

# TENNESSEE TRAILS

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## Calendar:

Feb. 1, TTA Board meeting, Gray Badger Inn, Kingston,  
10:30 a.m. EST.

Feb. 15, Hike on Cumberland Trail, Caryville, Grimes  
Slaughter, leader.

March 22, Hike on John Muir Trail, Bob Brandt, leader.

Grimes Slaughter writes: "The February TTA hike is along a section of the Cumberland Trail which was cleared under the leadership of John McIntyre. We will start at Caryville and hike in a general southeasterly direction, climbing the Cumberland Escarpment along the way. There will be sweeping views of a giant dog-leg bend in the Cumberland Escarpment, the Tennessee Valley, and the Smokies if the weather is clear. Some of the trail is cleared in only a rudimentary fashion, so parts of the hike can be considered almost off-trail.

"Wear waterproof footwear for stream and ditch jumping, and bring a lunch. The distance measures only 3.6 miles, but the ups and downs make it seem more like 5 or 6 miles. We will meet at the Caryville Junior High School, fronting on I-75 and Tenn. Route 63, at 10 a.m. EST, Feb. 15. We'll shuttle as many cars as possible to the other end of the hike. Parking is limited so some ride pooling will be done at this point."

We have a brief profile this month of the newest member of our official family, Recording Secretary Evelyn Tretter. She writes: "Former secretary--recently resigned from a part-time job when it became full time. I live at 306 Frances St., Goodlettsville, with husband Wilburn (no hiker) and sons, Charles and Mark, college students. Have a married daughter.

"I grew up in Rutherford County--hiked and swam in Stones River. Our family started tent camping in 1961. I hiked on trails in state and national parks with the children. When they got to be teen-agers and doing their own thing, Mama ran out of someone to hike with. I joined Tennessee Trail Association in early 1973. I have always supported conservation and environmental efforts. I am also a bird watcher."

Fifteen grown-ups and two children hiked in the rain on Bowaters' Piney River Tree Farm trails Jan. 18. Dot Lingerfelt is an indestructible leader and set a brisk pace. High water kept us from crossing creeks, so we varied the route, going first to Twin Rocks, where we enjoyed a spectacular view of Spring City, Piney River and Watts Bar Lake.

We then switched to a new trail up the Piney River and followed it until the river blocked the way. Bill Stutz fell only three times, nothing broken. The other hikers were Pres. E. W. Means, Grimes Slaughter and Ruth Slusher, all of Oak Ridge; Anna Meyers, Elizabeth Cade, Bessie Shelton, Kenneth and Loretta Lautzenheiser and children, Eric and Anne; Edwin Bohm, Sr. and son, Edwin, Jr.; Alex Cutler and Jim Armstrong, all from Chattanooga, and Jim Mavity of Rossville, Ga.

The Master Plan for the Cumberland Trail has been issued and we received a copy the first week in January. Extra copies are available from Walter L. Criley, Director, Division of Planning and Development, Dept. of Conservation, 2611 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203.