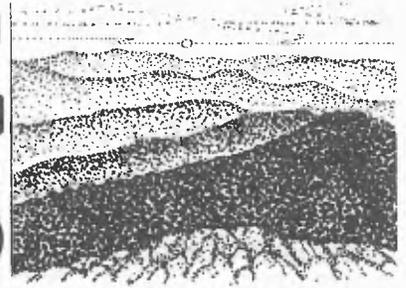


TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



GOALS FOR TTA IN 1992 AND BEYOND

by Bob Barnett

As president of this fine organization for 1992, I am first and foremost concerned with growth. I would like to see TTA's membership grow beyond the 1,000 member point during this calendar year. Oops! Let me try again. Before this year is over, I want us to be sending the newsletter into 1,000 homes. Considering the number of families rather than individuals now receiving newsletters, we may already have 1,000 members or near that number.

As you read this, I will have already met with two chapters in 1992. Those are the Clarksville and Nashville chapters. Before the arrival of 1993 I hope to have met with the other active chapters in Cookeville, Memphis and Murfreesboro and to have seen the revival of chapters in the Jamestown area and Chattanooga. I, also, long to see chapters in Jackson and somewhere in East Tennessee. If you are interested in a chapter in your area of the state, then call me at (615) 832-6484 and I will help in any way that I can.

Past president Tom Shepherd set a goal to visit all the chapters last year and that was a good idea. Even Means had done that while he was president. And I want to do it and I want to ask individuals and chapters what they want to do to serve TTA and how I can help them. If they tell me I can help by getting out of the way, I will do that too.

As an organization, let's make some realistic goals for 1992. I want to see real discernible progress made on the Cumberland Trail this year. I have enjoyed corresponding with people about the Cumberland Trail due to an article by TTA's Debbie Gilbert in Backpacker magazine. Many of the people expressing concern about the Cumberland Trail were from outside Tennessee. Sometimes we don't recognize the treasures (the natural treasures) in our own backyards until they are gone. Let's not let the Cumberland Trail and other trails become vanishing treasures. You can support the Cumberland Trail by hiking it, inspecting it, working on it, promoting it and writing letters urging funding for it to Environment and Health Commissioner Luna, Governor McWherter and your state senator and state representative.

TTA's Adopt-a-Trail program needs more participation. You would be amazed how easy it is to fill out a trail inspection form for trails that you hike. It takes a little more time to do light maintenance on a trail as you hike it. Cleaner trails that are more beautiful and are easier to walk on make the cleanup efforts very worthwhile.

I'll close this article with a **HELP WANTED** appeal. Before becoming TTA's current president, I took on the roles of dealing with Adopt-a-Trail, serving as TTA's representative on the Board of the Environmental Action Fund, and monitoring the post office box for membership purposes. **I NEED HELP NOW!** I need someone to take on the duties of Adopt-a-Trail chairperson and to become TTA's

representative to the EAF Board. Or at the very least I need someone to share those duties with me. It would be possible for someone to share the membership duties, also. It would be great if three volunteers came forth to help with each endeavor. After all, we are in the Volunteer State. Any help would be appreciated and I will be delighted to explain what is involved with each task.

As you read this, I am optimistic that help is on the way because that is the kind of organization the Tennessee Trails Association is. Recently, Nashville's Libby Francis recognized that TTA information needed to be out there where potential members can find it (outdoor stores, etc.). She did more than make the suggestion--she is working to make sure the TTA information is out there. This will help the Nashville chapter grow.

Many people have expressed an interest in TTA having a membership directory. This would help save money and energy by enabling people to carpool. It would help people who do not live near a chapter to find hiking buddies. One of the people excited about a directory is Debra Hill of Lebanon. She is willing to work on putting it together, but she will need help. If you are interested in such a project, then give Debra a call at 449-3126. The efforts of Libby and Debra will help TTA grow. We need your help and participation, too.

In closing, let's give thanks to Gene Curp, Jerri Bull (and the rest of the Memphis hikers who help her) and Valerie Stringer for making sure post office box 41446 has been receiving trail inspection forms and I mean completed forms, too. If you are leading a hike between February and December, I will try to make sure you are sent a Trail Inspection Form. Please use it. I will be happy to answer any questions you have about trail inspections.

**HAPPY TRAILS ALWAYS
BOB BARNETT**



STATE NEWS

BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The first Board Meeting of 1992 will be held at 3:30 p.m. on February 22nd (Saturday) at Montgomery Bell State Park in a meeting room in the restaurant. A brief discussion will take place about a plan for a multiple-use trail in the park. Ranger Bill Troup will join us for that discussion. Agenda items will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

1. Adopt-a-Trail
2. The Cumberland Trail
3. A TTA membership directory
4. The Environmental Action Fund
5. An installment plan for life memberships
6. Membership growth
7. Prospective new chapters and/or the revival of inactive chapters
8. ISSUES OF CONCERN FROM THE CHAPTERS

If at all possible, please notify Bob Barnett with agenda items by February 13th (Thursday) by calling (615) 832-6484 or by writing 4951 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211.

All interested members are welcome at the Board Meeting and that is the reason a hike has been scheduled for earlier in the day. We will eat in the park restaurant after the Board Meeting.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK PARTY

February 29 & February 30, 1992

The Murfreesboro Chapter is sponsoring this year's first work weekend on the Cumberland Trail. The "work" will consist of either clearing winter blowdowns, or scouting out a new portion, extending south on Section V to Bowater's Piney Wilderness.

Bob Brown has reserved a cabin at Cumberland Mountain State Park. Please contact Bob in Nashville at 352-7474, if you can volunteer to help on our adopted trail for either or both days.

YEARLY HIKE SCHEDULE NOTICE:

The yearly hike schedule has not been published to date, because a schedule has not been submitted from every chapter. The schedules received will be published as space is available in the upcoming newsletters.

CHAPTER NEWS

CLARKSVILLE

Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Governor's Square Mall.

On February 15, 1992, James McKenzie has made plans for the Eagle Watch-Park Service tour bus. Reservations for the bus ride must be made in advance. So there are twelve (12) reserved seats for 10:00 AM, February 16th. If you have your personal binoculars be sure you have these. Being this time of the year we can expect cold weather. So be sure you dress warm and dry for off the bus walks.

The overnight reservations at the Air Park Inn should be made early, do not wait for the arrival date.

The plans are to leave Clarksville on February 15 at 9:00 AM.

Please call (615) 647-4837 in order to get a count of those who are planning to make the trip.

COOKEVILLE

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at Hyder Park Community Center, at 6:30 PM.

February 15:

Come hike with Ross in the Scott's Gulf area. 6 - 8 miles total, moderate to strenuous. Meet at the Dominion Bank in Sparta on Highway 111, at 8:00 AM. For more information, call Ross Cardwell at 738-2760.

February 22:

Ranger Falls in Savage Gulf with Paul D. and Pam Miller. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Dominion Bank in Sparta on Highway 111, or at the Stone Door Ranger Station in Beersheba Springs, at 9:30 AM. Approx. 10 miles total. STRENUOUS !!!

To pre-register please call Paul and Pam Miller at (615) 526-7927.

MEMPHIS

Meets the third Thursday of each month at Kingsway Church, in the Scout Building at 7:30 PM.

MEETING

Thursday, February 20th, 7:30 PM. Our featured

speaker will be Judge Larry Potter, who pioneered the Environmental Court in Memphis and has presided over it since 1983. Judge Potter has many interesting anecdotes to tell of cases he's handled, so please try to be in attendance that night.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 1:

Downtown Historical Hike--details in January issue.

February 15:

Big Hill Pond State Park. Carpool at the church at 7:30 AM, or meet at the park at 9:00 AM. Moderate; 8 miles. Bring lunch and water, there may be some muddy areas, so wear boots. For information call Ray Burkett, (615) 357-9183.

March 1:

Herb Parsons Lake at Fisherville. This is one of our only Sunday afternoon hikes this year. Meet at the Shelby Farms Soccer Field parking lot on Walnut Cove at 12:15 PM, or meet at the lake at 1:00 PM. Bring snacks and water. 7 miles, easy. Call Anne Lindholm, (615) 388-4123.

Fisherville Update:

As a result of letters to Governor McWherter and various state officials, Ken Brown, the manager at Herb

CHAPTER NEWS (Continued)

Parsons, is reportedly working on a compromise with the Bowhunter's Association that may allow hiking groups to walk the entire trail on certain designated days of the year. Jerri Bull wishes to thank all those who helped by writing letters and expressing their concerns.

MURFREESBORO

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Mark's Methodist Church. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

No hike information available at press time.

NASHVILLE

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month, at the Cumberland Science Museum, 7:30 PM.

The Nashville Chapter's program for February will be a Tennessee Trails Tales program. Volunteer participants will be asked to tell a tale about their most memorable hike (or other outdoor outing). The outing does not have to have taken place in the Volunteer State. Please let Bob or Arleen Barnett know if you plan to tell a tale by calling

832-6484 at least two weeks prior to this February 27th meeting. Come join us for tales, popcorn and drinks at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 27th at the Cumberland Museum.

P.S. Spontaneous tale tellers will be welcome to participate on the 27th, but we need to know that we've got four or five committed program participants ahead of time.

Saturday February 8:

Virgin Falls, located on the Caney Fork River area, in the upper Cumberlands, has become an annual event for the Nashville Chapter. This beautiful area is located in White County, 11 miles southeast of Sparta, TN.

This area is unique in that two waterfalls, Virgin and Sheep Cave Falls, emerge from high caves, drop off a bluff and disappear into another cave below. Virgin Falls is the largest at a 110 foot drop, and we will visit overlooks and other smaller waterfalls on this loop trail.

The trail is approximately 8 miles in length and is rated moderate to strenuous (Class III-IV). The trail leading into the falls is rated moderate, but will become strenuous most of the way out and becomes a tough

climb. The trail is rocky and steep, and we will cross streams, hiking boots and proper clothing are necessary. We will go in any weather, (maybe we'll get snow), so be PREPARED!

Meet at the K-Mart parking lot (the side closest to Shoneys) on Donelson Pike off I-40 Est at 6:30 AM to carpool to the trailhead.

For more information and registration, contact the Hike Coordinator, Kevin Kimbro at (615) 333-0629.

February 22:

There are sixteen miles of trails in Montgomery Bell State Park and Bob will lead a hike on a trail that covers approximately seven miles. This will be an easy hike with only moderate changes in elevation. Bring a lunch and water, and dress appropriate to the weather conditions. Meet in the parking lot or the park's Inn at 9:00 AM (CST) on Saturday, February 22nd. The park is located 7 miles east of Dickson on US 70. Pre-registration is required by calling Bob or Arleen Barnett at (615) 832-6484.

UPCOMING HIKES

Clarksville

2/1 Eagle Watch-Park
James McKenzie
(615) 647-4837

Cookeville

2/15 Scott's Gulf
Ross Cardwell
(615) 738-2760

2/22 Ranger Falls in Savage Gulf
Paul D. & Pam Miller
(615) 526-7927

Memphis

2/1 Downtown Historical Hike

2/15 Big Hill Pond State Park
Ray Burkett
(901) 357-9183

3/1 Herb Parsons Lake at Fisherville
Anne Lindholm
(901) 388-4123

Murfreesboro

No information available at press time.

Nashville

2/8 Virgin Falls
Kevin Kimbro
(615) 333-0629

2/22 Montgomery Bell State Park
Bob or Arleen Barnett
(615) 832-6484



NEWS FROM OUR PARKS

The following list gives only event names and dates. For more information, please contact the Warner Park Nature Center: (615) 352-6299. Reservations are required for most programs.

Winter Wildlife	Wednesday , February 5 Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM	Water Quality in Tennessee	Saturday, February 22 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 AM
Tracking Winter Wildlife	Saturday, February 8 Time: 9:00 AM - Noon	Winter Bird Banding	Saturday, February 22 Time: 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Naturalist Hike	Wednesday, February 12 Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM	Fossil Fun	Saturday, February 22 Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Woodcock Watch	Thursday, February 20 Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM	Organic Gardening Forum	Saturday, February 29 Time: 9:00 AM - Noon
Discover the Nature Center Day	Saturday, February 22 Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM		

NEWS FROM OUR PARKS (Continued)

SATURDAY, FEB. 1 10AM LOST COVE CAVE TOUR:

Bring your lights and lunch and join Randy at the Carter Natural Area parking lot for a hike on the Buggytop Trail to the spectacular cave opening of Lost Cove Cave. We will tour the cave so this trip will be about 5 hours. 5 miles roundtrip: STRENUOUS

SUNDAY, FEB. 9 10 AM GREETER FALLS EXCURSION:

Meet Randy at the Stone Door Ranger Station for a carpool drive to the trail. A one mile moderate trip will feature beautiful waterfalls and a mature forest under towering sandstone cliffs. 1 MILE ROUNDTRIP: MODERATE

SATURDAY, FEB.15 10 AM SUTER FALLS TOUR:

Meet Randy at the Swiss Memorial School. Winter is the best time for waterfall viewing, join us for a trip to a set of falls in a spectacular gorge. 1 MILE ROUNDTRIP: STRENUOUS

SATURDAY, FEB.22 10 AM ANDERSON FALLS ADVENTURE:

Meet at the Visitor Center. Join Randy for a trip to a spectacular double waterfall and the Raven Point overlook. 2.5 MILES ROUNDTRIP: STRENUOUS

SUNDAY, FEB. 23 10 AM FROZEN GIZZARD HIKE:

Meet at the Grundy Forest picnic shelter. Join Randy for a chilly walk down to Sycamore Falls. Dress in layers for comfort. 3 MILES ROUNDTRIP: MODERATE

FEBRUARY 29th and 30th: CROSS GULF OVERNIGHTER

Meet at the Stone Door Ranger Station at 10 AM. Join Randy for a shuttle backpack trip. We'll walk the South Rim Trail on Saturday and camp at the Stage Road Campsite. We'll hike across the gulf on the Connector Trail on Sunday. Participants must bring all their own supplies and equipment. Load sharing is encouraged. 14 MILES: STRENUOUS



**COOKEVILLE CHAPTER
TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION
1992 HIKE SCHEDULE**

January 25	High Rock and Pine Mountain Bonnie Greene	836-3696
February 22	Ranger Falls Paul and Pam Miller	526-7927
March 28	Frozen Head Wild Flower Hike Paul and Pam Miller	526-7927
April 25	Standing Stone Lake Trail Wild Flower Hike Jack Murphy	537-9827
May 23	Laurel-Snow Bonnie Greene	836-3969
June 27	Roane Mountain Weekender Judy Van Cleve and friends	473-8136
July 25	Water Hike Flat Creek and Spring Creek including Mill Creek and Waterloo Falls Bill Jones	526-5317
August 22	Cumberland Mountain State Park Trail and Pioneer Loop Paul and Nora Miller	526-9252
September 26	Bear Waller Gap Trail Judy Van Cleve	473-8136
October 24	Standing Stone-Cooper Mountain Fall Colors Hike Paul and Nora Miller	526-9252
November 28	Trail of Tears-Cardwell Mountain at Cumberland Caverns Judy Van Cleve	473-8136
December 26	HAPPY HOLIDAYS	

Mail dues, address changes/corrections and membership applications to:

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All newsletter submissions due by the 15th of each month. All submissions, questions and/or comments should be addressd to:

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Objectives: To promote, construct, and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective. Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail.

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