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HIKES

WAPANOCCA WILDFOWL WATCH AND HIKE
Memphis Chapter, Jan. 5, 1986

We will combine birdwatching and hiking and are fortunate to have as our guide, Martha Waldron a member of Memphis Audubon Society and Tenn. Ornithological Society. Carpool will leave Oshman's parking lot at Park Place Mall at 7:00 a.m. or meet at the park office at Wapanocca at 8:00 a.m. Dress for the weather and bring something to eat and drink if you wish. If you have binoculars, bring those also.

ON JANUARY 11 THE NASHVILLE CHAPTER WILL AGAIN HIKE TO VIRGIN FALLS. LETS HOPE THAT THIS YEAR THE FALLS ARE AS BEAUTIFULLY ADORNED WITH ICE AS THEY WERE LAST YEAR. WE WILL MEET AT 9:30 AT THE TRAIL HEAD. VIRGIN FALLS IS LOCATED ABOUT 18 MILES EAST OF SPARTA ON HIGHWAY 70S. FROM SPARTA GO EAST TOWARDS CROSSVILLE TO THE TOWN OF DE ROSSETT. AT THE 1000 LAKES MARKET TURN RIGHT AND GO ABOUT 6 MILES TO THE CHESTNUT WILDERNESS SIGN AND TURN RIGHT. FROM THERE IT IS ABOUT 2 MILES TO THE TRAIL HEAD PARKING LOT.

SNOW HIKE - MIDDLE CREEK TRAIL - BIG SOUTH FORK
NRRA (Sunday, January 19, 1986) Fentress Co. The Cumberland Mountain Chapter will be praying for snow as we once again prepare to slip and slide along the Middle Creek Trail. Without snow this is an easy 3 mile Class I hike, with snow it may become a Class II or III. At any rate we will be meeting 10:00 a.m. (CST) at the Middle Creek Trailhead on Fork Ridge Road 0.7 miles from Highway 154 and 2 miles from the intersection of 154 and 297. Warm clothing, snacks and hot drinks are suggested.
Leader: Howard Ray Duncan - Jamestown
615-879-8245

Memphis

MEMPHIS CHAPTER - JAN. MEETING

We will hold a joint meeting with the Memphis Audubon Society on Jan. 16th, 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Goldsmith's Civic Center, 750 Cherry Rd. The subject will be Reelfoot Lake which should be interesting and informative.

Cumberland Mountain

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEETING (Saturday, January 18, 1986) Fentress County, Tennessee.

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter will hold its January meeting at the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce office in Jamestown, Tennessee. Topics to be discussed include installation of new officers, formation of various committees, and the 1986 Wildflower Pilgrimage. The meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M. (CST) and refreshments will be served. All members and interested persons are invited to attend. For additional information contact:

Steven Burke 615-879-7770
Howard Duncan 615-879-8245

Nashville

Our first Chapter meeting in 1986 will be held at the Cumberland Museum on Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 P.M. The first order of business will be election of officers, so if you have someone in mind for an office - ask his permission then nominate him from the floor. And please, if you would like to hold any office, let any of the present officers know, and you will be nominated. Let's have a fun and lively election!

Bob Richards will present our program, one which a lot of us need badly - HOW TO READ A TOPO MAP and HOW TO READ A COMPASS. We really appreciate Bob's effort to enlighten us, in spite of his busy, busy schedule.

Our condolences to Bob Barnett of Memphis on the loss of both his grandmother and grandfather during the month of November. Bob is TTA's Champion Hiker for 1985, having hiked well over 1,000 miles last year. Congratulations, Bob, from the Nashville Chapter!

We invite all of the Chapters to hike with us this year on all of our scheduled hikes. We will do our best to hike with you too. HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY!

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

The deadline is the ^{15th}~~20th~~ of each month. If possible, submit material camera ready, typed in a full 4½ inch column. Artwork is welcomed.

1986 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	CLASS	MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
JAN 5	ME	WAPANOCCA WILDLIFE REFUGE - WATERFOWL WATCH			MARTHA WALDRON	(901)761-0895
JAN 11	N	VIRGIN FALLS			PAUL SMITH	(615)388-0215/388-3628
JAN 16	ME	CHAPTER MEETING, KINGSWAY CHURCH				
JAN 18	CM	CHAPTER MEETING, FENTRESS CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE				
JAN 19	CM	MIDDLE CREEK TRAIL, BIG SOUTH FORK	II/III	3	HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879/8245
JAN 23	N	CHAPTER MEETING, CUMBERLAND MUSEUM				
FEB 9	CM	NORTHRUP FALLS	III	1.5	STEVEN BURKE	(615)879-7770
FEB 9	N	MARROWBONE LAKE	II	3	EVELYN TRETTER	(615)859-0566
FEB 15	MU	VOLUNTEER TRAIL, LONG HUNTER STATE PARK	I	6	REGINA MCDOWELL	(615)895-3317
FEB 15-16	MU	WINTER BACKPACK	II	10	GLENN HANLEY	(615)898-2104
FEB 20	ME	CHAPTER MEETING, KINGSWAY CHURCH				
FEB 22	ME	CROWLEY'S RIDGE, ARKANSAS			BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
FEB 22-23	MU	SAVAGE GULF BACKPACK			RANDY HEDGEPATH	(615)924-2980
FEB 27	N	CHAPTER MEETING, CUMBERLAND MUSEUM				

We are proud to announce that we have finally completed work on the Volunteer Trail at Long Hunter State Park. This 6.5 mile trail (13 miles round trip) is now available for day hiking and overnight backpacking. The trail wanders through mixed hardwood covered hills along the shore of J. Percy Priest Lake. At several locations the trail passes along bluffs overlooking the lake.

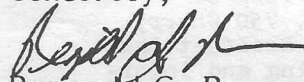
Camping is permitted on a loop trail at the end of the Volunteer Trail. A free permit is required for overnight stay and is available at the trail head kiosk. The trailhead is located just off state route 171 near the entrance to Long Hunter State Park. Trail maps are available for 50¢ from a kiosk at the park office.

The Volunteer Trail has been built entirely with volunteer labor, hence the name. Groups such as the Tennessee Trails Association members, Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scouts of America scouts, Middle Tennessee State University Outdoor Recreation students, Crockett Academy residents, and other groups and individuals have invested hundreds of man hours in the construction of this trail.

We know that there is a strong contingent of outdoor oriented people in the Nashville area and we realize that there is a shortage of overnight trails near Nashville. We are excited about being able to help fill this void. We will, however, need your help in properly managing and maintaining the area so please contact me at our office if you or your group would like to help.

We invite you or your group to come out and enjoy this new addition to Long Hunter State Park. Happy hiking and we hope to see you on the trail.

Sincerely,


Reginald G. Reeves
Park Manager

(P.S. Look for an announcement of a special trail dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting in the spring.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Trail Crew Leader - Appalachian Trail Vounteer Crew

LOCATION: On the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in national forests and national parks in the southern Appalachians and in Pennsylvania. Southern crews work out of a U.S. Forest Service facility at Konnarock, Virginia. The Pennsylvania crews stay at nearby cabins and campgrounds.

REMUNERATION: \$140 per week plus room and board and insurance

SEASON: Mid-May through August, 1986

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plan and carry out Trail construction projects in cooperation with ATC staff, A.T. maintaining clubs, and government agencies
2. Organize work trips and lead a crew of six to eight volunteers in accomplishing the work at project sites
3. Instruct volunteers in Trail construction and maintenance, and the use of tools and safety equipment
4. Evaluate and report results of each week's work
5. Promote understanding of the ATC's and the clubs' role in A.T. maintenance and management

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Experience in trail construction, use of tools, and backcountry camping
2. Proven leadership ability and/or experience
3. Ability to work with, teach, and motivate people of all ages and backgrounds
4. Flexibility, adaptability, mature judgement
5. Valid driver's license, good driving record, and ability to qualify for government driver's license
6. Organizing skills

ASSETS:

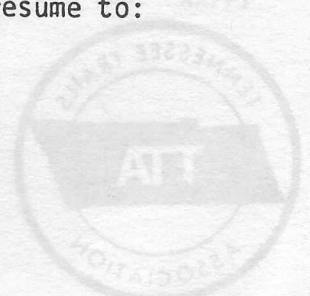
1. Knowledge of A.T. and ATC or experience as a volunteer with A.T. crews or maintaining clubs
2. Chain saw experience
3. Camp cooking experience
4. Experience as a volunteer or working with volunteers
5. Emergency medical or other first aid training

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 1986

If interested and qualified send a letter of application and a resume to:

Rima N. Farmer, Southern Trail Coordinator
Appalachian Trail Conference
P.O. Box 807
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

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TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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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
Mufreesboro	- announced in newsletter
Nashville	- 4th Thursday of each month, Cumberland Museum and Science Center or place announced in newsletter
Chattanooga	- announced in newsletter

1986 ANNUAL HIKE SCHEDULE

Date	Sponsor	Hike	Class/Miles	Leader	Phone
Jan 1	CM	Angel Falls Overlook (BSFNRR)	II-6	Ken Pittman	615-879-8724
Jan 5	ME	Wapanoca Wildlife Refuge		Martha Waldron	901-761-0895
Jan 19	CM	Snow Hike-Middle Creek Trail	I-3	Howard Duncan	615-879-8245
Feb 9	N	Marrow Bone Lake	II	Evelyn Tretter	615-859-0566
Feb 9	CM	Northrup Falls-Icicle Hike	III-1.5	Steven Burke	615-879-7770
Feb 15	MU	Volunteer Trail-Long Hunter S.P.	I-6	Regina McDowell	615-895-3317
Feb 15&16	MU	Winter Backpack	II-10	Glenn Hanley	615-898-2104
Feb 22	ME	Crowley's Ridge, Arkansas		Bob Barnett	901-767-9347
Feb 22&23	MU	Snowbird Backpack Overnight-South Rim Savage Gulf		Randy Hedgepath	615-924-2980
Mar 8&9	MU	Early Spring Backpack	II-10	Glenn Hanley	615-898-2104
Mar 15	CM	Rock Castle Bushwhacker's Trip	V-6	Howard Duncan	615-879-8245
Mar 22	ME	Chickasaw State Park		Mary Wearne	901-377-1744
Mar 22	N	Historic Downtown Nashville	I-3	Margaret Mann	615-883-6212
Mar 22&23	CM	Worktrip-Middle Creek Trail		Howard Duncan	615-879-8245
Mar 29&30	TTA	Cumberland Trail Work Weekend			
Mar 29&30	MU	Early Spring Backpack Overnight-Collins Gulf, South Cumberland R.A.		Randy Hedgepath	615-924-2980
Apr 5	MU	Spring Wildflowers-Long Hunter S.P.	I-6	Reggie Reeves	615-885-2422
Apr 5	MU	Wildflowers-Blue Bell Island		Randy Hedgepath	615-924-2980
Apr 12	MU	Wildflowers-Shake Rag Hollow		Randy Hedgepath	615-924-2980
Apr 12	N	Ridgetop Tunnel	II-2	John Hart	615-833-7546
Apr 19&20	CM	Weekend of Fun-Pickett S.P.		Steven Burke	615-879-7770
				or Howard Duncan	615-879-8245
Apr 19&20	ME	Nathan Bedford Forrest S.P. Hike		Betty Porter	615-363-0213
May 3	ME	Spring in the Forest-Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park		Charlie Norvell	901-873-2149
				or Anne Lindholm	901-388-4123
May 3&4	CM	Big South Fork Wildflower Pilgrimage		(details TBA in newsletter)	
May 10&11	ME	Fall Creek Falls State Park		Bob Barnett	901-767-9347
May 30-Jun 1	TTA	Cumberland Trail Workshop-Cove Lake State Park		(details TBA in newsletter)	

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	Hike	Class/Miles	Leader	Phone
Jun 14	ME	Canoe Trip-Spring River, Arkansas		John Parrish	901-795-7510
Jun 14	CM	Homecoming '86 Activities		(details TBA in newsletter)	
Jun 21	N	Window Cliffs Hike	III/2.5	Pat Anderson	615-383-2355
Jul 19&20	N-CM	Rock Island State Park Campout		(details TBA in newsletter)	
Jul 26	BSF	Trip to LeConte Lodge (Big South Fork Hiking Club-Whitley City, KY)		Donald Thompson	606-679-7563
Jul 26	ME	Canoe Trip-Tishomingo S.P. (Miss.)		Ray Burkett	901-377-3449(H) 901-358-7150(W)
Aug 9-10	N	Swimming Hike		Evelyn Tretter	615-859-0566
Aug 16	MU	Fall Wildflowers & Cave Trip	I-II/6	Bertha Chritzberg or Randy Hedgepath	615-896-1146 615-924-2980
Aug 17	CM	Mammoth Cave National Park		Dean Pittman	615-879-8724
Aug 23	ME	Potluck & Swimming Party		Gene Jacobsen	901-755-9073(H) 901-454-2176(W)
Aug 24	TTA	Cumberland Trail Work Weekend			
Sep 14	CM	4 x 4 Trip (details TBA in newsletter)		Howard Duncan	615-879-8245
Sep 20	MU	Old Stone Fort State Park	I/5	Carol Shelton	615-896-2269
Sep 27	ME	Pinnacle Mountain Arkansas		Gene Jacobsen	901-755-9073
				or Jo Phillips	901-452-0911
Sep 27-28	N	Bike Hike on Natchez Trace		Paul Smith	615-388-0215
Oct 4-5	MU	Overnight Backpack-Volunteer Trail- Long Hunter State Park	I/8	Reggie Reeves	615-885-2422
Oct 5	CM	Chimney Rock	II/1.5	Tom Sells	615-879-7759
Oct 10-12	TTA	Annual Meeting-Chattanooga Chapter		(details TBA in newsletter)	
Oct 25	N	Short Mountain	III/5	Warren Dixon	615-833-1199
Oct 26	ME	Big Hill Pond State Park		Jill Norvell	901-873-2149
Nov 1	MU	Stones River Canoe Float	I/8	John Clark	615-896-1146
Nov 8-9	ME	Sipsey Wilderness Area, Alabama		Ray Burkett	901-377-3449(H) 901-358-7150(W)
Nov 9	N	Local Hike (details TBA in newsletter)		Mary Theime	615-297-3146
Nov 15	CM	Raccoon Gap Hike	II/5	James Smith	615-879-9325
Nov 29-30	TTA	Cumberland Trail Work Weekend			
Nov 30	ME	Thanksgiving Hike-Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park		Charlie Norvell	901-873-2149
Dec 6	MU	Canoe Float-Percy Priest Lake Long Hunter State Park		Reggie Reeves	615-885-2422
Dec 13	ME	Historical Downtown Memphis		Betty Porter	901-363-0213
Dec 13	CM	Annual Christmas Party (details TBA in newsletter)			
Dec 18	ME	Annual Christmas Party (details TBA in newsletter)			

Sponsors

CM - Cumberland Mountain Chapter
 CH - Chattanooga Chapter
 ME - Memphis Chapter
 MU - Mufreesboro Chapter
 N - Nashville Chapter
 O - Oak Ridge Chapter
 TTA - State - Wide Association
 BSF - Big South Fork Hiking Club

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 beginning hikers.

Please register me as a member for the calendar year 1986 (Jan. through Dec.) with the type of membership checked:

_____ Student (fulltime undergraduate and high school) \$ 3.00
_____ Individual \$ 8.00
_____ Family dependent (one who resides with an individual member) \$ 3.00
_____ Supporting \$ 15.00
_____ Life \$150.00

Student members do not have voting privileges. Supporting members may be organizations or individuals. Each organization should designate a representative to cast its vote and up to three addresses to receive the newsletter. Family dependent members do not receive a separate newsletter.

*It's dues time again! Mail this
with your 1986 dues -- today. Mail to
address below.*

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NO. _____ (home) _____ (work)

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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