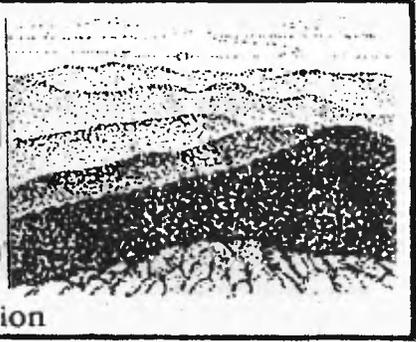


TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



Pickett Land Acquired!! Thanks to Governor McWherter, the State Representatives, and all TTA members who helped in this great achievement. --Rob Weber, President

State Given Title to 5,000 Acre Expansion of Pickett State Forest by Larry Daughtrey August 8, 1994, The Tennessean

State officials accepted title yesterday for a 5,000-acre expansion of Pickett State Forest in Fentress County in northeast Middle Tennessee.

The land, in some of Tennessee's most remote and rugged mountain territory, will be added to the existing 11,000 acres of Pickett State Forest, which also contains a state park.

The land is bordered on the east by the Big South Fork National Recreation Area.

Management of the property will be shared by the Forestry Division of the Dept. of Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency.

The property was donated to the state by the Richard King Mellon Foundation, a private philanthropic organization based in Pittsburgh.

The Conservation Fund, a national non-profit organization, handled the negotiations and acquisition from Stearns Coal Co.

It is the same property that a Florida developer, Patton Corp., has proposed subdividing as hunting tracts. However, that company's option to buy the land expired.

State forester, Ken Arney, said his division will begin evaluating the new land to develop a management plan.

The state has owned the existing Pickett State Forest property since 1933, when it was donated by Stearns Coal Co.



TTA September Board Meeting

When: After the hike on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 10; around 2:30 pm, to be followed by a potluck dinner.

Where: At a cabin we have rented at Pickett State Park.

Hike: We will meet at 9 am Saturday at Pickett State Park main entrance to hike the Pickett acquisition land, to be led by Ranger Howard Ray Duncan. Don't miss this!

Notes: The cabin is available for the nights of Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10. It sleeps 8??? folks--so call me early (615) 952-2949). The cabin rents at \$80 per night and we will divide the cost. Please bring a dish for the Saturday potluck!! You are responsible for all other meals.

Agenda:

1. TTA Award/Bill Stutz Award
2. Bylaw Change--Membership Director
3. 94/95 Annual Meetings
4. TTA patches/T-shirts/pins
5. 95 Board Nominations
6. Knoxville Chapter

As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

-Rob Weber, President

GREENWAYS SYMPOSIUM SEPT. 8-9, NASHVILLE

To learn more about greenways and Nashville's plans for their implementation, you are invited to attend an information-packed conference on Sept. 8-9 sponsored by the Metro Greenways Commission with assistance from the Gala Fund of the Nashville Community Foundation, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, Tennessee Environmental Council and Tennessee Trails Association. Nationally recognized speakers and local greenway leaders will explain the many uses and benefits of greenways, where and how greenways can be created, and

current projects and planning initiatives.

In addition, conference participants will be asked to help establish greenway priorities and goals and volunteer to help in development of a countrywide greenways master plan. For more information or to register (\$15) for the symposium, contact Shain Dennison, Greenways Director, Metro Parks, (615) 862-8400.

--Bob Brown

1994 TTA ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 4-6, WOODLAWN, TN HAPPY HILLS ACRES

The Clarksville Chapter is host for this year's meeting. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Full details of hikes and activities planned will be published in the October newsletter. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1.

BIG CREEK BACKPACK IN THE SMOKIES

Oct. 19-23 (Wed-Sun). Autumn in the Smokies is a glorious time to do this loop. The Big Creek watershed is bounded on the north by Mt. Cammerer and the main crest of the Smokies, on the south by Mt. Sterling ridge, and on the west by Mt. Guyot (6,621 ft) and Balsam Mtn. After a 5-hour drive from Nashville on Wed., we will camp at the trailhead in Big Creek primitive campground. Thursday morning we will start out on the Baxter Creek trail and gain 4,000 ft. elevation in the first 6 miles. At this point is the Mt. Sterling firetower with panoramic views. We'll continue on and spend the first night at Laurel Gap shelter. The second day will be less strenuous when we'll hike to Tricorner Knob shelter on the AT. The third day we'll continue to the Cosby Knob shelter and Sun. we'll return to our vehicles via the AT. Total hiking distance is about 35 miles. Limit 8 people. For more details, call Nina Fitzgerald 228-9188.

TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 1994 ANNUAL MEETING
Friday Nov. 4 through Sunday Nov. 6, 1994
Happy Hills Acres, Woodlawn, TN
(No alcohol allowed-No smoking in buildings)

LODGING: Cabins: (separate cabins, communal bathhouse for cabins, bring own linens and pillows)
6 cabins available, sleep up to 8 persons
Most have bunk beds
(\$8 per person per night) \$ _____
Some have a double bed in addition to bunk beds
(\$8 per person per night) \$ _____

Lodge: (individual rooms, communal bath down the hall, bring own linens and pillows)
Double bed
(\$8 per person per night) \$ _____
Some have bunk beds in addition to a double bed
(\$8 per person per night) \$ _____

Dorm: (bunk beds, communal bath, bring own linens and pillows)
\$8 per person per night \$ _____

Camping: \$4 per person per night \$ _____

MEALS: Friday p.m. potluck (tea & coffee provided)
\$20 per person for 3 meals - 2 breakfast (Sat. & Sun. mornings) and supper on Saturday \$ _____
(Lunch: Bring your own, or use surrounding facilities)

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$2 per person (covers whole meeting/weekend) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

NAME(S): _____ **PHONE:** _____

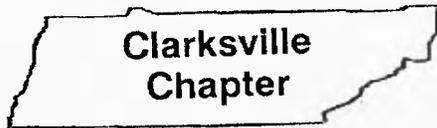
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TTA, CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1
Bring an item for the auction

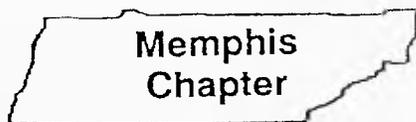
MAIL TO: Mr. J.R. Tate
4713 Chester Harris Rd.
Woodlawn, TN 37191

CHAPTER NEWS



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

SEPT. 24 - HONEY CREEK HIKE. Big South Fork, Class III, Day or Overnight. Call David Higginbottom 289-3943.



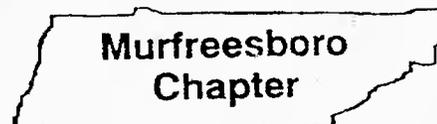
Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Scout Building at Kingsway Church.

SEPT. 15 - MONTHLY MEETING. The first meeting of the hiking season is always "What I did on my summer vacation" night, so bring your photographs and your memories. Otherwise, you'll have to listen to Debbie Gilbert ramble on about her hikes in Olympic National Park and brag about her visit to the Northern Exposure sets.

SEPT. 24 - VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK. near Forrest City, Ark. Carpool

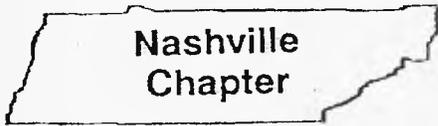
at 8 am at Kingsway, or meet us at the park's interpretive center at 9:30 am. The hike can be 5 miles or up to 8 miles, depending on which route you take, and there are some steep hills (this park sits on Crowley's Ridge, remember). Bring lunch and plenty of water. For more info, call Julie Barham, (901) 452-0085.

OCT. 8 - BIG HILL POND STATE PARK. near Pocahtonas, TN. Carpool at church at 7:30 am. Hike starts at park boat dock at 9:30. Boots recommended because low areas might be wet. Loop trail is 8 miles on mostly moderate terrain--but they don't call it "big hill" for nothing. Panoramic views guaranteed from the 73-foot fire tower, where we usually stop for lunch. For more info, call Debbie Gilbert (901) 454-0613.



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

SEPT. 22 - PROGRAM MEETING. We will meet at the Cumberland Science Museum at 7:30 pm to see some special slides from England brought back by Judith Foster on her recent trip. This will be a program to remember so bring a friend. Any questions, call Charlie Hahn, 941-1503.



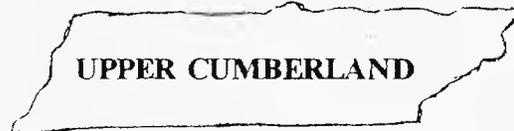
Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at Cumberland Science Museum.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 - PICKETT STATE PARK LAND ACQUISITION HIKE.

Howard Ray Duncan, Ranger at Big South Fork, has agreed to lead TTA on a hike of this newly acquired land. Since Ranger Duncan grew up in these hills, his knowledge and history of the land ought to make this quite an outing. Meet at the Pickett State Park main entrance at 9 am. Bring a lunch, good boots, and plenty of fluids. Call Rob Weber at 952-2949.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 - AFTER WORK HIKE FOR THE AUTUMN EQUINOX AT LONG HUNTER STATE PARK.

Walk away your workday stress on two easy hikes. Meet Bob at 5:30 pm at the Couchville Lake parking lot adjacent to the Lake Trail on Tuesday, Sept. 20. We will hike the 2-mile Lake Trail and then the 1-mile Inland Trail. Please preregister by calling Bob or Arleen Barnett at (615) 832-6484. Afterwards, we will meet for supper at Chicken Real at the Mt. Juliet exit of I-40.



Meets the first Tuesday of each month at First Union Bank in Sparta.

We had a record turnout for an August meeting with 22 people. Thanks to all for coming and thanks to Bonnie for having us all. As at the July meeting, we had grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and even some steaks. Pam took a lot of teasing about not making homemade ice cream until she said she had Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen. They went quickly. There were several bean dishes, and a wonderful squash casserole and lot of leftovers. If you did not come, you should have.

We planned some hikes for September at Pickett State Park and Clifty Creek and fielded suggestions for Daddy's Creek, more hikes at Pickett and Frozen Head. Bonnie reported on arrangements for CPR classes on Sept. 19-20, 6-9 pm. At \$5 a head, it will be a bargain. Call Bonnie for details. Nora spoke briefly on the Sierra Club and I agreed to try and arrange a visit from a Sierra Club representative.

I solicited membership in a Friends of Greene group to be formed soon with the idea of coming up with a plan to protect our use and enjoyment of the area around Virgin Falls, Wilson Ridge and Lost Creek. Expect more on this at future meetings. Our annual meeting committee had no news to report yet. I gave brief reports on the July hikes. Dr. Mitchell wrapped things up with an informative and very effective talk about snake bites. Thanks Dr. Mitchell!

Attending the meeting were me (I cycled from Cookeville and could barely stand), Pam, Willa, Marnell, Cliff and Barbra Phifer (great casserole), Jeff and Patty Marquis (congratulations!), Ethelene, Tom Kelly and his friend Dan Lees, Bill Jones, Paul and Nora, Judy, Edward and Juanita Oliver, Ruth Anne Henry, Nancy Stone, Denise, Betty Bispham and our hostess Bonnie Greene.

--Paul D. Miller

**SOUTH CUMBERLAND
RECREATION AREA
SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES**

(615) 924-2980

- Sept. 2, 5:00 pm, Raven Point Sunset
- Sept. 3, 10:00 am, Meadow Trail Wildflower Walk
- Sept. 3, 1:00 pm, Little Gizzard Aquatic Critter Scramble
- Sept. 4, 10:00 am, Great Stone Door Hike
- Sept. 4, 10:00 am, Greeter Gulf Rock Hop
- Sept. 10, 4:00 pm, Small Wilds Sunset
- Sept. 16, 12 noon, Lone Rock Trail Tour
- Sept. 17, 9:00 am, Big Creek Rim and Gulf Tour
- Sept. 18, 11:00 am, Little Gizzard Creek Wade

- Sept. 18, 1:00 pm, Panther Hollow Bike Ride
- Sept. 23, 5:00 pm, Raven Point Sunset
- Sept. 24, 12 noon, Lone Rock Trail Tour
- Sept. 24, 2:00 pm, Natural Bridge Walk
- Sept. 24, 6:00 pm, Night Prowl

We received the following note card from Mary Elizabeth Bagenstoss, wife of Herman Bagenstoss, in response to inviting her to attend TTA's 25th Anniversary Dinner.



Dear Barnetts,
 Thank you for letting me know about the 25th anniversary of Tennessee Trails Association and your kind invitation to attend the meeting at Cumberland State Park.
 I regret that I could not be with all of you but I had a house full of out of State guests. It would have been so good to visit with old friends. I hope Evan and Virginia make it were able to be present.
 Please keep me on your mailing list I continue to be interested in all of Herman's interests.
 I hope you will stop by and see me when you visit South Cumberland Recreation Area.
 7/28/94
 Mary Elizabeth Bagenstoss

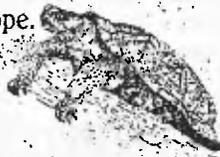
Warner Park Nature Center

1994 Fall Schedule

Look to this day,
For yesterday is already a dream
And tomorrow only a vision
But today
Well lived, makes every
Yesterday a dream of

Happiness and every tomorrow
A vision of hope.
Look well
Therefore to
This day.

—Author Unknown



Every day is a good day to spend in the Warner Parks, and the cool colorful autumnal season has arrived once more. Take a hike, observe and enjoy nature from the new platform on the Hungry Hawk Trail, or call 352-6299 to sign up for a fun fall program.

Showered With Flowers	Thursday, September 8 7-9 p.m.	Registration opens August 25 Age level: Adults	Through slides enjoy a myriad of our fall bloomers and realize why they are much more than just roadside weeds. <i>Leader: Deb Beazley</i>
Seeds and Me	Tuesday, September 13 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Registration opens August 30 Age level: 3 to 5 years	Little naturalists will learn how seeds develop, how they get around, and how much fun seeds can be. <i>Leaders: Judy Dulin and Lee Patrick</i>
Fall Wildflower Rambles	Friday, September 16 Saturday, September 17 9 a.m.-Noon	Registration opens September 2 Age level: Adults	Fall wildflowers are just as colorful as fall foliage! Enjoy learning folklore, uses, and identification of these often overlooked weeds. NOT! <i>Leaders: Sandy Bivens and Deb Beazley</i>
Night Hike	Monday, September 19 7-9 p.m.	Registration opens September 6 Age level: Adults and children 8 years and up	Experience the cool fall evenings in the Warner Parks. Nighttime sights and sounds may include bats, owls, raccoons, and crickets. Wear dark clothing! <i>Leaders: Judy Dulin and Lee Patrick</i>
Watchable Wildlife Environmental Educators Workshop	Saturday, September 24 9-4 p.m.	Please call to register Age level: Adults	A fabulous workshop for teachers and other youth leaders interested in learning and teaching about Tennessee wildlife. You will receive a notebook full of information and activities related to our native flora and fauna and also a copy of the new Tennessee Wildlife Viewing Guide. Plus many more freebies! <i>Leader: Dr. Mary Ball, Carson Newman College</i>
Fall Birding	Thursday, September 29 Saturday, October 1 8-11 a.m.	Registration opens September 8 Age level: Adults	Beginners and experts are invited to a morning of birding in the Warner Parks. We'll use our eyes and ears to identify the variety of fall species that are here year-round and the ones that are just passing through. <i>Leader: Sandy Bivens</i>
Bird Banding Day	Friday, September 30 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Group registration required Age level: All ages	How long do birds live? Where do they go in the winter? Will they come back to the same area next year? What route do they take and how long will it take them? These are just a few of the questions that bird banding research tries to answer. Stop by any time today and see a bird and banding in person. <i>Bander: Sandy Bivens</i>
Discover the Nature Center Day	Saturday, October 1 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Registration not required Age level: All ages	Today's the day to discover or explore the center and the park. Staff and volunteer naturalists will be at your service to answer questions and talk to you about the park. Stop by anytime or sign up for one of the fun programs scheduled on this special day.
Rise Early	Saturday, October 1 6:30-8 a.m.	Registration opens September 16 Age level: Adults	Watch Earth arise as Sun rises and quietly gaze upon nature from the new observation platform in Edwin Warner Park. <i>Leader: John Hardcastle, Friends of Warner Parks</i>
Creating a Backyard Habitat	Saturday, October 1 9-10:30 a.m.	Registration opens September 16 Age level: Adults	Wildlife need food, water, and shelter to survive. Learn the best way to provide these things in Middle Tennessee. Also, receive a backyard habitat registration packet and put your little wildlife refuge on the national register. <i>Leaders: Lee Patrick and Judy Dulin</i>
Wheeling Through Warner	Saturday, October 1 9-11 a.m.	Registration opens September 16 Age level: Adults	Feel the wind in your face as we cycle through Edwin Warner Park for a morning of two-wheeled fun! Cyclists should bring water on this moderate 3-4 mile ride. <i>Leader: Margo Farnsworth</i>
Natchez Trace Historical Walk	Saturday, October 1 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Registration opens September 16 Age level: Adults	For over two decades it was the most significant highway of the old Southwest. It was an avenue of exploration, warfare, trade, settlement, and development. Take a walk down the "trace" and see history come alive. <i>Leader: Bob Brown, Friends of Warner Parks</i>



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Unless you have a lifetime membership in TTA, your membership expires on January 1 of each year. All TTA memberships are based on the calendar year and not 1 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	6.00	MAIL DUES TO:
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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 3 addresses to receive the newsletter.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
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