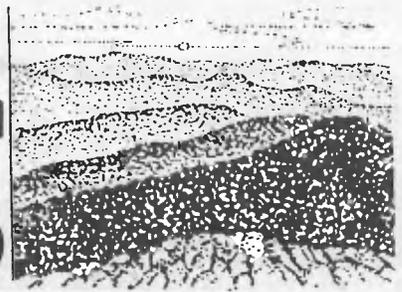


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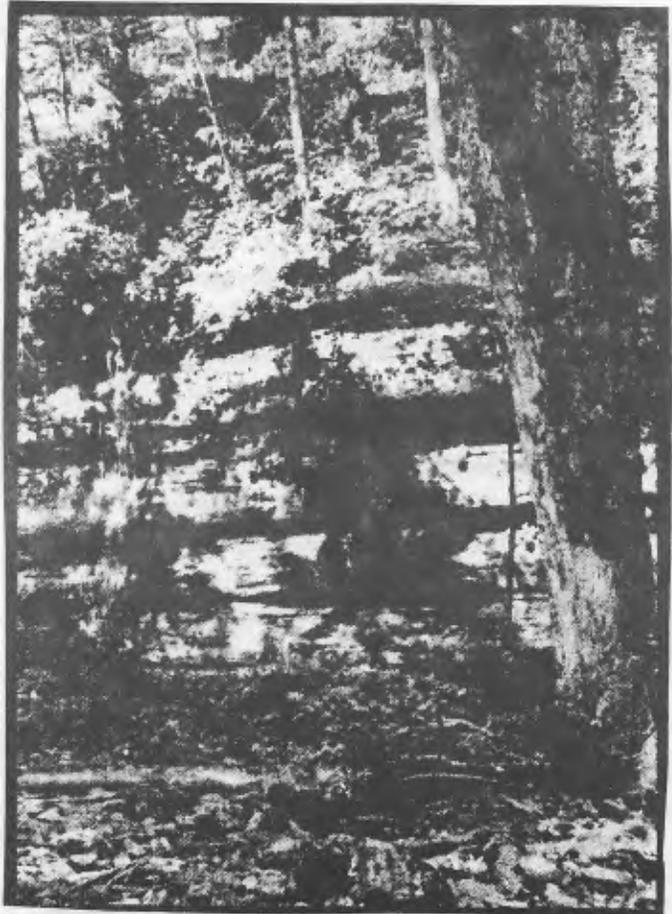


ESTABLISHMENT OF SHORT SPRINGS NATURAL AREA

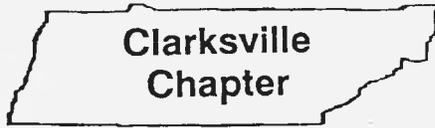
On August 16, 1993, a Short Springs Natural Area came close to realization when state officials purchased about 200 acres of the site from the city for \$153,150. Also, the city agreed to set aside 160 acres as a conservation easement to be part of the natural area. TVA has set aside 60 acres, bringing the total acreage to 420. This action culminates a 10-year effort by HPS and Dennis Horn of the Tennessee Native Plants Society to see the site preserved.

A rugged area on the edge of the Highland Rim, Short Springs contains several waterfalls and an especially rich collection of native wildflowers, some quite rare. The area has an interesting history: Thomas Busby was operating a mill there by 1830, early pioneer families owned land there, and later its attractions for tourists were touted.

It is expected that the State Legislature at its 1994 session will give the area its official designation as a State Natural Area. It will be managed jointly by HPS (Historical Preservation Society), the State, the City, and TVA. Tentative plans call for a spring hike on April 17 to celebrate the new Natural Area.



CHAPTER NEWS



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

APRIL 1-2 - Fall Creek Falls Overnight. Call Robert Alley 647-7960 or Wanda Cumberland 552-1956, 358-3338 for details.

APRIL 3 - Easter Egg Hunt at Wanda Cumberland's house.

APRIL 10 (SUNDAY) - Air Assault Trail at Ft. Campbell. Velinda Norton will lead a moderate 8 mile hike. Call Velinda at 645-1561 or Bessie Daniel 647-4837 for details.

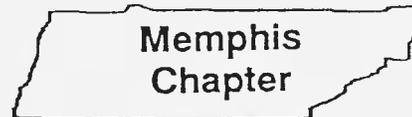
APRIL 17 (SUNDAY) - Radnor Lake with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Call Cathy Williams 893-7748, Bessie Daniel 647-4837 or Wanda Cumberland 552-1956, 358-3338.

APRIL 19 - Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 23-24 - Frozen Head State Park Wildflower Hike. Park officials will lead this hike. Call Bessie Daniel or Wanda Cumberland (numbers listed above) for details.

APRIL 30-MAY 1 - TBA. Would like to join the Nashville Chapter for a hike.

MAY 7-8 - Shiloh National Park Class I (overnight trip optional). Call William Brown 645-4680 or Manuel McKnight 358-2115.



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

APRIL 9 - Mousetail Landing State Park near Parsons, TN. Carpool at the church at 7 a.m. or meet at the park visitor center at 10 a.m. Trail is 8 miles with some strenuous hills. Bring lunch and lots of water. The friendly ranger there says the park didn't suffer much ice storm damage, so this should be a nice hike. For info, call Debbie Gilbert, 454-0613.

APRIL 23 - Monthly meeting. As a special program for Earth Day, the Memphis City Beautiful Commission will present a slide show on recycling and on efforts to keep our city clean and green.

APRIL 23 - Natchez Trace State Park near Wildersville, TN. Carpool at the church at 7:30 a.m. or meet at the visitor center at 9:30 a.m. We will shuttle cars to the big pecan tree, where the hike will start. The 8-mile trail is easy, and park officials say most of the fallen trees should be cleared by then. For info call Ken Novak 377-9127.

CHAPTER NEWS (CONT'D)

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APRIL 29-MAY 1 - Laurel Hill Vineyard on the Buffalo River, TN. Tired of crowded campgrounds? Here's our chance to have more than 2,000 acres of privately owned land all to ourselves. It's our annual camping trip to Ray Skinner's vineyard near Henryville, TN. Ray's section of the property includes a flat open area for camping, with an outhouse, picnic table, shed, and a supply of fresh water. Camping is available on Friday and Saturday nights. During the day we'll explore the land, which is crisscrossed with trails and logging roads. It overlooks an S-curve in the Buffalo River, and the elevation is high enough that there's mountain laurel, which should be in full bloom. There's also spring-fed streams, a fossil bed, a cave, and more natural wonders. There will be a carpool for this trip, so call Ray Skinner 725-0377, for directions. The

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Remember to call or write Mr. Elrod to thank him for use of the room!

--Paul D. Miller

APRIL 9-10 - Hiwassee Canoe Trip. Call Ron Ferrara 893-3515 for details.

APRIL 17 - Radnor Lake Wildflower Hike. Meet at 10:00 am Sunday at the East parking lot. This is a 4 1/2 mile moderate-to-strenuous hike, 2 miles of which will be through an area "carpeted" by beautiful wildflowers. We will also have an opportunity to see wildlife such as ducks and turtles. Radnor Lake is located in Nashville. From I-65 take Harding Place exit west. At the first traffic light (Franklin Pike) turn left and go 1 1/2 miles to the traffic light at Otter Creek Rd. Turn right and go about 1 mile to the east parking lot. Bring water and snacks. Call Cathy Williams at 893-7748 to preregister.



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

Blue Heron/Big South Fork. Call trip leader Bob Stephenson 672-4064 for date and hike details.

APRIL 16 OR 30 - Virgin Falls. Come join me at one of my favorite places to hike. It is an 8-mile hike that takes 6-8 hours, rated moderate to strenuous (easy going in but hard coming out). There are waterfalls, pretty overlooks, caves, and there should be beautiful wildflowers in bloom. We will meet at Hardee's in Lebanon at 6:30 am (For more information and to preregister, call

Jeannie Myers 860-0842. If the
lady's slippers are not blooming by April 16
we will do the hike on April 30. Call
Jeannie to confirm the date.

APRIL 28 - Program Meeting. Our very
special guest speaker this month will be a
Ranger from the Big South Fork National
River and Recreation Area. Howard Ray
Duncan is a lifelong resident of Fentress
County, and has spent most of his life
enjoying the beauty of this area. Some of us
have enjoyed Howard Ray's friendship on
many hiking and camping trips in this
spectacular area since 1981, and appreciate
his firsthand knowledge of its history and
lore.

For those who wish to meet and eat before
the meeting, we will be gathering at
Amerigo's (Italian cuisine) on the corner of
West End Ave. and 20th at 5:30 p.m. Any
questions, call Pat Anderson at 383-2355.
Our before-meeting dinner in February at
Gerst Haus was very, very good.

**TRIP REPORT
MONTGOMERY BELL WORK HIKE
FEB. 26, 1994**

What originally was scheduled as a
pre-Board meeting hike became a work party
when the damaging ice storm of 1994 closed
park hiking trails. An incredible 17
members participated in clearing fallen trees
from two heavily used trails, including the
Ore Pit Trail, covering about 3 miles. The
damage, even to hardwoods, was more
extensive than many of us would have first
thought, especially on the north-facing
slopes. It was a very productive morning,
one highly appreciated by the staff at
Montgomery Bell. I would like to thank Pat
Wright, Trails Ranger at Montgomery Bell,
for giving TTA an opportunity to help, and
thank and recognize all those members who,

on such short notice, lent a hand.

Clarksville Chapter

P.J. Castleberry
Wanda Cumberland
Bessie Daniel
Linda Hartsock
Eileen Hurt
Ann Lowe
J.R. Tate

Nashville Chapter

Bob & Arleen Barnett
Bob Brown & Mrs. Brown
Jim & Jenice Johnson
Alan Stokes
John Vaughn & friend Angie
Rob & Susan Weber

THANKS!! Rob Weber

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Cookeville at 9:30 am. Moderate 6 mile
hike. Call Paul & Nora Miller 526-9252.

APRIL 23 - Piney River. Meet at west side of Penney's in Cookeville at 8:00 am or Hardee's in Monterey at 8:30 am. There should be an abundance of wildflowers in bloom, different ones from last year. Moderate 12 miles. Call Paul D. Miller at 526-7927.

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

Twenty-four people initiated our new meeting place at First Union Bank. Bonnie Greene arranged with George Elrod, the bank's marketing manager, to use a community room. With plenty of tables, comfortable chairs, a stove, microwave, refrigerator, sink and restrooms, it was a pushover to get the group to approve meeting there again next month. There was even a podium for the chairman.

We discussed and voted on a number of issues and arranged a calendar of hikes through April. The two big issues discussed were our chapter's name change to the Upper Cumberland Chapter to better reflect the broad regional support in our membership; the other issue was the status of the Scott's Gulf area. The decision to change the chapter name was unanimous, as was a proposal to pursue the establishment of a park of some kind in the Scott's Gulf area. Both issues were brought before the TTA Board in February, with their endorsement.

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--Paul D. Miller

Wesley Roberts is a veteran teacher at Hillwood High School who was recently named Environmental Educator of the Year for Middle Tennessee by the Tennessee Environmental Education Association. This summer he will be sharing his love and knowledge of nature with high-schoolers on an extended trip in the western U.S. Call Wesley for more information on the trip at 269-7568.

MOVING?
SEND US YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME/S _____

NEW _____

_____zip_____

OLD _____

_____zip_____



APRIL HIKES AND ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-2	Clarksville	Fall Creek Falls, Robert Alley 647-7960
3	Clarksville	Easter Egg Hunt, Wanda Cumberland 552-1956
9	Upper Cumberland	Standing Stone S.P., Paul Miller 526-9252
9	Memphis	Mousetail Landing, Debbie Gilbert (901) 454-0613
10	Clarksville	Air Assault Trail Ft. Campbell, Velinda Norton 645-1561
9-10	Murfreesboro	Hiwassee Canoe Trip, Ron Ferrara 893-3515
16	Nashville	Virgin Falls, Jeannie Myers 860-0842
17	Murfreesboro	Radnor Lake Wildflower Hike, Cathy Williams 893-7748
23	Memphis	Natchez Trace S.P., Ken Novak (901) 377-9127
23	Clarksville	Shiloh Nat'l Battlefield, William Brown 645-4680
23	Upper Cumberland	Piney River, Paul D. Miller 526-7927
23-24	Clarksville	Frozen Head S.P., Bessie Daniel 647-4837
29-30	Memphis	Laurel Hill Vineyard, Ray Skinner (901) 725-0377
TBA	Nashville	Blue Heron/Big South Fork, Bob Stephenson 672-4064

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let me take a moment to tell you what I've seen...On an early, misty Sunday morning last weekend, I set out from our campsite to find a forgotten cemetery, now only a mark on a map that knows no road or trail. Wandering the ridge lines through old forests guarding the shores of Lake Barkley at Land Between the Lakes, I found myself on a bluff top overlooking an inlet of water. There, across the inlet, in the tallest hickory overlooking the mist running its course across the water, was a mature bald eagle. Never in my imagination could I conceive of such grandeur, such brilliance. I, like many others, have never seen a bald eagle in the wild. For those of you who have, I now understand your stories. Needless to say, I could only stare and wait for this most majestic bird to lift to the sky. Some things--you just keep with you.

Before I digress any further, I want to summarize our February Board meeting. TTA was fully represented by all chapters at the meeting and thanks to everyone for their participation. Cookeville's chair, Paul D. Miller, informed us their membership had voted to change their name to the Upper Cumberland Chapter to better represent themselves. Bob Barnett has tentatively scheduled the first Knoxville Chapter meeting for July 23rd at the University Student Center at U.T., and the 25th Anniversary Dinner for July 9th at Cumberland Mountain State Park. J.R. Tate of the Clarksville chapter says all is well for the Annual Meeting on November 3-5 at Happy Hill Acres in Clarksville. J.R. will also be hiking the A.T. again starting in April, and we wish him well. Look for his trail letters in future months.

We also voted on a 25th Anniversary TTA Logo, choosing a drawing by Alan Stokes, which will be made into a patch by the state and be available this fall. Other drawings by Alan Stokes and Kyoko Gainer were chosen, and can be used by the chapters for products if they desire. These drawings will be available for your inspection at your next chapter meeting. Our thanks to Alan and Kyoko. Our thanks also go out to our editor, Arleen Barnett, for her work

in preparing 25 years' worth of TTA artifacts, photos and newsletters for the State archives. Finally, a membership directory format was decided upon and will be available by this summer for a cost-covering fee of \$1.00. IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBER IN THE DIRECTORY, PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR AT P. O. BOX 41446, NASHVILLE, TN 37204 OR CALL (615) 832-6484.

Many other subjects were discussed and put forth, more than I can include here. Thanks to everyone who attended and welcome to new Board members: Nashville Chair Jeannie Myers, Upper Cumberland Chair Paul D. Miller, Murfreesboro Chairs David and Colette Dill, and Board representative Bessie Daniel from Clarksville.

Happy hiking!!

Rob Weber
President, TTA



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Unless you have a Lifetime Membership in the Tennessee Trails Association, your membership expires on January 1 of each year. All TTA memberships are based on the calendar year and not one year from the month you join.

Please register me as a member for the calendar year 1994 (Jan-Dec) with the type membership checked below:

_____ Student	\$ 6.00	MAIL DUES TO:
_____ Individual/Family	15.00	Tennessee Trails Assn.
_____ Supporting	\$30, \$40 or \$50	P. O. Box 41446
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Students do not have voting privileges. Supporting members may be organizations or individuals. Each organization should designate a representative to cast its vote and up to three addresses to receive the newsletter. Family dependent members do receive a separate newsletter.

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