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## LOOP TRAIL, PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST (SEQUATCHIE CO.)

3 October, 1981 (SATURDAY)

NOTE: Wrong date listed in Sept. NL  
This 8 mile loop trail is a spur off of the Cumberland Trail in Prentice Cooper. Meet at 10:00 a.m., eastern time, at the gravelled parking area for the Cumberland Trail. The CT parking lot is on TN Hwy. 27 between Chattanooga and Powells Crossroads (look for sign). Primitive camping is available in the area if you want to camp Saturday night. Class III difficulty. Call Evelyn Tretter (859-0566) if you want to carpool from the Nashville area. NOTE: This hike was originally scheduled for 5 Sept., but was changed because of the holiday.

LEADER: Sam Powell 886-2689  
Signal Mountain (work) 755-6781

## NORTH PLATEAU TRAIL-STONE DOOR CONNECTOR TRAIL, SAVAGE GULF STATE NATURAL AREA (Grundy County) 10-11 October, 1981

Joint Nashville Chapter hike with Cumberland Harpeth Audubon. Meet at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station on the Laager-Cagle road between TN Hwy. 8 and 108. Look for signs on Hwy. 108, north of Palmer, TN. Hike will start at 9:15 a.m. Central time. Saturday night will be spent at the Hobbs Camp (Class II hike). Sunday's hike will drop down into Savage Gulf and end up at the Great Stone Door (Class III and IV).

LEADER: Bob Richards 592-6845  
Tracy City (work) 924-2956

## LAUREL FALLS DAY LOOP - GREAT STONE DOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AREA (GRUNDY CO.) 11 October 1981 (Sunday)

All members are invited to join the Nashville Chapter on this 7 mile day hike, which features the Great Stone Door, a spectacular promontory overlooking the Savage Cr. Big Creek-Collins River wilderness. The entire hike is on trail, and the difficulty is Class II. Moderate difficulty. Bring food and water for a lunch at the Great Stone Door overlook, hopefully shared with the overnight backpackers ending their hike on the Stone Door Connector Trail. Joint trip with Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon. Meet at 9:30 a.m. central time in Beersheba Spr. TN, at the entrance to the Methodist Assembly Grounds (right on TN Hwy. 56).

LEADER: Mary Bell Ginanni 896-5768  
Murfreesboro (work) 878-2179

## MAMMOUTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK SURFACE TRAILS EDMONSON COUNTY, KY 17 October 1981

This Nashville Chapter hike will be an easy Class I and II, three-mile loop trail, different from last year's hike. See Kentucky fall foliage (it's different!) panoramic views, and overlook of the Green River, mature hardwoods and cedars, some late blooming wildflowers, ferns and an abundance of wildlife and migrating birds, because hunting is not allowed in this national park! See the Visitor Center Exhibit Room and "Hercules" the antique steam locomotive and passenger car that took visitors into the Park at the turn of the century. Take lunch and eat on the trail or in the picnic grounds, or eat in the Hotel dining room and coffee shop. For those wanting to, they may stay overnight in the campgrounds or the hotel and go on some of the cave tours and scenic boat trips on the Green River on Sunday. For additional information and free color brochure and maps, write to Superintendent, Box 68 Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, KY, 42259. Meet at 9:30 Central time at the Service station and Post Office in the Park. For carpooling arrangements from Nashville, call Evelyn Tretter/859-0566.

LEADER: Bill Hager 374-2227  
Hartsville

## RED LEAF TRAIL, NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK 17-18 October 1981

The Memphis Chapter of TTA will hike along with Memphis Sierra Club at Natchez Trace State Park on the Red Leaf Trail. This outing will be an overnight backpack experience for novice and experienced backpackers, or a day hike for those who wish to return early. There will be a group leader from the Sierra Club to lead the overnighter, while Ranger-Naturalist Larry Mullins leads the day hikers. Meet at the Natchez Trace State Park office at 10:00 a.m. Central time, October 17.

LEADER: Jill Norvell 901-454-2365  
Memphis

NASHVILLE AREA CARPOOL COORDINATOR - EVELYN TRETTER  
859-0566

MEMPHIS AREA CARPOOL COORDINATOR - JILL NORVELL  
901-454-2365  
901-876-5529 (home)

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NO BUSINESS VALLEY - BIG SOUTH FORK NATION-  
AL RIVER AND RECREATION AREA (SCOTT COUNTY)  
17-18 October 1981

Don't miss this fall backpack into the rugged wilderness gorge of the Big South Fork area. The hike will start at Peters Lookout and drop off the escarpment into the No Business Valley. Following old logging roads, the hike will traverse the entire length of the valley to the banks of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and the campsite. Sunday's hike will lead back to the Lookout. Trip should be considered a strenuous Class IV, primarily because of the off trail section between Peters Lookout and the valley trails. Round trip hiking distance will be approximately 16 miles. Meet at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time at the Pickett State Park Office and Visitor's Center. NOTE: Four-wheeled drive vehicles are needed to transport folks to the trail head. An alternate trip in Pickett State Forest is planned if the jeep roads are impassible due to wet weather.

LEADER: Joe Gaines 356-4899  
Nashville (work) 741-3546

NORTH RIDGE TRAIL, OAK RIDGE GREENBELT  
(ANDERSON COUNTY) 31 October 1981

This 8 mile trail is an easy hike along Black Oak Ridge bordering the city of Oak Ridge. It is a National Recreation Trail, and should provide views of the Cumberland Plateau. Meet at the west parking lot of the Oak Ridge Civic Center (corner of Tulane Avenue and Oak Ridge Turnpike - Stoplight No. 10) at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time. Eat lunch along the trail; bring water.

LEADER: Grimes Slaughter 483-5859  
Oak Ridge (work) 574-4497

BOARD MEETING: On October 8th at 7:30 p.m. a special planning session will be held at Bertha Chrietzberg's home, 1715 Elrod St., Murfreesboro, to discuss the annual meeting. Attend if you can.

Bertha's Number is 896-1146.

## TTA Affairs

### TRAIL NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeanette Fitzwilliams, President of the National Trails Council was in Nashville on September 8 and 9 and in Knoxville on September 10. A large number of the Nashville Chapter members and a few agency personnel met for a covered dish meal at the Stidham's for a delightful social followed by a business meeting. On September 10, Jeanette met with several agency persons interested in trail development at the Department of Conservation. The gist of her message was that we, as volunteers, must go back to trail building and maintenance, coordinating our work with the agencies that control the land. We can no longer count on YCC and YACC government help. She also felt that the organization of a statewide Trails Advisory Council consisting of members from all organizations interested in trails, would be a worthwhile project. This would bring together all trail interest groups, hiking, biking, water trails, horse trails, ORV, etc. Jeanette felt that we can better represent ourselves in larger numbers as well as coordinate all aspects of trail development by a cooperative effort. She left us with some thoughtful ideas and a plea to get volunteer work groups back on the trail. We will try to sign up persons to our Adopt-A-Trail program at our annual meeting. So be prepared to adopt a trail that you can monitor about twice a year. We have a few trails adopted, but we must do more as an organization, if we are to enjoy the use of our trails.

TVA-Land Between the Lakes has invited TTA to co-sponsor a workshop and Hike Day on November 7 and 8 at LBL. This will coordinate with our scheduled hike at Land Between the Lakes on November 8 being led by Rise Daniels. We would like to see TTA well represented on one or both days. The workshops on Saturday will cover areas such as Safety and First Aid, Map Interpretation, Outdoor Cooking Skills, Camp Songs, Outdoor Games, etc. There will also be equipment displays. Please contact me if you think you can be there and help with a workshop.

The West Tennessee Chapter, under the leadership of Jill Norvell are now having regular meetings and have planned their fall hike schedule. Note in the calendar the hikes scheduled in West Tennessee.

➔ Be sure you are registered for the annual meeting at Camp Cumberland in Crossville on October 23, 24, and 25. We need to report a close final count on October 10. If you have not yet registered, send in your registration today.

--- Bertha Chrietzberg



TTA bumper stickers available. Send \$1 to Andra Fuson, Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Lebanon, TN, 37087.



## Nashville Chapter

**NASHVILLE CHAPTER NEWS** - The Nashville Chapter hosted an enjoyable supper and get-together for 35 members and guests at the "Toadshade", Dave and Sherry Stidham's country place near Goodlettsville on the 8th of September. Good food was plentiful, and there was lots of trail talk. The guest of honor was Ms. Jeanette Fitzwilliams, the recently elected president of the National Trails Council. (See "Trail Notes From the President").

**TRIP REPORT** - Harpeth River Trail. Thirteen people hikers and "Pippin" joined the Nashville Chapter hike at Edwin Warner Park on Sunday afternoon, August 30. Included in the group were three school age youth and Ansley, the 18 month old daughter of Gene and Sara Curp who made her "maiden" hike with T.T.A. Some of the group shared a picnic following the short hike while others watched a polo game.

**TRIP REPORT** - Turnout was very good for the eight-mile Long Hunter hike on September 12. Among the 25 hikers were several members and non-members who could proudly point to sections they had helped put on the ground. Although some areas have grown up due to the lack of maintenance and foot travel, the trail is there and hikeable. The warm day made a dip in the lake irresistible to several of us. After our well-earned hot dog supper prepared by the leader's parents, a few of us sat by the shore and watched the sun set over the lake - a fitting end for a beautiful day...Betty Smith.



TTA member Charlie Klabunde, (Oak Ridge) was elected a Director on the 1982 Board of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club on August 29, at the Club's annual election. Charlie served as president of the SMHC for 1981.

## Murfreesboro Chapter

The Murfreesboro Chapter met on September 10. Steve Fisher presented a slide show on Confrontation Point, a Christian Wilderness Adventure Camp located in Grundy County near the Savage Gulf Area. Steve spent the summer working with this inspirational group who teach Christian concepts through the learning of outdoor wilderness skills. Glen Hanley, Director of MTSU Campus Recreation Program and other members of Murfreesboro TTA showed slides from the MTSU recently sponsored week's trek on the Appalachian Trail. The next meeting of Murfreesboro Chapter will be held on October 8 in MTSU Memorial Gym, room 221.

## West TN Chapter

**TRIP REPORT** - History hike at Ft. Pillow State Historic Park - The new Memphis Chapter of TTA hiked its first fall outing, September 5, along the Five Mile Trek at Ft. Pillow State Historic Park. Fourteen eager hikers gathered at the Visitor Center in the Park to be welcomed by Jill Norvell, group leader. After a brief description of the new chapter and a reminder of the upcoming hikes, the group was turned over to Ranger-Naturalist Bob Lowrance. Bob gave an excellent interpretation of the historical events that took place at Ft. Pillow before, during, and after the Civil War. Afterwards, Bob lead the group to the site of the Fort while continuing to tell us about the events leading up to the take-over of the Fort by General Nathan Bedford Forrest. The picture Bob painted of the history of the Park made the rest of the five miles a very enjoyable one.

★ MAIL TODAY ★

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING -- MAIL BY OCTOBER 10, 1981

MAIL TO : Tennessee Trails Association, P.O. Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN. 37405

LODGING - *(\$8.00 per night per person, children under 4 - no charge; 4-11 - ½ price)	Please check	no. in party
	Fri Sat	
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MEALS - (Breakfast \$2.00; Lunch \$2.50; Dinner \$2.50)	Fri Sat Sun
same rules for children as above	D B L D B
Please circle meals desired →	_____

CAMPSITE - \*(\$4.75 per family unit)

REGISTRATION FEE - (\$2.00 per membership)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose registration fee of \$2.00 per membership with this pre-registration  
\* \$ .25 of this fee is for insurance.

Bring slides!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1981

- Sept. 20 - Buggy Top Cave Trail, Carter Caves State Natural Area (Bob Richards - 924-2956).
- Oct. 3 - Loop Trail, Prentice Cooper State Forest - see this NL.
- Oct. 8 - Murfreesboro Chapter meeting - see this NL.
- Oct. 9-11- TN Environmental Education Assn annual meeting, Memphis (Jill Norvell- 901-454-2365).
- Oct. 10 - National Jogging Day.
- Oct. 10-11- Nashville Ch. hike - North Plateau-Stone Door Connector Trail, Savage Gulf State Natural Area - see this NL.
- Oct. 11 - Nashville Ch. hike - Laurel Falls Day Loop, Great Stone Door State Environmental Education Area - see this NL.
- Oct. 17 - Nashville Ch. hike - Mammoth Cave National Park - see this NL.
- Oct. 17-18- No Business Valley, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area - see this NL.
- Oct. 17-18- Memphis Ch. backpack on Red Leaf Trail, Natchez Trace State Park - see this NL.
- Oct. 24-25- TTA annual meeting, Cumberland Camp, Crossville, TN.
- Oct. 31 - North Ridge Trail, Oak Ridge Greenbelt - see this NL.
- Nov. 7 - Hiking Workshop, Land Between the Lakes. Co-sponsored by TTA and TVA (Bertha Chrietberg - 896-1146).
- Nov. 8 - Nashville Chapter - Land Between the Lakes hike (Rise Daniels - 502-924-5602/502-759-4782, or Al Lookofsky - 217-774-3951).
- Nov. 12 - Murfreesboro Chapter Meeting.
- Nov. 14 - Memphis Ch. - Big Hill Pond State Environmental Area (Jim Harrison - 901-645-9275).
- Nov. 14 - Yellow Creek-Daddy's Creek hike - (Catoosa Wildlife Mgmt. Area) (David Stidham - 859-3621/251-5115).
- Nov. 15 - Cumberland Trail, Caryville to Lake City (Harry Hubbell - 483-0414).
- Nov. 28 - Memphis Ch. - Chickasaw Bluff Trail, Meeman Shelby Forest State Park (Charlie Norvell - 901-876-5201).
- Nov. 28 - Panther Creek Trail - Franklin-Marion State Forest (Jim Chrietberg - 389-9561).
- Nov. 28 - Murfreesboro Ch. - Stones River Canoe Trip (Bertha Chrietberg - 896-1146).

## TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION INC.

**OBJECTIVES:** To promote, construct, and maintain a state wide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective. Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail.

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