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Trail Construction Workshop at David Rhyme's

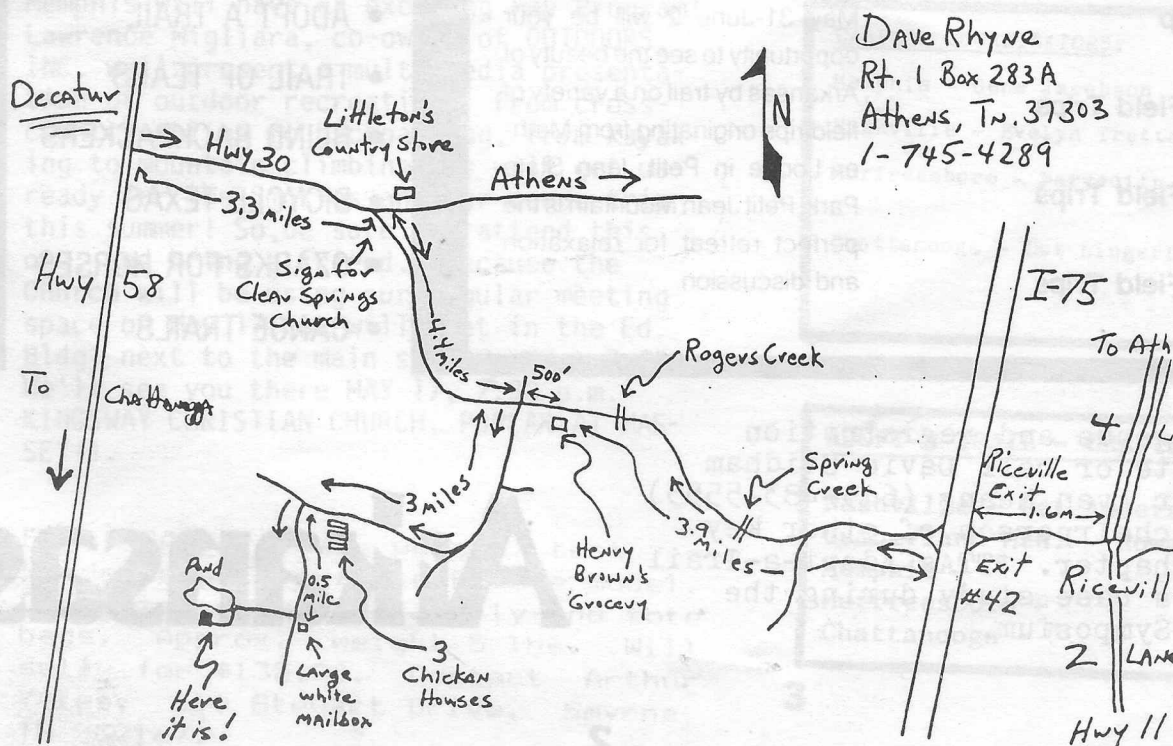
12 May, 1984

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! One of the main purposes of TTA is to help in the development of trails in Tennessee. Two ways we do this is Adopt-A-Trail, and sponsor for the Cumberland Trail. Another way is to train our members in trail work techniques. Such a workshop will be conducted on May 12 by David Rhyme at his homestead near Athens, TN (See map). This is especially timely since the Cumberland Trail weekend is in June, and we need plenty of trained volunteers to help construct sections of the CT. Also, the workshop will benefit you in work on your adopted trail. The day will be fun too! Bring a pole and catch fish for your supper out of David's pond. Otherwise, bring your own food and tools, if you have any. Bring a sleeping bag and camp out on his back porch, and attend a waterfall hike the next day.

Please preregister with TTA, PO Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN 37405, if you plan to attend (just send a card and say you will be there).

Board Meeting - Saturday, May 5th, 2 p.m. central time, at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Inquire in the Inn about the meeting place. Everyone is welcome; you don't have to be a board member.

New TVA Streams, Trails Booklets Available - TVA has two new publications available to help outdoor enthusiasts. "Scenic and Recreational Streams in the Tennessee Valley" describes 47 waterways across the valley. It rates their paddling difficulty, lists scenic amenities and fishing potential, and includes a foldout map for river runners. "TVA Trails: A Trail Guide to the Great Lakes of the South" describes 20 possibilities for hiking developed trails on TVA lands. Both brochures are available for \$1 each from TVA



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The deadline is the 20th of each month. If possible, submit material camera ready, typed in a full 4½ inch column. Artwork is welcomed.



NATIONAL TRAILS COUNCIL

7th TRAIL SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, 26 MAY:

- Backpack on Ozark Highlands Trail

SUNDAY, 27 MAY:

- National Volunteer Project
- NTC Board Meeting

MONDAY, 28 MAY:

- Trail Strategy Workshops
- Welcome by Senator Dale Bumpers

TUESDAY, 29 MAY:

- Bona Dea Trail Dedication
- NTC Biennial Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY:

- Ozark Highlands Trail Dedication
- Conference Wrap-up

THURSDAY, 31 MAY:

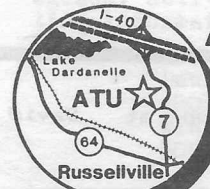
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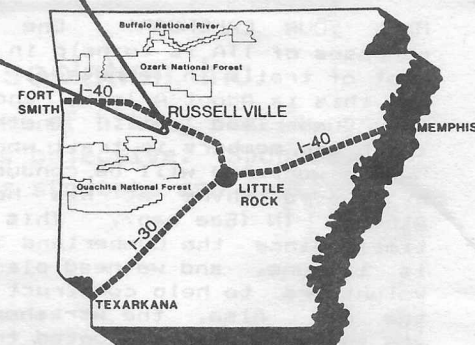
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SATURDAY, 2 JUNE:

- Trails of Arkansas Field Trips



**ARKANSAS TECH
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
RUSSELLVILLE, ARK**



TRAIL STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

President of the NTC will direct workshops on 28 & 29 May to prepare resolutions for adoption at the NTC Biennial Meeting. Issues will be identified and clarified into goals for National Trail action within the next two years.

ARKANSAS TRAIL FIELDTRIPS

May 31-June 2 will be your opportunity to see the beauty of Arkansas by trail on a variety of fieldtrips originating from Mather Lodge in Petit Jean State Park. Petit Jean Mountain is the perfect retreat for relaxation and discussion.

CASE STUDIES

- GEO-FLOAT TRAIL
- THE DESERT TRAIL
- ADOPT A TRAIL
- TRAIL OF TEARS
- BLIND BACKPACKERS
- BICYCLE TEXAS
- OZARKS FOR HORSES
- CANOE TRAILS

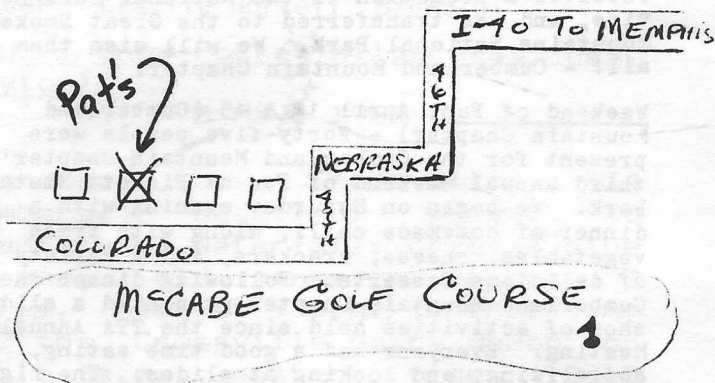
For a detailed agenda and registration information, write or call David Stidham (615-859-3621) or Evan Means (615-483-5555) or your chapter chairperson of other key person in your chapter. TTAs Adopt-a-Trail program will be a case study during the National Trails Symposium.

Arkansas

Chapter News

Nashville

NOTE: The May ^{17th} meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Pat Anderson's home, 4904 Colorado Avenue. Pinto beans and cornbread and iced tea will be waiting for members and guests. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.



Memphis

Well, the same faces are back again after the Memphis Chapter decided to "let" Jill Norvell be chairperson, Jerri Bull act as program and publicity coordinator, and Betty Porter keep our money and bills for another year. New Special Events Committee people are Paul Goldstein, Bob Barnett, Barbara Grimm, Gene Jacobson, Betty and Jerri, and John Parish.

THANKS TO EVERYBODY THAT HELPS!

Memphis will have an exciting May Program! Lawrence Migliara, co-owner of OUTDOORS, INC. will present a multi-media presentation of outdoor recreation: from cross-country skiing to backpacking, from kayaking to mountain climbing. It will get us ready for the Smokies and our canoe trip this summer! So, be sure you attend this one, and bring a friend. Because the Church will be using our regular meeting space on May 17, we will meet in the Ed. Bldg. next to the main sanctuary at 7:30. We'll see you there MAY 17, 7:30 p.m. KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, POPLAR AT MASSEY!!

FOR SALE: Two person tent - Wilderness Experience Solace model. Complete including rainfly and tote bags. Approx. weight 5 lbs. Will sell for \$135.00. Contact Arthur Yates, 110 Stewart Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167.

MEMPHIS - TTA announces the First Annual PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

The theme for our contest is

"HIKING TENNESSEE'S TRAILS"

Categories will be professional color prints and amateur color prints.

Minimum size is 5X7 and prints should be matted.

A GRAND PRIZE will go to the BEST OF SHOW. The TN Dept. of Conservation-State Parks will award the best of show a weekend for two at a state park lodge in west TN.! There will be first, second, and third places awarded in each category. Prizes will include HIKING EQUIPMENT from Outdoors, INC. and Oshman's Sporting Goods. There will also be prizes of film, film processing, and TTA memberships.

Entry fees are \$3.00 for the first entry and \$1.00 for others. Winners will be announced at the TTA-Memphis June 21 meeting. Prints will be exhibited at the Lichterman Nature Center in Memphis June 23-30.

Deadline for entries is June 16.

Send your best print(s) to Jill Norvell Shelby Forest State Park, Millington, TN 38053. Include your name, address, and phone and check make payable to TTA-Memphis. Indicate which category you are entering. Also include a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing your print back to you.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY PHOTOGRAPHING!

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ADOPT-A-TRAIL - CHAPTER COORDINATORS

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Chattanooga - ?

Cumberland Mountain

Big South Fork Wild Flower Pilgrimage

May 11 & 12, 1984

Mark your calendar now for the first Big South Fork Wild Flower Pilgrimage. This event will begin on Friday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. CDT at York Agricultural Institute in Jamestown, with various slide presentations, refreshments, and exhibits by different organizations. On Saturday, May 12 there will be ten hikes ranging from 1.5 to 7 miles in length and from class I through class III, most of which will be led by Cumberland Mountain Chapter members. The tours will cover an extensive portion of the entire area. This event is being sponsored by: the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce, the Fentress County Extension Office, the Big South Fork NRA, Pickett State Park, and the Cumberland Mountain Chapter-Tennessee Trails Association. For more information contact: Fentress County Chamber of Commerce, Jamestown, TN 38556, 615-879-9948.

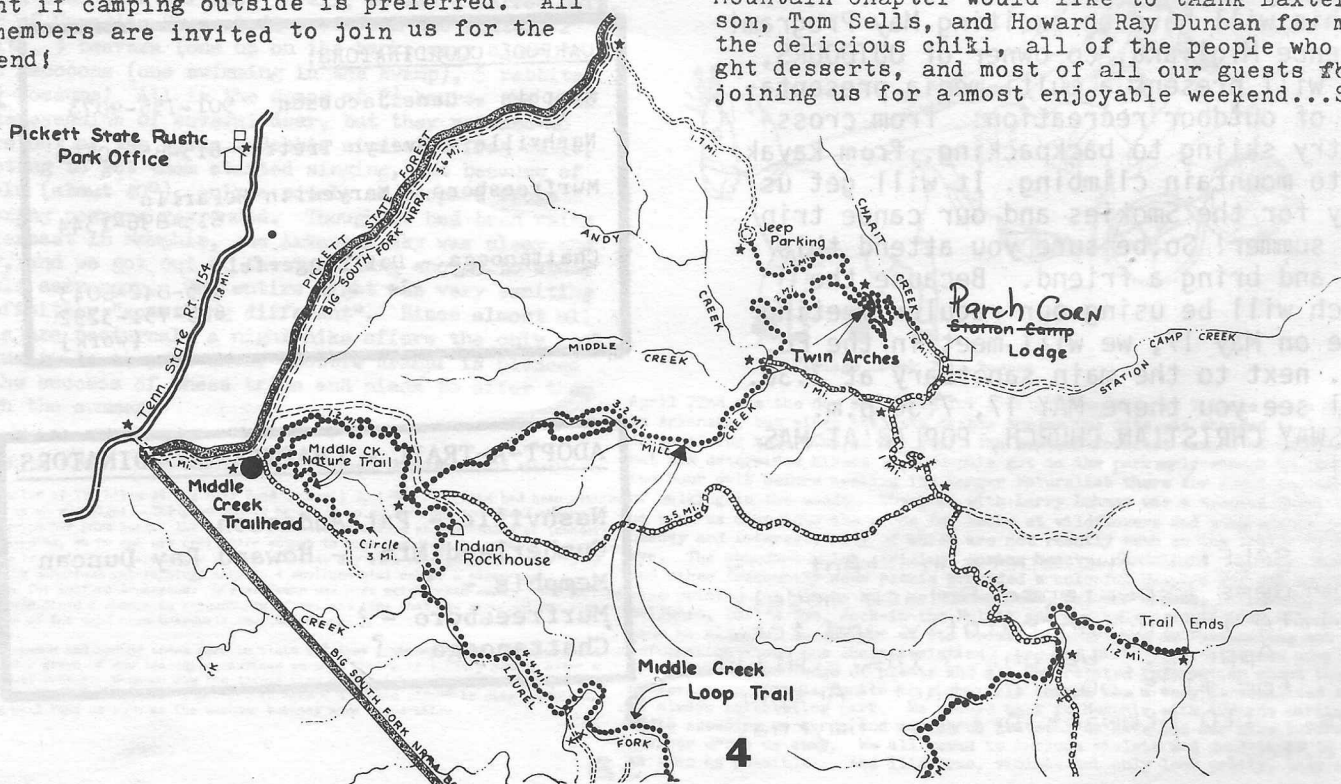
PARCH CORN LODGE - MEETING AND OVERNIGHTER

May 19 & 20, 1984

On Saturday, May 19 the Cumberland Mountain Chapter plans to hold their regular chapter meeting at Parch Corn Lodge in the Big South Fork NRA at 5:00 p.m. CDT. Everyone is to meet at Pickett State Park office at 4:00 p.m. CDT. From the park office we will drive to a parking area on the hill overlooking the Lodge, and hike approximately 1 mile to the lodge, as motorized vehicles are prohibited in the gorge area. Most plan to camp at the lodge that night, however anyone not wishing to camp will be escorted back to the parking area. After the meeting there will be a wiener roast. On Sunday, May 20 there will be ample opportunity for hiking, fishing, or just loafing around. Due to the remote location, everyone is urged to bring their own food for the wiener roast, for breakfast and lunch on the following day. Everyone should bring sleeping bags and possibly a tent if camping outside is preferred. All TTA members are invited to join us for the weekend!

On April 2, twenty-three Cumberland Mountain Chapter members gathered at Allardt Elementary School for a going away party for George, Janet, Brice, and Buddy Minnigh. A special cake was made for the occasion and served along with chips, coffee, and soft drinks. The Minnighs were presented with a plaque from the Cumberland Mountain Chapter and most of the time was spent socializing and saying goodbyes. George was a ranger at the Big South Fork NRA and served for two years as a TTA board member. Janet, Brice, and Buddy are all Cumberland Mountain Chapter members. George recently received a promotion in the National Park Service, and was transferred to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. We will miss them all! - Cumberland Mountain Chapter.

Weekend of Fun, April 14 & 15 (Cumberland Mountain Chapter) - Forty-five people were present for the Cumberland Mountain Chapter's third annual Weekend of Fun at Pickett State Park. We began on Saturday evening with a dinner of homemade chili, along with fresh vegetables, cheese, crackers, and a variety of delicious desserts. Following dinner the Cumberland Mountain Chapter presented a slide show of activities held since the TTA Annual Meeting. Everyone had a good time eating, socializing, and looking at slides. The night was a perfect opportunity to see friends that we haven't seen in months. On Sunday twenty-nine people turned out for the Twin Arch-Parch Corn Lodge hike. The group rode to within a few yards of the Twin Arches, by way of four wheel drive vehicles, where the hike began. From the arches the group hiked to Jake's Place, an old homestead of one of the original settlers, passing high cliffs and rock houses along the way. From Jake's Place the group hiked on to Parch Corn Lodge, now Charit Creek Hostel. From there the hikers climbed the long hill back up to the Arches and back to the vehicles. The day was perfect for a hike and several species of wildflowers were encountered along the way, such as yellow, blue, and white violets, spring beauties, blood root, may apples, trillium, and and bluets, just to name a few. The Cumberland Mountain Chapter would like to thank Baxter Wilson, Tom Sells, and Howard Ray Duncan for making the delicious chili, all of the people who brought desserts, and most of all our guests for joining us for a most enjoyable weekend...S. Burke.



HIKES

MAY 5 - CHICKASAW BLUFF TRAIL

Join the MEMPHIS CHAPTER as we hike the hills and dales of Shelby Forest State Park. Our adopted trail will host spring's buds and blooms and should be another great day on the Chickasaw Bluffs. Bring a lunch and a friend and meet Charlie at Poplar Tree Lake parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Leader: Charlie Norvell 876-5201

Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness (near Dayton)

5 May, 1984

Sponsored by Crossville TTA members. Beautiful ascent to mountaintop waterfall; crystal blue stream; old mines. Approx. 8 miles. Meet at 9 a.m. central time at the Crossville Dairy Queen or 11:15 a.m. eastern time (10:15 central time) at the trailhead near Dayton. We will eat lunch on one of the overlooks.

LEADER: TOBY ROGERS, Crossville
615-484-1702

MAY 12-13 - WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

Join the MEMPHIS CHAPTER at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park during their weekend celebrating wildflowers and spring. We'll meet the carpool May 13 (Sunday) at Oshmann's parking lot (Ridgeway at Park). For those of you wanting to go up Saturday and camp (camping is available at the Park), the carpool will meet you at the Park Office at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Bring a lunch and a friend and a camera for capturing spring's beauties (flowers, that is).

Leader: Betty Thompson Tabatabai 528-6748

Waterfall Pilgrimage (Grundy Co. and vicinity)

Sunday, May 13, 1983

Following the trail workshop at Dave Rhyne's on the 12th, join us in exploring some of south central Tennessee's waterfalls. Some we may see include Deer Lick, Bridal Veil, Monteagle, Cascade, Foster, Laurel, Greater and Anderson Falls. Meet at 9 a.m. central time at the South Cumberland Recreation Area office on US Hwy. 41, halfway

between Monteagle and Tracy City.

LEADER: DAVID STIDHAM Goodletts-
615-859-3621 ville
615-251-5115 (office)

Thunderhead Mountain - Great Smoky Mountains National Park
19 May, 1984

Sponsored by Crossville TTA members. Superb view of several states; bear, boar, and deer are common. "This hike is worth getting up so early!" Bring lunch. Meet at 6 a.m. central time at the Crossville Dairy Queen, or 10:30 a.m. eastern time (9:30 a.m. central time) at the Ranger Station. Approx. 15 miles.

LEADER: TOBY ROGERS, Crossville
615-484-1702

MAY 26 - MOUSE TAIL LANDING STATE Park

Join the MEMPHIS CHAPTER and explore West Tennessee's newest secret! This beautiful park overlooks the Tennessee River which provides the hiker with beautiful overlooks. Meet the carpool at Kingsway Church at 7:30 a.m. and hike leader Jim Keeton at 10:00 at the Interpretive Center. Bring a lunch and a friend!

Leader: Jim Keeton 901-847-6329

JUNE 1 - SMOKEY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

The MEMPHIS CHAPTER is going cross-country this month to the GREAT SMOKIES! Those with reservations will hike to Mt. LeConte Lodge June 1 for an overnight stay. For those of you without reservations, the hiking is still waiting for you! As you know, the mountains boasts flora and fauna atypical of West TN, so take advantage of this unforgettable trip. Information about carpools, camping, costs, etc. will be discussed at the May meeting on the 17th. LET'S GO!

Information: Betty Porter 363-0213

Cancellation - the May 5th Pot Point Loop Trail hike has been cancelled because of hunting in the area. The May 19th Walls of Jericho hike has also been cancelled.

TRIP REPORTS

TRIP REPORT: SHORT MOUNTAIN HIKE - March 10, 1984

With several cancellations, I thought I might be the only one to face the cold, but nine hikers showed up at the first meeting place; Charlie Hann, John Hart, Pat Anderson, Risa Ledsinger, Floyd Herrick, Edcois Norfleet, Beth Norfleet, Vic Canada and Gale Douglas. We were thrilled when four more hikers greeted us at the second meeting place; Bob Barnett Dot Lingerfelt, Mildred Lassiter and Florence Williams.

We parked at the Youth Camp and, with snow threatening and the wind blowing, we started around the mountain. The camp's horses followed us as long as they could. We stayed on the contour, passed by several springs and made the circle trip back to our cars where we had lunch. Some of us visited the cave in the camp and some of us managed to locate Melton Hole. Next we drove to the top of the mountain and visited the mill-stone factory site. We then drove to Pine Creek Falls. Everyone thought they were beautiful.

OVERTON PARK HIKE, March 25:

Night people met on this grey, chilly Sunday afternoon and hiked through the woods of Overton Park on a criss-crossing path that covered about 5 1/2 miles. It was still too early to see many signs of spring, but we did find a few trillium plants, and the forest floor was carpeted by the "umbrellas" of may-apples. We also discovered a few questionable items which had been discarded in the woods (no details; this is a family publication). Three days after the hike, a murder was committed very close to the route we had walked. Overton Park was unusually quiet for the next few weeks. —Debbie Gilbert

NIGHT HIKE AT WAPANOCCA WILDLIFE REFUGE, March 31:

At 6p.m., about fifteen people gathered at the Link Palace Museum, where naturalist Robbie Krampf used slides and taped sounds to introduce creatures which might be encountered. The group then boarded the museum's two vans for the 45-minute drive to Wapanocca. Since the refuge is mostly swamp, we remained inside the vans, driving slowly along a narrow gravel road atop a levee. Robbie demonstrated extraordinary coordination, as he drove (both forwards and backwards!) with one hand and held the Q-Beam spotlight in the other, and still managed to detect wildlife before anyone else could see it. The animals apparently knew we were coming, for they put on a real show for us; in all, we saw 4 barred owls, a pair of Canadian Geese left over from the winter, 2 muskrats, 3 beavers (one up on the bank, very close to us), 3 raccoons (one swimming in the swamp), 5 rabbits, and 10 possums! All in the space of 2 1/2 hours. We also saw the eyeshine of several deer, but they refused to venture out of the woods. Robbie simulated frog calls, attempting to get them started singing, but because of the cold (about 40°), only a couple of leopard frogs and spring peepers responded. Though it had been rainy and overcast in Memphis, the Arkansas sky was clear and starry, and we got out of the vans long enough to study a little astronomy. The entire night was very exciting and definitely "something different". Since almost all mammals are nocturnal, a night hike offers the only real opportunity to observe them. Robbie Krampf is pleased with the success of these trips and plans to offer them through the summer.

Big Hill Pond Trip Report - Memphis Chapter, Tennessee Trails Association

Memphis Chapter of TTA hiked at Big Hill Pond on April 7, 1984. The hike had been planned originally as an overnight. The plan was to backpack in on Saturday and spend the night in a shelter on the park land. The weather forecast promised an 80% chance of thunderstorms by evening, so no one was optimistic enough to risk spending the night. A group of about twelve met Steve Purdue for a very pleasant day hike of eight miles over hilly terrain. The monstone outcroppings make this environmental center a picturesque and atypical one for western Tennessee. Dismal Swamp was more marshy than swampy, but walking across it gave Steve a chance to recount the effort and time that was required for the construction of the half mile boardwalk over the swamp.

A few dogwood and redbud trees were in bloom and they combined with wildflowers and the tender green of new leaves to convince us that Spring is finally coming after a long, cold winter. When we saw the lovely view of the lake from one of the shelters along the trail several hikers decided to make a definite effort to stay overnight at Big Hill Pond as soon as the weather becomes more cooperative.

Fort Pillow State Historic Park, April 14 (Memphis Chapter) Twelve hard souls braved the wilds of Fort Pillow Park on a cloudy, cool Saturday. Not one convict was seen, but we did see lots of trillium, phlox, mayapple, wild oats, redbud, dogwood, violets, and jacks-in-the-pulpit. The hikers in the front of the group saw an owl. Fort Pillow is a beautiful park and this 10 mile trail is well marked with plaques giving historical information. From the top of the First Chickasaw Bluff (northern boundary of the Park) we could see the Mississippi River from several scenic overlooks. The steep hills and ravines certainly provided good practice for our assault on Mt. LeConte in June.

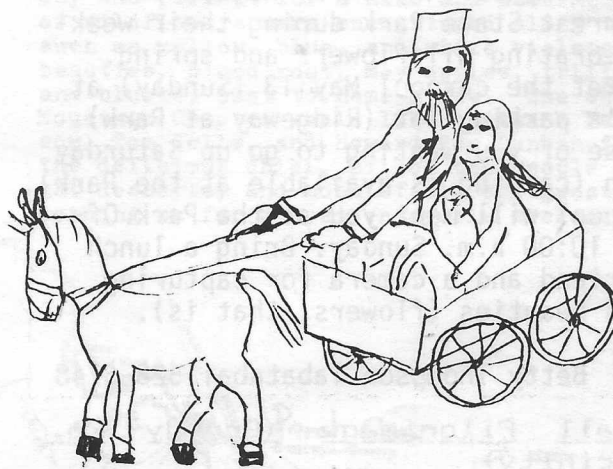
Betty Porter

HIKE TO THE MENNONITE'S

April 14, 1984

The Mennonite's live in one of the hollows between Bucksnort and Lobelville about 1 hr. drive on I-40 West from Nashville. We turned down a dirt road searching for the Mennonite settlement and came to Standing Rock, a natural limestone formation about 80 ft. high. It is a noticeable "monument" of two tall chimneys surrounded by flat fields. The 5 of us waded across a stream and climbed up the steep bank for lunch.

Driving toward Lobelville, we turned at a sign directing us to "Horse shoeing Tuesdays and Saturdays". We found the Mennonite's farm houses and that is what one of the son's was doing - shoeing about six horses. We asked if they had honey for sale. The bearded father came out and was quite friendly. All the men and boys had on homemade overalls and shirts. We asked if we could take a picture of his daughter in her black scarf and long dark blue dress. He said I guess we don't want any images made. We bought whole wheat bread, peanut brittle, honey and homemade noodles. Delicious. They are an admirable people. Gayle Douglas



Village Creek Trip Report

April 22nd was the day scheduled for a wildflower hike at Village Creek State Park in Arkansas, but since that was Easter Sunday the date was changed to April 21st. As usual for this time of the year, the weather forecast warned of thunderstorms... but six determined hikers from Memphis got to the park early enough to take a brisk two hour walk before meeting the Ranger Naturalist there for about another two hours of walking in the woods. The hike with Larry Lohman was a special treat indeed, as he took us deep into the woods for looks at wildflowers and other plants of great beauty and interest, many of which are not readily seen on the trails by the untrained eye. The abundant phlox, trillium, spring beauty, dandelions, violets, May apples and other frequently seen plants provided a colorful display for our enjoyment. Larry also pointed out plants such as Golden Seal, Solomon's Seal, Bloodroot, Yellow Bellwort, Doll's Eye, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and a single elegant Lady Slipper which made us all gasp in delight at its beauty. Larry gave us fascinating and educational information about the characteristics, uses and history of these and many other plants. His knowledge of plants and all the related information about them made us feel even more fortunate to have this chance for a very personalized tour of an always interesting park. We headed back to Memphis with tornado warnings on the radio speeding us along and making us grateful to have had our hike before the weather drove us away. We all vowed to include violets and dandelions in our diets as soon as possible. And it's true, violets not only look pretty, they taste good, too

Calendar of Events

May 5 - Board meeting, Fall Creek Falls State Park, 2 p.m.

May 5 - Chickasaw Bluff Trail (see this nl)

May 5 - Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness (see this nl)

May 5 - Station Camp - Leatherwood Fork, Big South Fork Ntl. River & Rec. Area. Sponsored by McCreary Co. Hiking Club (Rita Ellis - 606-354-3144).

Wildflower Weekend: South Cumberland Recreation Area Visitor Center, Tracy City. May 5 and 6.

Wildflowers galore can be found at our Visitor Center, Grundy Forest (Fiery Gizzard Trail), Grundy Lakes and surrounding areas. Come join in the hunt. Hikes, displays and audio visual programs will be available presented by plant experts and naturalists. There will be something for everybody regardless of skill or ability. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. (CST) both days on Highway 56 three miles from I-24.

Leader: Randy Hedgepath, Ranger Naturalist 924-2956

May 6 - Lick Creek-Buzzard Rock overlooks, McCreary Co., KY. Sponsored by McCreary Co. Hiking Club (Rita Ellis - 606-354-3144).

May 12 - Trail Construction workshop (See this nl)

May 12-13 - Kentucky Trails Society organ. meeting

May 13 - Waterfall Pilgrimage (see this nl)

May 12-13 - Wildflower Festival-Nathan Bedford Forrest S.P. (see this nl)

May 19- Thunderhead Mt. (see this nl)

May 26 - Mousetail Landing (see this nl)

May 26-June 2 - National Trails Conference (see this nl)

June 1 - Mt. LeConte (see this nl)

June 2 - Rainbow Lake to Edwards Point-Cumberland Trail (Everett Kidder-615-875-0378/751-3361).

June 9 - Indian Town Bluff (John Hart 615-227-8339)

June 10 - Twin Arches (Big South Fork) (Steve Burke 615-879-8017)

June 17 - Natchez Trace State Park (Larry Turner 901-682-2359).

June 23 - Middle Creek Loop Trail, Big South Fork. Sponsored by McCreary Co. Hiking Club (Rita Ellis 606-354-3144)

June 23-24 - Cumberland Trail Weekend (see this nl)

June 24 - Beatty Oil Well hike, Big South Fork. Sponsored by McCreary Co. Hiking Club. (Rita Ellis 606-354-3144)

June 30-July 1 - Roan Mtn. Backpack (Mike Dahl - 615-426-7461)

Oct. 19-21 - TTA Annual Meeting - Reersheba Springs

Nov. 1-4 - SE Trails Conference, Paris Landing State Park; co-sponsored by TTA

Adopt A Trail

Hello, fellow hikers! David Stidham has asked me to begin a monthly column in this space. So, in future newsletters, I'll be highlighting trails suitable for adoption, providing tips on trail maintenance, and reporting on the inspection efforts of our members. However, this is also to be a readers column, too. Write to me with any questions about trail maintenance or to share your tips/methods of trail construction. My address is:

Diane Davidson
6588 Bluff Road
Brentwood, TN 37027

ADOPTED TRAIL OF THE MONTH-LONG HUNTER

The Long Hunter State Park trail system, located in southeastern Davidson County, offers a variety of terrains and hiking experiences, as well as offering one of the few handicapped accessible trails in Tennessee. The Park and trails are man-

aged by the Dept. of Conservation.

The Long Hunter trail system has been adopted by a group of students at Crockett Academy. Steve Elsner, their counselor writes: "Our selection of Long Hunter is very special to us because the Park was developed for use by handicapped persons. Our school was developed for another group of special people--troubled youth...This program will provide us a unique educational opportunity...learning how trails are built and maintained...this will culminate in the building of parts of an eleven mile overnight trail." By the way, David Stidham, Reggie Reeves, and Bob Richards provided technical assistance to help the Crockett group get started! And since the original group adopted Long Hunter, another team of Crockett guys, lead by counselor Steve Allen, have adopted the Three Hickories Trail at Cook Recreation Area on Percy Priest Lake.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL WEEKEND
23-24 June, 1984

Mark your calendar for this important project-maximum participation by TTA chapters and members is encouraged! The Cumberland Trail Committee will be planning a productive weekend to try and complete construction on sections of the Cumberland Trail -- TTA's major volunteer trail project. No other trail activities are planned for this weekend, so plan to attend.

Two work projects will be underway during the weekend. Chattanooga and Murfreesboro chapters will be working on the southern end in Prentice Cooper State Forest. The Nashville and Cumberland Mt. chapters will be working in Cumberland Co. A cookout and campout is planned Saturday night at both locations. Coordinator for the Cum-

berland Co. project is David Stidham (859-3621) and Bob Richards (742-6606) for the Prentice Cooper work. Call them for info and to lend assistance. See June newsletter for details.

Kentucky Trails Society Meeting

At the present time, Kentucky does not have a group to voice concerns of trail users. A trail organization is being formed which tentatively is called the Kentucky trails Society. The first meeting will occur at Otter Creek Park, south of Louisville, on May 12 and 13. For an agenda, activity, lodging, and registration information, write:

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Daniel Boone National Forest
100 Vaught Rd.
Winchester, KY 40391
606/745-3100

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OBJECTIVES: To promote, construct, and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective. Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail. Regular dues are \$8.00 per year: \$3.00 for students and family dependents.

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