



Tennessee Trails

Vanishing Forests

Excerpts from Forest Voice

In 1949, the cut from the entire National Forest System, coast to coast, was just 2.6 billion board feet. Last year, 16 billion board feet of public and private timber were hauled out of Washington and Oregon alone. This cut represents an unbelievable line of log trucks more than 20,000 miles long! In addition, twice as much public and private raw material was exported as was cut on our Federal Northwest forest lands.

Less than 5% of the nation's original native forest lands remain. In Oregon and Washington, less than 10% of this ancient old-growth forest remains. Yet ten square miles are logged every month in Oregon alone. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management intend to cut most of the remaining unprotected old-growth forests according to their 10-year Forest Plans.

America cannot tolerate the loss of one more acre of natural, virgin, old-growth forest. What little remains must be guarded and protected. By diverting only one quarter of our raw-material exports, all of our remaining native forests can be saved.

A virgin, old-growth forest represents a complex relationship between thousands of plant and animal species; a result of millions of years of evolutionary processes. These priceless gene pools comprise nature's "best and brightest" biological communities for each

site-specific hillside, valley, ridgetop, soil type, exposure, and precipitation. They have endured fires, disease, insects, drought, and competition. Once lost, they cannot be replicated or reconstructed as an entire, self-sustaining, complex, forest ecosystem.

For mankind to clear-cut, burn, and kill what's left with herbicides and then plant a single species, even aged tree farm as a substitute for native forest is ludicrous. As Chris Maser, scientist and former BLM biologist said, "The ancient forest is our maintenance manual for the world's evergreen forests. Only we don't even begin to know how many parts there are. The remaining ancient forests are our blueprint for the great coniferous forests which once covered this part of the world. This is the only place where the entire genetic code, the entire system is intact. If we liquidate the blueprint, we've lost it for the entire earth."

A Forest Industry Council study (1980) stated that domestic timber demand could be entirely supplied by private forest lands alone, if landowners can only realize a 10% annual return on investment. Even Weyerhaeuser admitted that they could grow all our timber needs on one third of the nation's forest lands.

By permitting timber sales below replacement cost, the government engages in a kind of "predatory pricing" that places downward

pressure on the market price for timber, thus reducing economic incentives to invest in intensive timber management on the more productive private forest land. The timber industry holds significantly more acres of the best tree growing lands than the U.S. Forest Service and they hold fewer acres of poorer land.

What has to be done? Urge your Congressional delegation now, to halt the degradation and destruction. Only Congress has the power. To save the last of the Nation's native forest, citizens must appeal to Congress to:

1. Stop roading and cutting – Declare an immediate moratorium on any further logging or road building on the remaining Ancient and Native National Forest and BLM lands.
2. Stop exporting – Stop exporting raw-material wood products from our Federal lands: logs, slabbed logs (merches), squared logs (cants), cull logs, Port Orford Cedar, chips, pulp, and public-for-private substitutions.
3. Establish forest preserves – Provide appropriate long-term protection for these special forest lands by additions to the Wilderness System and to the National Park System for those areas that clearly qualify, and establish a new system of Native Forest Preserves for the balance. Such preserves would permit only non-consumptive use



Virgin Forests 1850



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and prohibit commercial timber harvest; areas the timber industry has stated they intend to gain access to and cut. Full recreational use would be permitted, such as camping, backpacking, hiking, boating, hunting, and fishing.

4. Begin rehabilitation — Provide a program of Native Forest research, rehabilitation and restoration for those forest regions in the country where Native Forests have been lost. Such restoration would attempt long-term programs

to re-establish the same diverse plant and animal communities that previously existed.

Visit forests and see for yourself both the glory and the destruction. Don't just drive the scenic highway corridor routes, but drive up any side road to the ridgetops or fly over these National Forests to see what is being carefully hidden from the public.

If possible, join and support the Native Forest Council (P.O. Box

2171, Eugene, Oregon 97402) and other organizations that are taking this issue to the American public. Spread the word.

Thanks to the Native Forest Council for this article. NFC is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the uncompromising preservation and protection of the little remaining publicly owned native, virgin forests. For a complimentary first copy of Forest Voice, write to them at the address in the above paragraph.

State News

Adieu, Adieu Partings Are Such Sweet Sorrow

I hope Shakespeare will pardon my adaptation of his line. It seemed appropriate. Well, I'm a lucky, blessed person. I found a job in Birmingham after only one month of looking. It looks like the sort of job I've wanted for years so I'm naturally quite excited. As a result, I'll be leaving sooner than I anticipated (mid-June). In fact, I teasingly told a friend the other day that I'll have to move and come back at some point for my going-away party!

You have a new editor, at least for the moment. Gretchen Bayless called on the day she received her May issue of Tennessee Trails announcing my impending resignation to tell me she'd dearly love to take over the newsletter on a trial basis. She, like me, wants to give back to Tennessee Trails in gratitude for what has been given to

her. Gretchen is also starting a new job as a reporter for the Franklin Review so she brings excellent skills to our newsletter.

Please make Gretchen feel welcome and give her your best cooperation (and offers to help!). Until she says otherwise, deadlines remain the same (her address is on last page of this issue). Also, be patient with her. Give her room and time to find her own style. I feel sure she will bring fresh ideas to this newsletter and continue the growth. Unlike yours truly, Gretchen enjoys hiking. That's bound to benefit the newsletter!

I have many wonderful friends in this group. I think I'll name a star for each of you and then when I look out at the night sky in Birmingham I can see your stars smiling at me, warming and cheering me. Wherever I go, you'll go with me. Besides, Birmingham's not so far away. Shoot, I'm like an

old stray cat... I just keep coming back.

I love you and wish you the best. Once I have an address, I'll send it for inclusion in the next issue. Thanks for everything and until we meet again, happy trails! — Dot Fowler, Retiring Editor

TTA Board Meeting June 2nd, 7:30 p.m.

There will be a board meeting in the Cumberland Trail Office at Cove Lake State Park on June 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. EST. All board members are reminded to send in your suggested changes to the TTA brochure to Jerri Bull prior to this meeting.

Those who can come and work on the C.T. prior to the meeting should meet at the trail office at 9:00 a.m. EST June 2nd. Camping is available at Cove Lake, but Bob Brown could not rent the cabin for us at Norris

Dam as they have to be rented for a week at a time this time of year.

There is a Day's Inn at Lake City (toll free # 800-325-2525). We have made arrangements with Western Sizzlin Restaurant near Cove Lake for dinner at 6:00 p.m. if you wish to join us. For more information, call Jerri Bull at 901-363-4408 or Bob Brown for information about the work on the C.T. (615-352-7474). Everyone is welcome.

Tennessee Wild Horse & Burro Days Celebration June 29-July 1

The 7th Annual Tennessee Wild Horse and Burro Days Celebration will be held on June 29-July 1 at the Cross Plains' Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Center run by Paula and Randall Carr.

Crafts people and exhibitors wishing to participate should call Lorene Lambert at 615-654-2256 or write to her at 7623 Greenwood Road, Cross Plains, TN 37049.

The celebration draws people from over twenty states to adopt horses and burros culled from the western ranges. The celebration also showcases adopted horses and burros as their owners return to compete in the Middle Tennessee

Mustang Association's Horse Show held June 30-July 1 at the center.

The Native American Indian Association will again host Native American dancers, crafts, and booths featuring Indian foods. Plans are also underway to provide musical entertainment and demonstrations by living history re-enactors.

Horses are available now, including 4-month and 6-month weanlings. Details on adopting a wild horse or burro can be obtained by contacting Paula or Randall Carr at 615-654-2180. The Center is located on Coutts-Carr Road. Travel I-65 to Exit 112 and turn left onto Hwy. 25 and travel six miles. The road to the center is on the right. From Springfield, travel a total of ten miles on Hwy. 49 and Hwy. 25E. The road will be on the left. Watch for the adoption center sign.

Gossip

Rumor has it that two Cookeville Chapter members who met on the trail are discussing an early July wedding... where else? on the trail where they met! More later...

March For the Animals

Members of the Tennessee Network for Animals will be taking a bus to the March For the Animals in Washington, D.C. The bus leaves Saturday morning, June 9th and the march will be Sunday, June 10th. Monday will be spent lobbying and then they plan to drive back Monday night. If interested in participating, contact Marilyn Miller at 883-6738.

If you are interested in learning more about Tennessee Network for Animals, they are having a vegetarian potluck meal Saturday, June 16th at Fannie Mae Dees Park, 24th Avenue at Blakemore, across from Vandy.

Tennessee Sportsfest June 17th-24

Don't forget the Tennessee Sportsfest June 17th through 24th in Nashville. This is an annual, statewide, multi-sport festival with Olympic-style competition beginning with a torch run and opening ceremony. All Tennesseans of every age and ability are eligible to compete. For more information, call or write Tennessee Sportsfest, First American Center, 20th Floor, 315 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37238, 1-800-53-SPORT.

Cumberland Trail News

C.T. Section 2 Work Trip June 2

Depending upon the number of helping hands we have, we shall either start at Coal Creek Gap and work south or midway between Caryville and Lake City and work in each direction. Our main jobs will be clipping branches, swingblading weeds, blackberry and low bush blueberry, and removing deadfalls. I plan to work with Bobby Harbin in the preceding week and we may discover some higher priority job to be done.

We'll be out in plenty of time Saturday for the 6:00 p.m. dinner Board meeting. Meet at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) at the C.T. Office in Cove Lake State Park, bringing water, lunch, raingear, and gloves. Tools will be provided. Should anyone be interested in a half or full day hike Sunday on Section 1, 2, or 3 of the C.T., we can plan it at the Board of Directors meeting.

Call Bob Brown at 615-352-7474 (evening) or Bob Harbin at 615-566-0902 (weekdays) for details.



Chapter News



Meets 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., 558 Burton Lane

Chapter Adopts Trail

It is official! The Cookeville Chapter has voted to adopt the Virgin Falls Trail as the official Chapter Trail. This is our first trail adoption, by the group or any individual member. We are excited, as this is a positive step forward for us in trail maintenance and preservation. We anticipate additional adoptions as we develop our expertise. One trail already under consideration for adoption by individuals, if not the group, is the Honey Creek Trail.

We as a group feel that our strategic location, and the resources at our fingertips have given us the opportunity to make an impact as individuals, and as representatives of Tennessee Trails and it's purpose.

June Meeting June 12

Please note, our June meeting has been moved one week later than usual. Additionally, the meeting place has been changed for this month to Denise Charvoz's home. Denise has graciously invited us to her home again for another potluck supper. Our featured guest speaker will be Bob Brown. Yes, this time it is correct (see following article); we have our act together, and we are looking forward to Bob speaking to us about the history of both TTA and the Cumberland Trail. We invite anyone interested to attend. For details and/or directions, call Randy Hammontree at 526-5242 or Bonnie Green at 836-3696.

Fall Creek Falls June 9

This will be an eight mile trip led by park ranger Stuart Carroll. It will feature some of the park's unusual features, wildflowers, and wildlife. NOTE: Some of the details of this trip are unconfirmed at the present time. Call Randy Hammontree at 526-5242 or Bonnie Green at 836-3696 for more details.

High Rock & Lost Creek Cave June 16

This will be a trip to High Rock in Scott's Gulf. While not a lengthy trip, this is well worthwhile, as the jeep road to High Rock will get the heart rate up, and the views of Scott's Gulf are spectacular. Additionally, a visit to the cave (we won't be caving, just visit the cave's mouth) at Lost Creek and the waterfall there are both not to be missed. This is another opportunity to experience the nearby wilderness of the Upper Cumberland. For details call Bonnie Green at 836-3696.

Piney River Hike June 30

This will be a trip through the Piney River Pocket Wilderness. An entertaining, scenic trip awaits you. For details, call Jack Murphy at 537-9827.

July 3rd Meeting

Our July meeting is planned for our usual location. David Gallaher is scheduled to give a rappelling class.

Bee Rock/Full Moon Hike to Angel Falls July 7

This will be a continuation of our monthly meeting. The rappelling class having been held earlier in the week, we will have a beginner's

rappelling class at Bee Rock in Monterey, TN. This will be followed by a full moon night hike to the Angel Falls overlook along the John Muir Trail in Big South Fork. For details, call Randy Hammontree at 526-5242.

Chapter News

Our May meeting was published as having Bob Brown, TTA Chairman of the Cumberland Trail as speaker. This was an error on our part which created a minor amount of confusion for both the Cookeville Chapter members and Bob. Instead, we had Dr. Steve Stedman from Tennessee Tech give a presentation and slide show on birds. Dr. Stedman, a true *birder*, gave an excellent presentation from his library of slides. His show, "British Birds", gave us the opportunity to learn not only more about birds in general but about the origins of birds that are now considered "native" species. Dr. Stedman is a witty and entertaining speaker and we have asked him to return later in the year to give a presentation on local birds.

Also, we would like to take a moment to thank Julie Barham and Betty Porter of the Memphis Chapter. On seeing the notice of TTA T-shirts for sale in the last newsletter, we contacted them and made an order. It was filled promptly and courteously, and the shirts exceeded our expectations! The shirts have already represented TTA on our May 12 excursion on Mt. LeConte in the Smokies!

Trip Report Fall Creek Falls

Dennis and Sherry Horn led thirteen eager hikers and wildflower enthusiasts through Cane Creek Gorge at Fall Creek Falls State Park on May 5th. Intermittent sunshine, clouds, and mist made this eight mile hike one of suspense weather-wise.

While Dennis spent time with the wildflower identifiers, Mason Butner took those of us intent on the hiking aspect at a little faster clip. Arriving back at our cars a bit early, we had time left for a trip down the Cable Trail to the bottom of Cane Creek Falls and also over to the Fall Creek Falls overlook.

TTA was well represented with members from several chapters. We of the Cookeville Chapter invite all of you at any time to "Come Hike With Us!"

Trip Report Chimney Top

Pam and I really did not think we were going hiking Saturday morning, April 21st, when we left Knoxville to drive to Frozen Head, because it just would not quit raining! So we did not hurry. We figured the Cookeville Chapter's second attempt at the Chimney Tops this year would be rained out again. We were pleasantly surprised when the rain stopped at Oak Ridge, but disappointed when we rolled into the trailhead parking lot 25 minutes late and noticed several Putnam County cars with no one inside.

We sprang to the trail in hot pursuit. We hoped Rusty the trail dog would pick up the scent and lead us up the right trail, but his nose just lead him from tree to tree, so we fell back on my tracking skills. Fresh footprints, overturned leaves and holes left by a walking stick steered us up the Spicewood Branch. We knew we had the right group when we reached a patch of trilliums and nodding mandarins in full bloom with footprints leading back and forth across the plant to each plant.

We caught the group just before lunch. Rusty was delighted to see his Momma and Papa, Paul and Nora Miller of Cookeville, Jack Murphy, also of Cookeville, and Bonnie Greene and Denise Charvoz of Sparta. It was Bonnie's walking stick that I had followed. I found my own weathered walking stick waiting where I had laid it down three weeks earlier on the Connector

Quotable Quote

"When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

— Aldo Leopold

Trail at a view of the Chimney Tops. On this day, however, the Tops were lost in some ominous clouds.

All the way up, Denise warded off showers by opening her umbrella at the sign of the first sprinkle. Her magic weakened at the Tops when a downpour soaked the group as we made a quick descent of Rough Ridge. We dried off by recalling the red and yellow wood betony and dutchman's breeches we had seen across the top and by identifying the wet leaf, rattlesnake fern, wild ginger and little brown jugs along the trail. Bonnie and Jack excited the group by pointing out the tiny showy orchid, then Nora made the day by spotting several pink lady's slippers, calling for a brief photo session.

Six and one half hours and ten miles later, a tired and damp bunch reached the parking lot and headed for Junior's Restaurant in Rockwood for a good home-cooked meal and a recap of the day's hike.

— Paul D. Miller

Trip Report Mt. LeConte

May 12th was ushered in by cool, windy weather — not unexpected considering the unpredictable weather of the Smokies and the snow which had fallen on the mountaintop the night before. We didn't actually see any snow but we report only what was told to us by campers coming down the mountain.

Our group got off to somewhat a fragmented start. Part of the group stayed in the area Friday night, avoiding a long drive early Saturday. The remainder opted for the long

drive and found a note attached to the hood of the car challenging us to "catch us if you can". We never did catch our speedsters, Mason Buckner and Jeff Marquis. The rest of the group, however, met us about two miles up the trail.

For some of our group, this was the first time to view the Smokies from a hiker's perspective. The splendor and rugged beauty of the Smokies were ours to behold; the magnificent forests, a beautiful blue sky, birds, wildflowers, and some of the best hiking companions that have ever set foot on a trail. This, and our search for the elusive Little Duckhawk Trail (which we found to be closed), made for a day not to be missed. Our group included Beth Gaspard, Randy Hammontree, Bonnie Green, Paul R. and Nora Miller, Paul D. and Pam Miller, Jack Murphy, Mason Buckner, and Jeff Marquis. For those of you who didn't make it, we're truly sorry; you missed a wonderful trip!



Meets 3rd Thursday, Kingsway Christian Church, 7:30 p.m.

June Meeting June 21

This will be our last meeting at the Kingsway church until September. We'll talk about plans for summer, and bring you up to date on what happened at the Board of Director's meeting.

Elmwood Cemetary Tour June 16

Come explore with us the city's oldest cemetary, where many of the most prominent Memphians are buried. We'll meet at 1:00 p.m. at the park office, where we can pick up maps listing 110 of the most interesting sites. It should take us a

couple of hours to cover the eighty acres, so bring sun protection and plenty of water. Elmwood is located at 824 South Dudley, the street just west of the Baptist Rehabilitation Unit on Lamar. For more information, call Debbie Gilbert at 454-0613 or 521-9000, ext. 239.

Trip Report Mousetail Landing

The size of the group, with 21 people arriving from different parts of the state, presented some logistical problems, both in getting to the park and in keeping everyone together on the trail (eventually we became segregated into Tortoises and Hares). But it was a fine day for hiking: cool and overcast, yet it never rained on us. We found some treasures along the trail: fire pinks, rue anemone, false Solomon's seal, wild ginger, a rare variety of white larkspur, and dozens of tiny red cup-shaped mushrooms hiding beneath the dead leaves. We were grateful, however, that no one was wearing shorts; the poison ivy seems unusually profuse this year.
— Debbie Gilbert

Trip Report Sipsey Wilderness

Amazingly, all twelve of us, traveling from four different directions managed to converge on the Sipsey Fork bridge within an hour of each other on Friday afternoon. After a little confusion concerning the location of the camping area, we settled in at Brushy Lake campground before dark and enjoyed the evening around the campfire while being serenaded by spring peepers, Fowler's toads, cricket frogs, and an occasional green frog and bullfrog.

At 5:30 Saturday, we awakened to the sound of thunder and quickly erected dining flies over our picnic tables. By 2:00 p.m. the rain stopped, and we enjoyed some short hikes among the hemlock trees along the Sipsey River, and enjoyed numerous species of mosses, ferns, club mosses, and wildflowers, including showy orchis, red, yellow and white trillium, red honeysuckle,

wild ginger, phlox, bellflower, and numerous violets. Thanks to the rain, we also saw some of the most beautiful waterfalls that one could imagine. On Sunday morning, four of us hiked into the upper canyon, where we were again impressed by the beauty of the place. — Ray Burkett

Sipsey River Saga —By Debbie Gilbert—

All morning long, we listened
To the rain drumming on our tents.
We drank hot coffee, and waited.
Cooked a soggy stew, and waited.
"I think it's really letting up now,"
We said. Then: *Rumble. Rumble.*
"Oops — spoke too soon."
Finally, after eight hours,
We dared to brave the trail,
And soon our troubles were
forgotten.
Everything was lush and green,
And waterfalls sang at every turn,
Roaring and shimmering,
Walls of water striking rocks
With hurricane force.
And, far back on the trail,
We discovered a piece of heaven:
Rare and delicate orchids —
Nature rewarding us
Survivors of the storm.



Meets 1st Tuesday each month; 7:00 p.m., St.
Mark's Methodist

June Meeting June 5

This month's meeting of the Murfreesboro Chapter will be a special treat. Carol Shelton has something very special planned so make certain you are there!

Smokey Mountain Backpack June 1-3

Tom Shepherd is leading an overnight backpack in the Cattalooche Valley in the Smokey Mountains the first weekend in

June. We will be leaving from Middle Tennessee Friday afternoon, June 1. Call Tom at 895-2098 for details.

Rock Island Swimming Hike June 16

Take a dip in the cold waters of Rock Island State Park! Bring lunch and a swimsuit and meet at the Visitors' Center at 10:00 a.m. Call Fran Shepherd for carpooling details at 895-2098.

Meeting News

Robert Sanders, recently returned from a five month hiking trip in Australia, presented our program in May. He showed slides and photographs of Australia and New Zealand, and related some interesting facts about those countries. Robert also showed slides of the Pacific Crest Trail and Sequoia National Park, where he has also hiked.

It was a beautiful show and made a very enjoyable meeting.

Trip Reports

The beginner's backpack which Tom Shepherd led to the Small Wilds Campsite at Foster Falls was a great success. There were eleven adults, two children, and one dog. The weather was perfect, contributing to a fun week-end.

The April 21st hike to Old Stone Fort State Park was taken in rainy-but-warm weather. We saw many wildflowers, but the dwarf crested iris was not to be seen. The Duck River had covered a large portion of the lower trail where they are to be found.





Meets 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Cumberland Museum

June Meeting June 28, 7:30 p.m.

Join us at the Cumberland Museum on June 28th to see a slide show by our own member, Malcolm Pfothenhauer, as he tells us about his hiking and exploring in Bolivia and Peru. You may have seen some of these slides in the past, but come hear the "whole story" and then plan to follow the die-hards over to Shoneys at Demonbreun for an after meeting snack.

Honey Creek Hike June 2nd

This rugged 5-mile trail located on the edge of the Big South Fork Recreation Area, is one of the most outstanding wilderness areas in the state. This area offers the visitor with small pristine waterfalls, huge overhanging cliffs, fine overlooks, unusual rock formations, Indian Rock houses, lush rhododendron growth, and many other natural attractions.

This trail is classified as moderate to difficult (Class III-IV) and solid footwear is required (no tennis shoes, please!).

We will go rain or shine, so be prepared with proper clothing (bring your Gore-Tex). Bring lunch, snacks, and water. We will arrive at the trailhead at around 9:30 a.m. (CDT) and the hike will take approximately 5-6 hours, so we will arrive back in Nashville after dark.

We will meet and carpool from the K-Mart parking lot off Donelson Pike at I-40 east at 6:30 a.m. (CDT).

Pre-registration is required. Call Kevin Kimbro at 333-0629.

Second Avenue Night Life Stroll June 7th

We will stroll along the Second Avenue area taking in the nocturnal habits of the wildlife in that area. Meet at San Antonio Taco Company at 204 Commerce where we will chow down at 6:00 p.m. Then we will proceed to the Second Avenue area where we will preview the musical options at the Ace of Clubs, Mere Bulles, etc. This will also be poetry night at Windows and group leader Bob Barnett plans to read some of his work there. You are welcome to read some of yours as well.

For more information about this night on the town, contact Bob Barnett at 831-1136.

Middle of the Week Hike June 6th

The May middle of the week hike was rained out so let's try again on June 6th. Join Paul Koehler on this Wednesday evening as he puts the stress of the work-week behind him and hikes the Warner Woods Trail in nearby Percy Warner Park.

Turn left on the road to the Deep Well area. This road is not marked but is 1.7 miles from the Hwys. 70/100 split just past the little fishing lake on the left and before Old Hickory Blvd. There is a stone wall entrance. Drive to the trailhead parking area near the Deep Well picnic area. The hike will start at 5:45 p.m. Call Paul for more information at 331-4139.

Sunset Canoe Trip June 10

Charlie Hann invites all canoeing enthusiasts to join him on Sunday, June 10th, to paddle in the Suggs Creek area of Percy Priest Lake. Meet him with your canoe at the Seven Points boat ramp at 4:00 p.m. For more details, call Charlie at 776-1503.

Radnor Lake After Work Tuesday, June 12th

Join hike leader Sally Garrard after work for a hike around the Radnor South Cove Loop trail. Meet in the West Radnor Lake parking lot at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Sally at 356-3867 or at work at 269-8000.

Plan Ahead — July 7 Trip

Celebrate Independence Day a little late. Call this trip independence from the city to be celebrated on the quiet side of the Smokies in the Cosby area. We will be camping at the Cosby campgrounds on July 6th and 7th.

On Saturday the 7th, we will hike up Mt. Cammerer which is the site of one of the few remaining stone fire towers in the National Park. This will be a challenging day hike since most of the elevation gain comes in the first two miles. It does not get easier after that but does moderate somewhat.

On Sunday, we will leave from the Cosby campground at 8:30 a.m. to drive to the Albright Grove trailhead. This is a relatively easy hike to a grove of some of the most magnificent trees on that side of the Park.

Please pre-register by July 2nd (Monday) by calling Bob Barnett at 831-1136. Group size is limited to no more than 15 people so register early.

Trip Report Cedars of Lebanon

Predictions of rain kept most TTA and Sierra Club members away from this March 23rd campout at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Eventually, though, I was joined by Judy Jacobs, Ed Wright, Charlie Hann, and Judy Luna for the hike on the Hidden Springs Trail Saturday morning. We identified quite a few varieties of wildflowers, cleared a number of fallen trees, and gathered trash to cart out. The park staff has kept the trail in relatively good shape. My thanks to

them and to my work crew on this day for their quality trail maintenance work! — Bob Barnett

Trip Report Long Hunter State Park

On April 13th, Cynthia Skelley, Kay Winslette, and I shared the Couchville Lake Trail with the workmen paving the trail. We were later joined by Keith Smith, Julie Walski, and the park's naturalist, Dorothy King, who let us on a wildflower stroll. Along the way we

saw false garlic, solomon seal, rue anemone, fire pink, and many more. Dorothy's walking program was delightful and she was ably assisted by puppet friend Wolfen. After camping in the park overnight, I spend the next day performing some trail maintenance, but found the trail generally in good condition. — Bob Barnett

Earth Day Report

The Nashville Chapter of TTA was well represented at the Nashville

area Earth Day festivities. My thanks to Pat Anderson, her friend Faye (?), Lona Brown, Jane Holladay, Paul Koehler, and drop-in James Galloway for helping me answer questions and pass out brochures. We had a great turn-out on a beautiful day and spoke to lots of interested hikers. Jane entertained us all with her enthusiastic support of the musicians performing nearby. I feel sure TTA gained a number of new hikers from the day, making it well worth the time. — Dot Fowler

Upcoming Hikes

COOKEVILLE

6/16 High Rock & Lost Creek
6/30 Pincey River Hike

CLARKSVILLE

6/9 Natchez Trace
6/23 Stones River Battlefield

MEMPHIS

6/1-3 Work Day on C.T. (and
Board Meeting)
6/16 Elmwood Cemetary Hike and
Tour

MURFREESBORO

6/2-3 Smoky Mountain Backpack
6/16 Rock Island State Park Swim
Party/Picnic

NASHVILLE

6/2 Honey Creek
6/7 Nightlife on 2nd Avenue
6/10 Percy Priest Canoe Day
6/12 Radnor Lake Cove Loop
6/17 Cave Tour
6/24 Burnt Mill Bridge

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