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## SMOKY MOUNTAINS UPDATE

Dreaming of the Smokies this fall? Here is a trail update:

All of the following shelters have good roofs: Mollies Ridge, Birch Springs, Russell Field, Derrick Knob, Spense Field, Double Springs, Ice Water Springs, Pecks Corner and TriCorner Knob. Known active mice at Mollies Ridge and Pecks Corner. Problem bear around Spense Field. AT and major approach trails are in good shape. High elevation AT weedy in eastern portion (Mt Chapman area) due to sunlight let in as a result of die-off of many red spruce (wooly aphid? acid rain? both?). Old Black is now grey in color due to dead, standing tree trunks! It's not even pretty in a strange sense; just sad. Don't be concerned about the dry summer. The springs still flow. NPS expected a 5% public use increase this year; they got 15% plus! Make your reservations early, and consider the "less popular" sites unless you like cramped space with 11 other people, mostly strangers. ATC Konnarock trail crew worked 2 weeks near Shuckstack and Ice Water. Note the new water bars, etc. Excellent work! Gene Curp

Of special interest to the biologists among us, Governor Alexander recently signed the Rare Plant Protection Act, making it a felony to remove state endangered plant species without written permission of the landowner. The Dept. of Conservation will publish a list of endangered plants. \*\* 5832 acres of Mississippi River bottomland near Fort Pillow have been purchased by the Nature Conservancy and transferred into the National Wildlife Refuge System. This land is home to bald eagles, Mississippi kites, ospreys and river otters, along with other interesting fauna. Ray Burkett

## SOUTH CUMBERLAND RECREATION AREA

The South Cumberland Recreation Area offers many interesting excursions and hikes each month, led by Ranger-Naturalist Randy Hedgepath. Some of the August activities included a 4 mile walk and 2 hour tour at Carter Caves Area; rock hopping down a mountain stream from Monteagle Falls; 3 mile hike to Greeter Falls, historic Long's mill site and cool pool at Blue Hole on Firescald Creek; swim in the crystal clear hole at the bottom of the gorge below Stone Door; and a guided 3 mile tour to Savage Falls and a dip in the falls pool. Randy is very knowledgeable and makes all his outings interesting and fun. For more information, contact the SCRA Visitors Center at 615-924-2980/924-2956. Nashville Chapter members may contact Pat Anderson from 3-9 pm at 383-2355 for information on upcoming SCRA activities.

## PINEY RIVER PROJECT

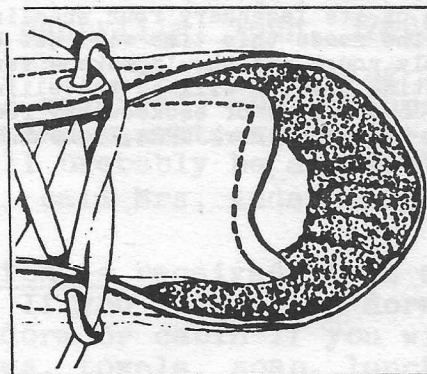
A draft permit has been issued to the city of Dickson which would allow the city to withdraw two million gallons of water per day from the West Piney River. Local opposition coalesced in Feb. 1984 into a citizen's group called Save the Piney River. They are opposed to the project and have been able to delay it so far. Save the Piney River contends that the proposed water withdrawals amount to 65% of the total flow of the West Piney River. A sewage treatment plant is in operation on the East Piney and landowners downstream of the confluence fear that without the dilution of the West Piney they will be left with polluted flow. Save the Piney River is also concerned about the effects of the project on aquatic life, particularly since the Piney is a self sustaining trout stream. Further information can be obtained by calling Ms. Jane Bell at (615) 441-1731 or writing to:

Save the Piney River  
Route 2, Box 65  
Dickson, TN 37055

## I'M CONCERNED

You may have recently read in the newspapers of the strong support to utilize the Piney River as a water supply. Although many reasons for opposition to this proposal have surfaced, I have not read anything about harm to recreational canoeing. Without a doubt, the Piney is one of the most scenic rivers I have had the privilege of floating. From the sound of news articles, the Piney may very well be spoiled for river lovers due to reduced water flow. I urge all to express concern to Dickson County Mayor Tom Waychoff at 117 Hillwood Drive, Dickson, TN 37055

Andra Fuson



## Stop Stopping to Tie Your Boots.

Here's a way to tie your boots so that they stay tied. Make a loop through the last eyelet and run the lace through the opposite loop as shown. Pulling on the laces will tighten the loops. This can be used with any laces, but is especially useful for those leather laces that never seem to stay tied.

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# Chapter News

## PROCLAMATION

Chapter meeting Sept 26. All Nashville Chapter members are hereby ordered to appear at the final monthly planning session for the TTA 1985 Annual Meeting. Those not attending and offering their time and/or talent to help make this annual meeting as enjoyable for the Memphis, Jamestown and Murfreesboro Chapters as they made the past three events for us, will be labeled a chigger of the lowest order and receive a curse of humongous blisters forevermore. Report to the home of Gayle Douglas, 923 South Wilson (off of Woodmont Blvd.) at 6:30 pm with your dinner in a brown bag, or at 7:30 pm for the business meeting. Drinks will be furnished. Be there.

## SAILING for LANDLUBBERS Sept. 21st '85

Come try out my little sail boat. Bring yours and /or inflatable rafts. I also have one of those. We will meet at my place, 923 S. Wilson Blvd., Nashville, TN at 9 AM and go out to Hamilton Beech Recreation Marina on Percy Priest Lake. Bring your lunch and a drink. Call to Preregister by Sept 18th.  
Gayle Douglas 615 297-1435

## Cumberland Mt. Chapter Meeting & Cookout

Saturday, July 20 was a delightful evening for our cookout at Pickett State Park. Even though our crowd was small (16 members and 1 ranger) we had a great time and enjoyed the good food.

Plans were made for a fund raising event--public hearing for Sgt. York trail--work trip in BSF and the next two trips plus a 4-wheel drive.

Our best wishes to Howard Ray Duncan on his new job as interpreter for BSF.

Dean Pittman

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter will hold their chapter meeting on Saturday, September 21 at 4:30 p.m. CDT at Pickett State Park. Homemade ice cream will be made and will be served right out of the ice cream maker. Everyone is invited to attend the Cumberland Mountain Chapter meeting for homemade ice cream on the 21st as well as the 4x4 trip on the 22nd.

## MEMPHIS

Sept. 19th mtg. - Kingsway Christian Church Lots of exciting events have been taking place this summer, with members travelling to far places. Bring a friend and join us for a raft trip down the Colorado in the Grand Canyon with Betty Porter and Gene Jacobson as guides. This should put us in the mood for a great fall schedule.

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

MEALS MAY BE RESERVED THRU SEPT 27.

	No. of Persons	Total
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.

Highlights of meeting: TTA Award and Bill Stutz Award, concert by McMinnville Community Band, campfire on Friday night, Show and Tell, hikes, canoeing. Theme of meeting: THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL. Symposium on the CT on Saturday morning. Auction Saturday night (be saving up items). Door prizes.

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# 1985 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	CLASS MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
SEPT 6-8		MTSU Ocoee rafting trips		Glen Hanley	(615)898-2104
SEPT 7	CH	PRENTICE COOPER STATE FOREST CAMPOUT		SAM POWELL	(615)886-2689/755-6781
SEPT 14	N	LONG HUNTER STATE PARK TRAIL MAINTENANCE		REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
SEPT 19	ME	CHAPTER MEETING, KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH			
SEPT 21	CM	CHAPTER MEETING, PICKETT STATE PARK			
SEPT 21		LONG HUNTER STATE PARK TRAIL MAINTENANCE		REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
WEEKEND AT PICKETT STATE PARK		II 12 BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347		
SEPT 22	CM	PETERS MT-BELL FARM 4X4		HOWARD RAY	(615)879-8245
			OR TOM SELLS	(615)879-7759	
SEPT 26	N	CHAPTER MEETING, GAYLE DOUGLAS'			
SEPT 28		LONG HUNTER STATE PARK TRAIL MAINTENANCE		REGGIE REEVES	(615)885-2422
JOINT HIKES WITH MEMPHIS		CHAPTER AT PICKETT			
SEPT 28-29	ME	PICKETT STATE PARK		BOB BARNETT	(615)767-9347
OCT 5	S	FALL HIKE DAY - LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES		DAVID STIDHAM	(615)251-5115 (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			
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
OCT 19	ME	MOUSETAIL LANDING STATE PARK	II 8	JIM KEETON	(901)847-6329
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)890-4113/898-2104

## 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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