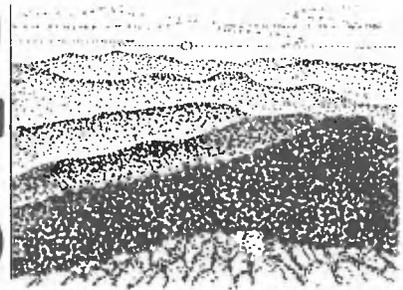


TENNESSEE TRAILS



The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association

TTA ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1, 1992

To prove that all of West Tennessee is not in the Mississippi River floodplain, we have chosen for our annual meeting site the hilliest place we could find: Nathan Bedford Forrest State Historic Area, overlooking the 247-square-mile Kentucky Lake on the Tennessee River. In the spring, this place even has mountain laurel and flame azalea. Honest!

Our accommodations will be literally right next door to the park, at the 1,200 acre Lakeshore Methodist Assembly Camp in Eva, Tennessee. The dormitory-style, heated cabins have 12 beds each--with comfortable new mattresses--but you must bring your own bedding and pillow. Lodging is \$14 per night. There are also a couple of 6-bed rental cabins available for \$30 per night.

For those who wish to sleep under the stars, there's a lovely, secluded campground about half a mile from the Lakeshore entrance, accessible by a gravel road. Each site has water and hookups, and there's a bathhouse and a picnic pavilion. Camping is \$5 per night. If you'd rather stay inside the State Park, Nathan Bedford has 2 campgrounds: primitive lakefront sites for \$5.25 per night; and Happy Hollow, with all the amenities, for \$11 per night. The park has no cabins. Hotel rooms in the area are scarce, but you might try the Wismer Motel (901-584-6116) in Camden.

All of our annual meeting activities, except for hikes and outings, will take place at Lakeshore. Just about all of the buildings are perched on a slope overlooking the lake, so you can expect to spend the weekend climbing up and down (We told you it was hilly!). Paddleboats and canoes will be available for our use, and unless the water level is low, there will also be pontoon boat rides for \$1 per person.

The Lakeshore staff will be preparing our meals for us (since the Memphis chapter has sworn never to cook again!). On Friday night, we will have our traditional get-to-know-you potluck. (The kitchen will be available for heating up dishes.) Afterward--weather permitting--we hope to have a bonfire down by the beach, possibly with entertainment by a local folk musician.

Saturday morning at 8:00, the staff will serve us a hearty breakfast, including the most heavenly homemade bread you've ever tasted. We will not have a boring meeting right after breakfast. No sir, we are going to hit the trail! Three-, five-, and possibly ten-mile hikes will be offered on the newly blazed trail loops at Nathan Bedford. The terrain is moderate with some difficult hills. There are also a couple of very short self-guided nature trails near the park office. While in the park, be sure to visit the Tennessee River Folk Life Center in Pilot Knob. Open to the public at no charge, it shows how the people of the area made their living from the river. Adventurous hikers may want to cross the river and try the historic Redoubt Trail on the Civil War site at Old Johnsonville.

No lunch will be served at the camp Saturday; we expect you to be hiking! But if you're looking for a good sit-down meal, the Five-Star Family Restaurant in Camden offers great food at reasonable prices. Our annual group meeting will be held Saturday afternoon before dinner, in the lodge's large meeting room with a beautiful view overlooking the lake. A board members' meeting will also be held at some point during the weekend; time to be announced. For those who have purchased the \$15 meal plan, dinner will be served Saturday night at 5:30. We know that's early, but we also know you'll be starved from hiking! (By the way, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available throughout the weekend, and there's a canteen where you can buy snacks and cold drinks.) The meals are served cafeteria-style, and Saturday night's entree will probably be something like baked chicken and rice. Be sure to save room for the wonderful cookies!

Following dinner, our infamous TTA Auction--which must be seen to be believed--will be held in the big room. Clean out your attic and BRING STUFF TO SELL! No item is without value as far as this crowd is concerned. Also, bring cash so you can bid early and often. Additionally, we need donations of nice new items--from sporting goods shops, bookstores, etc.--to be given away as doorprizes.

It has not escaped our notice that Saturday night is Halloween. Therefore, we hope to have some sort of spooky activity for you. Costumes are optional, but feel free to dress as weird as you like.

Breakfast Sunday is at 8:00 a.m., after which you can either stick around for more outings or head on home--in good spirits, we hope. For more information: about Lakeshore Camp, call Martha Holifield at 901-584-6102; about N.B. Forrest State Park, call 901-584-6356; about the TTA meeting, call Debbie Gilbert 901-454-0613 or Jerri Bull 901-363-4408.

Hope to see all of you the last weekend in October!

--Debbie Gilbert, Memphis Chapter Chairman

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.

SEPTEMBER 19 - Pinson Mound State Archeological Area, Call Manuel McKnight 358-2115.

COOKEVILLE

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

The Cookeville Chapter met on Aug. 4 at Patti Jacobs'. We would like to express our appreciation to our hosts for the evening, Jack Murphy and Patti Jacobs. Thanks for the hamburgers, Jack. They were great. You all outdid yourselves.

We would also like to say Thanks! to Tom Kelly for hosting our July meeting. We had a good turnout and

good food.

New officers were elected at the August meeting:
President: Jack Murphy 537-9827;
Secretary-Treas: Marnell Cothran;
Programs: Nora Miller; Adopt-A-Trail: Bill Jones.

Our September meeting will be held at Hyder Park Community Center on **Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m.** Judy Van Cleve will share slides and stories about her visit to Washington State. She has some great pictures and interesting experiences to share. Come join us for fellowship and **GREAT FOOD!!**

SEPTEMBER 12 - Honey Creek. Meet at Penney's at 8:30 a.m., Hardee's in Monterey at 9:00 a.m., or Trailhead about 10:00 a.m. Strenuous, 5 1/2 miles. Led by Jack Murphy. Call Jack at 537-9827 or Bonnie at 836-3696.

SEPTEMBER 22 - Cumberland Mtn. State Park. Meet at Penney's at 10:00 a.m., Hardee's in Monterey at 10:30

a.m. or at the boat dock at the Park around 11:15 a.m. Easy hike led by Paul and Nora Miller. Some plan to eat supper at the Park Restaurant following the hike, then those who have made reservations plan to go to the Cumberland Playhouse production of "South Pacific." So come hike with us. Call 526-9252, Cookeville; or 836-3696, Sparta.

SEPTEMBER 26 - Bear Waller Gap. Meet at Dominion Bank, Sparta, 8:00 a.m., Penney's in Cookeville at 8:30 a.m., or Trailhead 9:30 a.m. Moderate to strenuous about 6 miles. There will be a shuttle for those who do not wish to hike back to the trailhead. Led by Judy Van Cleve 473-8136, Bonnie at 836-3696, or Nora at 526-9252.

RED SQUIRREL
(*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*)
Adult length and weight: Under
16", about 1/2 lb (average)



MEMPHIS

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

SEPTEMBER 12 - Chewalla Trail Inspection. The ranger at Holly Springs National Forest wants TTA members to walk the trail with him, assess its condition, and plan where the next section should be built. This is not a work day! If you'd like to participate, call Jerri Bull, 363-4408.

SEPTEMBER 17 - Monthly Meeting. Our guest will be Ed Price, executive director of the Shelby County Conservation Board, who will present a slide show on the 14 Shelby County parks (including Shelby Farms) as well as undeveloped greenbelts that may become trail sites in the future.

SEPTEMBER 26 - Fort Pillow State Park. Our first official hike of the season! Carpool at Kingsway at 7:00 a.m., or

meet at the park interpretive center at 9:00 a.m. Trail is 8 miles; terrain is moderate with some very steep hills. Bring lunch and plenty of water; it will be hot. (But if you're sensitive to poison ivy, think twice about wearing shorts.) For more info, call Debbie Gilbert at 454-0613 or 521-9000.

MURFREESBORO

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

SEPTEMBER 15 - Monthly Meeting. This will be a re-organizational meeting and election of officers for the coming year. All present and former members are encouraged to attend.

SEPTEMBER 19 - Fall Colors Hike at Collins Gulf/Stone Door in the South Cumberland State Park area. Call Bob Brown 352-7474.

NASHVILLE

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

SEPTEMBER 12 - Afternoon Hike, Scrumptious Supper and Nighttime Stroll with full moon at Long Hunter State Park. Meet at the Couchville Lake section at 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot near the fishing dock. We will hike for about 2 hours on the Bryant Grove Trail. This is not a loop trail so we will hike for an hour and retrace our steps. This trail provides some gentle lakeside hiking.

After the evening's first hike, we will carpool to Chicken Real on Mt. Juliet Rd for supper. This is a yummy place for chicken, fish and homemade pies. For those who are game for more hiking and stargazing, we will head back to Long Hunter to walk the 1 mile Inland Trail. Bring water and a flashlight, but we will try to get used to the

dark gradually, using flashlights as little as possible. One of the goals for the night hike is to listen for the sounds of the night and to be as unobtrusive as possible. Let's hope that the stars will light our way when the sun goes down.

Preregistration is required as the hike will be limited to the first 15 people to call. More people could be accommodated for the afternoon hike but 15 is the maximum number to keep up with at night. Call Bob or Arleen Barnett at 832-6484.

NOTE: Paul Koehler's Percy Warner Evening Hike on Sept. 23 is cancelled, due to Paul's moving out of state. We hope he'll be on the trail somewhere in West Virginia that night!



We have been delinquent in expressing our sincere appreciation to Beth Hammontree and Mason Butner for representing the Cookeville Chapter of TTA at the Earth Week celebration activities. Beth set up a booth in the Cookeville Mall, and Mason set up at Cane Creek Park on Saturday. Pamphlets were handed out or made available to interested visitors to the booths. We appreciate the opportunity to represent TTA and advertise our mission of supporting hiking and conservation in Tennessee. Thanks again, Beth and Mason.

**SEE WHAT'S SHAKIN'
IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION!**

AT REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK

**TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION'S
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1992

Earth-Shaking Workshops include:

- Taking Action For the Environment-
- Econet Telecommunications-
- The Earth Keepers Program-
- Using Storytelling and Puppets to teach E.E.-
- Using the Newspaper to teach E.E.-
- Reelfoot's Unique Aquatic Wildlife-
and more! more! more!

Field trips include:

- Boat Tours-
- Canoe Trips-
- Bike Tours-
- Shore Birding-
- Aquatic Sampling and Study-
- Mississippi River Tours-

*Dinner and Bonfire Entertainment on the Sandy Banks of
the Mighty Mississippi*

YES! Send me registration information about the TEEA Conference! Clip and mail to Jill Norvell, Center for Environmental and Energy Education, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee 38152, or call her at (901)678-2545.

Name: _____

Address: _____

SPECIAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

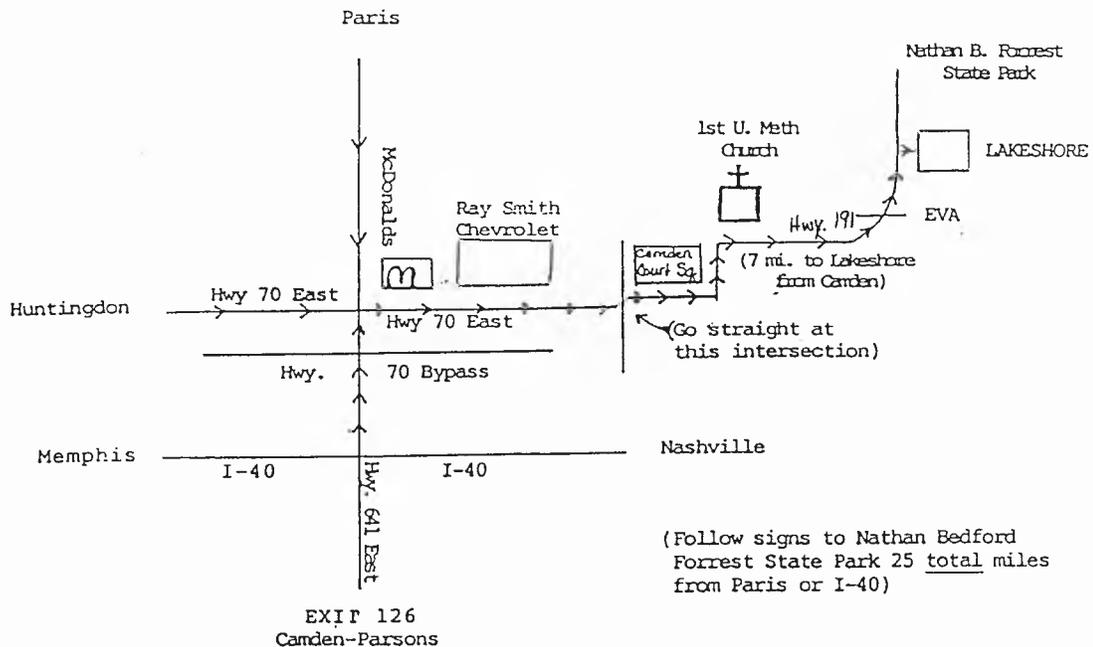
Many TTA folks already know Sharon Bracy from her days as a park ranger and Middle Tennessee naturalist or from her past participation in TTA activities. Those who have never seen Sharon do a "Wild Foods Program" are in for a multi-sensorial treat when she shares food, slides and talk with the Nashville Chapter for our September 24th meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Cumberland Science Museum.

One of the themes of the program will be harvest time. At a recent demonstration at Radnor Lake Natural Area, all

the foods shared by Sharon were gathered or hunted by her and her family on their property in Joelton. Sharon's expertise was highlighted in an article in the Tennessean within the last year. Her children are already contributing to and serving as active participants in preparing food and helping with the program presentation.

This is an expensive program to prepare and present in terms of the money and time involved. Audience members will be asked to make a small donation to help defray Sharon's costs in presenting this unique program.

DIRECTIONS TO TTA ANNUAL MEETING



SEPTEMBER HIKES & ACTIVITIES

Chapter

9/12 Cookeville	Honey Creek, Jack Murphy 537-9827 or Bonnie 836-3696
9/12 Nashville	Long Hunter S.P., Bob Barnett 832-6484
9/12 Memphis	Chewalla Trail Inspection, Jerri Bull 363-4408
9/19 Clarksville	Pinson Mound State Archeological Area, Manuel McKnight 358-2115
9/19 Murfreesboro	Fall Color Hike, Collins Gulf/Stone Door, Bob Brown 352-7474
9/22 Cookeville	Cumberland Mtn. S.P., 526-9252 or 836-3696
9/26 Memphis	Ft. Pillow State Historical Area, Debbie Gilbert 454-0613 or 521-9000
9/26 Cookeville	Bear Waller Gap, Judy Van Cleve 473-8136, Bonnie 836-3696 or Nora 526-9252

LONG HUNTER STATE PARK

9/26 7:00 a.m. till Noon
Gentleman Jim's Fishing
Tournament.

9/26 11:30 a.m. till 4:00
End of Summer Picnic. Advance
tickets will be sold. We will
serve lunch and have activities
scheduled. Rain Date - Oct. 3.

SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE PARK (For more info, 924-2980)

9/5 Boulder Crossing Excursion
9/5 Creatures of the Night
9/6 Morning Hike in the Meadow
9/6 Up Against the Wall
9/7 Wildflowers of South
Cumberland

9/12 Cow Pie Tour!
9/13 Sweden Cove North Rim
9/19 Raven Pt. Sunset Walk
9/20 Lost Cove Cave Tour
9/26 Forest Foods
9/27 Sycamore Falls Hike



Savage Gulf Preservation League

McMinnville, Tennessee 3710

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 1992
Methodist Assembly Grounds
Beersheba Springs, TN

The Board of Directors of the Savage Gulf Preservation League is pleased to announce that the annual meeting of the League will be held on Thursday, October 1, 1992, at the hotel of the United Methodist Assembly Ground in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee. The dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., reservations required. An interesting program will follow.

Advanced reservations are necessary in order to sufficiently prepare for the dinner. We are, therefore, requesting that you mail your reservations to S.G.P.L., c/o Edward Oliver, 215 West Sparta Street, McMinnville, TN 37110. Cost of the dinner is \$6.00. We further request that the reservations be made by the weekend before, or at least by Monday, September 28, 1992.

We encourage you to mail a check for your dues so that your membership cards can be ready, thus avoiding delay at the meeting. Dues are \$1.00 student, \$6.00 adult, and \$25.00 or more sustaining.

You can make telephone reservations by calling Mrs. Margaret Copping at 615-692-3522 or your secretary at 615-473-3429; however, we prefer that you mail your checks.

Anyone interested in the Savage Gulf/Stone Door area is invited and encouraged to attend. You will enjoy the program and learn about the area. Members are encouraged to bring guests and encourage membership. You do not have to be a member to attend. Anyone can attend the meeting following the dinner without reservations.

Membership dues are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Announcing

1992 TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL CONGRESS

September 18-19, 1992
Nashville, TN

Sponsored by:
The Tennessee Environmental Council
in cooperation with its member organizations

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
S. DAVID FREEMAN
former Chair, Tennessee Valley Authority
7:30 p.m., Underwood Auditorium, Vanderbilt University

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
BARRY COMMONER
(invited)
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Nashville State Technical Institute

Workshops:
Integrated Pest Management for Communities
Forestry Management in Tennessee
Exotic Invasives: Threat to Natural Diversity
Stormwater Discharge Regulations
Roadbuilding Impacts on Water Resources
Toxics Use Reduction
and more

Non-profit organizations are invited to set-up booths

A children's program will be offered if there is sufficient interest.

For more information or registration materials:
Jennifer Walker
Tennessee Environmental Council
1700 Hayes St.
Nashville TN 37203
615/321-5075

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

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Nashville, TN 37204

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