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Caney Fork Gorge, Rock Island State Park, & Big Bone Cave

8-9 Aug. 1981

The Nashville Chapter will sponsor a weekend outing to Rock Island State Park and Big Bone Cave Aug. 8-9. Camping available at park in family campground, or primitive area near park office, with rest-rooms and water available at office during day. (Some of the group plans to camp in primitive area.) Meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at park office to go down into the gorge, in the park, to see the Great Falls of the Caney Fork and many other falls and cascades, with fishing, swimming and unusual rocks. This hike will be most enjoyed in swimwear, but head covering advised. Class II, some climbing over rocks.

Sunday, Aug. 9, meet at park headquarters at 9:30 a.m. to drive to Big Bone Cave. Hard hats required, and lights! boots recommended. Those going to cave should notify the leader one week in advance if possible. Leader, Evelyn Tretter, 859-0566. Bring lunch and drink both days. Call leader for possible car pool from Nashville. Jacket needed for cave. Joint trip w/Audubon.

CENTER HILL RESERVOIR WATERFALLS

HIKE AND CANOE TRIP

LEADER: DENIS LOVELL

DATE: AUGUST 15 & 16

Meet at Burgess Falls State Natural Area at 9:30 CDT on Saturday, Aug. 15 (to reach Burgess Falls from Nashville, take I-40 east to the Burgess Falls exit just west of Cookeville and follow the signs south for about 10 miles.

First, we'll take an easy 3/4 mile hike to the Falls for a short orientation to the history and geology of the area. Then we'll drive to Center Hill

Reservoir a short distance away and explore by canoe to find other named and unnamed waterfalls. Total canoeing distance is about 5 miles.

(Saturday night we'll camp at one of several public campsites on the reservoir depending on campsite availability.)

Sunday we'll visit Carmac Falls, a privately owned state registered natural area, for a short, class II, 3/4 mile hike to a beautiful area.

If you need a canoe and can't borrow one, Lickety-Split rents them for \$15.00 per day. Call (615) 528-5000 to reserve your canoe and equipment.

To pre-register for the trip, or to ask for further information, contact Denis Lovell at 6319 Charlotte Pk., B-12 Nashville, TN 37209 (615) 356-9212 or (office) (615) 741 2661.

Harpeth River Trail-Edwin Warner Park (Nashville)

30 August 1981

An easy (Class I) hike to the Little Harpeth River -- an excellent family hike. The trail covers different successional stages of forest which will be noted while hiking. The hike will start at the Nature Center (Highway 100, just west of Old Hickory Blvd) at 2:00 p.m. C.D.T. and will be followed by an optional picnic.

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The deadline is the 20th of each month. If possible, submit material camera ready, typed in a full 3 1/2 inch column. Artwork is welcomed.

James Watt, Secretary of the Interior, our national spokesperson for the US environment and its resources, has said: "I don't like to paddle and I don't like to walk."

TTA Affairs

TRAIL NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The July Newsletter went to press while I was sitting in waiting rooms at St. Thomas Hospital. My husband, Jim had open heart surgery. He is now doing well, and I am back on the job of wearing many hats, one of them being TTA. TTA held its quarterly Board Meeting in Murfreesboro on July 10. Our primary concern at the moment is gearing up for:

TTA Annual Meeting - - -
Camp Cumberland, Crossville
October 23, 24, 25

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar. We will have a package deal of a bunkbed and four meals or you may camp out and feed yourself. Bob Richards is coordinating this meeting and is planning lots of program and activities for us. This is the one chance a year when our membership has the opportunity to get together.

Another important item on the Board Agenda was membership. By encouraging the development of chapters, we can reach across the state more successfully and thus increase our membership. Two persons have been appointed to standing committees to achieve this aim:

Chapter Development Committee
Chairman - Sharon Patterson
Membership Committee Chairman -
Andra Fuson

If you wish to start a chapter in your area or if you have any good ideas about increasing our membership, please get in touch with one of the above persons at the TTA box number.

Dave Stidham, our newsletter editor is working on the trip schedule for 1982. If you are interested in leading a hike next year or would like to have a hike planned in a specific area, write or call Dave or me. We hope to have our 1982 schedule ready at the Annual Meeting.

Show and Tell at Annual Meeting - There will be a coordinated slide show of this year's TTA highlights. Put together about 10 of your best slides of 1981 and bring to the annual meeting.

Hike Leaders - At the recent board meeting, the TTA board spelled out several additional responsibilities of hike leaders. Leaders should get names and addresses of all participants and mail to Membership Chairperson Andra Fuson (Long Hunter St. Park, Rt. 3, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122). Also, it is desirable for hike leaders to have TTA brochures for non-members. Get these from Andra Fuson before you hike.

TRIP REPORT - Bald River Falls trip was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Plan a Membership Hike - The Board suggests one way to increase membership is for each Chapter to hold an annual membership hike. Chapters should schedule an appropriate hike tailored for the general public. Some good media coverage prior to the hike will publicize TTA and draw new members.

Nashville Chapter

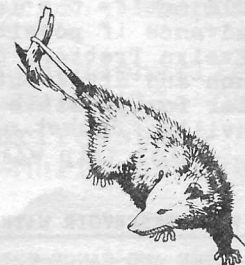
TRIP REPORT - On 6/14, eight hikers braved the heat for a short hike up the ridge at the Narrows of the Harpeth and over to the pool at the tunnel end. Led by Andy, Eric, and Jim Perrin, Vic Canada, Treva Briley, Bill McCord, Michael Doochin and Linda Kartoz Doochin, all had good views of the Narrows and enjoyed the leather flowers and ripe touch-me-nots along the way.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! On Saturday, July 25 Diane Davidson (Nashville Chapter Chairman) and Larry Wilson were married. Best wishes Larry and Diane!

Murfreesboro Chapter

Murfreesboro Chapter members recently hiked the Twin Forks trail on J. Percy Priest Lake. Andra Fuson writes: "We saw a Sand Hill crane and many other thrilling features. However, as you well know, ticks are many, because the winter wasn't harsh enough to control them. For this reason, I don't suggest hiking it until fall. Plenty of blackberries though! The trail needs a herd of construction and hopefully soon the Murfreesboro chapter can get busy. Relations pick up while in the MTSU fall and spring semester."

No Murfreesboro Chapter meeting in August.



STATE TRAIL NEWS

The State is beginning to gear up to work on the John Muir Trail. An early goal is to complete the northern section, connecting the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Pickett State Park, and Frozen Head State Natural Area. Initial efforts will be to complete the Sergeant York Section from Pickett to Alvin C. York Memorial Grist Mill. In the eastern end of the state, recent studies by the NPS have focused on the Congressionally designated Over Mountain Victory Historic Trail, and the scenic Doe River Gorge. In the June newsletter we reported that state acquisition funds for the gorge were transferred, and now the NPS is considering not routing the OMV Historic Trail through the gorge at all. If this happens, chances of the state acquiring and protecting the Doe River Gorge are slim. Look for more details later.

NATIONAL TRAIL NEWS

Daniel Boone Trail Study - The National Park Service conducted public workshops during July in cities adjacent to the Daniel Boone Trail corridor, part of a study ordered by Congress in 1976. NPS was directed to conduct a study of the proposed Daniel Boone Trail, to determine the feasibility and whether it should be a National Scenic Trail or a National Historic Trail. The latter would receive stronger financial support from the Federal Government.

Evan Means attended the workshop in Middlesboro, KY on July 9. It was the consensus of the group at that meeting that if it is an "either-or" choice, NPS should recommend the National Scenic Trail. It was suggested that a national scenic trail could be developed by the state organizations along the route. This would take some time and a selling job to gain public support. National Trails Council could coordinate such an effort.

Nationwide Trails Assessment - The National Park Service is seeking public comment on the draft of the Nationwide Trails Assessment, which began about the time of TTA's State Trails Symposium in 1979. The Assessment includes information submitted by volunteer organizations and public officials, including problems, trail needs, and recommendations for solutions. Excerpts from HR861, which would solve some of the problems and needs, are included in the draft.

The final chapter lists 13 proposed National Scenic Trails and 27 Historic Trails that were submitted during the development of the assessment. Copies of the Draft may be obtained by writing to National Park Service, US Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

House Appropriations Committee Rejects Moratorium on Federal Land Acquisition

The full House Committee on appropriations on June 25 recommended \$150.132 million FY1982 appropriation for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Most of this would be for federal land acquisition. The Reagan Administration had recommended \$45 million for "emergency" federal land acquisitions. In adding some \$110 million above the administration's request, the Committee said it does not agree with Interior Secretary Watt's proposal to establish a land acquisition moratorium. The committee was also concerned with the ability of federal agencies to honor their commitments to repurchase land acquired and held by non-profit conservation organizations, like the Nature Conservancy. The committee also rejected the Watt proposal to use LWCF monies for park maintenance and restoration in lieu of acquisition by refusing to appropriate \$105 million from the LWCF as requested by the administration. Instead, restoration funds would be made available from general revenues. If approved, the House recommendations should pave way for acquiring lands for the Obed Wild and Scenic River. It will not affect the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area since lands for it are not acquired with LWCF monies.

The National Trails Bill (HR 361) has been referred to the Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary Committees. This bill would designate the Natchez Trace Trail and provide grants to volunteer trail groups (see May newsletter). Write to your Representative for support. Senator Sasser's Smokies Wilderness Bill (S. 1335) has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (see June newsletter). TTA supports the Great Smokies Park Wilderness Advocates in seeking wilderness status for 475,000 acres of the National Park. The bill has been referred to the Public Lands Subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which has taken no action. Urge your Representative to support the bill when it comes to the House. The Appalachian Trail topped the list of National Park Service priorities for land acquisition from Land and Water Conservation funds. These 1981 funds were recently restored by Congress (see accompanying article).

Big South Fork Road Closed - The Leatherwood Ford Road, which is the main trans gorge road in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, will be closed at the top of the gorge on both sides due to construction. The road will be closed for approximately two years, so hikers and paddlers should plan accordingly.

"ANTI-WILDERNESS BILL" - Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng, speaking before a Senate subcommittee on behalf of the Reagan Administration, endorsed the national release bill S. 842 sponsored by Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) and Sen. James A. McClure (R-Idaho). The bill would place the USFS RARE II study lands recommended for nonwilderness, henceforth in that category, and would set dates for final determinations on the lands now in the further planning category and those recommended for wilderness. S.842 has been under fire by wilderness advocates because of the permanent tone of the language and the time restrictions on Congress to make the final allocation determinations. Lyng stated that the Reagan Administration believes the measure will "help resolve uncertainties concerning the status of areas included in the second Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II)." He added that "The administration is concerned about the potential consequences of additional wilderness designations on the long-term availability of resources including timber, minerals, oil and gas, geothermal resources, developed recreation, and forage production...The costs to society for foregoing benefits from these resources as a result of wilderness designations need to be carefully evaluated." Powerful members of the Senate majority, the Reagan Administration, and the timber industry are pushing this bill. It needs our strong opposition. Several areas would be affected in TN, e.g., Bald River Gorge (recommended for wilderness by RARE II), Little Frog Mtn., Unaka Mtn., and Pond Mtn. ("further planning" under RARE II), Citico Creek and Big Frog Mtn. (wilderness study areas designated earlier). Ask your Senators to oppose S. 842, the Hayakawa-Helms Anti-Wilderness Bill -- or any other bill like it!

Calendar of Events - 1981

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| <p><u>3-6 August</u> -- Annual Conference of the Conservation Education Assn., Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC 28778.</p> <p><u>8-9 August</u> -- Nashville Chapter trip to Caney Fork Gorge, Rock Island State Park, and Big Bone Cave State Natural Area--see this newsletter.</p> <p><u>15-16 August</u> -- Canoe trip on Center Hill Lake -- see this newsletter.</p> <p><u>30 August</u> -- Nashville Chapter hike on Harpeth River Trail, Edwin Warner Park--see this newsletter.</p> <p><u>5 Sept.</u> -- Cumberland Trail, Prentiss Cooper State Forest - Sam Powell (886-2689/755-6781).</p> | <p><u>5 Sept.</u> -- Appalachian Trail Encampment</p> <p><u>12 Sept.</u> -- Nashville Chapter hike, Long Hunter Trail, Long Hunter State Park - Betty Smith (327-2671/329-7011).</p> <p><u>20 Sept.</u> -- Buggy Top Cave, Carter Caves State Natural Area- Bob Richards (592-6845/592-6118).</p> <p><u>21-25 Sept.</u> -- Assoc. of Interpretive Naturalists National Workshop, Estes Park, CO.</p> <p><u>9-11 Oct.</u> -- TN Environmental Education Assoc. Annual Meeting, Memphis.</p> <p><u>24-25 Oct.</u> -- TTA Annual meeting, Cumberland Camp, Crossville.</p> <p><u>13-15 Nov.</u> -- TN Citizens for Wilderness Planning Annual meeting, Cumberland Mt. State Park.</p> <p><u>23-24 Nov.</u> -- TN Recreation & Parks Assoc. Annual Conference, Memphis</p> |
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TOLL-FREE ENERGY INFORMATION - CAREIRS, Conservation and Renewable Energy Inquiry and Referral Service, is an inquiry and referral service for questions about energy conservation as well as renewable technologies, such as wind, biomass, active and passive solar, etc. Call toll-free (800-523-2929).

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