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TTA's 1988 Annual Meeting

October 7-9

Yep, it's almost that time again! This year, the TTA Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Memphis Chapter at Meeman-Shelby State Park near Millington, Tennessee. See the map at the end of this article for directions and a layout of the park.

We will be in the Mississippi River Group Camping area which has facilities for approximately 100 people. It has a large dining hall with kitchen, cabins, shower-houses, and a swimming pool. The cabins hold six people and have bunk beds. You will need, however, to bring bedding and towels. If you prefer to camp, there is a large, open field in the same area, though the registration fee will remain the same as for the cabins.

As is tradition, the Friday evening meal will be potluck. A stove and refrigerator are available in the dining hall. If you have attended previous Annual Meetings, you know what a great spread this potluck dinner always proves to be. This is also a wonderful time to meet new friends and catch up with others.

If you choose to pre-register (form enclosed) and opt for the catered breakfasts, you will get a sweet roll, orange juice, and a sausage and biscuit. The Saturday evening meal will be barbecue from Leonard's in Memphis. You are on your own for lunches and snacks. Registration forms will be included in both the August and September newsletters.

Keeping with tradition, the TTA Auction will take place after dinner, Saturday night. David Stidham will once again be auctioneer in all his usual glory so prepare for another hysterical evening and bring your checkbooks! The money helps defray TTA expenses for Cumberland Trail endeavors and other special projects. Door prizes and auction items are needed from all the chapters.

A variety of hikes are planned in the area throughout the weekend. We plan to show you that there are indeed hills in West Tennessee. There will also be business meetings and the presentation of the annual awards.

West Tennessee weather is usually still warm in early October, so keep an eye on the forecasts and come prepared for anything. Insect repellent is strongly recommended.

The western boundary of Meeman-Shelby is formed by the Mississippi River (or what is left of the river these days). The developed sections of the park sit on the Chickasaw Bluffs which were formed from windblown silt and dust deposited in ancient times. In the river bottoms you can find deer, wild turkey, and other abundant animal life in an area which is less than fifteen miles north of Memphis.

The park was established in the 1930s and was then under the direction of the National Park Service and operated as such until 1944 when it was deeded to the State of Tennessee.

Part of its name comes from Edward J. Meeman, an avid conservationist who was instrumental in the establishment of Shelby Forest State Park and also the Great Smoky Mountains National Park System in East Tennessee. There are group camps, cabins, camping areas, swimming, horseback riding, and many other activities available in the park. Because of its proximity to the Naval Base at Millington and to the city of Memphis, Meeman-Shelby State Park is well-used and enjoyed.

The Memphis chapter is looking forward to this year's meeting and hope to see lots of members and friends from across the state. We want it to be a fun time for everyone.

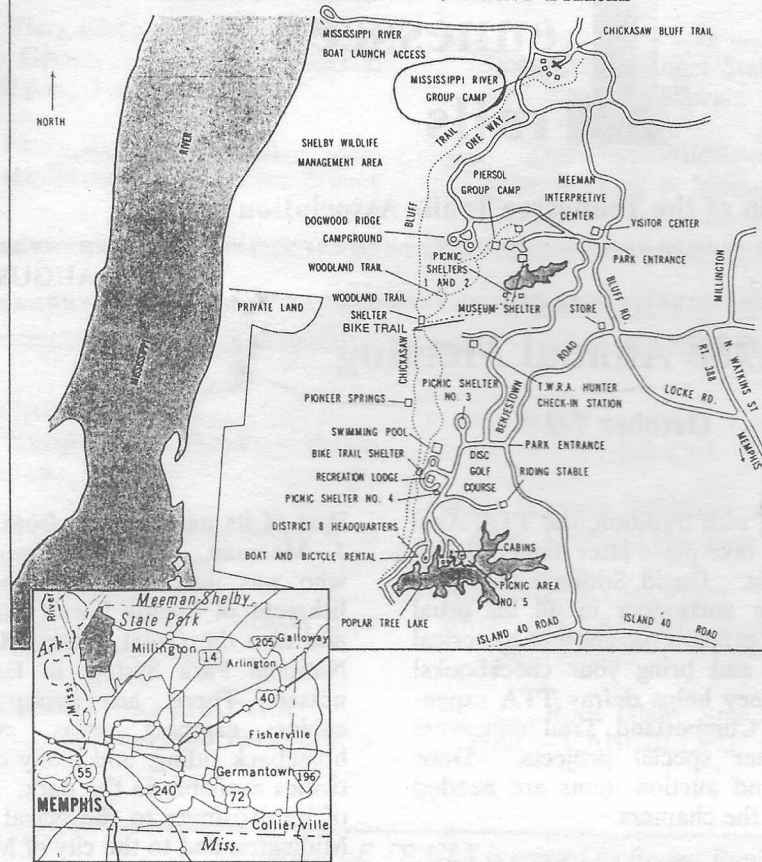
— Jerri Bull, Memphis Chapter Chairperson

DIRECTIONS

Take I-240N in Memphis to the Millington 2-A exit which is Highway 51 North (alias Thomas Street). Stay on 51N for approximately 2.5 miles until you reach Watkins Street. Turn left at the light and follow Watkins until it ends at Locke-Cuba Road. Turn left. Shortly, you will come to a 4-way stop; turn right and follow road for approximately 1 mile to the park entrance (on left).

We hope to have a TTA member at the office to direct you to the Mississippi River Group camp which is on the north side of the park.

MEEMAN-SHELBY STATE PARK



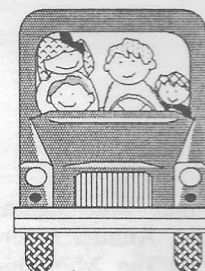
See the Trees

By Carl Sandburg

See the trees lean to the wind's way of learning.

See the dirt of the hills shape to the water's way of learning.

See the lift of it all go the way the biggest wind and the strongest water want it.



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Cumberland Trail News

Trip Report

Black & Brady Mountains Overnight Hike

Thanks to ten enthusiastic Boy Scouts of Crossville Troop 374, their Scoutmaster Ed Hargis, and Bill Anderson, retired Scoutmaster of Pleasant Hill Troop 170, everything worked out as advertised to make this a most enjoyable outing for four day-hikers and two overnights May 21-22.

Two good friends of the Cumberland Trail, Grace and Mary Brady of Grassy Cove, their niece Vicky from Crossville, Mary Ruth Henry from McMinnville, and Frank Lien and I from Nashville started from the top of Black Mountain in near perfect hiking weather. Birds and wildflowers cooperated immediately. A bright male scarlet tanager appeared and

sang at the big rock overlook, and chestnut-sided, hooded and cerulean warblers serenaded as we crossed the top. Mary and Mary Ruth had no trouble finding blooming Mountain Laurel, Wild Rose, Hawthorn, Golden Ragwort, Firepink, Yellow Stargrass, Pink Ladyslipper, Purple Milkweed, Wild Geranium, Blue Cohosh, Dolls Eye, Solomons Seal (true and false), Showy Orchis, Yellow Trillium, Flowering Spurge, Violet Wood Sorrel, Dwarf Dandelion, Hawkweed, Bowman's Root, and Blue-eyed Grass. Much Black Cohosh was ready to bloom, and lots of Cinnamon Fern and five other fern species were seen. Vicky's sharp eye spotted a big garter snake and Mary Ruth saw a grouse.

Leaving the ladies at their cars in Low Gap, Frank and I climbed Brady Mountain and saw some blooming Flame Azalea and many Maple-leaf Viburnums. Bill Anderson met us as

we neared the campsite at the Looney Hollow overlook. The Scouts had pitched the tents and set up the Troop's field kitchen, and Ed Hargis was busy cooking homemade chili and baking homemade cornbread and peach cobbler in Dutch ovens.

Soon the boys had explored every inch of the mountain around camp and over and under the bluffs. After the best supper I've ever had on an overnight hike, we adjourned to the overlook where Ed and Bill supervised and belayed as the boys rappelled until dark. Then we sat for a while on the rock enjoying the breeze and quiet, and watching the few lights in Grassy Cove far below.

Two of the older Scouts had taken a vehicle down the mountain to get water. While awaiting their return, Ed and Bill reminisced about their youthful camping trips and Scouting ex-

periences. I folded about 9:30, and the two boys made it back to camp about 11:00.

After vainly waiting for sunrise next morning at the overlook (too cloudy), we enjoyed a bountiful breakfast of featherlight Dutch oven biscuits baked from scratch, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, sawmill gravy, and good, strong coffee. Some of the boys were concerned about missing church, but I have the feeling God took special note of the simple prayer they offered before our morning meal.

Before breaking camp, the boys returned to the irresistible overlook, and one spotted a timber rattler sunning on a hard-to-reach point. This had to be investigated closely, so we worked through the laurel to within a couple of feet of him, and everybody got a good, long look at his black and brown markings, facial features, and twelve rattles before he slid away under an overhang.

The hike out was uneventful except for everybody's helping to push Ed's jeep out of a mudhole. Hiking with Scouts is always an adventure and a boost to the spirit. It also engenders deep respect for the commitment of Scoutmasters like Ed Hargis and Bill Anderson.

Though only a few folks showed up to appreciate the Scouts' earlier trailwork and the great logistical job they did to make our hike enjoyable, the boys had fun and learned a lot, as did we "adults". — Bob Brown

Trip Report

2nd Annual Cove Lake Cumberland Trail Birding Weekend

Just as on last year's trip, four enthusiastic birders enjoyed a good sampling of calls, songs, and views of birds found along the CT, Section 1 on May 14 & 15. Our leaders, Boyd Sharp and Chuck Nicholson, produced 20 species of warblers, 6 of fringillidae, 5 of flycatchers, 4 each of thrushes and vireos, 3 of hawks, 2 of ducks, and one Barred Owl. All were found on a six-mile drive from Cove Lake at 1,050

feet to a point on Cross Mountain at 3,200 feet.

In the deep woods where Cove Creek enters the Park we heard frequent songs and had infrequent glimpses of a Swainson's warbler and heard a Yellow-throated Warbler and Swainson's and Wood Thrushes. An agitated Bluejay alerted us to an immature Broadwinged Hawk majestically surveying the area from a treetop directly above us. We also saw and heard a pair each of flying Mallards and Wood Ducks and heard a Common Yellowthroat.

Starting up the mountain, our first and last Summer Tanager call was heard, but from there to the top we never went long without seeing and hearing both male and female Scarlets. As we stopped at successive switchbacks, the warblers we saw and heard included Tennessee, male and female Redstarts, a male Blackburnian and Blackthroated Blue, Black and Whites, Blackpolls, male Hoodeds, and a male Magnolia. Ovenbirds were heard everywhere, and Blackthroated Greens often. Wildflowers of note were lots of wild Geranium, yellow Trillium, Locust trees, and one heavily laden Yellowwood.

Along the strip-pit road near the top, many Chestnut-sided Warblers and Ceruleans and a number of Golden-winged and Kentuckys were heard, and good views of two or more of each of these species were had. We also saw and heard many male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, one in a small Cedar three feet above a brilliant male Scarlet Tanager. A female Grosbeak with nesting material was seen as well as a partially built nest. A Sharp-shinned Hawk flew over and a Red-tailed soared by. Yellow-breasted Chats were heard often and seen several times.

On top we heard several Solitary Vireos and saw a pair. A Canada Warbler sang for a while in a wooded thicket, but only Chuck saw him. After hearing Wormeating Warblers both days, we finally got a good view of one in the same thicket. We also were buzzed by a large swarm of Honeybees en route to a new home.

Our birding ended Sunday about noon when, as we were driving out along the top, Chuck heard the call note of a Veery. We stopped and were soon rewarded with the down-spiraling echoing songs of four or five coming from several quarters. It was a fitting finale to a weekend of birding in a neglected but most productive area — CT Section I and Cross Mountain. — Bob Brown

Trip Report

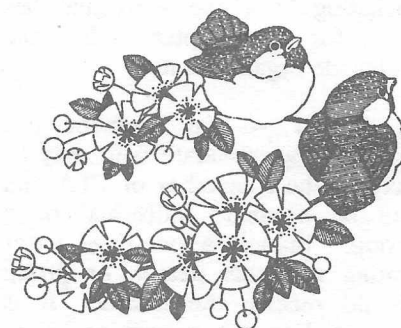
C.T. Work/Play Weekends June 4/5 & 18/19

Your C.T. Coordinator spent May 31 through June 3 on C.T. Section 2, each day working with one or more of the following: Bobby Harbin, son Robby Harbin, daughter Ellen Harbin, Joe England, and brother Lonnie England.

As no TTA members showed up for the June 4/5 or the June 18/19 work/play weekends, we decided to scrap the "play" part, and most of the above worked both days of both weekends on C.T. Section 2. Four major access points and about 12 miles of trail were cleaned and cleared of new growth and deadfalls.

TTA ("Sponsor of the Cumberland Trail") still has a written contract with the State Department of Conservation to maintain the 31 miles of C.T. Section 2, including clearing, blazing, and repairing or replacing water bars, steps, bridges, etc.

Should any TTA members be interested in helping the organization fulfill its contractual obligation, there will be a work/play weekend September 17/18 and another on October 29/30. — Bob Brown



State News

TTA Board Meeting

The third TTA Board of Directors meeting of 1988 will be held at the Beersheba Springs cabin used by a number of us in the past. The meeting itself will be held Saturday, August 13th, at 7:30 p.m. CDT. A potluck supper will be held at 6:00 so bring a dish to share.

A special thanks to Sonny Adair, one of the current lease-holders of the cabin, for hosting the meeting. All TTA members and their guests are welcome to the meeting though board members will get first dibs on beds. Plan to bring bedding regardless.

Call Pat Anderson for complete directions to the cabin and to give us an estimate of how many folks are coming. Pat's number is 615-383-2355.

Awards Time!

It is time, once again to nominate recipients for the Bill Stutz and TTA awards which will be presented at the Annual Meeting. These nominations must be submitted by August 13th when the Board of Directors will make the final selection from your nominations.

Bill Stutz Award — one nomination per chapter. The candidate should be an active hiker (or actively involved in hiking, as was the case with the 1987/88 recipient, Dot Fowler). A one-page letter should be submitted with the chapter's nomination stating why its candidate should be named the winner, including what the individual has done for the chapter and/or the statewide organization.

TTA Award — any member can nominate a candidate who may or may not be a member of TTA and can be a single individual or a group. Submit a one-page letter stating why this person or group should receive the award. It is presented to the person or group who has made outstanding contribu-

tions to TTA or to the furtherance of trails and natural resources in development of programs or other opportunities within Tennessee.

Mail your nominations to Bob Barnett, Route 4, Box 245, Lebanon, TN 37087. Call him at 615-449-4012 if more information is needed.

Quotable Quote

"Don't be humble; you're not that great."

— Attributed to Golda Meir

Auction Update

The following have already committed to donate an auction item or doorprize to the 1988 TTA Auction at the Annual Meeting:

- Kroger Food Stores (Nashville main office)
- A Way With Words (883-0086, Nashville)
- Davis-Kidd Booksellers (Nashville)
- Chad's Camping Center (Nashville)
- The Athlete's House (Nashville)
- Dallas Alice (Nashville)
- Homespun Fun (Nashville)

Our thanks go to these merchants for their generous donations. Ask your favorite merchant for a donated item. We'll publish that merchant's name in the newsletter as thanks.

Bob Barnett is regularly adding to his pile of "unique" items to be auctioned. How about you? Even if you don't plan to attend, you can still send auction items or have another member make purchases on your behalf.



TEEA Fall Conference

September 9-11

The Tennessee Environmental Education Association will hold its 1988 Fall Conference September 9-11 at Montgomery Bell State Park. Teachers, naturalists, and other environmental educators will gather at Montgomery Bell at a beautiful group camp alongside Lake Woodhaven to gather ideas and inspirations from experienced environmental educators.

Some of the subjects covered will be using the power of song as an environmental education tool, the direction of environmental education, insects, energy throughout history, geology, aquatic wildlife, astronomy, etc. Speakers/entertainers will include Dale and Linda Crider, Judy Braus, John Stokes and Kevin Shute from the Cumberland Wildlife Assn., Tony Campbell, Lib Roller, Wendall Pennington, Anne Allen, Sandy Bivens, and many more. In addition, there will be bird hikes, canoe trips, and much more.

If interested in attending, call Pandey Hopkins at the Warner Park Nature Center (615-352-6299). Registration and membership fees are \$18.00 and should be mailed to Gwen Sweden, Information Specialist, 1623 Agawela Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919. Make checks payable to *Tennessee Environmental Education Association*.

Adopt-A-Trail

A number of trails on TVA land are in need of adoption or at least annual inspection by interested hikers. Most of these trails are relatively short and in East Tennessee. For more information on any of the following trails, contact Ninez Giles or Bob Barnett (numbers on pg. 8).

- Nolichucky (Two Interpretive) 3 miles Davy Crockett Lake
- Stiners Woods (Hiking) 1 mile Norris Lake

Registration Form

1988 TTA Annual Meeting

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Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park
Mississippi River Group Camp

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Other People You Are Registering:

REGISTRATION FEE: @ \$2.00 per person _____

LODGING/CAMPING FEE:

Friday Night @ \$3.00 per person _____

Saturday Night @ \$3.00 per person _____

BREAKFAST:

Saturday morning @ \$2.50 per person _____

Sunday morning @ \$2.50 per person _____

DINNER:

Saturday Night @ \$7.50 per person _____

TOTAL PAID: _____

Registration Deadline — September 30, 1988

Mail registration to: *

Betty Porter
3056 Clearbrook
Memphis, TN 38118

* Make checks payable to TTA, Memphis Chapter.

- Hemlock Bluff (Hiking) 5 miles
Norris Lake
- Songbird (Interpretive) 2 miles
Norris Lake
- Deer (Interpretive) .50 miles
Norris Lake
- Edge Path (Handicapped Interpretive) 1,000 ft. Norris Lake
- River Bluff (Hiking) 3 miles
Norris Lake
- Thief Neck Island (Hiking) 5 miles
Watts Bar Lake
- Forest City (Handicapped Interpretive) 1,500 ft. Watts Bar Lake
- Earth Mother (Interpretive) .50 miles
Nickajack Lake
- Beech Bend (Hiking) 1 mile
Kentucky Lake
- Lady Finger Bluff (Hiking) 2.5 miles
Kentucky Lake



Memphis Chapter

Annual August Picnic August 21

Hopefully the weather will be cooler and everyone will be in the mood to get out of the city heat and enjoy an afternoon picnicking, swimming, and canoeing at Kamp Kiwani, the Girl Scout Camp at Middleton, TN.

This will be a potluck picnic from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. If you want to fish, bring your equipment.

Directions: Follow Highway 57 East (Poplar Ave.) through Collierville, La-Grange, and stay on 57 until you reach the 4-way stop in Middleton. Turn left, go approximately 3-4 miles, and turn right at the bright orange disc. Follow this until you come to a gate, which we will have unlocked, and proceed to the lake. We'll unload cars at that point and then go to the parking lot since they are a bit particular at the camp. If you need further information, call Jerri Bull, 901-363-4408. Friends, family, and visitors welcome.

Sharing Nature September 24

Sharing nature with children is a wonderful experience for teachers, youth leaders, naturalists, and parents of young children.

On September 24 at the Lichterman Nature Center in Memphis, Garth Gilchrist, noted author, naturalist, and "caretaker" will introduce teaching techniques, offer environmental tidbits, and induce enthusiasm for all of us who care about teaching young children about the delicate balance and wonders of nature.

Participants will learn how to:

- be a highly effective nature guide for children of all ages
- nurture children's sense of wonder
- make outdoor learning fun and dynamic
- lead a wide variety of nature activities
- experience nature more deeply yourself

The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is only \$10.00 per person since the Memphis Audubon Society has agreed to help defray the costs. Registration should be sent to the Lichterman Nature Center, 5992 Quince, Memphis, TN 38119. Make checks payable to the Nature Center.

On the evening of the 24th at the Center's outdoor amphitheater, Garth

will present his story of John Muir, the Father of Conservation, as a friend of Muir's. This storytelling experience is one you will never forget. Portraying a 19th century mountaineer friend of Muir, Garth spins out in story form the moving and remarkable life of this heroic American conservationist. We meet Muir who exults in nature's wonders. We meet the tireless and intrepid adventurer as he scales unclimbed peaks and crosses unexplored glaciers. We meet the Muir whose fiery enthusiasm inspired the nation to preserve the American wilderness.

This will be an evening full of laughter, excitement, and unsuspected meaning for our own lives. The cost for this program is \$4.00 per person, but registration is not required.

This special day at the Lichterman Nature Center is one you'll want to join. If you have questions, call Jill Norvell at 901- 767-7322.

Murfreesboro Chapter

Summer Wildflower Walk And Lost Cove Cave Tour August 20th

Meet at 9:00 CDT at the South Cumberland Recreation Area Visitor Center, located about three miles from I-24 on Highway 56 between Monteagle and Tracy City. The area behind the Visitor Center abounds with a variety of summer wildflowers, including the yellow fringed orchid, blazing star, and cardinal flower. After the easy stroll through these meadows with Bertha Chrietberg, the group will meet in the picnic area for lunch. Bring your own lunch and beverage.

Immediately following lunch (12:30 p.m.), Randy Hedgepath will take the group on the Lost Cove Cave trip via Buggy Top Trail. This will include a rugged hike of 4-5 miles with a steep descent into the cave. Wear hiking boots, bring a flashlight, and plan for a

cool trip on this hot, August day into the cave's 58° temperatures. Buggy Top Trail has its own display of summer wildflowers, including the rare Cumberland rosinweed.

For more information, contact:

Bertha Chrietberg

1715 Elrod Street

Murfreesboro, TN 37130

615-896-1146

Randy Hedgepath, Ranger

Naturalist, SCRA

615-924-2956

Nashville Chapter

Tims Ford Lake Campout Cancelled

This outing was originally scheduled to be recreation associated with a TTA Board meeting. Since the Board meeting has been shifted to Beersheba Springs later in the month, the Tims Ford outing has been cancelled. It will be re-scheduled for 1989.

Chapter Meeting

August 25, 7:30 p.m.

The August meeting promises to be an exciting one as our guest speaker tells us about his rafting trip on the Cum-

berland River in May. He will also bring a video made of the excursion.

This was not the usual sort of raft trip. This raft was made of logs just as in olden days. In fact, his trip was made as a tribute to the original settlers of this area and in honor of the 40th anniversary of his community.

Please join us for this memorable meeting at the Cumberland Museum at 7:30 p.m. Come prepared to join the diehards at Shoneys afterwards for food and more fellowship.

Trip Report 4th of July Boatout

Fourth of July in the boonies on Dale Hollow Lake was fun, at times frustrating, and full of innocent foolishness. Without a doubt, the Willow Grove/Dale Hollow Boatout was a roaring success. Our thanks to Marilyn Wolven who made all the arrangements for this campout, and especially for bringing her boat! Marilyn was very much at everyone's beck and call and played *Captain* with much skill.

With 25-30 TTA folks coming and going all weekend, some of the park personnel mistakenly thought we had too many tents and vehicles present to agree with their rather bizarre *star* system. With good humor and some patience, we all managed to survive the few frustrations that arose from

this situation. It turns out that one of the friendly rangers, Debbie T., is actually a TTA member.

Charlie H. and Sally O. brought a boat of a different kind — a made-from-a-kit tandem kayak. Others while not trying out this or the other boat went in search of geodes which were in abundance there. A handful of us hiked the Accordion Bluff trail, though two turned back after confronting a particularly menacing hill. Four diehards stuck it out through the high humidity and heat, past a junked chair and numerous bottles, to make a successful round-trip on the trail.

As usual, the food provided by TTA folks was ample and excellent. Special mention goes to J.R. Endicott for his wonderful pancakes (Weight Watcher approved, I'm sure). Marilyn also introduced some of us to the marina's restaurant which made a nice jaunt away from the campsite. For laid back entertainment, Mike England read aloud some more of his McManus stories.

The 4th of July would be incomplete without fireworks. There were lots of them painting the sky over the lake in addition to the less interesting fireworks of the "boom" variety. Thanks again to Pat Anderson and Marilyn Wolven for all they did to organize this fun weekend. You did a great job! — Bob Barnett

News From Our Parks

Warner Parks

Scenic Parkway Hopes

From *Friends of Warner Parks*, Vol. 1, Issue 2

Chairman Bob Brown recently headed a meeting to establish a plan for having Highway 100, on the Warner Park's perimeter, added to the Tennessee Scenic Parkway System.

The main purpose of this designation would be twofold. As a Tennessee Scenic Parkway, Highway 100 would

provide a buffer area between the Warner Parks and the surrounding areas that may or may not be used compatibly with the Warner Parks. Also, certain intangible benefits would be gained. The historical, ecological and aesthetic significance of the parks would be greatly accentuated by its new status. Coupled with previously attained designations such as The National Register of Historical Places, the designation would add further clout and valued publicity for the parks.

Volunteers are needed to spearhead this important effort. Please contact Bob Brown at 748-4816 and help put the Warner Parks on the Scenic Parkway map.

8/11&12 Field Astronomy — 9:00-11:00 p.m.

8/17 Stream Investigation — 9:00-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Register starting 8/3.

8/24 Night Hike (Register starting 8/10)

American Heritage Trust Act

A quarter century ago, growing concerns about the loss of America's natural and historic heritage, increasing recreation demand, rapid population change, and burgeoning urban development led Congress to create two of the nation's most far-sighted and successful environmental programs: the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF).

In March, Representative Morris Udall, a key sponsor of these two legislative actions, introduced H.R. 4127, a bill to restore the promise of these programs. Subsequently, Senators Chafee, Baucus, Fowler, and Graham introduced S.2199, an identical Senate bill.

The American Heritage Trust Act would not increase authorized funding levels. Rather, it would create a better funding mechanism that would ensure, over several years, a return to the original funding commitments by creating a self-perpetuating Trust.

If the problems that prompted the establishment of LWCF and HPF had been mostly solved, further commitments would be unnecessary. Unfortunately, those problems have not gone away. Despite the substantial accomplishments of the Funds, needs for capital investment in recreation, conservation, and historic preservation are greater than ever.

Loss of key natural and historic resources continues at an alarming pace. After some slowdowns in the early 1980s, a new boom in urban and rural development is underway. It is consuming almost 500,000 acres of wetlands yearly, along with 750,000 acres of farm and forest.

We have a better idea now than 25 years ago of what opportunities are lacking and what resources need protection. But the prices of land, facility development and restoration have also risen, and lack of money continues to be the major barrier to doing what we know should be done. The National Park Service alone reports a current backlog of \$2 billion in authorized land purchases within the park boundaries. For the last five years, states have reported applications averaging more than \$400 million a year for LWCF grants, more than 8 times the amounts available. Ignoring these needs will not make them go away. Delaying action will mean the permanent loss of irreplaceable resources and increased costs in the future. We must invest now in these appreciating capital assets.

More on this important legislation will appear in this newsletter in the next issue.

Historic Rugby

Rugby, TN

615-628-2441

8/6-7 23rd Annual Rugby Pilgrimage
— This is the only time in the year when the private historic homes in Rugby are open.

Fall Creek Falls

Pikeville, TN

615-881-3708

8/6 Hawaiian Luau (tickets sold after 7-1)

8/13-14 Bicycle Tour — Meet at 8:30 a.m. Bring bicycle, hiking, and camping gear.

Natchez Trace State Park

901-968-3742

8/27-28 2nd Annual Lumberjack Folk Festival

South Cumberland State Recreation Area

615-924-2980

8/7 Meadow Creek Rock Hop —
Meet at 1:00 at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station. 5 miles, very strenuous.

8/13 Pond at Elevation 1880 — Meet at 1:00 at the Sewanne Inn, Sewannee, TN. 1 mile, easy

8/13,20,& 27 Raven Point Excursion — Meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. 2 miles, easy

8/13, 21 Wet and Wild — Meet at Savage Gulf Ranger Station at 2:00. Wear your rough-bottom wading shoes to hike to Savage Falls via the creekbed. 4 miles, moderate to easy

8/14 Raven Point to Grundy Forest — Meet at Grundy Forest Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. This will be an all day excursion so bring lunch, fluids,

good walking shoes, and a swimsuit. 5 miles, strenuous

8/14 Dry Cave Excursion — Meet at Visitor Center at 5:00 p.m. Bring sturdy shoes and a light. 1 mile, strenuous

8/20 Meadow Beauties — Meet at the Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. with Randy Hedgepath and Bertha Chrietzberg for an easy walk to the lake behind the Visitor Center. 1 mile, easy

8/20 Lost Cove Cave Tour — Meet at the Carter Natural Area Parking Lot at noon. Sturdy shoes, a good light, lunch, and drinking water needed. 4.5 miles, strenuous

8/20 Wild Edible Plants — Meet at Visitor Center at 4:30 p.m. for a 30 mins. demonstration of local wild plant food.

8/21 Mountain Bike Ride — Meet at the Franklin State Forest Lookout Tower on Hwy. 156, 10 miles east of

St. Andrews School at 10:00 a.m. This will be a 10-mile ride around the Panther Hollow Loop.

8/21 Fiery Gizzard Walk — Meet at the Grundy Forest Parking Lot at 1:00 p.m. 3 miles, moderate

8/27 North Rim Roundabout — Meet at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station

at 10:00 a.m. Cleated soles or hiking boots a must. Bring a light lunch or snack. 5 miles, strenuous

8/27 Long's Mill Pools — Meet at the Stone Door Ranger Station at 2:00 p.m. 3 miles, moderate

8/27 Tennessee Wildflowers Picture Show — Meet at Visitor Center at

4:30 p.m. for a 30 minute show.

8/28 Little Gizzard Creek — Meet at the Foster Falls Picnic Area. 1/2 mile, moderate

8/28 Laurel Gorge Rock Hop — Meet at the Stone Door Ranger Station. 1 mile, very strenuous

Upcoming Hikes

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

8/21 Kamp Kiwani Picnic — details this issue

9/11 Wolf River Hike — details from Larry Smith next issue

9/24 Big Hill Pond — details from John Parrish next issue

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

8/17 Appalachian Trail Backpack —

no details received. Contact Glen Hanley, 615-898-2501

8/20 Summer Wildflowers/Lost Cove Cave — details this issue

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

8/6-7 Tims Ford Campout — POSTPONED

8/20-21 Rock Island Splash & Campout — CANCELLED

9/3-4 Defeated Creek Campout/Boatout — details from Marilyn Woven next month

9/24-25 Smoky Mtn. Trip — details from Bob Barnett next month

CUMBERLAND TRAIL

9/17-18 C.T. Work/Play Weekend — Details in next issue

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