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## A Hiker's Firsts

- By David Stidham -

**D**o you ever make mental notes of "firsts" while on the trail? Like your first bear, or the first time you got above timberline, or the first time you made love in a tent? I remember some of mine.

I remember the first time I went camping and didn't bring a thing to cook with. My scoutmaster showed me how to bake my potato packed in mud. I remember my first glimpse of the Colorado River; I was clinging to the side of a cliff while hiking down the Thunder River in the Grand Canyon. And then there was the first time I dislocated my shoulder while hiking; it was on the backside of the Jumpoff of Mt. Kephart. And, who can forget the first jar of blackberry jam I sold at a TTA auction?

I'll never forget the first time seeing a blanket of clouds below me from Mt. LeConte; and seeing the edge of rain approaching; and showering in a waterfall; and waking up the next morning in a deep snow. The first hand gliders I ever saw, gracefully soaring down Sandia Peaks, is another sight I'll always cherish.

I remember my first non-violent protest, the 20-mile "Save Our Smokies" hike in protest of a proposed trans-mountain highway from Bryson City to Townsend. My first hike outside the USA was one to remember, too; it ended in a descent into one of the deepest pits in the world in central Mexico, El Sotano del Barro. And, I remember the first time I was lost — uh, confused — in the mountains. Or, what about that first bout with hypothermia while hiking up to the top of Arizona's Humphrey's Peak in August?!

I wish I could forget my first (and only) horseback ride. I slid under the steed trying to get on board; then prayed he would just stand still while I crawled out from between his legs. I prayed again when the beast and I (on top this time) came face to face with a black bear. Never again...

Some of the more interesting people I first met on the trail have been Rev. Rufus Morgan, Dr. Dan Hale, Richard Hilton. I don't remember that first encounter with Richard, but he does. He recalls that I added a

salamander to my trail stew that day. Then there was Harvey Broome, Bill Stutz, and O.K. Sergeant. I remember Dr. Bob Aiken who laid me out on a log and sewed up my nose when I fell flat on my face while leading a rock hop for the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. Then there was that blind dude I met while exploring a West Virginia cave; poor fellow didn't have as much as a flashlight.

I also remember the first rattlesnake I stepped on. There was one before but I stepped *over* that one. And there was the first encounter with a topless lady hiker on the trail. While fighting our way through a nearly impenetrable tangle of brambles and horseweed, bushwhacking our way through a terrible jungle as we tried to get back to civilization, it appeared out of nowhere... my first encounter with a marijuana plant.

I wonder what firsts lie ahead, around the next bend in the trail or over the next hill. With many of the firsts I've had, I think life just can't get any better than this.

# Cumberland Trail News

## CT Work/Play Weekends June 4&5 and June 18&19

It's time to do some maintenance on the Cumberland Trail. Join us for one or both of these weekends or for just part of either. We'll work on both Saturdays and then hike Sundays.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Cumberland Trail office at Cove Lake State Park. Tools and transportation will be provided along with free camping for those workers who wish to stay overnight. On the Sundays we will hike on the CT or we will head for the Clinch River (see July 4th weekend description below). For more information, contact Bob Brown at 748-4816.

## Independence Day Weekend On the CT July 1-4

Bobby Harbin will teach an evening class Friday, July 1, on basic knots, safety harnesses, belays, and techniques for rockclimbing and rappelling. On Saturday we will practice the fundamentals of this exciting sport on some of the milder bluffs and boulders along the Cumberland Trail. Meet at the Cumberland Scenic Trail office in Cove Lake State Park at 6:30 p.m. EDT on Friday and at 8:00 a.m. EDT Saturday.

On Sunday, if anyone is interested in a 10-12 mile canoe float on the Clinch River, we can rent canoes and gear from Clinch River Outdoors (\$22.00 per canoe). The Clinch offers varied scenery from open fields to the wooded bluffs of Coal Creek. It is a safe float trip with no rapids or major hazards and the rate of flow requires little paddling for a 4 to 7-hour trip. Alternatively, a day hike on CT's Section 2 from Cove Lake to Lake City could be made. Meet at the CT office in Cove Lake at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

On Monday, July 4th, the annual hike up the Old Kentucky Road will be made to Eagle Bluff and then on the CT along the crest of Cumberland Mountain and out to the Devil's

Racetrack overlooking Bruce Gap and I-75 and, finally, down the mountain to Cove Lake for a total of six miles. Anyone wishing a longer hike might join me for a nine or ten-mile walk on the CT from Big Creek Gap at La-Follette to Cove Lake, hopefully joining the other hikers for lunch at Eagle Bluff. Meet at the CT office in Cove Lake at 7:00 a.m. on the 4th for the long hike and at 10:00 a.m. for the Eagle Bluff hike.

For more information, call Bobby Harbin at 615-566-0905 or Bob Brown at 615-748-4816 (no later than Friday, June 26 if interested in the Clinch River canoe trip).

## TRIP REPORT Smoky Mountains Hiking Club/TTA Backpack April 16-17

Four members, Bob Lilly, Steve Higdon, Charlie Klabunde and I and three guests, Bill Blevins, Alden Smith, and Sam Johnson, met at the Cumberland Scenic Trail office at Cove Lake State Park. Weather was clear and windy with the temperature in the low 40s. Trail Manager, Bobby Harbin, transported most of us in his truck 30 miles north along the foot of Cumberland Mountain and then up a rough dirt road to the CT at Carr Gap, 1,000 feet above Powell Valley.

Trees and flowers on top looked about 2 weeks behind those in the valley with only red maples beginning to leaf, sarvis in full bloom, and dogwood just ready to bloom. Along the crest of Cumberland Mountain to Rogers Gap, blackened ground and tree trunks and clear understory showed the effects of last fall's fires. Between Rogers and Wilson Gaps, little fire damage was seen, but it was again evident from Wilson to Woodson Gaps including our campsite at McLain Rock.

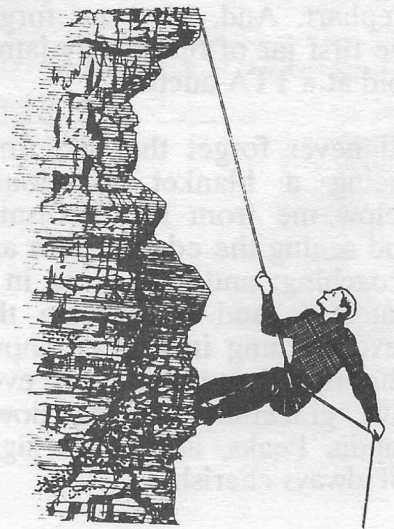
Lots of bluffs and rock formations including Alum Cave, a ridgetop wind-funneling natural bridge, and a large rockhouse kept the hike interesting. There were many good views both days of Cross, House, and Clinch Mountains with the barest hint of the

Smokies beyond and also the lights of Powell Valley, from McLain Rock Saturday night.

A Whippoorwill awoke us Sunday, and Black and White Warblers and Solitary Vireos were heard often both days along with Ovenbirds on Sunday. Six grouse, a deer, a couple of migrating Broadwinged Hawks and a possible Raven near McLain Rock were seen. Half way down the mountain on the jeep road from Woodson Gap, a Hooded Warbler sang just before Joe England met us with the State Parks truck at noon for our return shuttle to Cove Lake. — Bob Brown

## TRIP REPORT TTA/Sierra Club CT Backpack, April 30 to May 1

Ninez Giles, Mary Parrett, Marilyn Blackman, Randall Grimsley, Bob Barnett, and I enjoyed the Carr Gap to Woodson Gap hike with warmer temperatures and less wind but the same clear skies as two weeks earlier. Also, most of the trees were leafing out, the sarvis blooms replaced by dogwoods, and a number of wildflowers were blooming, including trillium grandiflorum and geraniums. Ovenbirds, Scarlet Tanagers, Black, White and Hooded Warblers, and Redeyed and Solitary Vireos were heard often and seen several times. Whippoorwills sang in our campground all night under an almost-full moon.





## TTA Adopt-a-Trail

If you have adopted a trail and would like to tell others about its beauty, write a short piece on it (or send a copy of your adopt-a-trail inspection report) and submit it to the TTA editor, Dot Fowler (address on last page of newsletter) or to Ninez Giles, TTA Adopt-a-Trail Coordinator. If your trail needs more work than you can handle alone or if you know of a trail in need of adopting, spread the news!

### TRAIL REPORT Hidden Springs Trail

On April 16th, it was my pleasure to turn in an excellent report on the 4 1/2 mile Hidden Springs Trail in Cedars of Lebanon State Park. There were some minor maintenance duties performed, but the trail was basically in great shape. The trail certainly was a pleasant hiking treat during the park's Wildflower Pilgrimage the weekend following my inspection.

My compliments to the park staff for the shape that this trail is in. I encourage TTA members to use this trail which I have used all seasons of the year. While it does not have spectacular vistas, it does have some unique features and can provide a good workout. Naturally I would like to see increased use of this trail — less maintenance for me!

### NASHVILLE HISTORICAL TRAILS BSA TROOP 254

Nashville Historical Trails is basically a committee function of Boy Scout Troop 254 and is dedicated to the development of and/or promotion of trails of historical and recreational significance. The benefits or proceeds of all patch sales associated with these trails go for the benefit of the scouting program, including our troop, as well as others that may need particular assistance.

We have two trails that we put together — the Nashville Historical

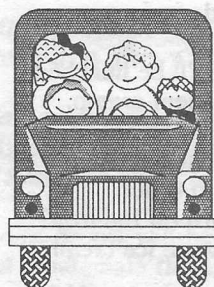
Trail and the Battle of Nashville Trail. We also have one trail in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers at Cordell Hull, Bearwaller Gap trail (a wilderness trail). The Corps personnel have been a delight to work with and are thoroughly dedicated to the public enjoyment.

Our other trail is the Stones River National Battlefield Trail which we have in conjunction with the Park Service. They have also been great to work with and are equally as dedicated to the public enjoyment of our fine parks.

Of all the trails we have, only one really involves work by the boys of our troop. We work at Bearwaller Gap at least once per year, cleaning the trail of debris, such as fallen logs and trash. We also work in conservation of the trail by paying particular attention to erosion. Recently, as part of an Eagle Scout Project, we completed work on a shelter along the trail. I cannot emphasize enough the spirit of cooperation with the Corp. The Resource Manager and all the Rangers are dedicated people, often times sacrificing a day off to help us with a project along the trail. — Larry D. Odom

*P.S. For more information on any of these trails or on the patches sold by this troop, contact Larry D. Odom at 868-1360 or write:*

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## Legislative Actions

*Taken from Report #21, April 15, 1988,  
by Jeannette Fitzwilliams, Alexandria,  
VA.*

### Land and Water Conservation Fund Udall's Bill HR 4127

The President's Commission on Americans Outdoors made two alternative recommendations with regard to the Land and Water Conservation Fund:

1. Turn it into a dedicated trust so that adequate, stable and predictable disbursements would occur almost automatically each year. This is what Sen. Chafee's bill (S 1338) attempts to do.
2. Turn it into a real trust with an inviolate corpus with only the income to be disbursed each year, also in adequate and predictable amounts, according to a predetermined formula. This is what Sen. Udall's bill, HR 1427, proposes to do. The same bill was sponsored by Sen. Chafee as S 2199 with Senators Bacus, Graham and Fowler as cosponsors.

The main LWCF provisions of this bill are:

- The unappropriated balance of the LWCF will be placed in a new account and invested in government securities.
- The current \$900 million (mainly from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas) will continue to be added to the fund until the corpus is 4 times its size at the date of enactment (i.e., large enough to generate \$1 billion each year).
- Congress may at any time decide that some of this annual increment may be disbursed rather than added to the corpus. However, the total to be disbursed is limited to \$500,000 in 1989, rising by \$100,000 increments to \$1 billion in 1993 and, thereafter, remaining at that amount.
- The formula for the annual allocation of disbursements is: 30% Federal, 30% states, 10% for urban

park & recreation, 10% for 10 years for matching grants to states establishing trusts that parallel the new federal trust, and 20% which could be made available on a discretionary basis for any of the other categories.

- Congress continues to play an active role in at least three instances: approval of the priorities established by the Federal agencies for the use of their share of the funds, allocation of the remaining 20%, and the ability to limit actual disbursements in any given year with the amounts not allocated to be added to the corpus.
- 50% of the amounts allocated to the states to be passed through to local governments and other qualifying recipients.
- Each state shall annually submit a list of potential projects and such lists shall be developed with ample opportunity for public participation.
- For a period of three years, counties and other political subdivisions may receive planning funds to cover not more than 50% of the cost of developing or revising, with ample opportunity for public participation, a local plan to retain land for recreation and conservation.
- 5% of the funds apportioned to each state shall be used only for projects in which not less than 10% of the local share of the project shall be provided by private or nonprofit organizations or sources.
- Payments to states may not cover more than 75% of costs of acquisition of land, water, and interests in the Wild & Scenic River System, National Trails System, or National Historic or Natural Landmarks.

This bill is written as an amendment to the Land & Water Conservation Act and, therefore, needs to be read in conjunction with 16 U.S.C. 4601-44 if the nature of the new trust is to be fully understood.

HR 4127 also amends the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4501-4) to turn it, too, into a true trust.

## Memphis Chapter

**June Meeting**  
June 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Kingsway Christian Church

Our speaker in June will be Pepper Marcus, a forestry expert who publishes a conservation newsletter and who is president of the Overton Park Forest Preservation Association. He will use a slide show to present his case against expansion of the Overton Park Zoo. This is an issue of importance to all Memphians, so come hear the facts and decide where you stand.

**Swimming Party**  
June 18th

It's splish-splash time again at Gene Jacobson's home, 2063 Restington Lane. Grab your swimsuit and bring a dish to share. Come at 6:00 p.m. for swimming and supper at 7:30. If you need more details on what to bring, call Gene at 755-9073.

### Summit

- By Debbie Gilbert -  
(Memphis Chapter)

Whose idea was it  
to build this thing straight up?  
I think the ninety-degree angle  
was uncalled for.  
Do I exaggerate?  
How come when I look directly ahead,  
I see the ground?  
My socks are sliding down in my  
boots.  
For my remaining life I'll be hunched  
over as if with permanent cramp.  
This tower has no terminus —  
we're ascending into heaven.  
I hope my affairs are in order.  
Did I remember to turn off the iron?  
I'd give anything for some ice cream  
right now.  
I don't think we'll ever...  
Wait —  
What's that up there?  
BLUE SKY?  
Does this mean we're...

MY GOD, look at the view!



## Murfreesboro Chapter

**Stones River National  
Battlefield Hike**  
June 18, 5:00 p.m.

Bring the family and enjoy the easy historical trail through the Battlefield. You will also have the opportunity to visit a small cedar glade within the Battlefield where the Tennessee Coneflower should still be in bloom. This famous and beautiful wildflower is the only Tennessee wildflower on the National Endangered Species List.

From Nashville on I-24E, take the Almarville (70) exit and turn left towards Murfreesboro on Highway 41. Stones River National Battlefield will be on the right before you enter Murfreesboro.

Bring a picnic supper and we'll eat together in the picnic area. For further information, call Bertha Chrietzberg, 615-896-1146.

## Nashville Chapter

**June Chapter Meeting**  
June 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Seven Points Recreation Area

Our first of two picnic-meetings will be held (barring rain) on Thursday evening, June 23rd, 6:30ish, at the Seven Points Recreation Area by Percy Priest Lake. Bring a dish to share, something to drink, and a lawn chair. Watching the sun set over the lake is always a good way to end a hectic work day.



Directions: Take I-40 E to exit #219 (one of the Stewarts Ferry exits) and turn right. Follow signs to Percy Priest Dam (Bell Road). Turn left on to Bell Road and follow to the end. Turn right on New Hope Road — follow to the end and turn left on Stewarts Ferry. Follow Stewarts Ferry to the 7 Points Recreation Area (approximately six miles from the interstate) and look for the TTA bumper stickers. You do have a TTA bumper sticker, don't you?

### **Burnt Mill Bridge June 5**

Join us Sunday, June 5 for a hike in the Big South Fork to Burnt Mill Bridge. This is a 5-mile hike, moderate difficulty. Bring a lunch and water.

Meet at the Donelson K-Mart at 7:00 a.m. for carpooling. For more information, call Vic Canada 868-1072.

### **A Trip to Neversink June 11-12**

We will go to a very unusual geological feature in north Alabama, and, time permitting, stop off at other points of interest. We will camp Saturday night at a free TVA campground near Chattanooga and proceed into Alabama Sunday morning. The hike is about 3/4 mile, uphill but not difficult.

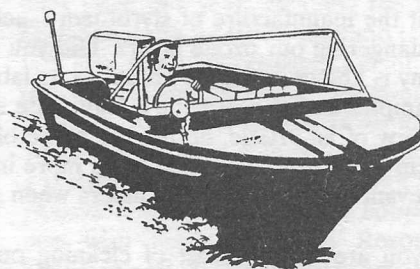
Bring camping gear, lunch for the two days, supper and breakfast. Meet at the Cumberland Museum in Nashville at 9:00 a.m. Saturday to carpool. Hikers wishing to meet us elsewhere should make arrangements with the leader, Evelyn Tretter, 615-859-0566.

### **Fourth of July Blowout Dale Hollow Lake**

Make plans to join TTA members for the 4th of July weekend at Dale Hollow Lake. Campsites # 25-27 at Willow Grove have been reserved for TTA folks for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Bring your own food, camping gear, lawn chairs, and if you have one, your boat. Also bring a little moolah to help share the costs.

This promises to be a terrific weekend in honor of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (or a tan?) at one of the state's most beautiful lakes. You haven't lived until you've joined a TTA campout.

Directions: Take I-40 E to exit #288 (Rt. 111) and travel north on Hwy. 111 (it will become Hwy. 42) through Livingston. Approximately 8 miles past Livingston, turn left on Hwy. 294 which will take you to the Willow Grove campgrounds. For more information, such as carpooling to this event, call Marilyn Wolven (226-4663) or Pat Anderson (383-2355).



## **Miscellaneous News**

### **TTA Hikers On the Road**

*Paul Smith*, that lucky devil, won a trip for wife Rhonda and him to PORTUGAL! Paul's shop was the #1 Heil-Quaker dealer for Middle Tennessee outside of Nashville. Congratulations, Paul and Rhonda!

*Mickey Sutton* dreams of Big Ben these days after a May trip to London.

*Pat Anderson* traveled in May to the High Sierras in northern California, staying at a rustic Sierra Club chalet.

*Lona Brown* will be headed to beautiful Guatemala this summer for a vacation of hiking midst the Indian ruins.

For the rest of you who have no travel plans other than in our own gorgeous Tennessee, keep in mind that there's no place like home!

## **Living Memorial At Long Hunter State Park**

Seven trees have been planted at the Couchville Lake office of Long Hunter State Park in memory of Helen McGregor, a Nashville TTA member who died last year. In her honor there are now four white native dogwoods and three redbuds to give beauty and shade for future generations of TTA hikers. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this lovely memorial to a terrific lady.

## **Main Street Festival Franklin, TN**

The Main Street Festival in Franklin, TN on April 30 and May 1 was a smashing success. The Nashville Chapter was there both days at a booth in front of Cumberland Transit to pass out brochures and samples of old newsletters. Thanks to Mickey Sutton, Sally Garrard, James Galloway, Paul Smith, Charlie Hann, and Sally Oxford for spending precious weekend time to advertise Tennessee Trails Association.

## **TRIP REPORT Long Hunter Backpack**

Paul, William, Bill, and Lisa were just strangers that Saturday morning but were quickly to become good friends. As I came rolling into K-Mart's parking lot, I did not see any cars I recognized, so I wondered if anyone was going to hike with me. It turned out that we did have a nice group turn out, though Bob, Regina, and newcomer, DeeAnn hiked only for the day.

Of course we were running a bit behind schedule, as usual and missed Reggie Reeves (Long Hunter ranger and TTA member). We finally hit the trail around 11:00 a.m. Mother Nature was more than cooperative; after a cold morning, the sun quickly heated the trail to a beautiful 65°. All of you who stayed home, thinking it would be too cold missed perfect weather. A wonderful trail, a good group of people, and a Patrick McManus book (*A Fine and Pleasant Misery*) for entertainment.

We reached camp about 4:00 after a real lazy pace and gathered a load of

firewood for the evening of warm drinks, good conversation, and funny stories. About 9:00, the fire started to die down and the night air got pretty cool. About then, most of us turned in.

After turning in, I can't say what happened because I didn't turn over again till I heard Paul and William about 8:00 or 8:30 the next morning. By then some already broke camp. We all had breakfast and started back towards the parking lot.

On the way in we had noticed a couple of large rock walls that we decided to investigate further when leaving. We never quite figured out what they were but they were well made and very old. At one of the overlooks neat rows of irises mark an old homestead.

The trip out was calm and easy. We stopped every once in a while to rest, eat, talk about how pretty the weather was, and observe the boats on the lake. Bill and Lisa got ahead of the rest of us and we didn't see them again until the parking lot. We talked about the fact that if the zoo came about, it would replace many of the trees and beautiful scenery and what a loss that would be. We all exchanged names and numbers and promised to keep in touch. I look forward to more trips with them and more McManus stories. Till then... Happy Trails! — Mike England

## TRIP REPORT

### Big South Fork Wildflower Hikes

The weekend of April 23-24 turned out to be a good choice for wildflower hikes at Big South Fork. Forty-six different wildflowers were identified on the O&W Trail on Saturday morning, thirty-five on the Angel Falls Trail Saturday afternoon, and forty-three on the Grandview Overlook Trail Sunday.

We saw dwarf ginseng, geranium, long-spur violet, yellow trillium, toadshade, dwarf iris, sweet white violet, foam flower, mayapple, sweetshrub, rue



## Editor's Tidbits

- Dot Fowler -

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us and I'm feeling lazy, hazy, and definitely crazy. The past couple of months have been very hectic ones for me so I'm really looking forward to some lazier moments.

Some of us have been discussing compiling a list of companies or products which threaten our environment or are cruel to animals. As an example, did you know that the manufacture of styrofoam (such as the cups used everywhere for coffee) is endangering our ozone layer? Did you also know that a famous shaving lather company is known to be very cruel to its lab animals? If you read or hear of other such examples and can provide a legitimate source for your information (such as sending a copy of an article, noting the name of the periodical and issue date), please send them on to me. We'd like to be more informed on such matters and may pass along relevant tidbits to TTA members when possible.

If you are in the midst of cleaning out jammed closets, groaning attics, or over-stuffed basements, set aside some choice items for the TTA auction in October. I know this is only June, but I'd hate to see a good auction piece trashed in an over-zealous frenzy of cleaning. I tend to avoid the problem by not cleaning. Perhaps you have a better solution.

Until next month, friends... keep those cards and letters a-comin'.

anemone, little brown jug, cinquefoil, fire pink, wake robin trillium, wood betony, Solomon's seal, one flower cancer root, toothwort, wild ginger, bluet, daisy fleabane, jack-in-the-pulpit, ragwort, vetch, buttercup, false Solomon's seal, sweet william, bell wort, dwarf chickweed, dogwood, red-bud, wood anemone, blue violet, spurge, yellow lady slipper, pink lady slipper, azalea, yellow mandarin, birdsfoot violet, yellow wood sorrel, Indian cucumber root, stonecrop, showy orchis, dollseye, oxalis, penstemon, and alum root.

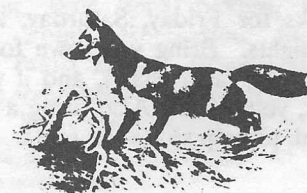
Among those participating were: Fran, Tom, Nancy & George from Murfreesboro; Nancy and Grace Anna from Cookeville; Ken, Dean and James from Jamestown; Margaret, Linda, Vic, Bob, Ken, William, Brad,

Paul, Dorothy, Jean, Malcolm, and baby Sascha (who hiked every mile in her chest sling) from Nashville.

We enjoyed overnighting in cabin #10 at Pickett State Park, and were especially delighted to have Howard Ray Duncan and Pam & Steve Burke with baby Brandon visit us Saturday night.

Many thanks to our flower experts Linda, Ken & Dean who made it possible for us to know what we were admiring.

We'll do it again next year — the good Lord willin' and the creek don't dry up. — Pat Anderson





## News From Our Parks

### SCRA

#### South Cumberland Recreation Area

615-924-2980

**6/4,11,18 Savage Falls** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Savage Gulf Ranger Station for a guided walk above, below, and perhaps even down in the cool pool below. 3 miles, easy

**6/4 Greeter Falls Excursion** — Meet at 1:00 p.m. at Stone Door Ranger Station for a short tour of a beautiful portion of the Savage Gulf area. 2 miles, moderate.

**6/5 Big Creek Trail** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Stone Door Ranger Station for a strenuous 10-mile excursion in the Big Creek Gulf with Randy.

**6/11,18,25 Raven Point Excursion** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Visitor Center for guided trips to a view of the Fiery Gizzard Gorge. 2 miles, easy.

**6/11 Lone Rock Trail** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Grundy Lakes Swim Beach for an easy 2-mile walk.

**6/12 Small Wilds Excursion** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Foster Falls Picnic Shelter for easy 5-mile walk on the southern end of the Fiery Gizzard Trail.

**6/19 Cool Walk on the Fiery Gizzard** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Grundy Forest Parking Lot for a moderate 3-mile walk on the trail to Sycamore Falls. Bring lunch and a swimsuit!

**6/25 Grundy Lakes Summer Fishing Rodeo**

**6/25 Collins Gulf-Boulder Crossing Excursion** — Meet at 1:00 p.m. at Savage Gulf Ranger Station for a moderate 3-mile walk through the upper Collins or Pound Gulf.

**6/26 Lost Cove Cave Tour** — Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Carter Natural Area Parking Lot for a 2-hour hike and

2-hour cave tour. Bring sturdy shoes, a good light, drinking water, and a lunch. 4.5 miles, strenuous

**6/26 Foster Falls Plunge Pool** — Meet at 1:00 p.m. at Foster Falls Picnic Shelter for a steep climb down to the falls (1/2 mile, strenuous).

### HEART OF THE WOODS

- By Wesley Curtright -

Deep in the woods we'll go,  
Hand in hand  
Let the woods close about us,  
Let the world outside be lost —  
And let us find that Secret City  
Lost so long ago —  
In the Heart of the Woods.

### FALL CREEK FALLS

Pikeville, TN

**6/25-26 Basic Rockclimbing & Rappelling Workshop** — instruction in knots, harnesses, and technique plus some actual experience on the milder bluffs in the area. Pre-register by calling 881-3706.

### ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

773-3272

**6/18-20 42nd Annual Rhododendron Festival** — view the largest natural rhododendron gardens in the country.

**6/25 Highland of Roan Nature Excursions** — full day of special treks to the higher elevations of Roan Mtn. in search of the marvelous wildflowers, birds, etc.

### HISTORIC RUGBY

Statewide Fundraising Campaign  
P.O. Box 8, Rugby, TN 37733  
615-628-2441

After many months of planning and preparation, Historic Rugby's first-

ever statewide fundraising campaign is underway. Author and Tennessee State Historian, Wilma Dykeman is serving as honorary chairperson and is currently preparing an article on Historic Rugby and the surrounding area for the *New York Times*.

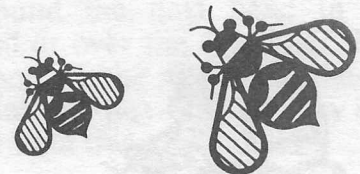
A statewide steering committee is chaired by former Commissioner of Conservation, Charles A. Howell III. This committee met weekly in Nashville during the winter and did a wonderful job helping formulate all campaign literature, strategies, and early publicity and solicitation.

The campaign goal of \$1 million over the next two years will provide critically needed funds to establish a permanent endowment, to finally complete restoration of Kingstone Lisle and to:

- historically reconstruct the Board of Aid to Land Ownership as a research and archival center
- construct an outdoor amphitheater behind the Schoolhouse Visitor Center for daily orientations, films, and other interpretive programs
- historically reconstruct Perrigo Boarding House and an adjoining building as a center for educational conferences, workshops, seminars and research projects.

Major grants are being sought through the Tennessee Legislature and National Endowment for the Humanities. The Humanities grant will provide matching funds for every dollar raised from non-federal sources.

Please call or write for more information on Historic Rugby or for making contributions. Our annual membership meeting takes place June 12, 2:00 p.m. EDT at the Rugby Library Community Room. The Annual Rugby Pilgrimage (when all private historic homes are open) takes place August 6-7.



## Upcoming Hikes

### CUMBERLAND TRAIL

6/4-5 Work/Play Weekend — details this issue

6/18-19 Work/Play Weekend — details this issue

7/1-4 Independence Day Weekend — details this issue

### MEMPHIS CHAPTER

6/18 Swimming Party at Gene

Jacobson's — details this issue

7/17 Spring River Float Trip — details next month

### MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

6/18 Stones River Battlefield Hike/Picnic — details this issue

### NASHVILLE CHAPTER

6/5 Burnt Mill Bridge — details this issue

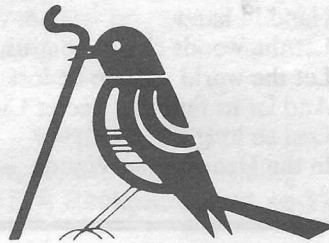
6/11-12 Neversink — details this issue

6/25-26 Smoky Mountain Backpack — Held earlier

7/1-4 Willow Grove Campout/Boatout — details this issue

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