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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN TO SEND IN YOUR DUES. Please use the enclosed form and send in those dues promptly. Thank's.

RESOLUTION ON SPENSER RANGE

The following resolution was passed at the annual meeting:

Whereas the establishment of a National Guard training range in four counties of the Cumberland Plateau may have a severe social and environmental impact on the residents of the area involved, and

Whereas the damage caused by tanks and other vehicles and by exploding artillery shells may extend beyond the limits of the proposed range, and

Whereas plants and animals that may be on the endangered species list and may exist nowhere else but the Cumberland Plateau, may be destroyed,

Therefore be it resolved by the Tennessee Trails Association at its annual meeting at Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, October 20, 1984, that no action be taken to construct any facilities on the proposed National Guard Training Range until a full environmental assessment has been completed and an environmental impact statement has been made available to the public.

SOUTHERN CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESS BILL ENACTED by WILL SKELTON

(from THE TENNES-SIERRAN)

Early October was a time of crossed fingers and anxious waiting for Tennessee wilderness advocates. The southern Cherokee National Forest Wilderness bill had cleared all of its hurdles, except for final passage by the House and Senate. Time was clearly running out since an October 6, 1984, adjournment had been announced. Congress did get its act together, however, and in quick succession the Senate passed the bill on October 2 and the House followed suit on October 4 (the previous House passed bill had to be readopted by the House since the compromise release language was agreed upon after the prior House action): I, for one, breathed a large sigh of relief as the bill went to President Reagan, and even more so when he signed the bill on October 30th, 1984. Lots of things could have gone wrong but did not this time and we now have a pretty good wilderness package for the southern portion of the Cherokee National Forest. A very coincidental fact about this wilderness bill: the original Wilderness Act was passed in 1964; the Eastern Wilderness Areas Act was passed in 1974 adding the first wilderness in Tennessee; and the present bill was passed in 1984. Let's hope, however, that we do not have to wait another ten years

to get a reasonable bill for the northern portion of the Cherokee National Forest.

Our southern Cherokee Wilderness now consists of the following:

<u>Area Name and Location</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Year Enacted</u>	<u>Ranger District</u>
1. Gee Creek Wilderness (East of Highway 411 just south of Etowah)	2,493	1974	Hiwassee
2. Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness (south of Calderwood Lake and west of TN-NC state line)	3,887	1974	Tellico
3. Cohutta Wilderness (west of Copperhill and north of TN-GA state line)	1,795	1974	Ocoee
4. Citico Creek Wilderness (east of Tellico Plains and north of F.S. Route 217)	16,000	1984	Tellico
5. Bald River Gorge Wilderness (upstream of Bald River Falls on F.S. Route 210 east of Tellico Plains)	3,887	1984	Tellico
6. Big Frog Mountain (contiguous with and north of Cohutta Wilderness)	5,055	1984	Ocoee
7. Little Frog Mountain Wilderness Study Area (north of Highway 64 and west of Ducktown)	4,800	1984	Ocoee
8. Big Frog Mountain Wilderness Study Area (contiguous with and east of Big Frog Mountain Wilderness)	3,000	1984	Ocoee

NOTICE TO TRIP LEADERS - The enclosed trip schedule for 1985 has been approved by the Board of Directors. Thank you for volunteering to be a trip leader. As trip leader, you are responsible for seeing that the trip is carried out as planned. If for some unforeseen reason you cannot lead the trip, you are responsible for getting a substitute leader. Also, you should submit a trip writeup in advance of your trip, and a trip report afterwards, for publication in Tennessee Trails. Please use the formats used in this newsletter. We'll try to send you a reminder of the deadlines before your trip. Again, thank's for your support of TTA!

Send material for Tennessee Trails to: David Stidham, Editor
1015 Hitt Lane
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

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

HIKES

WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

27 January, 1985

Wapanocca is always a favorite stopping off place for migratory waterfowl and the Memphis Chapter. The viewing of Canada geese and snow geese, eagles, and billions of ducks is not uncommon. Bring your binoculars, camera, and warm clothes. We'll walk into the refuge from the office parking lot at 8:30 am Central Time. To get there, take I-55 north from West Memphis; take the Turrell exit and follow the signs to Turrell. You'll see the Refuge sign before you get to Turrell. Call Gene Jacobson for carpool info - 901-755-9073.

LEADER: TBA at the Jan meeting

REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK EAGLE WATCH

13 JANUARY, 1985

Join Memphis Chapter on their third annual trip to Reelfoot Lake State Park. This trip is always exciting, not only because of the beauty of the lake, the home cooked meals at Boyett's, the ice skating on the frozen lake or the walk through the wildlife management area, but also because of the terrific viewing of the bald eagles. This majestic bird always brings out the best of us Americans. In addition to all of this, Saturday January 12th at

7:00 pm, Charlie Norvell, District Naturalist, will present a program on birds of prey with a couple of live representatives. If you would like to stay over Saturday night, call Betty Porter at 363-0213. Our tour bus will leave Air Park Inn at Reelfoot at 9:00 am Jan. 13th to view the eagles. For more information on tour reservations, call the leader.

LEADER: Jill Norvell
Millington

901-873-2149

Snowbird Backpacking Trip Feb. 16 & 17

Savage Gulf Natural Area in Grundy County. For the hearty hiker who isn't afraid of the cold but is thrilled by winter's frozen splendor. Trip will start at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station near Palmer on Hwy 111. We will walk the North Plateau trail to Hobb's cabin and return. The cabin has six hard bunks, first come-first served, and a primitive campsite. We will start at 10am on Saturday and return by 3pm Sunday. Join us and hope for snow. Please preregister with leaders.

Leader: Randy Hedgepath 8am to 430pm 924-2980
Co-leader: Bob Richards 9am to 5pm 742-6680

Calendar of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	CLASS	MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
JAN 1	CM	MIDDLE CREEK NATURE TRAIL, BIG SOUTH FORK NRRA	II	3	STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-7770
JAN 12	N	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK	II		REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
JAN 17	ME	MEETING - KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH				
JAN 13	ME	EAGLE WATCH - REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK			JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
JAN 21	CM	MEETING - ALLARDT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
JAN 24	N	MEETING - CUMBERLAND MUSEUM				
JAN 27	ME	WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	I	7	JULIA WILSON	
FEB 9	N	VIRGIN FALLS POCKET WILDERNESS	IV	5	PAUL SMITH	(615)383-3628
FEB 9	ME	FT. PILLOW STATE PARK	II	8	BETTY PORTER	(901)363-0213
FEB 16	State Parks sponsored hike at Montgomery Bell State Park. Approx 7 miles. meet at 10 am CST in front of Park office. Leader: Andra Fuson 615-797-2886.					
FEB 16-17	MU	WINTER OVERNIGHT	III	10	GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300
FEB 21	ME	MEETING - KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH				
FEB 23	ME	NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK	II	8	MIKE CARLTON	(901)968-3742
FEB 23	S	1ST QUARTER TTA BOARD MEETING - NATCHEZ TRACE				
FEB 28	N	MEETING				

Chatter News

Nashville

The January meeting of the Nashville Chapter will be January 24, 1985 at 7:00 pm at the Cumberland Museum. Election of officers will be held and the award of \$5.00 will be made to the TTAer having the most hiked/biked kilometers/miles. One dynamic entry has been recieved, so bring yours. You may be a "runner-up."

The Nashville Chapter's joint Christmas dinner with the Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon Chapter at Cumberland Museum on dec. 6 was attended by about 36 people. The lovely table decorations, the museum's holiday decor and the night panorama of the city below made an elegant seting, made more so by the carols played by Gayle Douglas on the recorder and Margaret Mann on the auto-harp. Several people had slides for Show and Tell.

Chattanooga

NO NEWS TO REPORT

CARPPOOL COORDINATORS:

Memphis - Gene Jacobson 901-755-9073
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615-896-1344
Chattanooga - Dot Lingerfelt
615-842-8043
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(work)

ATTENTION CHAPTER CHAIRPERSON - We need trip reports of the following TTA outings for documentation in Tennessee Trails:

Reelfoot Lake State Park	Me	Jan 7
Eagle watch near Chattanooga	Ch	Jan 21
Shelby Forest	Me	Jan 28
Lick Creek Cave	Me	Feb 11
Hidden Springs Trail	Mu	Feb 18
Horse Trail, Cedars of Lebanon State Park	Mu	Feb 18
Chickasaw Trail	Me	Feb 25
Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness	Ch	Mar 3
Crowley's Ridge State Park	Me	Mar 17
Frozen Head State Natural Area		Apr 14
Shelby Forest	Me	Apr 28-29
Chickasaw Bluff Trail	Me	May 5
Mouse Tail Landing	Me	May 26
Rainbow Lake to Edwards Point, Cumberland Trail	Ch	Jun 2
Indian Town Bluff	N	Jun 9
Buffalo River Canoe Trip	Me	Jul 21
Appalachian Trail	Mu	August
Poplar Creek to Lake City, Cumberland Trail		Sept 1
Backyard Camporee	Ch	Sept 7-9
Bearwaller Gap Trail	N	Sept 8
Honey Creek Pocket Wilderness	CM	Sept 9
Lake Poinsett State Park	Me	Sept 30
John Muir Trail	Ch	Oct 6
Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness	N	Oct 13
Fall Hike Day - LBL		Nov 3
Savage Gulf Rock Climbing School	Me	Nov 3-4
Big Hill Pond	Me	Nov 11
Chickasaw Bluff Trail	Me	Nov 17
Chucalissa - T. O. Fuller	Me	Dec 2
Pinson Mounds	Me	Dec 16

Memphis

JANUARY 17th - RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT MEMPHIS CHAPTER'S JANUARY MEETING - Charlie Norvell will present a program on birds of prey so expect a visit from Hooshi and his unnamed counterpart. We'll see you at 7:30 at Kingsway Christian Church, Poplar at Massey.

Murfreesboro

NO NEWS TO REPORT

Cumberland Mountain

CHAPTER MEETING - JAN. 21, 1985 - The chapter will hold its regular meeting at Allardt Elementary School at 7:00 pm CST on Monday, January 21. The purpose of this meeting will be to begin planning for the Second Annual Big South Fork Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. It is important for all chapter members and intersted individuals to attend. Refreshments will be served.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 15 - On Saturday, December 15 the chapter had a Christmas Party at the cabin of Ken and Dean Pittman. Ken, Dean, and daughter Kendale worked long and hard decorating their rustic cabin in a most delightful manner. An assortment of good food was on hand and everyone filled up on pinto beans and corn bread vegetables, and Christmas goodies. After food was served everyone laughed until their sided hurt opening gag gifts. The first Cumberland Chapter Christmas party turned out to be a most enjoyable event, as friends gathered to celebrate a joyful season.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEETING - NOV. 3, 1984 - On November 3 the Chapter met at Allardt Elementary School for what was to be the final meeting for 1984. It was a time to finalize projects undertaken during the year, and to elect new officers for 1985. The chapter voted unanimously to participate in the VIP program with the National Park Service at the Big South Fork NRR. Everyone agreed to urge individuals to sign up for this program. After a brief discussion, everyone voted unanimously to purchase a slide projector to be used at chapter activities. A brief review of the past year's activities was given by Steven Burke. The Cumberland Mountain Chapter sponsored 27 activities during 1984, some of which were community projects involving other organizations. New officers were elected for 1985, and a new position created to help spread out responsibilities. Following election of officers, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments of coffee, soft drinks, and donuts were served. - Pamela Burke

OFFICERS FOR 1985: President - Steven Burke
Vice-President - Howard Ray Duncan
Secretary - Dean Pittman
Treasurer - Pamela Burke
Board Member - Ken Pittman

Tom Maddox was appointed Trails Construction Coordinator and is to be in charge of all trail construction and maintenance activities. CONGRADULATIONS to all!

TTA ANNUAL SCHEDULE FOR 1985 ENCLOSED (pages 5 & 6). Tear it out and save it for future reference. Thanks to the Chapters, and especially Bertha Chrietberg and Howard Ray Duncan, for their efforts in putting together this outstanding program for 1985!

(from THE TENNES-SIERRAN)

BALD RIVER GORGE WILDERNESS

(This is part of a continuing series on the Cherokee Wilderness Areas by Will Skelton.)

Acres: 3,887

Year Designated: 1984

Topographical Maps and Other Information: Bald River Falls, Tennessee-North Carolina, (1:24000 scale); Tennessee Hiking Guide by Robert S. Brandt, page 14; Tennessee Trails by Evan Means, pages 48-50.

Location: Approximately nine miles southeast of Tellico Plains, Tennessee, adjacent to Tellico River Road (Forest Service Route 210).

Principal Access: From Tellico Plains, Tennessee (Monroe County), follow Forest Service Route 210 up the Tellico River about nine miles to the Bald River Falls Picnic Area (well marked and you cannot miss the spectacular falls on the right). The principal trail in the wilderness begins at the Picnic Area. Access is also possible from the other, upstream, side of the wilderness: Proceed on up Forest Service Route 210 to Forest Service Route 126 (a dirt road), follow Forest Service Route 126 to Holly Flats campground, and the trail begins on the right near a bridge across Bald River. An alternate approach from the Bald River Falls area begins slightly over one mile on up Forest Service Route 210 - the trail from this approach goes over a ridge to the River.

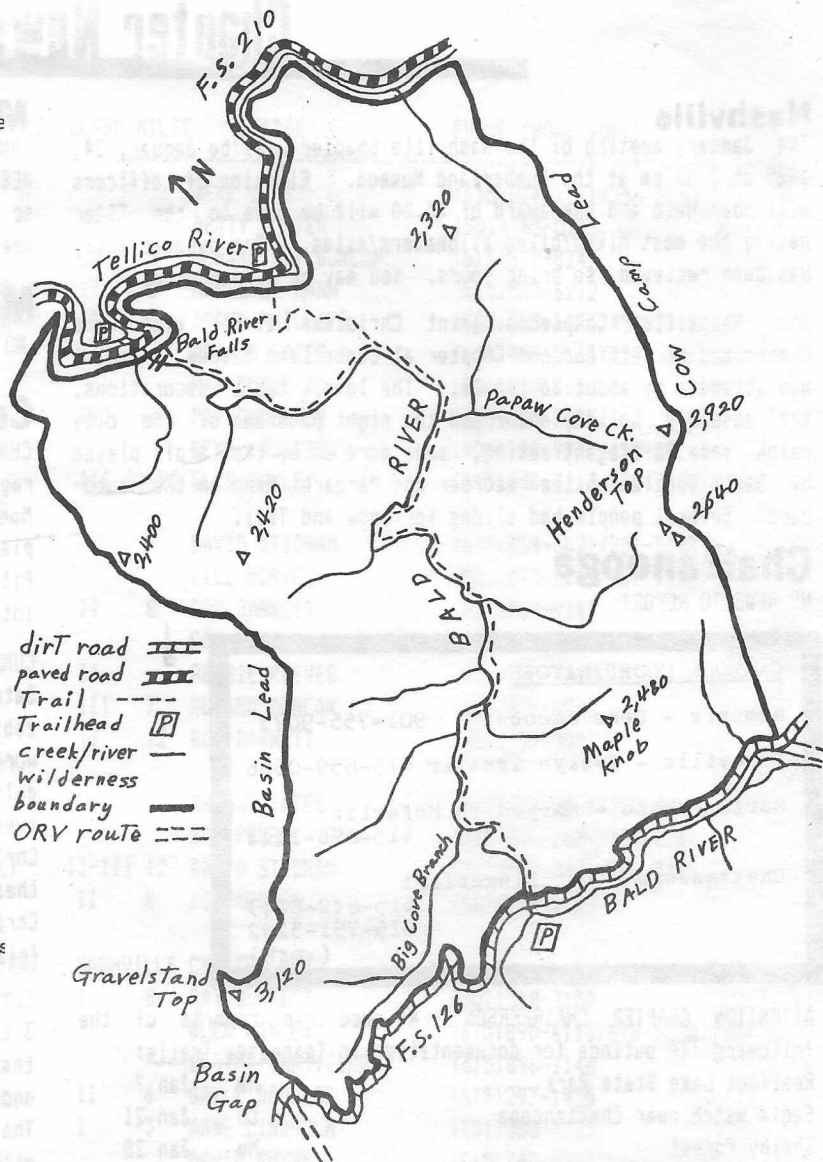
General Description: This small wilderness consists of a steep and rugged gorge through which the Bald River flows, culminating in the spectacular 120 foot Bald River Falls and Picnic Area at Forest Service Route 210 (the Picnic Area and Falls are excluded from the Wilderness). The River is good-sized and clean, with many twists and turns, small falls, rapids and pools that provide excellent trout fishing. From the River, the gorge walls rise steeply to elevations around 3,000 feet. Hardwoods compose the great majority of trees in the area with white pine and hemlock along the River. At least one endangered plant, *Thermopsis fraxinifolia*, has been found in the area.

History: A logging railroad ran up the Bald River Gorge over 60 years ago and provided access for logging most of the area. The old railroad bed now forms the gorge trail and, although no virgin timber remains, the forest cover has completely regenerated. A couple of more recent selective cuts in the 1960's by the Forest Service are not visible from the trail and did not detract from the wilderness characteristics of the area. During the recent past, the Forest Service has deliberately not logged the area to preserve its suitability for wilderness.

Trails: The principal trail in the area runs from the Bald River Falls Picnic Area along the east bank of the River to Forest Service Route 126. The trail is approximately four miles long and is quite level, following the old railroad bed, except for a climb of 200 feet or so at Bald River Falls. Several side streams provide areas for exploration and/or camping. The only other trail in the area is really only a different beginning point for hiking the Bald River Trail; it leaves Forest Service Route 210 upriver of Bald River Falls, goes up and over a ridge, and down to the Bald River Trail. This approach slightly reduces the length of the entire trail.

State park info

Making plans to visit one of Tennessee's state parks this summer? If you're planning to stay overnight at one of the 18 parks having inns or cabins, you can make reservations by dialing the following toll-free number: **1 800 421-6683**



BACK TO NATURE

by Gene Curp

I have been struck by the irony of hikers enjoying the natural environment supported by "high tech." In fact, high tech is now an advertising slogan like "the ultimate." There is even a boot company by the name of High Tech.

We hikers are often shod in nylon boots with cambrelle linings, and foam inserts with synthetic compound soles. Sometimes there is a laminate of PFE film (Goretex) in our boots. The stitching and lacing are nylon. Our packs, tents, jackets are nylon. The hardware (buckles, etc.) is plastic (as in Fastex). Even the lash points are now plastic.

Gone are the days of the pack basket, trumpline of leather and canvas Duluth pack. So what.

The point is to safely and comfortably enjoy the wonders of creation. So go ahead and expose some photographic film. Wear your orlon stocking cap, polypro underwear and thinsulate vest.

Still, I suppose it is possible to miss the old days even if you never experienced them. I know I miss forests of giant chestnuts, yielding mast crops to support larger, healthier animal populations. I never bought roasted chestnuts on Market Street in Chattanooga. Those that have, agree with me: we wish we could now.



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CHAPTER MEETINGS

- CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN - odd numbered months; place and date announced in newsletter.
 MEMPHIS - 3rd Thursday of each month, Kingsway Christian Church, Poplar at Massey Road
 MURFREESBORO - announced in newsletter.
 NASHVILLE - 4th Thursday of each month, Cumberland Museum and Science Center or place announced in newsletter.
 CHATTANOOGA - announced in newsletter

1985 ANNUAL SCHEDULE

DATE	SPONSOR (1)	HIKE	(2) CLASS MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
JAN 1	CM	MIDDLE CREEK NATURE TRAIL, BIG SOUTH FORK NRR	II 3	STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-7770
JAN 12	N	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK	II	REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
JAN 13	ME	EAGLE WATCH - REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK		JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
JAN 27	ME	WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	I 7	JULIA WILSON	
FEB 9	N	VIRGIN FALLS POCKET WILDERNESS	IV 5	PAUL SMITH	(615)383-3628
FEB 9	ME	FT. PILLOW STATE PARK	II 8	BETTY PORTER	(901)363-0213
FEB 16-17	MU	WINTER OVERNIGHT	III 10	GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300
FEB 23	ME	NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK	II 8	MIKE CARLTON	(901)968-3742
FEB 23	S	1ST QUARTER TTA BOARD MEETING - NATCHEZ TRACE			
MAR 9-10	N	MONTGOMERY BELL (STATE PARK) OVERNIGHT TRAIL	II 12	KIM FRYER	(615)352-5091
MAR 16	MU	TWIN FORKS TRAIL, J PERCY PRIEST LAKE	I 6	CONNIE C. SHOEMAKER	(615)890-3485/893-1346X3276
MAR 16	ME	MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST (MISSOURI)	II 10	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
MAR 23-24	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL MAINTENENCE (SECTION II)	II 31	GRIMES SLAUGHTER	(615)483-5859
MAR 24	ME	NIGHT HIKE-WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE		JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
APR 6	ME	CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK	II 10	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
APR 13	N	MONTGOMERY BELL NATURAL SPRING FESTIVAL		ANDRA FUSON	(615)797-2886/797-9051
APR 13-14	CM	WEEKEND OF FUN-PICKETT STATE PARK		STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-7770
APR 13	N	EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK	II	or HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
APR 20	MU	SPRING WILDFLOWERS - LONG HUNTER STATE PARK		MARGARET MANN	(615)883-6212
				BERTHA CHRIETZBERG	(615)896-1146
				or JODIE & REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
APR (TBA)	ME	VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK (ARKANSAS)	I 6	LARRY LOHMANN	(501)238-9406
APR 27	ME	SPRING IN THE FOREST-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK	I 5	CHARLIE NORVELL	(901)873-2149
APR 27	S	FROZEN HEAD STATE NATURAL AREA WILDFLOWER HIKE	II 8	DON TODD	(615)346-3113
APR 28	CM	BIG SOUTH FORK WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE (SEE NEWSLETTER FOR EXACT DATE AND DETAILS)			
MAY 5	CH	HIKE (DETAILS IN NEWSLETTER)		SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
MAY 5	ME	TISHOMINGO STATE PARK (MISSISSIPPI)	II 8	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
MAY 12	CM	JAKES PLACE/SLAVE FALLS, BIG SOUTH FORK NRR	II 6	TOM SELLS	(615)879-7759
MAY 18	MU	BIKE HIKE - RUTHERFORD CO.		MARYEDITH McFARLIN	(615)896-1344
MAY 19	ME	BIG HILL POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AREA	I 8	JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
MAY 25	CH	WATERFALLS HIKE - CHATTANOOGA AREA	II-IV	DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115
MAY 25-26	ME	QUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST (ARKANSAS)	II 10	JOANN PHILLIPS	(901)363-6485/454-2716
JUN 8	N	NICKAJACK CAVE - RACCOON MT.PUMPED STORAGE PROJ		JOHN HART	(615)833-7546
JUN 8	ME	DAVID CROCKETT STATE PARK	I 5	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
JUN 15	MU	WALLS OF JERICHO (TN & AL)	III 6	BOB RICHARDS	(615)742-6680(W)
JUN 22	S	2ND QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING			

Objective: 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

DATE	SPONSOR (1)	HIKE	(2) CLASS MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
JUN 22-23	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND		GENE CURP	(615)824-1171/256-2566
JUN 22-23	ME	GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK	I-III 15	BETTY PORTER	(901)363-0213
JUL 7	CM	THOMPSON CREEK-WADING HIKE	IV 8	HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
JUL 13	N	MT. LECONTE, GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PK	III-IV 5	MARGERET MANN	(615)883-6212
JUL 13-14	ME	BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERNS & PARK (ARKANSAS)	II 10	JOANN PHILLIPS	(901)363-6485/454-2716
JUL 20	MU	CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK (GEORGIA)	III	ARTHUR YATES	(615)459-5661X222 (W)
JUL 27-28	ME	CANOE TRIP		RAY BURKETT	(901)358-7150
AUG 10	N	WINDOW CLIFFS, CANE CREEK	III 2	PAT ANDERSON	(615)383-2355
AUG 10	ME	OCOEE RIVER RAFT TRIP		GENE JACOBSON	(901)755-9073/454-2716
AUG 10-17	MU	APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK	III 70-80	GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300X2104
AUG 24	S	3RD QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING			
AUG 24-25	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND		DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115
AUG 25	ME	4TH ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC		JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
AUG 31	ME	GREERS FERRY LAKE (ARKANSAS)	II 8	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
SEPT 7	CH	PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST CAMPOUT		SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
SEPT 14	N	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK	II	REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
SEPT 15	CM	JOHN MUIR TRAIL-NO BUISNESS HIKE, BSNRRA	III 7	HOWARD DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
SEPT 28-29	ME	WEEKEND AT PICKETT STATE PARK	II 12	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
SEPT 28-29	CM	JOINT HIKEs WITH MEMPHIS CHAPTER AT PICKETT			
OCT 5	S	FALL HIKE DAY - LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES		ARTHUR YATES	(615)459-5661X222 (W)
OCT 5	CH	CUMBERLAND TRAIL - SIGNAL POINT		SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
OCT 12-13	N	JOYCE KILMER-SLICKROCK WILDERNESS (TN & NC)	II-III 12	DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115
OCT 13	ME	MOUSETAIL LANDING STATE PARK	II 8	JIM KEETON	(901)847-6329
OCT 18	S	4TH QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING			
OCT 19-21	S	ANNUAL MEETING - CEDARS OF LEBANON STATE PARK - NASHVILLE		CHAPTER HOST	
OCT 26	ME	NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PARK	I 8	RAY BURKETT	(901)358-7150
OCT 26	MU	BIKE HIKE - RUTHERFORD CO.		GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300X2104
NOV 2	MU	STONES RIVER CANOE FLOAT		BERTHA CHRITZBERG	(615)896-1146
NOV 9	N	BEAR WALLOW GAP TRAIL, CORDELL HULL LAKE	II 6	GAYLE DOUGLAS	(615)297-1435
NOV 10	ME	SHELBY FARMS	I 3	ANNE LINDHOLM	(901)388-4123
NOV 23-24	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND		DAVID RHYNE	(615)745-4289/336-2211X510
NOV 30	ME	THANKSGIVING DAY HIKE -SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK	I 10	CHARLIE NORVELL	(901)873-2149
DEC 5	N	CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH CUMBERLAND-HARPETH AUDUBON			
DEC 7	MU	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK CANOE FLOAT		JODIE & REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
DEC 8	ME	HERB PARSONS LAKE, FISHERVILLE	I 7	JOHN PARISH	(901)795-7510
DEC 14	N	INDIAN TOWN BLUFF, CHEATHAM LAKE	II 2	EVELYN TRETTER	(615)859-0566
DEC (TBA)	ME	MOONLIGHT HOLIDAY HIKE	I 4	JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322

(1)SPONSORS:

CM - Cumberland Mountain Chapter
 CH - Chattanooga Chapter
 ME - Memphis Chapter
 MU - Murfreesboro Chapter
 N - Nashville Chapter
 O - Oak Ridge Chapter
 S - State-Wide Association

(2)DIFFICULTY RATINGS:

Class I - (Easy) Level, well worn, well marked for easy walking or strolling, no special footgear.
 Class II - (Moderate) Some steep ground; good walking, well marked, proper footgear recommended.
 Class III - (Difficult) Steeper ground and rocks, some use of hands for balance, proper footgear required.
 Class IV - (Very Difficult) Rugged terrain, steep ground and rocks, use of hands for balance and proper footgear required.
 Class V - (Maximum Difficulty) Very rugged terrain, steep ground and rocks, not for beginner hikers.

TRIP REPORTS

Cardwell Mountain, September 15th (Murfreesboro) - Sixteen hikers gathered at the foot of Cardwell Mt. near McMinnville anxiously awaiting their 5 mile trek. The hikers ranged in age from 8 to "more advanced years." Approximately 2-2 1/2 miles of the expedition was comparable to climbing a ladder, but the scenery was gorgeous and well worth the effort. Some of the natural beauty included wild garlic plants, various wild flowers and berries, a colorful unidentified snake and interesting rock formations. One rock near the bluff was shaped like a very large rectangular cement box with a "big foot" imbedded in its surface. At one time this mountain had been a farm and some of the fence was still standing. Also a small part of the Trail of Tears dipped into this area. The hikers enjoyed a hearty lunch at the bluff where the elevation was 1900 ft. The cooler temperature was appreciated as was the gorgeous view from the top. Upon their return to earth, some of the mountain climbers attempted a shorter hike to the door of Cumberland Caverns to be unwelcomed by a tightly closed wooden door. Oh well, another day.....another adventure. Tired but happy, TTA hikers headed for home - Maryedith McFarlin.

Savage Gulf Loop, October 20 - During the annual meeting, 29 enthusiastic hikers took off for Savage Gulf, thankful for a break in the weather. Some of the Methodist Singles participated in the outing. The leader was Mary Edith McFarlin, and the guide was Randy Hedgepath. The hikers encountered several points of interest. Probably only once a year are we lucky enough to crunch on fallen leaves as we hike. While crunching, they also found sassafras and rat vein berries which are loaded with Vitamin C and thankfully tasteless. Randy called their attention to large barked yellow pine and the small barked Virginia pine. Some of the taller pines creaked in the wind as they rubbed together. They also observed an unusual orange fungus growing on a flat rock and a green pea fungus inhabiting a rotten tree trunk. They also noticed, on their own, active yellow jackets! Further into the back country they found black coal left by a lumber mill which operated over 60 years ago. Some of the cross ties were still in place. The group descended 10 at a time to a flat rock overlooking Savage Gulf Waterfall. The water rushed through the large rocks, exiting sideways at a 30 degree angle and fell into Savage Creek. The final high point of the trip was the plaque recognizing Mary and Sam Warner who had donated 38,000 acres to Savage Gulf Preservation League. The Warner plaque was located on a bluff overlooking the intersection of Savage Creek and Meadow Creek.

FIRY GIZZARD HIKE - October 21

TTA Annual Meeting

The morning of October 21st was wet and windy and getting the group together for the Firy Gizzard hike was slow and picky, but we wound up with an even dozen, a bakers dozen, counting our guide, Ranger Naturalist Randy Hedgepath. We got a late start as was anticipated, so met Randy at trail head at agreed time.

Anyone getting out this morning showed a love for hiking and it was not in vain. Randy is a very dedicated outdoorsman and knows this area thoroughly. He pointed out many things of interest: i.e. Identity of different magnolia leaves, (so large that some of group used them as rain hats to shelter from the gentle drizzel that worked its' way through the trees during the early part of the hike), the yellow birch that smells of winter-green, the wild animals that live along the trail, the tortured layer of rock in the many bluffs along the beautiful creek, and many other points of interest too numerous to mention here.

We enjoyed lunch of apples, bananas, sandwich spread, crackers, etc. in a pleasant flat rock setting by the creek, and were back at the cars in not over 3 hours.

This is a very interesting area of trees, flowers, rocks, caves, water and falls, well worth visiting. Some of us hopefully, by using a high ASA rated film were able to get some pictures such as Blue Hole, Sycamore Hole (falls), Black Canyon and others that we will be able to show later.

-----John Clark, Leader

Cumberland Trail, Brady Mt.-Black Mt., October 27-28 - Three members backpacked from Hinch Gap to Crab Orchard via Brady Black mountains. The plan to camp on Black Mt. had to be abandoned due to approaching dusk. The alternate campsite Windlass Cave was just as good albeit a bit trashed up. Cumberland Trail is looking good in this section and needs no traffic. - Stidham

DEVILS' CAVE HIKE, December 16 (Cumberland Mt. Chapter) - Sunday, December 16 sixteen people turned out for the hike Devil's Cave. The group began at the Big South Fork visitor center and hiked the River Overlook Nature Trail to a point where we left the trail and bushwacked over hill and hollow to a fabulous rock formation known as the Devil's Cave; not a cave the true sense of the word but a huge crack in the sandstone rock of the plateau. Upon leaving Devil's Cave, the group retraced the trail once again and hiked to the River Overlook where they were rewarded with a panoramic view of the Big South Fork River Gorge. The group then made its way back to the visitor center. Another good hike had ended. - Steven Burke

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CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN - odd numbered months; place and date announced in newsletter.
 MEMPHIS - 3rd Thursday of each month, Kingsway Christian Church, Poplar at Massey Road
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1985 ANNUAL SCHEDULE (updated 28 February 1985)

DATE	SPONSOR (1)	HIKE	(2) CLASS MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
JAN 1	CM	MIDDLE CREEK NATURE TRAIL, BIG SOUTH FORK NRRA	II 3	STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-7770
JAN 12	N	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK	II	REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
JAN 13	ME	EAGLE WATCH - REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK		JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
JAN 27	ME	WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	I 7	JULIA WILSON	
FEB 9	N	VIRGIN FALLS POCKET WILDERNESS	IV 5	PAUL SMITH	(615)388-3628/0215
FEB 9	ME	FT. PILLOW STATE PARK	II 8	BETTY PORTER	(901)363-0213
FEB 16-17	MU	SAVAGE GULF WINTER BACKPACK	III 10	CHARLIE GREGORY	(615)898-2300X2104
FEB 17	CM	ROCK CASTLE BUSHWACKERS TRIP	III-IV	HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
FEB 23	ME	NATCHEZ TRACE STATE PARK	II 8	MIKE CARLTON	(901)968-3742
FEB 23	S	1ST QUARTER TTA BOARD MEETING - NATCHEZ TRACE			
MAR 3	CM	COLDITZ COVE	II 2	STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-9381
MAR 9-10	N	MONTGOMERY BELL (STATE PARK) OVERNIGHT TRAIL	II 12	KIM FRYER	(615)352-5091
MAR 16	MU	TWIN FORKS TRAIL, J PERCY PRIEST LAKE	I 6	CONNIE C. SHOEMAKER	(615)890-3485/893-1346X3276
MAR 16	ME	MT. NEBO STATE PARK (ARKANSAS)	II 10	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
MAR 23-24	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL MAINTENENCE (SECTION II)	II 31	GRIMES SLAUGHTER	(615)483-5859
MAR 24	CM	ROCK CREEK TRAIL, PICKETT STATE PARK	II-III 8	HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
MAR 24	ME	NIGHT HIKE-WAPANOCCA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE		ROBBIE KRAMPF	(901)454-5600
APR 6	ME	CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK	II 10	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
APR 13	N	MONTGOMERY BELL NATURAL SPRING FESTIVAL		ANDRA FUSON	(615)797-2886/797-9051
APR 13-14	CM	WEEKEND OF FUN-PICKETT STATE PARK		STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-7770
				or HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
APR 13	N	EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK	II	MARGARET MANN	(615)883-6212
APR 20	MU	SPRING WILDFLOWERS - LONG HUNTER STATE PARK		BERTHA CHRIETZBERG	(615)896-1146
				or JODIE & REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
APR (TBA)	ME	VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK (ARKANSAS)	I 6	LARRY LOHMANN	(501)238-9406
APR 27	ME	SPRING IN THE FOREST-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK	I 5	CHARLIE NORVELL	(901)873-2149
APR 27	S	FROZEN HEAD STATE NATURAL AREA WILDFLOWER HIKE	II 8	DON TODD	(615)346-3113)
APR 28	CM	BIG SOUTH FORK WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE (SEE NEWSLETTER FOR EXACT DATE AND DETAILS)			
MAY 5	CH	HIKE (DETAILS IN NEWSLETTER)		SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
MAY 5	ME	TISHOMINGO STATE PARK (MISSISSIPPI)	II 8	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
MAY 11	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK TRIP, BLACK MT.		BOB BROWN	(616)648-4816
MAY 12	CM	JAKES PLACE/SLAVE FALLS, BIG SOUTH FORK NRRA	II 6	TOM SELLS	(615)879-7759
MAY 18	MU	BIKE HIKE - RUTHERFORD CO.		MARYEDITH McFARLIN	(615)896-1344
MAY 19	ME	BIG HILL POND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AREA	I 8	JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
MAY 25	CH	WATERFALLS HIKE - CHATTANOOGA AREA	II-IV	DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115

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MAY 625-26	ME	QUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST (ARKANSAS)	II	10	JOANN PHILLIPS	(901)363-6485/454-
Cancelled JUN 8	N	NICKAJACK CAVE - RACCOON MT. PUMPED STORAGE PROJ			JOHN HART	(615)833-7546
JUN 8	ME	DAVID CROCKETT STATE PARK	I	5	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
JUN 11	N	MT. LECONTE, GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PK	III-IV	5	MARGERET MANN	(615)883-6212
✓ JUN 15	MU	WALLS OF JERICO (TN & AL)	III	6	BOB RICHARDS	(615)742-6680(W)
JUN 22	S	2ND QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING				
JUN 22-23	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND			GENE CURP	(615)824-1171/256-2566
JUN 22-23	ME	GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK	I-III	15	BETTY PORTER	(901)363-0213
JUL 7	CM	THOMPSON CREEK-WADING HIKE	IV	8	HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
JUL 13-14	ME	BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERNS & PARK (ARKANSAS)	II	10	JOANN PHILLIPS	(901)363-6485/454-2716
JUL 20	MU	CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK (GEORGIA)	III		ARTHUR YATES	(615)459-5661X222 (W)
JUL 27-28	ME	CANOE TRIP			RAY BURKETT	(901)358-7150
AUG 10	N	WINDOW CLIFFS, CANE CREEK	III	2	PAT ANDERSON	(615)383-2355
AUG 10	ME	OCDOE RIVER RAFT TRIP			GENE JACOBSON	(901)755-9073/454-2716
AUG 10-17	MU	APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK	III	70-80	GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300X2104
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AUG 24-25	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND			DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115
AUG 25	ME	4TH ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC			JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
AUG 31	ME	GREERS FERRY LAKE (ARKANSAS)	II	8	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
SEPT 7	CH	PRENTICE CODPER STATE FOREST CAMPOUT			SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
SEPT 14	N	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK	II		REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
SEPT 15	CM	JOHN MUIR TRAIL-NO BUSINESS HIKE, BSNRRA	III	7	HOWARD DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
SEPT 28-29	ME	WEEKEND AT PICKETT STATE PARK	II	12	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
SEPT 28-29	CM	JOINT HIKE WITH MEMPHIS CHAPTER AT PICKETT				
OCT 5	S	FALL HIKE DAY - LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES			ARTHUR YATES	(615)459-5661X222 (W)
— OCT 5	CH	CUMBERLAND TRAIL - SIGNAL POINT			SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
OCT 11	S	4TH QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING				751-6273
OCT 11-13	S	ANNUAL MEETING - TECH AQUA, CENTER HILL LAKE - NASHVILLE			CHAPTER HOST	
— OCT 18-19	N	JOYCE KILMER-SLICKROCK WILDERNESS (TN & NC)	II-III	12	DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115
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— OCT 26	ME	NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PARK	I	8	RAY BURKETT	(901)358-7150
— OCT 26	MU	BIKE HIKE - RUTHERFORD CO.			GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300X2104
NOV 2	MU	STONES RIVER CANOE FLOAT			BERTHA CHRITZBERG	(615)896-1146
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NOV 10	ME	SHELBY FARMS	I	3	ANNE LINDHOLM	(901)388-4123
NOV 23-24	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND			DAVID RHYNE	(615)745-4289/336-2211X510
NOV 30	ME	THANKSGIVING DAY HIKE -SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK	I	10	CHARLIE NORVELL	(901)873-2149
DEC 5	N	CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH CUMBERLAND-HARPETH AUDUBON				
DEC 7	MU	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK CANOE FLOAT			JODIE & REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
DEC 8	ME	HERB PARSONS LAKE, FISHERVILLE	I	7	JOHN PARISH	(901)795-7510
No — DEC 14	N	INDIAN TOWN BLUFF, CHEATHAM LAKE	II	2	EVELYN TRETTER	(615)859-0566
DEC (TBA)	ME	MOONLIGHT HOLIDAY HIKE	I	4	JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322

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