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## THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSN, ITS FORMATION AND AIMS

- Bob Brown -

At a convocation of conservation groups at Pickett State Park near Jamestown, TN in November, 1968, a proposal was made that a trans-state hiking trail similar to the famous Appalachian Trail be created to extend along the crest of the ridge formed by the peaks of the highest mountains on the Cumberland Plateau. This broken, and sometimes winding, ridge runs generally from southwest to northeast through a region of unique natural beauty and historical interest.

With this germinal idea, a group of those most interested met later that month at Cumberland Mountain State Park where they decided to call the proposed footpath the Cumberland Trail and, also to form themselves into the Tennessee Trails Association to promote this trail and others in the state.

At the first annual meeting held the following month at Cove Lake State Park, the TTA was addressed by Stanley Murray (of the Appalachian Trail Conference) Donald Shedd (of the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation), and Mack Prichard (of the Tennessee Department of Conservation). Their remarks were instrumental in setting a philosophical tone and pointing a direction for the future efforts of the TTA organization.

After discussing its aims, the Association agreed to undertake the creation of the Cumberland Trail as a pilot project. It was to be laid as a wilderness footpath, interfering as little as possible with the natural surroundings and discouraging, insofar as possible, its use as a road for any kind of motorized vehicles or as a bridle path.

From its first meeting, the TTA received encouragement from the State Department of Conservation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Hiwassee Land Company. The Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, the Appalachian Conference, and the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club were TTA's

earliest supporters, as were the Clinch and Powell River Development Association and the Tennessee Conservation League.

The Crossville Chamber of Commerce gave invaluable aid in the initial work on the Cumberland Trail. Plateau Properites and Renegade Resort, of Cumberland County, were among the first landowners granting permission for passage of the Trail. It was, however, the staunch support of individuals from these organizations and others, such as Paul Adams ("Mr. Mt. LeConte") of Crab Orchard, Tod Haydon of Oak Ridge, and Herman Baggenstoss of Tracy City that sustained TTA in its beginnings.

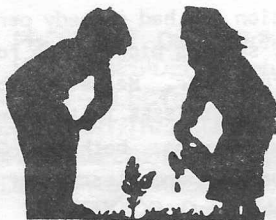
Mr. Evan Means, Outdoors Editor of THE OAK RIDGER, took early responsibility for coordinating work on the segment of the Cumberland Trail that would lie along the crest of Cumberland Mountain from Caryville to Cumberland Gap. Several years earlier, Evan had proposed just such a Cumberland Mountain Trail as a project for the Clinch and Powell River Development Association and had already performed much of the preliminary work, such as picking the route and securing landowners' permission. Mr. Means also began writing our monthly TTA newsletter, TENNESSEE TRAILS, in December, 1969. John McIntyre and David Irving, both from Oak Ridge, undertook the route exploration and clearing of the Cumberland Mountain segment.

Mr. Donald Todd of Wartburg, a schoolteacher, scoutmaster, ardent conservationist, and 1970 President of TTA, discovered TTA in February of 1969 and immediately volunteered to take responsibility for the entire Morgan County segment of the Cumberland Trail. Mr. Todd and his sons, Donald, Jr. and Steve, have crusaded actively for general recognition of the unique natural beauty of their area and for its protection from the devastation and stream pollution that results from strip mining of the steep-sided mountains. They have also personally built many miles of hiking trail and cleared overgrown and unused trails built years ago by the CCC boys in Morgan State Forest.

Mr. Roy Hall of the Crossville Chamber of Commerce, a veteran outdoorsman with a lifelong love for the mountains, coves, and deep river gorges of Cumberland County, undertook to acquire landowners' permission for all the segment to lie within its borders. This writer accepted the job of getting this segment of the Trail routed, cleared, and marked with the help of TTA members, Boy Scouts, and other volunteers from the area.

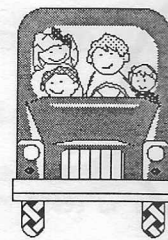
While the Cumberland Trail has thus far preempted the efforts and attention of the TTA, we hope the organization can grow and can, as it grows, help its members in every part of the state in planning and carrying out trail projects in local areas where natural beauty and historical interest make hiking trails desirable. We further anticipate TTA's being helpful in creating urban green belt hiking, jogging, and bike trails.

Man's trails have existed for many and varied reasons, but no longer are they used in this country primarily for getting from one place to another. Today their purpose is mainly recreational in the sense suggested by the roots of that word, RE-CREATE. Thus, the two ideal ends to be striven for in laying or clearing such trails must be, first, the restoration of mental and emotional balance that can come to the walker in his/her experiencing nature undisturbed, and, second, the cleansing and physical exhilaration one can feel in moving steadily and rhythmically across the face of the land by Man's most primitive, yet most satisfying, means. We of the Tennessee Trails Association hope to make this recreation more readily available to all Tennesseans and to assure its ready availability to those yet to come.



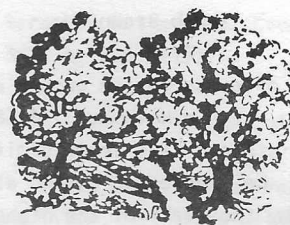
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#### CUMBERLAND TRAIL NEWS

WORK & PLAY WEEKEND  
Cumberland Trail Office  
Cove Lake State Park, Caryville, TN  
May 31 through June 1

- Bob Brown -

The weekend of May 31 through June 1, we will be working on the Cumberland Trail near Caryville, TN. You are asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. (EDT) at the Cumberland Trail Office.

Tent or car camping space will be available for you at the park. Saturday will be spent in trail maintenance on Section 2 at the Cumberland Trail between Caryville and Oliver Springs. Tools will be furnished. Bring work gloves, water bottles, and food.

Sunday, we will take a short, moderately strenuous hike to McLean Rock from the bottom of Cumberland Mountain, or a long, strenuous hike from Carr Gap atop the mountain, to McLean Rock, with a fabulous view of Powell Valley (and, atmosphere permitting, of the Smokies in the distance). A side trip to Alum Cave Rockhouse, with its variegated sandstone layers and 100 foot waterfall, will also be made. The return from McLean Rock will be a long trip via a State

Bob Brown (615-748-4816 wk).

## Cumberland Scenic Trail

### Eagle Bluff Hike

July 4, 1986

Time: 10:00 a.m. (EDT) to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Cumberland Trail Office, Cove Lake State Park

Although this hike is two months away, be planning to attend. Bobby Harbin, Park Manager of the Cumberland Scenic Trail, has scheduled and publicized a July Fourth hike to a destination fitting the occasion - Eagle Bluff on the Cumberland Trail, overlooking Jacksboro. A shuttle will take hikers from Cove Lake State Park past an ancient Indian burial mound and past Eagle Bluff Lake to the foot of Cumberland Mountain. The hike will be along the historic Kentucky Road to Eagle Bluff at the top, thence along the Cumberland Trail to a gap just short of the southern end of Cumberland Mountain, where the CT leaves to descend to Cove Lake.

A side trip of approximately 1 mile will be made to the actual end of the mountain where, atop the "Pinnacles" there is a spectacular view of Bruce Gap through which passes I-75. The descent to Cove Lake on the CT passes varied and interesting ecosystems, both natural and manmade. For more information, contact Bob Brown (615-748-4816 wk.).

### TRIP REPORT:

#### CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND

March 29-30

A small, but very high quality, trail crew (Evan Means and myself) arrived at Cove Lake Saturday morning, just in time to witness the raising of the flagpole at the Cumberland Trail office by the local High Venture Scout Troop, Varsity Team 53. This was the Eagle project of Scout Mike Blevins, and Evan got pictures and details for an article in the OAK RIDGER.

Cumberland Trail manager, Bobby Harbin, and his scouts then held the first flag raising ceremony. The new mast, with the National and state flags whipping bravely in the breeze in front of the C.T. office, with Cumberland Mountain in the background, made an impressive sight indeed, and one which should attract even more attention to the Cumberland Trail.

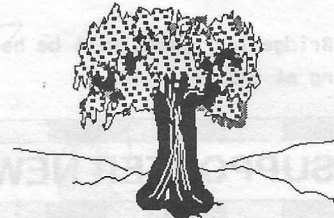
The aforementioned "high-quality-crew," then accompanied Ranger Harbin south along the foot of Walden's Ridge to the Firetower Road where they assisted Harbin in removing an old Forestry Department sign and erecting a brand new 4' x 8' Cumberland Trail sign, produced by the State Department of Transportation. A trip to the top to borrow a posthole digger from the firetower crew, gave evidence of use of the trail by the number of cars parked at the access point, and by complaints from the tower crew about all the people

coming up there.

Sunday was spent driving around the backside of Cumberland Mountain to McLean Rock and in picking up several plastic bags full of litter from around the overlook as well as at Alum Cave Rockhouse. Later, we scouted the July 4th Eagle Bluff Hike route.

- Bob Brown

## NEWS FROM OUR PARKS



### SOUTH CUMBERLAND RECREATION AREA

Hopefully the newsletter will go out before the following events take place:

April 26 1:00 p.m. Stage Road Walk Meet at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station. This will be an easy walk along an historic road and a visit to a panoramic overlook. 3 miles - Class I

April 27 1:00 p.m. Savage Falls Trail Meet at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station. This is an easy 4-mile hike which includes the falls and an overlook of the gulf. Wildflowers should be in abundance.

For more information, call the South Cumberland Recreation Area Visitor Center at 615-924-2980 or -2956 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (CST).

### MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK

#### Upcoming Activities

Montgomery Bell State Park has a wide variety of activities planned for May.

On May 1, a fishing tournament will be held for people ages 60 and over from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (no charge). Call Wayne Kaiser (446-4434) for details.

May 2, marks the Old Timers Day Seniors Golf Tournament on the Frank Clement 18-hole golf course. Participants must be 60 or older. Call Bill Potts (615-446-2108) for details.

May 2, 3, and 4, the Civitan Conservation Corps. & Workmans Progress Adm. Reunion will be held. Individuals, organiza-

tions, clubs, etc., are invited to share in the historical tours and re-enactment of events which shaped the lifestyles and future features of CCC and WPA employees stationed at Montgomery Bell. Call 615-797-9051 or 797-9052 for details.

Also on May 2nd, the Highland Rim Dancers will conduct an open-to-the-public Square Dance from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Clement Room at Montgomery Bell Inn. For more information, call Bob Churchill at 615-446-5340.

May 16-17, a Bridge Tournament will be held at the park. Call Mrs. Browning at 615-292-4810.

## TTA SUPPORTER NEWS

### CANOE SCHOOL TN SCENIC RIVERS ASSN.

Unfortunately, this article was received too late to be included in the April newsletter. However, there may still be openings by the time you receive this issue.

The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Assn. will host its 21st annual Canoe School on the Hiwassee River during the weekend of June 13-15. Highlights of the offered instruction include learning and improving whitewater skills and safety at both the beginner and intermediate levels. Applications will be accepted beginning March 15th through April 30th. Enrollment is limited to 200 students, and every year we have to turn away some.

We would like to introduce as many new people as possible to the pleasures of river canoeing. Check-in will begin at 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, June 13th. The Friday evening program will begin at 8:00 p.m. School will end on Sunday afternoon, June 15th. Meet at the Gee Creek Campground (about 20 miles east of Cleveland, TN). The cost is \$20.00 for TSRA members (you can register and join TSRA at the same time). You will be responsible for furnishing your own equipment, including a Coast Guard approved life jacket.

For more information, contact: Roy B. Duncan, Rt. 15, Box 9, Clarksville, TN 37040, 615-647-2263 or Richard Manning/Maggie Kirkpatrick, 1907 Cedar Ln., Nashville, TN 37212, 615-385-0696

### BIG SOUTH FORK TRAIL UPDATE

For the uninitiated, the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is a relatively new area consisting of 100,000+ acres of ruggedly beautiful Cumberland Plateau

backcountry. Most areas in the BSF are very remote and the areas along the river and creek gorges are off limits to motorized vehicles. The area is located in Tennessee and Kentucky, about mid-way between Nashville and Knoxville.

At this writing, there are 135 miles of hiking trails and 90 miles of equestrian trails in the National Area. There are also over 80 miles of canoeable waters in the Big South Fork. Trails in the National Area vary from short day hikes to extended backpacking trips. The John Muir Trail, which is the "backbone" of the BSF trail system, has now been completed from the O&W railroad trestle near Leatherwood Ford to the Sheltoewe Trace Trail on Rock Creek. Because of this, you can now hike from Leatherwood Ford Trailhead to Pickett State Park Office, a distance of about fifty miles.

A detailed, topographic map of the area, showing the trail system, should be available by the end of April. In later reports, I will describe specific trails in detail. For more information on the Big South Fork NRRRA, write: Big South Fork NRRRA, P.O. Box 630, Oneida, TN 37841.

- Howard Ray Duncan

### BIG SOUTH FORK HIKING CLUB UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Donald Thompson, president of the Big South Fork Hiking Club, would like to extend a welcome to each of you to attend any of their upcoming hikes.

- May 3 Wildflower hike from Alum Ford to Yamacraw Bridge. Meet at Whitley City Motel at 9:00 a.m. or will leave from the Burger King in Somerset at 8:15 a.m.
- May 4 Wildflower hike from Yahoo Falls to Alum Ford. Meet at Whitley City Motel at 1:30 p.m., or will leave from Burger King in Somerset at 12:45 p.m.
- June 7 Rainbow Trail from Laurel boat dock to Cumberland Falls. Meet in parking lot at Cumberland Falls at 9:00 a.m.. Will leave Whitley City Motel at 8:30 a.m. or in Somerset, will leave from Burger King at 8:15 a.m.
- July 25 Overnight on Mt. LeConte in Great Smoky Mountains. Meeting time and place will be decided at a later date.

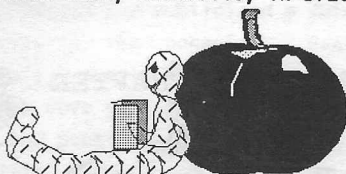
For more information on any of the Big South Fork Hiking Club's trips, call or write Donald W. Thompson, 944 Monticello Road, Somerset, KY, 42501, 606-679-7563.

## GIRL SCOUT CAMP

### STAFF OPENINGS

SUMMER, 1986

Summer employment opportunities are available including Canoeing Instructor, Nature Director, Waterfront Director, Horseback Assistant, and counselors. For more information, contact Sherri Weidman, Cumberland Valley Girl Scout Council, 830 Kirkwood Lane, Nashville, TN 37204, 615-383-0490.



### BOOKWORM'S CORNER

One TTA member has responded so far to my request for books or publications written by TTA folks.

Freddi Felt, of the Memphis Chapter, has a new book out which will be helpful to those of you with kids going off to summer camp. It is titled, My Going to Camp Book, and it can be purchased from ACA Publications, Martinsville, Indiana, 1-800-428-CAMP. Also, some bookstores in the Memphis area are currently stocking this book.

Freddi's book is advertised as an activity book for the younger child (Ages 7-10). It is designed to provide a place for the young camper to record his/her adventures at summer camp with space provided for writing stories, drawing pictures, and pasting in photos. The suggested retail price is \$ 4.95. For more information, contact Freddi at 50 Shady Glen, Memphis, TN 38119.

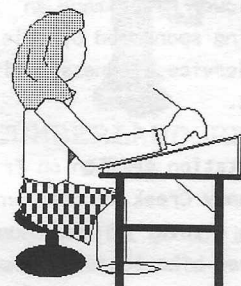
There are a number of good new books out in honor of the Tennessee homecoming. One, which I found to be of interest is, The Nashville I Knew, by Jack Norman, Sr., published by Rutledge Hill Press. Mr. Norman, a once prominent Nashville attorney, has published excerpts from this book in a Nashville BANNER column. This book has many interesting photographs of Nashville in years past and covers many of Mr. Norman's memories of Nashville over the last eighty years.

### NEW TTA HIKERS

- Anne Thurman -

The Nashville Chapter is happy to welcome two new members this month. Donna Mehus is an accounting assistant with Telco Research, a telecommunications software firm here in Nashville. Donna found out about TTA through her office newsletter (their editor's name sounds familiar...Dot Fowler!), decided to join, and then recruited her friend, Ginny

Beck to join as well! Ginny is a pre-school teacher with Fanny Battle Pre-School. Ginny and Donna both live in Nashville, and are interested in adopting a trail!! Ginny and Donna are planning to tackle Mt. LeConte this summer and want to prepare themselves by hiking with us. A big welcome to you from all of us in TTA...you're gonna love us!



### EDITOR'S TIDBITS

Well, the Merry Month of May is upon us in all its splendor. Hopefully we'll have had plenty of April showers to bring the May flowers (Spring tends to bring out the poet in me).

I have a confession to make. I gave y'all the wrong home phone number for myself in the last edition. Numbers never were my forte. But, let's try again...

Dot Fowler

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615-834-2654 Hm.

615-329-0031 Ext. 228 Wk.

Once again, copy deadline is the 15th of the month, unless you notify me that a last-minute item is on its way (in which case, I'll try to save some room and wait for it). I prefer to get the final copy to the printer by the 20th, so try to be prompt.

Alan Stokes, a relatively new member of the Nashville Chapter, has offered his services for the inclusion of photos in TENNESSEE TRAILS. Alan is employed by Baird Ward (Arcata Graphics) and has access to the equipment needed for this process. Clear, black and white photographs with sharp resolution work the best, he tells me. So, if you have a memorable picture you would like to share with us, please send them to Alan Stokes, 275 Yelton Court, Nashville, TN 37211 or to me. If you have questions regarding this, Alan's number is 615-331-5969 (hm) or 385-0460 (wk). Photos will be used as space permits.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

#### FINAL REMINDER

#### BIG SOUTH FORK WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE

May 2-3

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter would again like to remind you of their Wildflower Pilgrimage on the above dates. Several hikes are being sponsored by this chapter, as well as the National Park Service, Tennessee Division of Forestry and Pickett State Park.

There will be an orientation session on Friday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. (CST) at the Bandy Creek Recreation Area Campground. The schedule includes a total of ten hikes and tours, all being led by experienced hike leaders. Camping is available at Bandy Creek and at nearby Pickett State Park.

Plan to enjoy the beauty of the Cumberland Plateau in the springtime. For more information, call one of the following: Fentress County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 496, Jamestown, TN 38556, 615-879-9948 or, Howard Ray Duncan 615-879-8245, Tom Sells, 615-879-7759, or Steven Burke, 615-879-7770.

#### MAY CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 1986

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter will hold its regular chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce in Jamestown, TN. Refreshments will be served. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Howard Ray Duncan (615-879-8245) or Tom Sells (615-879-7759).

#### TRIP REPORT:

#### Middle Creek Trail Worktrip

March 21-22

Cumberland Mountain chapter members performed some spring trail keeping on approximately seven miles of the Middle Creek Trail system within the BSF area. The work crews cleared blowdowns, cleaned waterbars, replaced steps, reconstructed trail tread, picked up litter (thankfully, very little!), and performed various other maintenance activities.

Those participating in the work trips included Tom Sells, David Sells, Mark Wilson, Ken Pittman, and myself. Over a period of several years, the TTA will save the National Park Service hundreds of dollars in trail maintenance money. If you are interested in adopting a trail in the Big South Fork, please contact Steve Seven (615-569-6963) or write to, Big South Fork NRRA, P.O. Drawer 630, Oneida, TN 37841.

- Howard Ray Duncan



### MEMPHIS CHAPTER

#### FINAL REMINDER

#### FALL CREEK FALLS TRIP

May 10-11



We would like to remind you again of the Memphis Chapter's upcoming trip to Fall Creek Falls. We plan to spend the weekend camping, hiking, exploring waterfalls and wildflowers, and enjoying good company.

At 8:00 a.m., Saturday morning, we will meet at the Nature Center to decide where to hike. Saturday night will be picnic time in the campground, and on Sunday, "early bird" hikers can take a short hike with me at sunrise (destination to be announced Saturday night at picnic). Breakfast will follow and then we plan to top off the weekend with a 9:00 a.m. hike on the Paw Paw Trail. Please plan to join us! Leader: Bob Barnett, 901-767-9347

#### MAY CHAPTER MEETING

May 15, 1986

Join us on May 15 at Kingsway Christian Church, 6310 Poplar Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Our program will be presented by Jeff Harris who has hiked and backpacked in the Grand Canyon several times. He will show slides and have some interesting information to share with us.

#### TRIP REPORT:

#### CHICKASAW STATE PARK

On March 22, nine Memphis hikers hiked nine miles (one for each participant!) in Chickasaw State Park. We managed to get lost only once and saw a total of four deer along the trail.

- Mary Wearne

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TTA's Memphis Chapter was begun about five years ago by Jill Norvell. Jill has decided to take a well deserved rest from the trail club duties for a while. The following people will be officers for the coming year: Jerri Bull -- Chairman, Betty Porter -- Treasurer, Laura Derrington -- Publicity, Anne Lindholm -- Refreshments, Gene Jacobson -- Carpool Coordinator.

## NASHVILLE CHAPTER

MAY CHAPTER MEETING  
MAY 22, 1986

The Nashville Chapter Meeting will be held at the Cumberland Museum on May 22, at 7:30 p.m. Bob Brown, who has submitted a number of the articles in this issue on the Cumberland Trail work will be our speaker and his topic will be...yep, you guessed it...the Cumberland Trail! Many of us who have joined TTA in the past year are not very familiar with the Cumberland Trail project and since this is the very reason TTA was originally formed, I encourage all members to attend and to bring friends.

HARD SCRAMBLE FALLS  
Sunday, May 18

This private waterfall site features two streams cascading off the Highland Rim in a series of falls and cascades. The high pinnacle affords a unique view of the falls. Wildflowers are abundant.

This will be a short, easy hike of approximately two miles to the falls. Short, hard scrambles (get it?) up and down the steep slopes and the pinnacle will be required to fully appreciate the area.

In the afternoon, if time permits, we will visit Cul-Car-Mac Falls below Evans Mill near Smithville. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Cumberland Museum or at 9:30 a.m. at the Rice Motor Inn Restaurant (Burgess Falls exit off I-40, Cookeville). For more information, contact David Stidham (615-859-3621, or 736-5115).

### APRIL CHAPTER MEETING REPORT

Those of you who missed the April Chapter meeting missed a delightful presentation by Randy Hedgepath on Tennessee Natural Areas. Slides of the beautiful Tennessee outdoors and a lively question/answer session complimented Randy's talk.



TRIP REPORT:  
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA



Easter weekend, eight assorted chapter members and one guest, traveled to the Gulf Coast of Alabama for four days of reveling in the sun and sand, and for sight-seeing plus utter gluttony.

We walked miles and miles on the powdery, white sand; explored Fort Morgan on Mobile Bay; attended an Easter sunrise service on the beach; met some really nice people; and ate as much fresh seafood as we could hold.

To climax this enjoyable trip, we gave a surprise birthday party for Vic Canada. All in all, this weekend provided happy memories for Linda, Marilyn, Helen, J.R., Vic, Regina, Anne, Bob, and Pat.

- Pat Anderson

### TRIP REPORT HISTORIC RIDGETOP TUNNEL

Sunday, April 13, nineteen intrepid TTA hikers from the middle Tennessee area explored the pre-Civil War rail lines and cuts in the Ridgetop area. The hikers ranged from age two to age sixty, providing for an entertaining mix of people. All were excited upon the discovery of two "mini-balls" (used in rifles once upon a time). The weather was perfect and the wildflowers abundant, making for a most enjoyable day.

- John Hart

### TRIP REPORT: HISTORIC DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE March 23, 1986

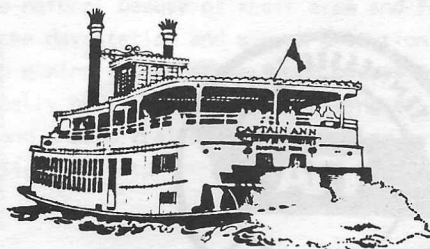
Have you given any thought lately as to the number of folks living in our fair city? According to the 1985 census, we have approximately 500,000 Nashvillians. Guess where those 500,000 were on March 23? You guessed it! They were all at Riverfront Park attending the General Jackson Open House! However, TTA members should be proud of the fact that hikers ALWAYS stand out in a crowd.

In a sense, the grand opening of the General Jackson was appropriate for our hike as many of the sites visited were constructed in the paddle boat era. The early use of the Custom House was to check all goods brought in by boat to Nashville which at that time, was noted for its riverboat travel. The Post Office and several of the Federal offices were housed in this building as well.

For those of you who have been wondering, I managed to resolve the questions about the trees encased in the patio at the rear of Fort Nashboro. They are ailanthus, Tree of Heaven.

Interest was expressed by many on the trip to further explore Nashville's many historic sites on future hikes. Some suggestions were the City Cemetary, the remnants of Fort Negley, and the German settlements in North Nashville.

- Margaret Mann



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## HIKE LEADERS

## SCHEDULED MAY HIKES

When scheduling a hike:

A. Submit a detailed description of your upcoming hike in time for its inclusion in the preceding newsletter (deadline - 15th of month). Please include the following:

1. Date of hike
2. Time and place to assemble
3. Number of miles to be traveled and/or length of time involved in reaching the trailhead
4. Length of hike itself in miles and/or hours
5. Difficulty rating (1-5, where 5 is most difficult)
6. Suggested clothing & footwear
7. Suggested provisions &/or equipment

B. Submit a trip report for the newsletter following the hike.

C. Mail a list of all participating hikers' names to:

Bob Barnett  
4294 Goldie  
Memphis, TN 38122

### CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER:

May 2-3 Big South Fork Wildflower Pilgrimage, Howard R. Duncan (615-879-8245) or Steve Burke (615-879-7770)

### MEMPHIS CHAPTER:

May 3 Spring in the Forest (Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park) Charlie Norvell (901-873-2149) or Anne Lindholm (901-388-4123)

May 10-11 Fall Creek Falls State Park Bob Barnett (901-767-9347)

### NASHVILLE CHAPTER:

May 18 Hard Scramble Falls (near Cookeville), David Stidham (615-859-3621 or 736-5115)

### TTA CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK/PLAY WEEKEND:

May 30-June 1 Cove Lake State Park, Cumberland Trail Office, Caryville, TN (see writeup in this issue)

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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