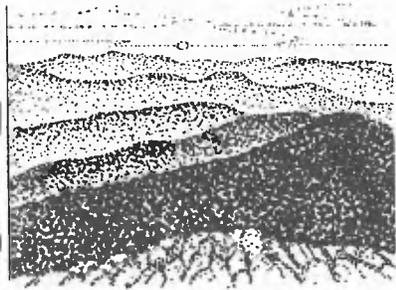


TENNESSEE TRAILS



The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association

Save Fiery Gizzard Dam planned to ease water shortage

The Situation: The Town of Tracy City is required by a consent order to provide an adequate water supply for the people it serves out to the 40-year horizon. The drought periods of the middle 1980's demonstrated that the current supply is not adequate. In order to remedy this situation, Tracy City is proposing to dam Big Fiery Gizzard Creek just north of Highway 56/41, creating a 95-acre lake. This site is 700 feet upstream of the currently breached dam of Hines Pond, which is visible from the highway. In the Grundy Forest State Natural Area, Big Fiery Gizzard Creek is the stream that enters from the right (facing downstream) below the foot bridge and just upstream of the "Black Canyon."

Fiery Gizzard itself is a unique remnant forest, left over from the last ice age. The plant community found in the Gizzard is typical of Wisconsin, not Tennessee. It is the shade and the moisture of the Gizzard that have enabled this special place of light and beauty to remain. To stem the flow of the stream would irreparably change the Gizzard.

The Division of Ecological Services in the Department of Conservation suggests that the Pink Ladies Slipper, a species listed as threatened, may exist in the area of the proposed lake, and several local residents confirm this. The recreational pleasure of many thousands of visitors to the Fiery Gizzard must also be taken into account, and each of those visits brings sorely needed tourist dollars into Grundy County.

What You Can Do:

1. Tell your friends and neighbors.
2. Write to Mr. Robert Baker, Tennessee Department of Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section, 4th Floor, TERRA Building, 150 Ninth Avenue, Nashville, TN 37247-3001.
3. Tell him that you oppose Permit Application 91-092 by the Town of Tracy City to dam Big Fiery Gizzard Creek.
4. Request a public hearing and ask to be informed when that hearing is held.

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5. Send a copy of your letter to your State Senator and your State Representative (in Sewanee, these are Senator Jerry Cooper and Representative Billy Rigsby).
6. Attend the hearing (it will be held in Tracy City) and speak your mind.
7. Write to the newspapers.

This information was provided by the Sewanee Chapter of Save Our Cumberland Mountains in the Sewanee Mountain Messenger, July 9, 1992. Thank you, Woody McLaughlin, for sending us this article. The Fiery Gizzard is a favorite hiking place for many of our TTA members!

GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES TO
PAUL KOEHLER

Those of us in the Nashville chapter are sure that TTA members across the State who know Paul Koehler join us in wishing him the best and Happy Trails as he moves to West Virginia to take a new job. We hope your new job will be a challenge and an enriching experience.

Paul deserves lots of specific thank you's for quiet, behind-the-scenes work he has done for the Nashville chapter and the State organization. Use Paul's new address to send your own specific thank you's: Paul Koehler, 907 Tuscawilla Hills, Charles Town, WV 25414. I searched for a book called "Off the Beaten Path in West Virginia" to send to Paul from myself, Arleen and TTA because we've enjoyed our Tennessee book of the same name. There is not a West Virginia version so we guess it is up to Paul to come up with such a book. (Arleen thinks there is no such

book because all of West Virginia is off the beaten path.) I personally think that is a compliment to West Virginia.

--Bob Barnett

Ever since I was a child growing up in New York City, I dreamed of sleeping under the stars at the Grand Canyon. In the summer of 1988, my dream came true. My brother accompanied my children and I for our first trip out West.

The first night camping at Desert View on the rim of the Grand Canyon, we spread our sleeping bags out on the ground and gazed in awe at billions of stars in a midnight blue sky as far as the eye could see. We also saw shooting stars.

The next night we prepared our sleeping bags for a repeat stellar performance. I commented to my brother that the stars didn't seem to be as numerous or bright as the night before, and he gazed at me in awe and replied, "That might be because you still have your sunglasses on!"

--Arleen Barnett



BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

A family wedding in New York has forced me to change the August TTA Board Meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon on August 22nd. The meeting will be held in a meeting room adjoining the restaurant at Lawrenceburg's David Crockett State Park. Hopefully, this change will not create a hardship for anyone. The meeting should be completed in time for people to partake of the park restaurant's good food by 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

- I. Report on E.A.F. Year in Review (Environmental Action Fund).
- II. Get out and vote for trail friendly (Green) candidates. No specific endorsements but tough questions to ask.
- III. Chapter Reports, including trail projects.
- IV. Cumberland Trail Report including plans for upcoming work days.
- V. Update on postcard membership recruitment drive and the early response to the mailing.
- VI. Nominations are needed NOW for the Bill Stutz Award and the TTA Award.
- VII. Update on the TTA Membership Directory.
- VIII. Update on the new TTA decal.
- IX. Plans for the 1992 Annual Meeting, including how responsibility can be shared for the infamous, unique auction and door prizes.
- X. 1993 Annual Meeting location: Land Between the Lakes? Cumberland Trail? Or ?????
- XI. Nominating Committee for 1993 Officers and Board Members.

Please submit additional agenda items to Bob Barnett at the TTA Post Office Box before August 22nd.

From time to time (every month if possible) the newsletter will recognize trail inspection work, Adopt-A-Trail work, orphaned trails or newly adopted trails. This month we have chosen to run a trail inspection form about a 4/11/92 hike on the Fort Pillow Historical Trail near Henning, TN (see page 4). Why was this inspection form chosen? It is a way to recognize Jerri Bull and the Memphis chapter for all the inspection forms they fill out and send in. The inspection form is mostly positive but does not take a Pollyannish view--it points out problems or potential problems. This report gives people who have not been to this historical area insight into a new place to visit. Of course, the boyhood home of Roots author Alex Haley is nearby so a trip to Henning can provide a trip back to Civil War times and a look at early 20th century history which helped shape the life of a native son author.



TTA Trail Inspection Form Adopt-a-Trail Program

Name of Trail: Ft. Pillow Historical Trail (10 miles)
Location of Trail: Ft. Pillow State Historic Area, Henning, TN
Date of Inspection: April 11, 1992
Inspector's Name: J. Bull, Memphis Chapter
Phone Number: (901) 363-4408

TRAIL SURROUNDING AREA: Because Ft. Pillow's soil is very similar to Shelby Forest in that it erodes quite rapidly, sometimes there will be washouts near the trail and tree roots exposed--generally, though, the condition along the trail is good.

TREAD: Good in most places; trail is used enough especially on the first section, to keep tread in good condition.

FOOT BRIDGES AND STEPS: The park officials have built a bridge across a small creek on one section of the trail where it was needed as we would have to go around most of the time since it was in a low area. Also, logs have been replaced on a couple of the steep areas where they had rotted and given way. This made it safer underfoot.

SIGNS & BLAZES: This trail is fairly easy to follow as there are enough signs. Some of these signs are on wood that has rotted and will need to be replaced before too long. Blazes are faded on the section before you get to the group camp and also on the section after you pass the overlook and go back into the woods, but we had no difficulty in finding the way to go.

CAMPsites: The group campsite was in good condition and very clean in spite of the many people camped there (Civil War anniversary the weekend of April 11th-12th and there were people everywhere). We appreciated the picnic tables where we could sit and eat lunch out of the sun.

LITTER: None to speak of; very clean; the whole Ft. Pillow Park is always a joy to visit and the trails easy to follow. Staff always helpful and courteous.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Trail Use: Trail appears to be moderately used.
General Condition: Trail is well maintained.



CHAPTER NEWS

CLARKSVILLE

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

AUGUST 15 - Natchez Trace - Meriwether Lewis, Call Suva Bastin 645-2849.

COOKEVILLE

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Hyder Park Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 22 - Cumberland Mtn. State Park, Call Paul Miller 526-9252.

MEMPHIS

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

AUGUST 23 - Annual Picnic at Lichterman Nature Center. Meet at 1:30 p.m. and bring food for yourself or to share. Admission is \$2.50 if we have more than 10 people (last year we had at least twice that many); members of the Pink Palace Museum get in free. The Center has a couple miles of

trails, through fields, forests, and around the lake. Remember, no pets or alcoholic beverages allowed. Lawn chairs and coolers are welcome. Center closes at 5:00 p.m. For more info, call Jerri Bull, 363-4408.

MURFREESBORO

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at St. Mark's Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

AUGUST 1 - South Cumberland Wildflower Hike with Bertha Chrietzberg. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at So. Cumberland Visitor Center to see yellow fringed orchids, meadow beauty and blazing star. Call Bertha 896-1146.

Bertha will also lead a 1:00 p.m. Foster Falls Flowers hike. Meet at Foster Falls parking lot.

AUGUST 15 - Hiwassee Raft Trip, Call Bettie Herring 895-8171.



NASHVILLE

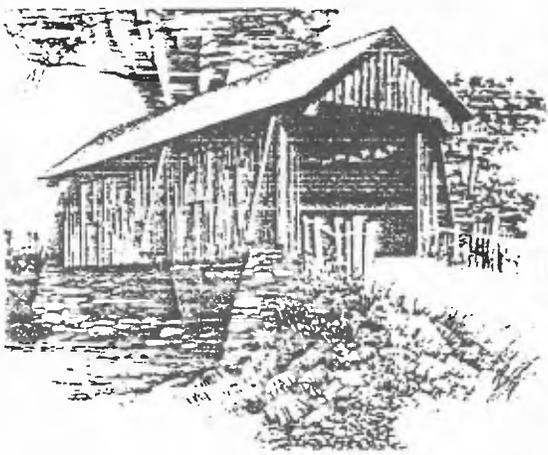
Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Cumberland Science Museum at 7:30 p.m.



AUGUST 7-9 - Charlie's Bunion Camp-Out, Call Paul Smith 388-0215.

AUGUST 22 - David Crockett S.P. Meet at the Park office 9:30 a.m. The hike will be 3-5 miles mostly in the shade. A shady lunch spot is guaranteed plus walking by water and at least one wading spot. The hike will conclude at least an hour before the Board meeting to allow meeting participants to freshen up.

The leader will provide watermelon for hike participants at 1:30 p.m. A watermelon is a worthy goal to hike for, especially in late August in southern Middle Tennessee!



GREENWAYS

A Plan for the Tennessee Valley

The National Park Service recently selected the Chattanooga region as one of two model communities nationally to initiate a metropolitan greenways/open space planning program. The National Park Service is cooperating with political leaders, conservation groups and interested citizens to formulate a greenway plan for the Chattanooga metropolitan area. This plan will expand upon work already accomplished in the Chattanooga-Hamilton County greenways program by embracing all jurisdictions located within the metropolitan statistical area. This expanded planning area will include Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, Meigs, and Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, and Walker Counties in Georgia. The mission of this planning process is to assist the citizens and governments of the Tennessee Valley in establishing a network of linear parks and open spaces throughout the region.

The plan will develop a conceptual network of river and trail corridors that conserve and connect valuable community resources. It will contain a strategy to first implement and then maintain this network. Throughout the project, widespread participation from the Chattanooga area communities will be encouraged by using an open and consensus-driven planning approach. Existing corridors such as trails, abandoned railroad lines, rivers, canals, and utility rights-of-way will be identified and assessed for their potential as network components. Innovative ways to connect the urban core with the countryside will be explored in order to offer new recreation opportunities for all residents within the metropolitan area.

Project Goals

- * To create a conceptual network of greenways throughout the Chattanooga metropolitan area
- * To develop a strategy to implement the conceptual network that major decisionmakers agree to support and implement
- * To undertake demonstration projects that place pieces of the conceptual network "on the ground"
- * To conduct a planning process that effectively encourages and integrates public participation and support
- * To increase the level of awareness and interest in corridor and open space conservation in the Chattanooga metropolitan area

Planning Process

- * Organize an advisory group of Chattanooga area greenway enthusiasts, experts, and decisionmakers who will drive the project forward
- * Formulate a public involvement strategy including published information, public workshops, and public events throughout the planning process
- * Conduct an inventory of critical resources and assess their status; such resources will include natural, recreational, historic and cultural values
- * Identify issues and goals that must be addressed in order to create a metropolitan-wide greenway system
- * Based on the resource inventory and assessment, as well as identified issues and goals, develop concept alternatives and implementation strategies
- * Select a concept alternative
- * Design a final document, brochure, map, or other medium appropriate to successfully market the plan

NEWS FROM OUR PARKS



SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE PARK
(615) 924-2980 OR 2956

Aug 1 - 9:00 a.m. Meadow Trail Wildflowers with guest botanist Bertha Chrietzberg. Meet at So. Cumberland Visitor Center. Easy 2-3 hours.

Aug 1 - 1:00 p.m. Foster Falls Flowers with guest botanist Bertha Chrietzberg. Meet at Foster Falls parking lot. Moderate 2-3 hours.

Aug 1 - 1:00 p.m. Sycamore Falls Hike. See Black Canyon, Chimney Rock and take a dip at Sycamore Falls to cool off. Meet at Grundy Forest picnic shelter. Moderate 3 miles.

Aug 2 - 10:00 a.m. Greetings from Greeter Falls. Meet at Stone Door Ranger Station. Moderate 2 miles.

Aug 2 - 4:00 p.m. Insect Safari. What are bugs good for? Short 20 minute walk with Caroline, followed by a critter race. Meet at Grundy Lakes Beach parking lot.

Aug 7 - 1:00 p.m. Tree Spree. Collect a few leaves and make leaf rubbings. Guess what's in Caroline's backpack? How much do you know about trees? Meet at Grundy Lakes Beach parking lot. 30 minutes.

Aug 8 - 10:00 a.m. Ayunini-Cherokee Storyteller. Marion Dunn is Ayunini, part of the Etowah Cherokee Nation and author of Tenase Brave. Enjoy an hour of stories. Meet at Laurel Gulf Overlook. Easy .2 mile, trail begins at the Stone Door Ranger Station.

Aug 8 - 11:00 a.m. Great Stone Door Hike starting from Laurel Gulf Overlook. Easy .7 mile.

Aug 9 - 10:00 a.m. Rattlesnake Point Overlook. Enjoy a bird's eye view of Savage Falls. 4 miles easy.

Aug 14 - 1:00 p.m. Rock Hounds Hike. See rocks that burn! Oceans in the mountains! Do things go

better with Coke? Meet at Grundy Lakes Beach parking lot. 30 minute hike.

Aug 15 - 1:00 p.m. Twig Critters. All ages welcome. Use your imagination along with twigs, rocks, nuts and clay. Meet at Grundy Lake Beach parking lot. 30 minutes.

Aug 16 - 6:00 a.m. Morning Hike in the Meadow. Meet at So. Cumberland Visitor Center.

Aug 16 - 8:30 p.m. An Evening with the Stars. Meet at ball field behind the So. Cumberland Visitor Center.

Aug 16 - 5:00 p.m. Foster Falls Lookout. Meet at Foster Falls parking lot, 3 miles.

Aug 22 - 6:00 a.m. Early Bird Hike at So. Cumb. Visitor Ctr.

Aug 22 - 10:00 a.m. Over, Under, Around and Through. Fiery Gizzard Hike. Meet at Visitor Center. Easy 3 miles.

Aug 23 10:00 a.m. Lost Cove Cave Tour. Meet at Carter Natural Area parking lot.

Aug 30 - 10:00 a.m. Greeter Gulf Rock Hop. Meet at Stone Door Ranger Sta. Strenuous 3 miles .

Trip Planner. . .



Use this handy checklist to prepare for your next camping or backpacking trip. Not all items need be carried on every outing.

Necessities		
Camping Permit	Rain Gear	Ground Cloth
Fire Permit	Litter Bag	First-Aid Kit
Map	Cup	Insect Repellent
Identification	Bowl	Snakebite Kit
Knife	Fork	Flashlight
Compass	Spoon	Water Purifiers
Waterproof Matches	Tool Kit	Sleeping Bag
Food	Tent or Tarp	Coins for Phone
Canteen	Toilet Paper	Camp Saw
Personal Items		
Medicine	Hat or Cap	Long-sleeve shirt
Toothbrush	Underwear	Gloves
Toothpaste	Long Pants	Swimsuits
Towels	Windbreaker	Sneakers
Comb	Socks	Insulated
Soap (Dish/Body)	Bandana	Underwear
Chap Stick	Sock Cap	Heavy Jacket
Convenience Items		
Nylon Cord	Pack Rain Cover	Water Bag
Camera & Film	Sunglasses	Mattress
Walking Stick	Extra eyeglasses	Adhesive Tape
Police Whistle	Plastic Bags	"Fix it" Kit
Sharpening Stone	Backpacker's Grill	(thread, etc.)
Notebook & Pencil	Can Opener	Candle
Snacks	Paper Towels	Washbasin
Stove (Backpack)	Pot Scrubber	Air Pillow
Stove Fuel (Funnel)		
Condiments		
Salt	Cocoa	
Pepper	Tea	
Sugar	Cooling Oil	
Coffee	Seasoning	

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