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Hump Mountain Relocation ...

Two years after the route was first flagged, a new Appalachian Trail relocation was opened on Hump Mountain in the Roan Highlands. The old trail missed the summit of the Hump and descended the north face via a 1.1-mile, steep, eroded path with no views. This has now been replaced by 2.5 miles of gentle grade including a walk along the bald eastern ridge of the Hump. Here hikers may enjoy one of the best views of the entire Appalachians. On a clear day, Mount Rogers and Whitetop in Virginia and Grandfather Mountain and Tablerock in North Carolina are among the many distant peaks which can be seen.

This project was an excellent example of volunteerism and co-operation. The route was decid-

ed upon and flagged by representatives of the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club, National Forests in North Carolina, and the Appalachian Trail Conference. Much of the construction through difficult rockfalls was completed by the Konnarock Crew, a group of summer volunteers funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the ATC, which worked two weeks in 1983 and three weeks in 1984. Several hundred hours of work constructing sidehill trail were donated by TEHC members and guests.

During last winter it was realized that with just one more good day of work, the relocation could be opened before the arrival of this year's thru-hikers. Saturday, April 6, was picked. Gordon Newland led a group of 7 volunteers the preceding day to complete the final digging and

brushing out and cut a trail to an overlook. Then on Saturday the sixth, a cool and windy, but exceptionally beautiful day, a group of 14 workers stabilized several marshy spots with stepping stones, filled in eroded areas along the bald with brush and rocks, built cairns, set plastic markers (donated by the Tennessee and North Carolina National Forests Office), obliterated blazes on the old trail and painted in the new.

The eastern United States is crowned by the Appalachian Mountains; as we finished our day's work and cut a symbolic ribbon, we threaded the Appalachian Trail through one of the finest jewels in that crown.

—Darrol Nickels, Tennessee
Eastman Hiking Club
from THE REGISTER
Appalachian Trail Conf

Nominations for the two annual awards of TTA should be turned in to Dave Stidham by Aug. 24.

TTA Award. Presented for outstanding contributions to the Association, or for furtherance of trails and natural resources programs and opportunities within Tennessee. Anyone may make such nomination. The candidate can be either a person or organization and does not have to be a member of TTA. The Board of Directors will make the selection from the candidates submitted.

Bill Stutz Award. Given in memory of the late Bill Stutz of Chattanooga, a director and active supporter of TTA. This award is given to a member of TTA. Each chapter will submit a candidate, who should be an active hiker who has contributed to the association or chapter in an outstanding way. A sheet of his qualifications must be submitted with the name. The board will choose the winner.

Companions wanted for AT hike to cover 25 miles from Messer NC (Nantahala Outdoor Center) to Fontana Dam. Guidebook recommends 3 days to traverse this rugged section of the Yellow Mountains. We will leave Friday am to make the drive and run the car shuttle. The hike will be Sat, Sun and Mon. ending Oct. 14. Leader will be staying Mon. nite in Gatlinburg, leaving for Nashville evening of Tues., Oct 15. Heartbreaking strenuous climbs, primitive conditions, glorious colors, extended solitude, and crisp weather is expected. Serious inquiries only. Preregistration absolutely required (2 weeks notice please)! Are you up for it?

Gene Curp work 615-256-2566 home 615-824-1171

BACKPACKERS WANTED FOR APPALACHIAN TRAIL
OCTOBER 11 THRU 14, 1985

TRIP REPORTS

MT. LECONTE, 11-12 JUNE 1985 - Wet! Wet! Wet! We made it. The wet dozen proved there are no waterproof boots on our climb up Mt. LeConte. Great fun was had by all. The trails were a carpet of Catawbiense rhododendron and mountain laurel. The top of LeConte was a golden carpet of yellow clintonia. When we arrived at the top, Bob Richards had the clothes line strung to dry all of our clothes. The mantle looked as though Saint Nick might arrive any minute with all the stockings hung to dry. After a great dinner and bedded down, what happened? More rain. By morning the sun tried, but the rain won out. The last half of our descent was brilliant with sun, beautiful areas of Indian pipe and sulphur bracketed mushrooms. Sherry and Dennis Horne enjoyed the pleasure of lily leafed twayblade. We were never lacking music with the beautiful songs of the Canada warbler, black throated blue, black throated green, oven bird, winter wren, solitary, red eyed and yellow throated vireo, black capped chickadee, red breasted nuthatch, scarlet tanager, and others. Just remember your next purchase of boots are only water resistant, even Gortex! Great trip was had by all 12 of our group. Margaret Mann - Leader

CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORKTRIP, JUNE 22 1985 - Pat of Nashville, Carol of Cookeville, Howard Ray of Jamestown, and Gene of Hendersonville convened a meeting at the Brady Mountain road crossing. We were later joined by Dave of Goodlettsville. Despite cajoling for frequent breaks and photo sessions, I was unable to restrain the energetic crew from performing meaningful trail cleanup work. Thew lopping shears got a workout and numerous small blowdowns were cleared. Fortunately, lack of bowsaw and swingblade prevented an overly enthusiastic approach to the day's activities. It was interesting to note that what took 3 hours to cover going in was a 30 min. walk out. We reconvened at Cumberland Mtn. State Park, finally getting down to serious chatting and dreaming of the future trail route over a topo. Of the leader's family campout, daughter Ansley reports the paddleboat ride on Sunday with Dad was not as good as the ride Saturday because on Saturday "I was the boss of the boat." Gene Curp

Chapter News

Nashville

CHAPTER MEETING - August 22. Park Superintendent Reggie Reeves will welcome us to Long Hunter State Park for a pot luck supper at 6:30 pm in the shelter at the Park office. Bring your friends, a covered dish, and your own drink. National Park Service Ranger Duane Alire is travelling all the way from Cherokee, NC to present a program on NPS Search and Rescue procedures. Murfreesboro Chapter, com and join us for a delicious meal and interesting evening at Long Hunter.

Our best wishes to Past-Chairperson Betty Smith and her finace, Isaac Atkins, on their forthcoming marriage.

Memphis

The August meetin on the 15th will host a pot-luck dinner on the lawns of Kingsway Church. We'll gather for good food and company at 7:00. So, bring your favorite summer dish and a friend.

A BIG THANKS TO JERRI BULL who has volunteered her time and talents in planning and conducting future TTA meetings. Jill will be out for a while (baby business) and so Jerri will be there to hold the group together until election time next spring. THANKS, JERRI, AND GOOD LUCK!

Jill and Charlie are having a fish fry and swim party August 3 at their house. Pack something cool to drink and your favorite side dish and follw the map to Jill's. Be there for lots of swimming and eating by 5:00.

TRADING POST

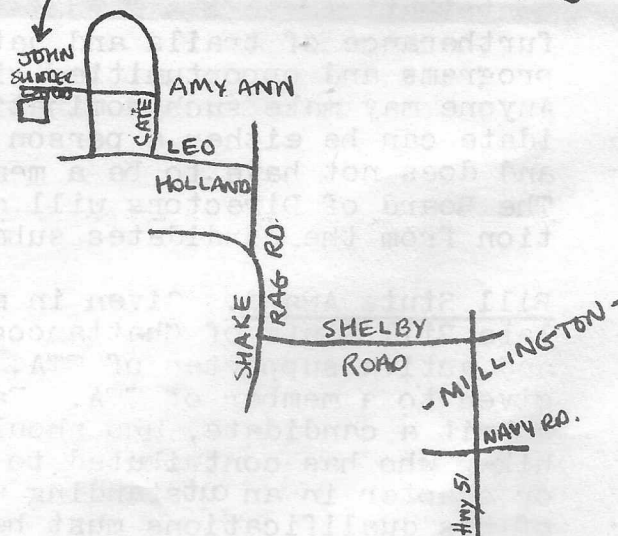
For Sale: Good washing machine. 10% of price for TTA. Call John 833-7546

TO JILL AND CHARLIE'S SWIMMING + FUN PARTY

FROM HIWAY 51,
TURN LEFT ONTO SHELBY RD.
TURN RIGHT ONTO SHAKE RAG
SECOND LEFT IS
LEO HOLLAND.

FIRST RIGHT IS CATES.
FIRST LEFT IS AMY ANN
WHICH TURNS INTO J. SUNDER-
LAND.

8603 JOHN SUNDERLAND



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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

AUGUST 4 - BEAR CREEK CANOE TRIP

Through the rocks and rims of Tishomingo State Park, Miss., canoe with the Memphis folks on Bear Creek. If you'd like to go, let Ray Burkett know July 28 and he'll reserve a canoe for you. Bring swimming gear, lunch, and something cool to drink.

Leader: Ray Burkett 377-3449

AUGUST 10 - OCOEE RIVER RAFT TRIP

The Memphis Chapter is challenging the Ocoee River again and the 15 spaces reserved for the float trip have been taken. If you'd like to be added to the waiting list, call Betty.

Leader: Betty Porter 363-0213

Honey Creek Hike (Big South Fork NRRA)

Sunday, August 18, 1985

Class II-IV - 5 Miles

On August 18, the Cumberland Mountain Chapter will hike into one of the most beautiful and rugged areas of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. We will be treated to a panoramic overlook of the Big South Fork river gorge before descending into the wild & rugged Honey Creek Gorge. The trail will lead us through the gorge which is full of rockhouses, tall trees, huge boulders, and thick growths of mountain laurel and rhododendron. The hike will be a strenuous one as there will be steep, rocky hillsides to negotiate and rocks, boulders, and logs to hop over. We will meet at the Allardt Elementary School parking area in Allardt (which is approximately 5 miles east of Jamestown on Hwy. 52 east) at 9:00 a.m. CST. Bring lunch and water.

LEADERS: Steven Burke 615-879-9381 from 7:00
Jamestown a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tom Sells 615-879-7759 after 6:00 p.m.
Jamestown 615-879-9381 from 8:00 a.m.
to 6:00 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION - ANNUAL MEETING - TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION Tech Aqua, Smithville, Tenn., Oct. 11-12-13, 1985

| | <u>No. of Persons</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Registration fee (\$2/person, age 18 or over)----- | _____ | \$_____ |
| Lodging - Tech Aqua cabins and dorms (camping free) (\$5/person/night - no single occupancy)---- | | |
| Friday night _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday night _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Meals (can order separately)----- | | |
| Breakfast Saturday----- | \$4.25 | _____ |
| (Potluck dinner Friday at _____ | Dinner Saturday---- | 4.75 |
| 7 p.m. On your own for _____ | Breakfast Sunday--- | 4.25 |
| lunch Saturday and Sunday.) _____ | Total enclosed----- | \$_____ |

Mail to Pat Anderson, TTA, 4904 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37209

Deadline for receiving reservations--Sept. 9, 1985. Floor sleeping in sleeping bags will be \$5/night, no reservations required. No hookups for camping--use showers in cabins and dorms. No reservations required for camping. If you do not reserve a bed, they will probably be available at time of meeting. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Anderson at 615-383-2355. Tech Aqua phone: 615-597-4298.

Beds will be assigned as soon as your application is received, best quarters to earliest applicants (cabins with cooking). If you sleep in a dorm with no cooking facilities you may cook in another dorm or cabin if you wish. Bring your own bedding or sleeping bags, pillows, towels, soap, lunches and snacks. Beds have mattresses.

| DATE | SPONSOR | EVENT | CLASS | MILES | LEADER | PHONE (HOME/WORK) |
|------------|---------|---|-------|-------|---------------------------|---|
| AUG 3 | ME | FISH FRY AT NORVELL S | | | | |
| AUG 4 | ME | BEAR CREEK CANOE TRIP | | | RAY BURKETT | (901)377-3449 |
| AUG 10 | N | ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK SWIM AND HIKE | III | 2 | PAT ANDERSON | (615)383-2355 |
| AUG 10 | ME | OCDOEE RIVER RAFT TRIP | | | BETTY PORTER | (901)363-0213 |
| AUG 10-17 | MU | APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK | III | 70-80 | GLEN HANLEY | (615)890-4113/898-2300X2104 |
| AUG 15 | ME | CHAPTER MEETINGS | | | | |
| AUG 18 | CM | HONEY CREEK POCKET WILDERNESS | II-IV | 5 | STEVEN BURKE TOM SELLS | (615)879-9381 (615)879-7759/879-9381 |
| AUG 22 | N | CHAPTER MEETING | | | | |
| AUG 24 | S | 3RD QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | | | | |
| AUG 24 | N | DAWG DAYS DOIN'S, LONGER HUNTER STATE PARK | | | MIKE RICE | (615)742-6568 |
| 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, BSFNRA | 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 11-13 | S | ANNUAL MEETING, TECH AQUA, CENTER HILL LAKE | | | | |

TTA — The Tennessee Trails Association

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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