

The Tennessee Trails Association ANNUAL MEETING

Nashville, November, '90

at Montgomery Bell State Park

November 2, 3, 4

Join us, the Nashville Chapter, in November, '90 for the annual meeting at beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park. Each year in the fall, the TTA has an annual meeting - each year at a different location. This year it is our turn (the Nashville Chapter) to be the "hosts". The meeting is a time to meet folks from other chapters, catch up with people you know, share hiking news and stories and, in general "talk shop" and have a good time! You need not be a TTA member to attend.

The meeting will take place on the first weekend in November: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 2, 3 & 4. (You can leave your bug spray at home!) Located a half hour's drive east of Nashville in the rolling hills of Dickson County, Montgomery Bell is a 3,782 acre resort park. There is a restaurant/inn, 2 lakes, 12 miles of trails and nearby is the famous "Narrows of the Harpeth," on the Harpeth River.

We have lots of things planned, including, but not limited to: the infamous TTA auction, a bonfire, good food, a brief meeting (during which the TTA and Bill Stutz awards will be presented), an evening excursion to various Nashville Second Ave. nightspots, an optional trip to a Grand Ole Opry performance, entertainment at the meeting site, and, of course, HIKING!

We have reserved an entire group camp at the park. You may stay in any of the cabins at the camp. These cabins are

very rustic, with small-size bunks and they are UNHEATED (bring your warm sleeping bag). Or you may camp anywhere on the group camp grounds. Either way the lodging price is the same. Hot showers and the restrooms are located in the bathhouse.

We will provide 3 meals: Saturday and Sunday breakfasts, and Saturday evening supper. You are on your own for Friday supper. An option would be to dine in the park restaurant, which is open till 8:00. You will also need to bring something for Saturday and Sunday lunches.

The cost for the entire weekend: lodging, meals and registration fee is \$24.00. If you prefer to provide all of your own meals, then the lodging cost is \$6.00 for the weekend. Late lodging registration or drop-ins are welcome, but we cannot offer the meal package to these people. If you would like to stay at the inn, contact the park for costs and arrangements (contact them NOW). 615-797-3101 or 1-800-421-6683. By the way, the \$24.00 weekend price pays only for rental of the group camp, meals and miscellaneous expenses. The auction, however, DOES generate money for the club, so bring an item to donate, and some spending money for bidding.

We must have your reservation and check for the meeting (and for the Grand Ole Opry, if you are going) by **October 19!** Details and registration form in this newsletter. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Cumberland Trail News

Section 2 Dayhike Cove Lake to Lake City Sept. 3- Labor Day

The most memorable images from our Nov. 1989 hike on this stretch of the C. T. were great views of Cumberland Mountain all the way to Cumberland Gap and the Smokies from Mt. Cammerer to Mt. LeConte, and a long look at a migrating flock of 40 or 50 Sandhill Cranes.

Starting at Caryville, we ascend the nose of a ridge to Indian Grave Gap, descend to a crossing of the creek in Tunnel Hollow, and then make 3 more ascents and 2 descents of 200 or 300 feet each with 2 more stream crossings before climbing the N.W. end of Waldens Ridge. The remaining 6 miles of our hike is along the crest of this narrow spine. Total distance is 10.5 miles, rated moderate.

Meet at the Cumberland Trail office in Cove Lake State Park at 9:00 AM EDT. Call Bob Brown at 615-352-7474 or Bob Harbin at 615-566-0902 for details. Raingear, water, lunch and sturdy hiking shoes are recommended.

Tennessee River Gorge Ramblers Campout- Sept. 7, 8 & 9

From the Cumberland Trail parking lot in Prentice Cooper State Forest the 10.2 mile Mullens Cove Loop Trail extends southward from the terminus of C. T. Section 9. The east side of the Mullens Cove Loop follows along the rimrock of the Grand Canyon of the Tennessee from Indian Rockhouse to Snoopers Rock, while the west side of the loop follows the escarpment above Mullens Cove. From Snoopers Rock the 11.9 mile Pot Point Loop Trail extends farther southward along the rim of the Tennessee River Gorge

past Natural Bridge, around Pot Point (high above "the pot" and "the skillet"), up Bill McNabb Gulf, and back along the rim of Mullens Cove and up Hemlock Branch to Snoopers Rock.

This weekend campout will be at the Davis Pond campground located in Prentice Cooper S. F. in the middle of the loop of the Pot Point Trail. A number of hikes, both short and long, are planned on these surrounding trails which provide a wealth of interesting rock formations and spectacular overlooks of the River Gorge and Mullens Cove.

On Saturday afternoon Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will present a program on the Prentice Cooper and Tennessee River Gorge areas. The Saturday evening campfire will feature the tales of a renowned local storyteller and the music of the Mountain Opry Players of Signal Mountain. Later that evening Buster Faidler, twice State Champion Turkey Caller, will converse with local owls, giving us a chance to hear and perhaps see one or more species.

Most campers plan to arrive Friday evening and stay through the Sunday morning hikes. Bring your own food and camping gear, and come enjoy a remote and beautiful setting at the very southern tip of Tennessee's Walden Ridge in the company of folks of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust who are working to preserve this national natural treasure (as well as C. T. Section 9).

Please preregister by calling no later than Wednesday, September 5, one of the following who can also give detailed driving directions, etc.:

Graham Hawks 615-266-0314
Bob Brown 615-352-7474

Section 5 Work Trip Brady Mountain September 29- Saturday

This work trip will involve mostly swingblading late summer growth of weeds and blackberry canes, lopping, and reblazing. We'll start from Hicks Gap on the south end of Brady. Tools will be provided but bring your own swingblade or lopping shears if you like. With enough volunteers we may divide into two groups with one working gradually north a couple of miles and returning to Hicks Gap and the other working the middle of the mountain and hiking all the way across (7.5 moderately difficult miles).

Meet at 8:00 AM CDT at the Homesteads School parking lot just behind the Homesteads Tower at the intersection of US 127 and TN 68 4 miles SE of Crossville. Call Bob Brown at 615-352-7474 for further information.

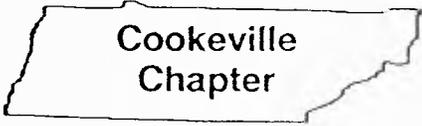
QUOTABLE QUOTES

Wonderful how completely everything in wild nature fits into us, as if truly part and parent of us. The sun shines not on us but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us, thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing. The trees wave and the flowers bloom in our bodies as well as our souls, and every bird song, wind song, and tremendous storm song of the rocks in the heart of the mountains is our song, our very own, and sings our love. ...

What wonders lie in every mountain day!

John Muir
"Mountain Thoughts"

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Join Debbie Thibault at Dale Hollow Lake on Saturday, Sept. 29

for a family picnic, volleyball games, and swimming. A short easy hike along Accordion Bluff is available for those who wish to hike. Meet at Lilydale Boat Dock at 10:00 AM for a fun-filled family day. Call Debbie Thibault for information at 243-3721 or 243-3136.

Trip Reports

Return to Raccoon Mtn.

On July 15, five Cookeville and two Murfreesboro chapter members went to High Adventure Sports in Chattanooga to challenge ourselves on the hangliding simulator there. While this is not actual uncontrolled hangliding, it is a truly superb experience! A brief moment of hesitation questioning the sanity of running headlong off a 110 ft. cliff. Then, the exhilaration of winged flight! Soaring downward to a running landing that leaves you breathless, excited, and ready to go again! The flyers were, Randy Hammontree, Jeff, Josh, and Meg Marquis, and Carol Swindell all from Cookeville, Bettie Herring and Heloise Shilstat from Murfreesboro.

Stagecoach Road Field Trip-Hike

On July 28 Beth Hammontree led 42 Tech. students, children and Cookeville chapter TTA members on a hike down the Stagecoach Road at South Cumberland Recreation Area. After traveling several miles down a muddy dirt road, the group disembarked and walked a short distance down the road to intersect the trail. After hiking about 2 miles, everyone stopped for lunch and a discussion of travel in the ante-bellum and Civil War periods and the history of the Stagecoach Road. A car getting stuck in a mud bog on the return trip down the dirt road merely offered the opportunity for teamwork and a

discussion of road conditions during the early twentieth century. This hike offered students a unique opportunity to learn about history outside the classroom and hopefully showed them that both history and hiking are fun!

Standing Stone Cave Tour

As part of a continuing effort to not limit themselves exclusively to hiking, fifteen members of the Cookeville TTA Chapter attempted spelunking on Sunday, July 29. The group met below the dam at Standing Stone State Park (near Livingston, TN) and drove to the Glascock Cemetery located on the Standing Stone State Forest. While at the cemetery, the group discussed traditional grave structures such as "comb" or tent graves, which are indigenous to the Upper Cumberland. The cemetery was the starting point for a 1-mile hike to the first of two small caves.

In order to enter the first cave, group members had to walk underneath a waterfall, which felt refreshing after the hot afternoon's walk. This cave is approximately 75 yards in length and has an ankle-deep stream running throughout. After spending approximately thirty minutes in this cave, the group hiked 1/2 mile to a dry cave, which features spectacular flow formations.

While the caves were not large, they do offer the opportunity for novice spelunkers to experience life underground. For example, the group discovered that the dry cave was much colder than the wet, illustrating the tempering properties of water. Cave crickets, abundant in both caves, depicted adaptation to a light-free environment with their long, sensitive antennae. The group experienced total darkness themselves by extinguishing their lights for a short time, during which a flint and steel firestarter

was demonstrated. The principles of limestone cave formation were also discussed.

Mike Sanders

Horseback Riding at Fall Creek Falls

Envision 11 hikers eager to try horseback riding. Also, imagine 11 horses non too eager to accommodate. This is our trip to Fall Creek Falls Stables.

We should have realized as we began our trip that we would not be a group for long. The first four horses seemed quite happy to be way ahead on everyone else. They did not respond well to being held back. The other seven horses were determined to take the trail at their own, slower pace.

The only problem that was encountered was the fact that the horse which usually takes the rear was put in the middle. (He didn't like other horses crowding him.) After this problem was remedied, the trip was pleasant.

The horses are very well suited for children and other first-time riders. They follow the trail and need little or no guidance.

Our 11 "cowboys" were (in the order that they rode) myself, Tracie Bussell, David Martin, Paul P. Miller, Greg Cunningham, Nora Miller, Lorna Cunningham, James Gaspard, Jeannette Gaspard, and Beth and Shauna Hammontree. Bonnie Greene and Denise Charvoz also came. However, they did not ride. I am determined next time to get them on horses too.

Jennifer Gaspard

Virgin Falls Workparty

The work party on the Cookeville Chapter's adopted trail, the Virgin Falls Trail, was a success, with a little help. We blazed, clipped and cleared parts of the trail, and

moved a few rocks to build a bog bridge. The trail is in good shape

overall, and relatively litter free, as we carried out only two bags. A very special thanks to Bettie Herring and Betty Pipes of the Murfreesboro Chapter. They supplied much needed tools, information, and a willingness to help. Our work party of four consisted of Randy Hammontree, Denise Charvoz, Bettie Herring, and Betty Pipes.

Memphis Chapter

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

September Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on September 20 at Kingsway Church. Terry Weber of Lichterman Nature Center will describe the animal rehabilitation program, assisted by some furred or feathered guests.

A reminder: It will soon be time to plan our 1991 schedule. If you have suggestions for hikes, please pass them along to Betty Porter this month.

Upcoming Events

September 9- Kamp Kiwani Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 9, 1:00-5:00 PM (approximately). Bring potluck and whatever you wish to drink (no alcoholic beverages since this is a Girl Scout camp, and they have rules). We will furnish cups, plates, plastic ware.

The distance from Memphis is approximately 80 miles. Take Poplar Ave. to Collierville. Poplar becomes Highway 57. Stay on 57 through Moscow and LaGrange until

you come to Middleton. Turn left at the 4-way stop and go about 3 miles. There is no sign for the

camp, but there is a large round orange disc on the right where you should turn and follow the road to the gate. You can drive down to the lake, unload, and then return your car to the parking lot.

We plan to swim and hike a little if not too hot. We also may canoe and fish if anyone is interested. You need to bring your own equipment if you plan to fish.

We have been asked not to bring any pets to the camp since there are wild animals in the area which camp officials do not wish disturbed. If you have questions, contact Jerri Bull at 363-4408.

September 22- Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park

Carpool at Kingsway at 7:00 AM; hike starts at park office at 10:00 AM. Trail is 10-12 miles and fairly strenuous; it might be grown over in some places. Bring lunch and water. There's a nice campground in the park if you want to come up the night before. Call Debbie Gilbert, 454-0613 or 521-9000.

October 5-7- Ouchita Trail Camp Trip

This camping trip will take place at Pinnacle Mountain outside Little Rock, Ark. We plan to camp at Lake Mauwelle, but there are motels in the area if you prefer. Saturday morning hike will begin early, because it's pretty exhausting; from Lake Sylvia to Flatside Pinnacle, about 12 miles. Sunday there will be a shorter hike on the Flatside Wilderness Trail. Reservations required; call Betty Porter, 363-0213.

Murfreesboro Chapter

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

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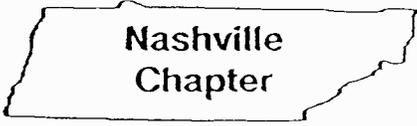
The August meeting was one of splendor for the photographer, especially the spelunker. Mark Wolinsky, a backpacker from Chattanooga, came to share his "Multi-image Musical Presentation about the Underground World of Caves." His catalogue of photographs taken in Ala., Ga., Ky., and Tenn. would make an avid hiker want to go underground. If you are interested in contacting Mark, his number is 1-889-2289.

Bettie Herring

September Meeting

The September program will be about the reintroduction of wolves into certain areas of Tennessee. Butch McDade is a Ranger from Russell National Monument who will give the presentation. He is quite knowledgeable about the aborted plan to return wolves to the Great Smoky Mountains and a similar plan for the Land Between the Lakes. Please note a change in the meeting place. 7:00 P.M. on Sept. 4 in Room 100 in the Biology Building on the MTSU campus.

Also, we are changing our meeting time - again. In October and November we will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. A reminder, the date for the Christmas party needs to be set. Anyone with ideas, please express them.



Nashville Chapter

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

September Meeting

Details on the program for the September meeting were unavailable at presstime. However, there will be a program on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 PM. Also an update on plans for the annual meeting in November. Be sure to join us.

Paul Koehler

Upcoming Events

September 3- Labor Day Picnic

Join me at my home for a Labor Day picnic/cookout/get together. There will be hiking in the fields, fishing in the ponds and lake, and lots of conversation on the up and coming annual meeting and fall and winter hiking schedule.

So plan to come, bring your picnic, lawnchair, fishing gear, also something for the bonfire, etc. Time: 3:00 PM. Place: 5967 Cane Ridge Road, Antioch, TN. Call Charlie Hahn for details and/or directions at 941-1503.

September 10- Long Hunter Park Hike to Beat the Monday Workday Blues

I have led fun night hikes at Bledsoe Creek Park, on Nashville's Second Avenue and most recently at Radnor Lake, but here is a new locale. On Monday, Sept. 10, meet me in the Couchville area of Long Hunter State Park at 6:00 PM. We will walk the 2 mile Couchville Lake Trail at a very brisk pace. Next we will proceed to the Inland Trail and hike that 1 mile trail as dusk is settling in all around us.

Before we say goodbye to Long

Hunter and the setting sun we will take a short walk over to the bluffs overlooking Percy Priest.

This will be a joint hike with the newly formed friends of Long Hunter so please pre-register by Sept. 7 by calling Bob Barnett at 831-1136.

September 16- South Cumberland Recreation Area Easy Hike

On Sunday, Sept. 16th the annual conference of the Tenn. Environmental Education Ass. will be drawing to a close at Beersheba Springs. Meet me and my TEAA friends at 10:00 AM at the Stone Door Visitor Center. We will hike 7-8 miles- an easy but scenic hike on mostly level ground around the rim, looking down into the gorge. Please pre-register before the 13th by calling Bob Barnett at 831-1136. The slogan of TEAA is "Education That Cannot Wait...." so TTA folks and TEAA members should be congenial hiking companions.

September 29-30- Savage Gulf Backpack

The World's Easiest Backpack- RIDES AGAIN!!

This will be a "basecamp" type of trip; great for beginners (and the experienced). From the Savage Gulf ranger station, we will pack into the forest an easy 1.5 miles and make camp at the Savage Falls camping area. Then, enjoy an afternoon of "pack-free" hiking and exploring nearby trails and features. Group size is limited to six. Pre-register by calling Paul Koehler at 331-4139.

September 29- Cedars of Lebanon Hike, Clean-up and Cookout

On Saturday, Sept. 29th I will lead a clean-up hike on my adopted trail- the Hidden Springs Trail at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Meet

me at the trailhead parking lot at 9:30 AM. This trail is 4.5 miles

long over easy terrain, but this is a clean-up and light maintenance hike so it calls for a little more stamina than just hiking.

Bring a snack or light lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. I will provide garbage bags and any tools that are needed. The hike will be followed by a hamburger cookout at my parents' Wilson County home. I expect the cookout caravan to leave the park around 3:30 PM. Please pre-register before Sept. 22nd by calling Bob Barnett at 831-1136.

Trip Report

Cummins Falls

We had good luck on our Aug. 5 "water frolic" at Cummins Falls near Cookeville. A thunderstorm had just swept over the Highland Rim as we arrived, and we had a blue sky and sunshine for about 2-1/2 hours before another light shower arrived (which did not seem to bother the frolickers).

Enjoying the water and picnicking were Randy, Beth, Jennifer, Jeannette, Shauna and James (the Hammontree family), Denise Charvoz, Evelyn Tretter and Gary Luster. This is a lovely spot, the main falls dropping 80 feet, a plunge and then from ledge to ledge (about 12 steps) to a deep green pool. There was plenty of water. It is on private property but the public seems to have respect - hardly any litter.

Evelyn Tretter

Radnor Lake Night Hike

It was a perfect day for a Radnor Lake Night hike. A mostly overcast day gave way to a clear night. A clear full moon night with stars ablazing in the sky was seemingly enjoyed by 14 hikers besides the

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We commenced to walk briskly on Radnor's Lake Trail at 7:00 PM. We arrived at the end of that trail around 7:40 PM and retraced our steps very slowly using flashlights minimally and getting people used

to feeling their way along with their feet. It was a chatty bunch that walked in and a quiet group that walked out aided by flickering lightening bugs. We were surrounded by night sounds of various frogs, owls and some unidentified critters scurrying away from us. The leader spotted a large owl and that had a calming and quieting effect on the crowd. It was too dark to detect the kind of owl except that it was a large one.

We arrived at a platform observatory area on the lake just

as the gorgeous moon was escaping from behind some clouds. The leader could not have called for better timing unless he had written a script. The rest of the hike was basically anticlimactic. It was a quiet almost meditative hike. Since the hike was held on a Monday during a week when I had 6 conservation-environmental meetings to attend it certainly helped me survive the week. I hope it was equally beneficial for the rest of the hike participants.

Bob Barnett

News From Our Parks

Fall Creek Falls State Park
881-5708

9/8-9/9 Mountaineer Folk Festival
Handmade crafts, traditional mountain music, pioneer skills, country cooking, bluegrass music, and different exhibitions.

9/22-9/29 Bike Ride Across Tenn.
From Limestone to Tim's Ford State Park, App. 450 miles. Pick up appl. at the Nature Center.

Historic Rugby
628-2441

9/1 Annual Community Day.

9/6 & 9/25 Library Bookcleaning.
Volunteers needed.

9/8 Archival Workshop.

9/9-9/15 Historic Rugby
Elderhostel.

9/22-9/23 English Willow Basketry
Class. The fee for this two-day workshop, including materials, is \$35.

9/28-9/30 White Oak Basketry Class.
\$130 fee includes materials.

Roan Mountain State Park
772-3308

9/7-9/9 28th Annual Roan Mountain
Naturalist Rally. Contact
Carter County Chamber of
Commerce at 534-2122.

9/15-9/16 10th Annual Roan Mountain
State Park's Fall Festival.
Crafts, old time music,
dancing, and more.

South Cumberland Recreation Area
924-2980 or 924-2956

9/1 Raven Point Excursion. 10 AM.
Meet at the Visitor Center. 2
mi. Easy

9/2 Greeter Trail. 1 PM. Meet at
Stone Door Ranger Station.
3 mi. Moderate.

9/3 Sycamore Falls Exploration. 1
PM. Meet at Grundy Forest
parking lot for a short 1.5
mi. hike and swim at the pool
below the falls. 3 mi. Mod.

9/8 BATS! & Nickajack Cave Field
Trip. 4 PM. After a program at
the Visitor Center on bats, we
will drive down to Nickajack
Cave to watch the evening
flight. Short easy walk.

9/9 Big Fiery Rock Hop. 1 PM. Meet
at Visitor Center. 4 mi. Very
strenuous.

9/14-9/16 Tennessee Environmental
Education Association
Conference. Meet at the
Methodist Assembly in
Beersheba Springs. Reserve
your space now. Workshops on
numerous environmental topics
Sat. morning & several
recreational activities Sat.
afternoon. Also, a campfire
program of old time music and
story telling is planned Sat.
evening along with a prominent
speaker for Sun. morning.
Total cost for the conference,
room and meals is \$61.75 for
Fri. 3:00 PM- Sun. 12 PM. For
more information call Linda
Harris at the Chattanooga
Nature Center at 821-1160.

9/16 Ranger Falls Hike. 10 AM. Meet
at Stone Door Ranger Station.
7 mi. Strenuous.

9/30 Lost Cove Cave Tour. 1 PM.
Meet at Carter Natural Area
parking lot with your lights,
helmet, caving clothes and
lunch for a 2 mile hike to
Buggy Top Cave & exploration
of the cave. 5 mi. Strenuous.

The Tennessee Trails Association
ANNUAL MEETING



at Montgomery Bell State Park

November 2, 3, 4

The Dining Hall at our group camp will function as the headquarters for the meeting. Go there to check in, for meetings, and to find out about any hikes, events or changes in scheduling.

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 2

- Arrive any time after 3:00, check-in, secure cabin space or pitch your tent.
- Dinner on your own; park restaurant open till 8:00 p.m.
- Grand Ole Opry folks. Pick up your tickets and leave at 6:30. The performance is at 7:30 p.m.
- Nightspot Nighthike. Bob Barnett's 2nd Avenue hike leaves the park at 6:15 to meet Bob at San Antonio Taco Co. at 7:00 p.m. (see map on back)
- Bonfire. For those who choose to stay in the park...gather 'round the bonfire about 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

- Breakfast served in the dining hall at 8:00 a.m.
- Welcome and announcements at 9:00. Brief business meeting and presentations of awards.
- Hikes. Times and places will be posted at the dining hall. Sign up!
- Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon- scheduled hikes or do your own thing.
- Dinner served at 6:00 sharp.
- TTA Auction following dinner, followed by "entertainment."

Sunday, November 4

- Breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday morning and early afternoon: scheduled hikes, do your own thing or head for home - your choice!

DETAILS

Grand Ole Opry

You must decide in advance to do this. The cost is \$14.00 per person. Send your money with the registration form below. You may pick up your ticket and directions to the Opry at the park Friday.

Bob Barnett's downtown Nashville Nightspot Nighthike

Meet Bob at the San Antonio Taco Restaurant (see Map) on Commerce St. for dinner or refreshments at 7:00 p.m. (leave the park by 6:15). After dinner Bob will guide us on a stroll through the wonders of 2nd Avenue night life.

Auction Items

Check your closets, garages and attics for auction items and bring spending money, who knows, that item you've been looking for could be yours for the bidding. Remember, this is a fund raising activity for the club.

Don't forget to bring

Lawn chairs, warm clothing, raingear, flashlights, lunches for Saturday and Sunday.

Any questions

Call Nashville chapter interim chairman Charlie Hann, 941-1503

We must receive your registration and check by October 19.				Make checks payable to: Tennessee Trails Association	
NAME		CHAPTER		Registration Fee (PER PERSON) \$3.00 = _____	
ADDRESS					
CITY		STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
Mail this form and your check to: Marilyn Wolven 3943 Moss Rose Drive Nashville, TN 37216				Meals (PER PERSON) \$15.00 = _____	
				Lodging (PER PERSON) \$6.00 = _____	
				Grand Ole Opry Ticket(s) \$14.00 = _____	
				TOTAL ENCLOSED	

Warner Parks
352-6299

9/19 Fall Wildflower Slide Show.
7:30-9:30 PM. Registration
opens 5 Sept. Adults.

9/21 & 9/22 Fall Wildflower Hikes.
9 AM-12 Noon. Registration

opens 7 Sept. for Friday's
hike & 10 Sept. for the hike
on Saturday. Adults.

9/28 Seeds of the Future. 10-11 AM.
Preschoolers will discover the
many means of transportation
used by wildflowers.
Registration opens 14 Sept.

9/29 Forest Communities of Warner
Parks. 9 AM-12 Noon. The
beautiful woods of Percy and
Edwin Warner Parks are one of
Nashville's best kept secrets.
Come discover these forest
communities. Registration
opens 17 Sept. Adults.

Upcoming Hikes

Clarksville

9/8 Cardwell Mtn.- Cumberland Cav.
Jim Herriman 645-3733
9/22 Pinson Ind. Mnd.- Big Cypress
Swamp Anne Lowe 645-1454

Cookeville

9/8 Honey Creek
9/15 Scotts Gulf Overlooks & Rose
Cave
9/22 Hidden Passage
9/29 Dale Hollow Lake Picnic

10/6-10/7 Savage Gulf Beginner
Backpack

Memphis

9/9 Camp Kiwani Picnic
9/22 Nathan Bedford Forrest Hike
10/5-10/7 Ouchita Trail camping
trip- Ark.

Murfreesboro

9/15 Cardwell Mountain & Cumberland
Caverns Bill Stewart 473-4697

Nashville

9/3 Labor Day Picnic
9/10 Long Hunter Night Hike
9/11 Radnor Lake Ganier Ridge 5:30
PM Sally Garrard 371-8469
9/16 South Cumberland Recreation
Area TEAA/TTA Hike
9/23 Foster Falls to Raven Point
James Leininger 790-7855
9/29-9/30 Savage Gulf Backpack
9/29 Cedars of Lebanon Clean-Up
Hike

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