30 pm. The Community Center is west of Cookeville High School on Hwy 70, behind the Nat'l Guard Armory. Judith Foster will give a slide presentation on her hike in the Swiss Alps and/or walk

across England. Contact Paul & Pam Miller, 526-9259, Cookeville.

OCT. 14 - PINEY RIVER. Come check out the fall colors with us. Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 9:00 am, or Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 9:45 am. Contact Paul & Pam Miller 526-9259.

ATTENTION TTA BOARD

MEMBERS! Our fall Board Meeting will be held at approx. 3:00 pm Oct. 28th at the Methodist Assembly in Beersheba Springs, home of this year's Annual Meeting. Since most Board members will be at the Annual, this will be your only notice. Please send agenda items to me by Oct. 15th.

Thanks! Rob Weber, President

Agenda:

1996 Annual Meeting
Crossville Chapter
Watchable Wildlife Fund
Scott's Gulf
Annual Chapter Distribution
Break Away
Cumberland Trail

**OCTOBER KICKS OFF OUR
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 1996.
BEAT THE RUSH—SEND YOUR
DUES IN NOW!**

**NEW MEMBERS WHO JOIN IN
OCT, NOV OR DEC. GET
MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL OF 1996**

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you would like to be placed on a call list for trail maintenance, contact Rob Weber at (615) 952-2949 for details.

If you are interested in maintaining a particular trail or section of trail, please contact Harold Draper, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator at (423) 689-7757.

Bob Barnett is singing the praises of the Tennessee Environmental Council staff again! Earlier this summer, TEC put TTA in touch with the Break Away folks who organize community service projects for college students during breaks in their school schedules. More recently, TEC recommended TTA to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Vanderbilt University about volunteering for trail work. A work hike is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30 on the 6-mile Volunteer Trail at Long Hunter State Park. Manny Medina, coordinator for the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, estimated that they would have 40 students working on this project. The park boat is operational now, so trash bags can be left along the shoreline for pick-up. Manny indicated that they would be interested in other work projects during the year (Cumberland Trail???).

ORDER FORM

_____ Hiking Tennessee Trails, 4th Edition	\$ 9.95
_____ TTA Adopt-A-Trail Manual	3.00
_____ 25th Anniversary TTA Patch	3.00
_____ TTA Window Decal	1.00

Prices include postage. Mail your check payable to TTA to: TTA Membership Director, P.O. Box 41446, Nashville, TN 37204

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Memberships are based on the Jan-Dec. calendar year, unless you have a Life Membership. Please register me for the 1995 calendar year.

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