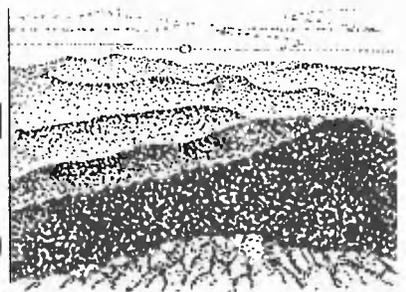


# TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



## TTA'S INFAMOUS AUCTION . . . .

What's that? I don't know...but going once...going twice...sold to the hiker with a lampshade on his head!

I am the Ghost of TTA Auctions Past saying...**PLEASE COME HOME TO TENNESSEE, DAVID STIDDEM, BECAUSE I NEED YOU!** Actually, the country ham in me is overjoyed to have inherited the auctioneer job that David handled so well BUT it was so much easier to be the #1 shill and to make up things to say about the strangest items for sale.

Remember the passion flower jelly made by Sharon Bracey or Bertha Chrietzberg that produced a bidding war between Bob Richards and Joe McCaleb? Remember when Paul Goldstein donned my Egyptian-style robe, grabbed an extra-long Hann and Oxford hiking staff and instantly became Moses Goldstein, able auctioneer assistant? I had several able assistants that year but **STILL LOST MY VOICE**...but not before I had spread a lot of manure (a manure spreader was one of the auction items that year).

Remember when shy East Tennessee Naturalist Bobby Fulcher unknowingly bid on a Bob Richards' massage when he walked in on the auction which was going full steam ahead and was too embarrassed to claim his purchase once he realized what it was? I gave him some books by reactionaries as a consolation prize instead, and also **SO I WOULD NOT HAVE TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE AUCTION THE NEXT YEAR.**

Bandy Creek Campground was the site of the infamous scene when Ken Pittman threatened a live fowl donated by Gayle Douglas. A **SAVE THE CHICKEN FUND** was instantly established to raise money to board the chicken out of reach from Ken if that proved to be the only way to keep the chicken from becoming Ken's chicken stew! All this, of course, was done in jest. If you took all the money that has been raised by Joy Barnett chocolate chip cookies, Anne Lindholm peanut butter balls and Bertha Chrietzberg kitchen delicacies, plus other people's baked goodies, then you could have franchised a TTA bakery by now.



TTA AUCTION (CONT'D)

IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A TTA AUCTION, THEN YOU ARE CULTURALLY DEPRIVED! You have missed out on a truly unique Fall event.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN TO A TTA AUCTION AND ACTUALLY BOUGHT SOMETHING, THEN YOU MAY BE A TOTALLY DEPRAVED INDIVIDUAL! But you know how to laugh at yourself and others, and you recognize that the auction is a way to raise money for the Cumberland Trail and have fun too. I know I'll have some good auction items to sell this year because Paul Goldstein went to Wisconsin on vacation. And we never had the garage sale at our house that we've been threatening to for the past year. I EVEN HAVE A MUSICAL CAP TO AUCTION.

Some people think the auction is akin to a garage sale and they are supposed to make off like bandits. Excuse me! I am serious for a change. The auction is to raise money for TTA. The laughter is worth what you pay for your auction items!

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT AS TO AUCTION AUTHENTICITY

Some audience participants in the past have been convinced that the auction was partially scripted and rehearsed. Let me assure you, 98% of the auction antics are totally spontaneous and TOTALLY UNPREDICTABLE! The other 2% is just having some well-placed bidders arranged to get things started from time to time so bids can start higher than 39 cents!

by Bob Barnett.....

TTA on TV!

The Tennessee Trails Association will be the focus of a local Sierra Club-sponsored program, "Nature of Conservation" this month. The show features a 30-minute interview with Memphis Chapter Chairman Debbie Gilbert and will air throughout October on Cable Channel 9 (Library/A&E Channel; on some cable-ready TVs, it's Channel 8), every Monday at 12:30 p.m. and every Friday at 5:30 p.m.



Quotable Quote

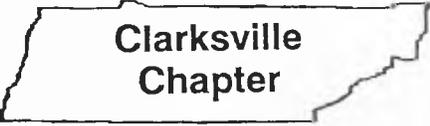
"God gave us two ends - one to sit on and one to think with. Success depends upon which one we use most. Heads we win. Tails we lose"

- Unknown

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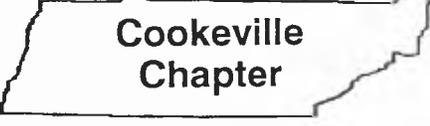
## Clarksville Chapter

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

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**OCTOBER 17-18** - Savage Gulf, Roger Greer 648-8769.

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## Cookeville Chapter

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



**OCTOBER 3** - Rose Cave and Scott's Gulf Overlooks. Meet at Dominion Bank in Sparta at 9:00 a.m. We will drive to overlooks road 2 miles beyond Virgin Falls Trail

Parking Lot. We will walk to Yellow Bluffs, Oscar's Crack Overlook for panoramic views of the canyon of the Caney Fork River, then to Fat Man's Squeeze campsite and Scott Cemetery. We will continue down the county road to the river, where we will cross on stepping stones and follow a trail to Rose Cave.

Those who wish to do so will explore the cave (less than .5 mile roundtrip, mostly wading) while the others wait outside the beautiful cave entrance. The main cave passage is a shallow stream with a sandy mud bottom. It may be 2 feet deep in a few places but most of it is shallow. It is better to wade it in sneakers, but it can be waded barefooted. Because the water has not been underground long, the temperature above the stream can be at least 10 degrees warmer than most dry caves in summer; but if you plan to explore the short dry side passage also, you will be more

comfortable if you bring a warm shirt. Bring at least one good flashlight or other light source. Hard hats are not necessary.

We will walk another mile exploring campsites along the river before returning to our cars. The total distance travelled will be about 10 miles on roads and trails which provide ideal hiking conditions. This third annual Rose Cave hike is spectacularly scenic, uniquely varied, and for its length relatively undemanding physically. Call Bill Jones 526-5317.

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**OCTOBER 24** - Standing Stone/Cooper Mountain. Call Paul & Nora Miller 526-9252.



# Chapter News

## Memphis Chapter

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

**OCTOBER 15** - Program Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Tandy Gilliland of the Chickasaw Bluffs Conservancy, who will update us on efforts to establish a walking path overlooking the Mississippi River downtown.



**OCTOBER 17** - Tishomingo State Park, Iuka, MS. Carpool at Kingsway Church at 7:00 a.m. or meet at the park office at 10:00 a.m. Hike is about 8 miles on easy to moderate terrain. The last time we hiked there, the trails were very poorly marked, so be prepared to be lost. Bring lunch, water and raingear. Tishomingo is probably the rockiest place in Mississ-

ippi, so boots will be helpful. For info, call Debbie Gilbert 454-0613.

**OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1** - Annual Meeting at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. Plenty of hiking; see details elsewhere in this issue. We expect all Memphis members to be there!

## Murfreesboro Chapter

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

**OCTOBER 17** - North Rim Savage Gulf Hike. This is an easy, beautiful hike with many spectacular overlooks. There are also several easy stream crossings. We will leave the Savage Gulf Ranger Station at 9:00 a.m. We'll hike for 3-3 1/2 hours, eat lunch, and then retrace our steps back to the ranger station. Bring lunch, snacks and

plenty of water. Carpool will leave at 7:15 a.m. from the parking lot in front of the Murfreesboro Stones River Mall Sears store. Call Cathy Williams at 893-7748.

## Nashville Chapter

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

**OCTOBER 3** - Williams Island Day Hike. See details on page 6 of the newsletter. Call Bob Brown 352-7474, or TRGT 266-0314.



**OCTOBER 9-11** - Frozen Head, Historic Rugby, Camping Trip. Leave Nashville on Friday evening and camp at Frozen Head, or meet Sat. 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Visitor Center. We will hike the Chimney Top Trail

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and South Old Mac Mtn. Trail for a distance of 8 miles. Hiking boots are recommended for the moderate to strenuous trek. We will encounter waterfalls, rock shelters, giant mountain top cap rocks, a lookout tower, and maybe a crawly surprise on the trail!

On Sunday, we will drive to Historic Rugby for a tour of a 19th century English village in the Cumberlands. After lunch at the Harrow Road Cafe, you may hike down to the Clear Fork River to the "Gentlemen's Swimming Hole," now a part of the Big South Fork. To preregister for lunch reservations at the Harrow Road Cafe or for more information and directions, call Libby Francis 889-5718.

**OCTOBER 10** - Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail Day Hike. The first 5 miles of the hike, from Garrison Creek to the Tennessee Valley Divide parking area, is scenically and botanically one of the most inter-

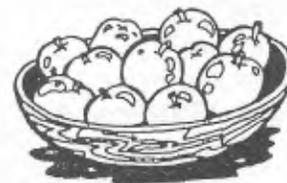
esting stretches of the entire 25 mile trail segment. It lies about 80% in mature second growth hardwood forest and 20% in open fields. Because of its hilliness, this hike should be rated moderate but could be rated from easy to difficult depending upon the age and/or conditioning of the hiker. This part should take about 3 hours.

If anyone is interested, the hike can be continued another 10 miles from the Tennessee Valley Divide to the Hwy 7 staging area. This stretch is about evenly divided between woods and fields and is slightly less hilly than the first part. This section should take 5-6 hours and will be restricted to experienced and well-conditioned hikers.

Meet at 8:00 a.m. central time at Garrison Creek trailhead comfort station 1 mile south of the Natchez Trace Parkway access from State Hwy 46. After as many cars as possible are shuttled to our

destinations, we will start hiking from the Garrison Creek trailhead. Wear sturdy hiking boots and dress for the weather, i.e., if cold and windy wear layered wool clothing, warm hat and gloves, and outer wind protection, or good raingear if rain is forecast. Bring lunch and all the water you'll need since there are no potable water sources on the trail. Call Bob Brown at 352-7474 for further info.

**OCTOBER 22** - Program Meeting at Cumberland Museum. We will plan the 1993 Nashville Chapter hiking schedule. If you have a favorite trail but have never led a hike, please join us as Bob Barnett will talk about responsibilities of a hike leader and how to lead a hike. If you don't want to be volunteered for a hike without your knowledge, it might be a good idea to be there!



## WILLIAMS ISLAND DAY HIKE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Williams Island, 450 acres of fertile fields and bottomland hardwoods, lies just upstream from the entrance to the Tennessee River Gorge and is almost surrounded by dramatic views of Signal Mountain, Edwards Point, Raccoon Mountain, and Lookout Mountain. It was inhabited by native Americans from 14,000 BC to 1800 AD, and the fortified Mississippian era town Talimico was here when DeSoto's expedition passed through the Valley in 1540. It was also here, where the river narrows in its passage around the island, that Col. Donelson's brave little flotilla lost a flatboat with all its 28 occupants to hostile Chickamaugas.

The island was acquired by the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee River Gorge Trust (TRGT) in 1989, and it is managed by the Trust as an archeological and natural area and an invaluable educational resource. Immediately after the acquisition, TRGT executive director Graham Hawks began planning a 4-mile hiking trail around the periphery of the island to connect the archeological sites, a variety of ecological habitats, and scenic views. Trailwork proceeded rapidly this year under TRGT's director for stewardship and programs, Jim Brown, and it was completed in early September.

Williams Island Day will be TRGT's introduction of the island and the new trail system to the general public. Archeologist Lawrence Alexander, who has been conducting digs on the

island this summer with the help of Baylor School students, will interpret their findings at the sites. Hikers will be ferried to and from the island by pontoon boat. They may then hike a 2 1/2 mile loop that includes the dig sites, the south (upstream) point of the island, and about half of the west bank beneath Raccoon Mtn. or continue along the west bank past several old moonshine stills to the north point, which looks downstream into the mouth of the gorge, and back along the east bank to the end of the 4 mile loop.

The hike is rated easy. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time at Baylor School next to Radio Station WDOP. Enter Baylor School from U.S. 127 (between Red Bank and Signal Mtn.) and follow signs to meeting point. For details, call TRGT at 615-266-0314 or Bob Brown at 615-352-7474.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 1993

It's time to renew your TTA membership for 1993. Dues paid in October, November and December, 1992 will go through 1993. There is a membership form on Page 9 of this newsletter.



## ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

- 6:30 p.m. Friday      Pot Luck Supper in Lakeshore Lodge  
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- 8:00 a.m. Saturday    Breakfast (served by the Lodge staff)
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday    Hit the trails!
- 4:30 p.m. Saturday    General membership meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday    Supper (served by the Lodge staff)
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday    The Infamous TTA Auction

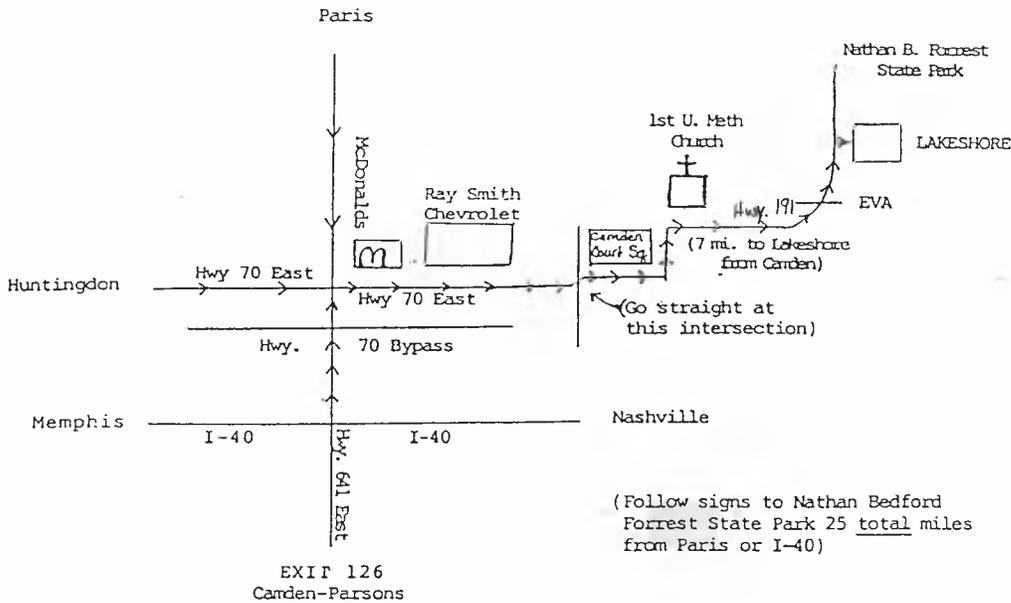
Since Saturday is Halloween, some spooky events are planned. Please feel free to dress as weird as you dare!

- 8:00 a.m. Sunday      Breakfast (served by the Lodge staff)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday      More hiking or head home

Note: A Board meeting will be held sometime Saturday or Sunday. Bob Barnett will get in touch with Board members ahead of time once he has had a chance to speak with the Memphis planners.

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### DIRECTIONS TO TTA ANNUAL MEETING



## OCTOBER HIKES & ACTIVITIES

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| <u>Chapter</u> |              |   |
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| 10/3           | Nashville    | Williams Island, Bob Brown 352-7474                                 |
| 10/3           | Cookeville   | Rose Cave, Bill Jones 526-5317                                      |
| 10/9           | Nashville    | Frozen Head S.P., Historic Rugby<br>Libby Francis 889-5718          |
| 10/10          | Nashville    | Natchez Trace Scenic Parkway, Bob Brown<br>352-7474                 |
| 10/17          | Memphis      | Tishomingo S.P., Debbie Gilbert 454-0613                            |
| 10/17          | Murfreesboro | North Rim Savage Gulf, Cathy Williams<br>893-7748                   |
| 10/17          | Clarksville  | Savage Gulf, Roger Greer 648-8769                                   |
| 10/24          | Cookeville   | Standing Stone S.P./Cooper Mountain,<br>Paul & Nora Miller 526-9252 |

### SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE PARK

(For more info, 924-2980)

|       |          |   |
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| 10/3  | 10:00 am | Raven Pt. Excursion, Meet at Visitor Center   |
| 10/4  | 10:00 am | Dog Hole Trail, Meet at Visitor Center  |
| 10/10 | 10:00 am | Fall Color Overnighter, Meet at Savage Gulf<br>Ranger Station                         |
| 10/10 | 10:00 am | Tom Pack Falls, Meet at Franklin State Forest<br>entrance                             |
| 10/10 | 3:30 pm  | Flavors of Fall, A Feast at Visitor Center  |
| 10/11 | 2:00 pm  | Indian Storyteller - Ayunnini II, Meet at<br>Laurel Gulf Overlook on Stone Door Trail |
| 10/11 | 3:00 pm  | Indian Pathways and the Great Stone Door  |
| 10/17 | 10:00 am | Gizzard Wizard Excursion, Meet at Visitor Ctr.  |
| 10/17 | 10:00 am | Sweden Cove Trail, Franklin State Forest  |
| 10/18 | 10:00 am | Lost Cove Cave Tour, Meet at Carter Natural Area                                      |
| 10/18 | 1:00 pm  | Small Wilds Excursion, Meet at Foster Falls   |
| 10/24 | 10:00 am | Rattlesnake Point Hike, Meet at Savage Gulf<br>Ranger Station                         |
| 10/25 | 10:00 am | Lake Hike, Meet at Grundy Lake Beach parking lot                                      |
| 10/25 | 2:00 pm  | Sassafras Beads Workshop at Visitor Center  |
| 10/31 | 3:00 pm  | Halloween Hay Ride at Visitor Center  |
|       | 4:00 pm  | Halloween Hay Ride at Visitor Center  |
| 10/31 | 7:00 pm  | Campfire Chillers at Visitor Center, Ghost stories<br>and night hike                  |

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### LOOK!

All TTA members who plan to visit the Memphis area between now and Christmas should be sure to stop at Agricenter International and see the exhibit about old-growth forests of the Pacific Northwest. Recently displayed at the Smithsonian Institution, the exhibit will go to Seattle after it leaves Memphis. It is shown here in conjunction with a second exhibit about bottomland hardwood forests of the South. Both are highly recommended for tree-lovers everywhere! For information, call 901-757-7777.

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