



TTA 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1994 3:30 TILL ?

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

A meeting room has been reserved at the park lodge/restaurant for 3:30 p.m. We will gather to socialize from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and then eat the buffet dinner served at the park restaurant. Special guests of honor will be the founding members of the Tennessee Trails Association, officers and board members from 1968-1973. They will be receiving personal invitations to the Anniversary Dinner and the cost of their meals will be covered by TTA. **ALL** past and current TTA board members and officers are invited to the dinner, as well as the general membership, to honor the founding members, to celebrate TTA's 25th anniversary and to enjoy a beautiful state park. The cost of the meal is \$8.95 per person.

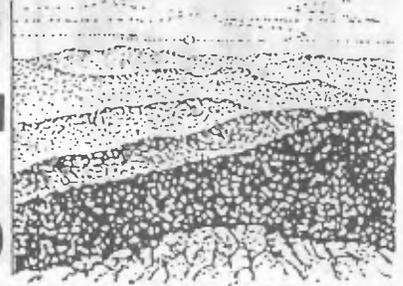
Please mail the reservation form below to reach the TTA Post Office Box no later than July 2. We have to give a head count by then to the park restaurant. If you have any questions, please call Arleen or Bob Barnett at 343-0013 (Arleen's work) or 832-6484 (h).

_____ Number of Dinner Reservations requested

Name(s) of attendees _____

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TENNESSEE TRAILS



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY WORK PARTY

- WHO:** TTA Volunteers
- WHAT:** Trail Maintenance and Repair
- WHEN:** Saturday, June 4th
- WHERE:** Big South Fork Recreational Area

Free camping at Bandy Creek Campground will be provided for all volunteers! If you are interested in joining the work party, call Rob Weber for more details at (615) 952-2949.

A Letter from the President,

Good news! It appears that the State is moving forward concerning the Pickett State Park acquisition. The Patton Corp., under both public and State pressure, has placed their development plans on hold and will be negotiating with the State. This process will, unfortunately, continue to be slow, but I look forward to the eventual addition of this land to Pickett. Although we must continue to be vigilant, the worst is probably behind us. Thanks to all who helped.

It's not too late to join our June 4th National Trails Day Work Party at the Big South Fork. We will be assisting the rangers in trail maintenance and repair. The Big South Fork has seen a large increase in usage over the last couple of years, yet their budget and personnel have been cut due to Washington downsizing. This is a fantastic opportunity for TTA to make a difference, and we welcome everyone to participate.

Lastly, our 2nd 1994 Board Meeting is coming up June 18th, and I welcome all members to attend. We are looking for fresh ideas and fresh minds--so join us.

Happy hiking!!

Rob Weber
TTA President

ATTENTION TTA BOARD MEMBERS: *The second meeting is still on for the afternoon of Saturday, June 18th at Franklin State Forest. There will be a 4-5 mile moderately easy hike of the North Rim Trail starting at 10:00 a.m., followed by an outdoor potluck picnic at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held after all the food is gone. We need everyone to bring a dish for the picnic; their own drinks; and something to sit on--lawn chairs. Lodging information was published in the May newsletter. To reach Franklin State Forest, take I-24 to the Monteagle Hwy 41A exit, go 2-3 miles west on 41A to Hwy 156. Take Hwy 156 south about 6-7 miles to the Forest. All activities will take place at a cabin at the entrance to the Forest, which is on the right side of the road. Look for a TTA sign. Looking forward to seeing everyone!*

Long Hunter to Get Funds For More Land

by Sandy Bryer, Staff Writer, News Beacon

A bond authorization sponsored by Senator Robert Rochelle for \$2.5 million for the purchase and development of additional acreage adjacent to Long Hunter State Park passed the House and Senate in April.

"We knew there was a large tract of land next to the park being considered for residential development and I felt it was wise for the state to purchase the property in light of what happened at Savage Gulf," explained Rochelle. "I was first contacted by Mike Cole, manager at Long Hunter State Park." There are 220 acres there which have been lying dormant. Although the property does not actually touch the lake, it is considered core property between the lake and Long Hunter State Park. A concern had arisen that if this property were to be developed as residential, people would constantly be going across the park property to reach the lake, thereby causing problems with the present operation of the park. This land purchase will give Long Hunter a significant amount of land for additional conservation and recreational development.

TTA Vice President Bob Barnett wrote Senator Rochelle a letter on behalf of Long Hunter State Park in March at Park Manager Mike Cole's request. That letter was intended to give Senator Rochelle leverage and support to seek the legislation and funds necessary to purchase this land, which Senator Rochelle has succeeded in doing. Please write a personal letter to thank Senator Rochelle at:

Senator Robert Rochelle
148 Public Square
Lebanon, TN 37087

or CALL WITH THANKS AT
(615) 444-2611

NEW CHAPTER MEETING JULY 23, KNOXVILLE

TTA was born in East Tennessee and the 25th Anniversary year is a good time for a rebirth of TTA in East Tennessee.

East Tennesseans in the Knoxville, Oak Ridge, and Norris area, let's start your own TTA chapter. Bob Barnett has reserved a meeting room at the UT Student Center at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. The meeting shouldn't last more than 1 1/2 hours and then we will adjourn to a nearby restaurant for supper. Come for the planning and stay for the fun and frivolity. Call Bob or Arleen at 832-6484 (h) or 343-0013 (Arleen's work) during June for more details and if you can help with local publicity in your area.



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FUND

1994 LEGISLATIVE RESULTS

Prepared by Pam Wolfe

- * The passage of SB 2435/HB 2130, the first of our two bills to fund the Watchable Wildlife Project of 1994, an initiative promoted by EAF, TCL, and TWRA. This bill will establish a special license plate for nongame species. The projected revenue to be generated is around \$125,000 annually and will be deposited into the Watchable Wildlife Endowment Fund managed by TWRA.

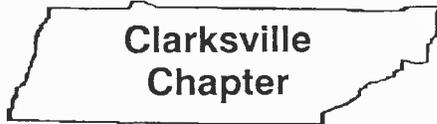
- * The passage of a \$100,000 appropriation for the Watchable Wildlife Project of 1994. This appropriation replaced our primary funding bill, SB 2435/HB 2132, which would have provided a stable ongoing source of funds for this project. Though the legislature chose not to pass our funding bill this year, this appropriation will help to start the program and it is a result of the overwhelming support for this initiative. Certainly enough legislative support has been generated for this initiative this year for us to seek a stable funding source next year during a more receptive General Assembly, if we choose to do so.

- * Tennessee Flora Atlas Project appropriation amendment. Once again we secured the \$12,000 to be appropriated from the General Fund to continue work on the State Flora Atlas, which is scheduled to be completed for the Tennessee Bicentennial Celebration.

- * EAF also became actively involved in the effort to promote a more aggressive commitment by the Dept. of Environment and Conservation and the Division of Forestry to pursue acquisition of the 8,000 acres adjacent to Pickett State Forest. The latest report is that the Department is moving forward aggressively with this acquisition and is committed to the project. We are continuing to monitor the process.

Note from the Editor: For those of you who are not aware, Tennessee Trails Association is a member organization of the Environmental Action Fund and has representatives who attend the quarterly meetings. Dues from member organizations and individuals help support Pam Wolfe's lobbying efforts in the legislature on behalf of the environment and trails in Tennessee.

CHAPTER NEWS



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

JUNE 25 - Long Hunter State Park. Call Wanda Cumberland 552-1956.

Trip Report Trail of Tears, March 19

Carl Gadsey and James Neblett led a group of 20 hikers out to Port Royal to gather some history of the Trail of Tears and to explore many trails in the area. Eileen and I learned of a bachelor (possibly eligible) who owns hundreds of acres in the area open for hiking. We will be exploring that area again real soon! Thanks to Paul Smith and friend Angela for joining our tour and having lunch with us at the Port Royal Country Store. We sat and visualized the Cherokee being forced to cross the river on the Trail of Tears.

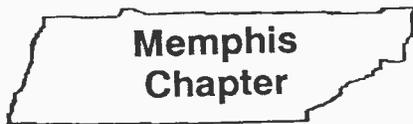
-Wanda Cumberland

News from J.R. "Model T" Tate on the Appalachian Trail -- 4/18/94

"Well, this old "Model-T" is still chugging up hills and coasting down, always moving northward. I'm taking a rest day here at Fontana awaiting a food drop pickup in the morning. Then I'll head into the Smokies sometime late tomorrow morn. Beautiful shelter here--right on edge of the lake looking toward the Smokies. The weather has been something to behold. Rain 3 out of 4 days and 1/2" ice one morning. This is my 13th day on the AT and I'm at mile 164 from Springer. Knees a little sore after getting through the Stecoahs but not swollen. Can't believe all the food I'm already consuming. Meeting some really interesting people out here. Give my best to TTA friends. Write and take care.

--J.R. Tate

A listing of mail/food drops for J.R. was in the May newsletter. He would love to hear from you.



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

JUNE 11 - Harpeth River Canoe Trip. Rated as an easy (Class I) canoe trip for beginners and intermediate paddlers. A beautiful, scenic and rustic river.

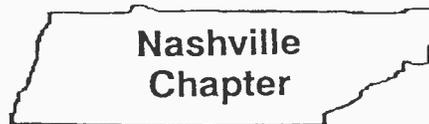
Water level depends on the last rainfall. No shuttle is involved since the put-in is about 200 yards from the take-out on this horseshoe-shaped section of river. Hope to see the Montgomery Bell diversion tunnel built in 1819 in the area called the Narrows.

Meet at the campground in Montgomery Bell State Park on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. Canoe rental is available at Tip-A-Canoe (that's a real confidence builder!) on Hwy 70 in White Bluff.

Call trip leader Paul Goldstein at (901) 276-2824 for further information and any possible changes. This will be the only outing by the Memphis Chapter in June. Anyone wanting to come up Friday night, let me know and I will see if I can reserve a campsite for you.



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



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

Bob Stephenson listed a hike on the annual hike schedule at either Roan Mountain or in the Smokies for June. Call Bob at 672-4064 for the dates and location and further details, if you are interested.

JUNE 4 - National Trails Day and Bob Barnett's 4th Annual 39th Birthday Celebration. Believe it or not, Bob's birthday is June 4th, which corresponds with National Trails Day. Despite rumors to the contrary, Bob did not lobby on behalf of the June 4th designation of National Trails Day.

Some of you may not be able to travel as far as the Big South Fork for the TTA trail maintenance/camp-out scheduled there, so here is an alternative closer to home. Bob and Arleen will celebrate his 4th Annual 39th Birthday on and off the trail.

First there will be a clean-up and trail maintenance hike at Long Hunter State Park. Meet at the park office at 10:00 am and bring lunch, lots of water, work gloves and a willingness to work.

Around 3:00 pm we will be heading to the Hwy 109 exit of I-40 East to swim at LaGuardo Recreation Area on Old Hickory Lake.

The real celebration will start after we head to Manuel's Cajun Restaurant for food, cajun

music and Les Bon Temps Rouller (To let the good times roll). Manuel's is in Milton (rural Rutherford County).

In lieu of cards or presents, Bob asks that those attending make small donations to the new Rails to Trails group forming in Tennessee, TRAC (Tennessee Rails to Trails Advisory Council). Call Arleen at 343-0013 (days) or Bob at 832-6484 (evenings) for more details.

CHANGE-CHANGE-CHANGE!!

JUNE 23 - Chapter meeting will not be held at the Cumberland Museum. Meet at 7:30 pm at the Warner Parks Nature Center on Hwy 100 just west of Old Hickory Blvd. Weather permitting, Ranger Deb Beasley will first lead a short walk to acquaint us with a new viewing platform in its final stage of construction, before she presents the night's program inside the Warner Museum building. Deb is an expert on the park's trails, flora and fauna, and plans to share some of her beautiful slide photography with us. Bring your families and friends along to enjoy this meeting.

For those who wish to meet and eat before the meeting, join us at Shoney's in Belle Meade at 5:30 pm. Any questions, call Pat Anderson 383-2355.

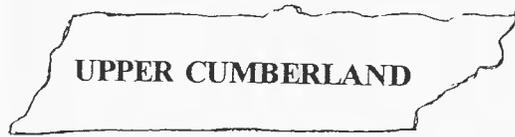


Trip Report Appalachian Trail, Easter

A backpack trip over Easter weekend was blessed with perfect weather and very pleasant company. Six hikers from Nashville and Murfreesboro drove to Murphy, NC for a 25-mile, 3-night and 4-day loop on the AT through the Nantahala Wilderness. Richard Connors, H.O.E. (hike organizer extraordinaire), Diane Scher, Amber and Eric Doig, Jill Smith and myself hiked out of Standing Indian campground on the Long Branch Trail and soon reached the AT, spending our first night at Big Springs shelter. A freezing night turned into a glorious day and we climbed a fire tower for beautiful views, then continued another 7-8 miles more to the Carter Gap shelter. That evening Richard and I hiked back up the trail (without packs!) to take pictures and watch the sunset from atop Standing Indian Mtn, over 5,000 ft. elevation. On Easter Sunday we left the AT and hiked down the beautiful Kimsey Creek Trail and back to our trucks.

Richard will have had his slides developed by now, Amber will have had the skunk washed out by now, Diane will have given away all those raisins (we hope!), Eric will have gotten his cheeseburger, Jill hopefully has gotten over her soreness, and I'm very glad I went and hope to return to the AT soon.

--Nina Fitzgerald



Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the First Union Bank on Hwy 111 in Sparta at 6:30.

JUNE 7 - Chapter meeting.

JUNE 11 - Waterloo Water Hike. Meet at west side of J.C. Penney's in Cookeville at 10:00 am. This is a water hike and we will be walking through water. Call Janet Kolesnikow at 839-3485.

JUNE 25 - Waterfall Hike. Meet at Burgess Falls State Natural Area at 10:00 am. Easy. Hike leaders: David & Carol Anderson.

Notes from May Chapter Meeting

If you missed the May meeting, you really missed something. If you were there, you know what I'm talking about. It was great! Thirteen of us gathered on a miserable damp evening at First Union Bank. Maybe not a good evening for a cookout? Wrong! The rain had stopped and the misty swirls that clung to Lost Creek Cove as we drove to Ross Cardwell's cabin just added to the mysterious beauty of the evening. It made the toasty fire roaring in the fireplace much more inviting. We all took a short hike up to Ross' upper villa to see the view--magical.

Back down at the cabin I tried, pretty much in vain, to conduct a business meeting. We resolved unanimously to make First Union

Bank and Bowater Southeast Division honorary local chapter members, entitling them to free newsletters. After a brief review of the hike schedule, I succumbed to the fun going on and roasted hot dogs and indulged in tater salad, beans, slaw, homemade chips and salsa, homemade cookies and roasted marshmallows. We learned that one wall of Ross' cabin was built with poplar planks from Abe Lincoln's cousin's home.

As if this was not enough fun, we then packed into the cars and drove down to Lost Creek Cove where Ross had obtained permission for us to go on the set of the Jungle Book movie being filmed there. We hiked down to the falls and played our flashlights up and down the roaring water. Then we broke into 2 groups. Bonnie, Pam, Nora and Judy went on a nighttime wildflower walk, identifying 5-10 blooming varieties. Ross led Paul R., myself, Brenda, Ethelene, Jim, Patty, Jeff, Gwen and Ruth Ann into Lost Creek Cave, past the 2-story styrofoam lion guarding the entrance and the styrofoam boulders placed there by the movie company, and on to the falls about 1/4 mile within.

Paul R. stopped just short of the final passage to the falls as there was a lot of mud. But the 8 of us who continued on huddled in awe on a large rock at the base of the falls. We all got a lot damper and dirtier than we thought we would. Brenda slipped and fell down 4 times, getting a few more bumps and bruises than she thought she would. But the exhilarating feeling standing together in the spray at the base of the falls made it all worthwhile. It's a little exciting to consider that those falls are down there now, still rumbling in the darkness. What a night!

--Paul Miller

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
----- Life	150.00	Nashville, TN 37204

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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Mail dues, address changes/corrections, and membership applications to:
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Newsletter submissions due by 15th of the month to Arleen Barnett, Newsletter Editor

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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