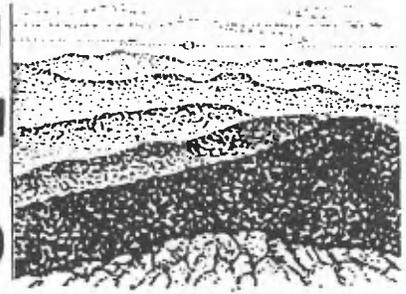


# TENNESSEE TRAILS

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



## Scott's Gulf Is At Risk!

### A. The Current Situation:

1. One Property owner, Bridgestone Tire and Rubber, holds approximately 15,000 acres.
2. Bridgestone has received a bid on the property from the Doyle Lumber Company of Grand Rapids Michigan.
3. Sources say the Doyle Lumber Company has plans to do a limited timber harvest, graze cattle, build a hunting lodge and open an exclusive hunting club.
4. Bridgestone is still considering Doyle's offer.
5. The property is still for sale.
6. The property in question completely encircles Bowater's Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness.
7. The property in question borders land adjacent to Lost Creek Cave and waterfalls, featured in the recent Disney film, The Jungle Book.

### B. Scott's Gulf Features and Resources:

1. Scott's Gulf's proximity to Fall Creek Falls State Park and the Bledsoe State Forest creates a natural green-belt of over 50,000 acres.
2. The Gulf can be viewed from about a dozen accessible scenic overlooks.
3. The Gulf area provides watershed and vistas for Bowater's popular Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness.
4. There are several waterfalls and cascades in each mountain stream feeding into the Gulf.
5. Hikers enjoy the Gulf's abundance of scenic destinations and native wildflowers.
6. There are fifteen to twenty miles of run-able wild river on the Caney Fork in Scott's Gulf.
7. There is good fishing in the Gulf.
8. The Gulf provides plentiful habitat for turkey, grouse, squirrel, deer and other native game animals.

9. The Gulf contains numerous caves.
10. Several caves are home to populations of the endangered Gray, Indiana, and Eastern Small-footed Bats.
11. The Gulf is home to several rare plant species and the endangered Cumberland Rosemary.
12. The Peregrine Falcon is among a list of five endangered birds species in the Gulf.
13. A more complete list of endangered plant and animal species in the Gulf is being developed.
14. The Gulf area already has several miles of fire lanes and logging roads, most accessible by two-wheel-drive car.
15. Scott's Gulf is networked with many miles of developed trails, used by hikers, mountain bikers and ATV's.
16. The Scott's Gulf area has the potential to become a top recreational destination in Tennessee.

C. Scott's Gulf History:

1. The Gulf has been historically used as a community recreation area.
2. The Gulf is a place of scenic beauty, named the "Grand Canyon of the South" by a nineteenth century visitor.
3. The Gulf contains numerous points of archeological interest, including Indian Petroglyphs.
4. The Gulf contains many points of historical significance, including a number of old cemeteries and home sites.
5. The Gulf was under consideration as a state recreation area in 1964, with Senator Albert Gore, Senior in attendance at one meeting.
6. Plans for the park were abandoned in 1968 when Firestone announced intentions to buy the property with a plan to conserve its pristine beauty and build a wilderness resort for Firestone employees.

D. Why Action Must Be Taken:

1. The land could be posted, eliminating access to the Gulf by the people of the area. This has already happened to 3000 acres of land in Scott's Gulf.
2. A hunting club in the Gulf may be stocked with non-native wild animals, which would be difficult to contain in the rugged terrain.
3. The Gulf may be clear-cut, eliminating the desire for access by the people who now enjoy it and spoiling any possibility of tourist development within our lifetimes.
4. Erosion from intensive logging could cause siltation in the Caney Fork River, which drains into Center Hill Lake.
5. A timber cut will happen once in a generation. Tourist income will be continuous, year after year.

E. What Has Been Done:

1. Several hundred man-hours have been invested by the members and associates of the Scott's Gulf Committee of the Upper Cumberland Chapter of the Tennessee Trails Association to develop this Fact Sheet, investigate and prepare a map of the Bridgestone property, lead hikes into the area to explore the trails and verify the features, prepare a slide presentation and coordinate this effort to save the area for our community.
2. Local legislators and civic leaders have been made aware of the possible benefits that will be lost to the community if the sale to the Doyle Lumber Company is allowed to take place.
3. The public is being alerted.
4. Petitions are being circulated and signed.
5. Fact Sheets, such as this, are being distributed.
6. Notice is airing on the Sparta Cablevision service, WSMT and WTZX radio.
7. The Herald Citizen, the Oracle and the Tennessean have been contacted.
8. A story, titled "Scott's Gulf Property at Risk" appeared in the April 10, 1995 issue of the Expositor.
9. The public's reaction is overwhelmingly in support of preservation of the Gulf as a pristine wilderness area, with over 1700 signatures on our petition and more coming in at this writing.
10. Many people have written to Mr. Masatoshi Ono, president of the Nashville office of Bridgestone, and let him know of the community's current enjoyment of the area and their alarm at the possibility of losing it.
11. The Chattanooga attorney representing the Doyle Lumber Company has been contacted.
12. Our committee has offered to aid in developing a plan that can help both Bridgestone and the community get the maximum value out of the property, retaining its pristine beauty.
13. A public meeting is being arranged for May 8, 1995, 7:00 p.m. at the Sparta Civic Center.

F. What Must Be Done:

1. Bridgestone must be urged to allow time for the public to act.
2. Local legislators must show their support for the Scott's Gulf Recreation Area project by written proclamation and by exerting influence on state government for action.
3. Sources must be found for short term funding to purchase the property.
4. Detailed environmental information on the area must be compiled.
5. Detailed historical information on the area must be compiled.
6. A map of trails and important features must be developed.
7. A detailed, long-term plan must be developed for the property.
8. A presentation on the area must be put together to summarize the information compiled to aid in promoting the project.
9. Meetings to promote the project must be scheduled.

## SCOTT'S GULF (Cont'd)

If you have questions about the effort to preserve Scott's Gulf, you may contact any of the committee members listed below. The committee compiled the Scott's Gulf information printed on the first 3 pages of the newsletter.

**BY THE SCOTT'S GULF COMMITTEE OF THE UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER OF THE  
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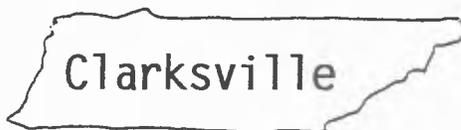
Paul Miller, chairperson of the Upper Cumberland Chapter, called me to report that the May 8 meeting was well attended. There were representatives from the State Dept. of Environment & Conservation, Senator Thompson's office, Van Hilleary's office, the Nature Conservancy, local park rangers, Tennessee Trails president Rob Weber, and TTA vice-president Jim Johnson, and members of the local community. Another meeting is planned for the third week in May at the Sparta Chamber of Commerce with representatives of local and statewide recreational organizations being invited.

--Arleen Barnett, Newsletter Editor

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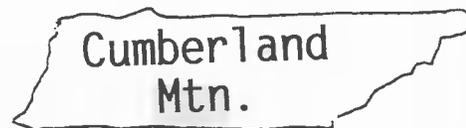
## CHAPTER NEWS

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**JUNE 24 - PENNYRILE STATE PARK,  
KENTUCKY.** Call James McKenzie (502)  
424-5285.



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**JUNE 10 - MARK BRANCH TRAIL, BIG  
SOUTH FORK.** Moderate, 5 miles.  
Call Bob Washburn (615) 879-5426 or  
Marvin Shanks (615) 879-9765.



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**JUNE 24 - LONE MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST HIKE.** Lone Mtn. State Forest is in Morgan County (south of Frozen Head State Natural Area). Approx. 6 miles, this hike is considered moderate. There is a triple switchback as the trail climbs about 400 feet in approximately 1/2 mile. After the switchback, we are "on top" and the hike is 1 1/2 miles to our lunch spot at Coyote Point, which offers beautiful views. On the way to the point, we pass William Rankin Spring, a natural covered spring at about 2000 ft. elevation. Hikers should meet at First American Bank in the Tri-County Mall in Oliver Springs on Hwy 62 at 9:30 am to carpool. Tri-County Mall is 2.8 miles from the junction of TN 62 (OakRidge Turnpike) and TN 95 (Illinois Ave). For more info, call Ken at (615) 494-6810. Everyone is welcome!

**JUNE 29 - CHAPTER MEETING.** Planning meeting for the East Tennessee Chapter will be on Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 pm at Leechee Gardens Chinese Restaurant in Oak Ridge on Oak Ridge Turnpike. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan hikes for the next several months. All members are encouraged to participate and plug their favorite trails.



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There will be **NO** meeting in June or July. Our annual picnic will serve as the August meeting.

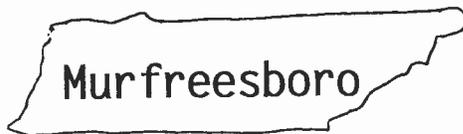
**JUNE 25 - CANOE TRAINING SEMINAR AT PATRIOT LAKE, SHELBY FARMS.** Sunday, 1-5 pm. Do you know what you're doing in a canoe? No? Then you need this orientation, which emphasizes control of the canoe, teaches basic strokes, and offers tips on dealing with various situations, such as rapids. **PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JUNE 9TH.** Call Freddi Felt at (901) 685-9915 and let her know whether you have access to a canoe or you'll need us to rent one for you. Stuff to bring: clothes and shoes you can get wet, towel, a change of clothes, something to kneel on in the canoe, and sunscreen.

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K.B. & Mary Humphreys of Paris, TN, sent some new trail news about Land Between the Lakes. K.B. & Mary have been trail clearing in the Ft. Henry area for 5 years and have worked on the following projects: 1) installing real steps over and down Telegraph Trail road crossing; 2) the first new trail since the system was originally built, connecting Piney Trail to Telegraph Trail. This new trail is about 1/2 finished but plans are to complete it this spring. The manager at Piney Campground, named "Ski", is actively promoting hiking in the LBL area and encourages TTA members to include LBL on their hike schedules. She is

making noises about LBL becoming a TTA member! For further information on hiking/trail work opportunities at LBL, call Jerry Conley, Trails Manager (502) 924-5602.

More info will be published in upcoming newsletters.



The Murfreesboro Chapter was well represented at the Earth Day 25th Anniversary Celebration held in Old Fort Park on Saturday, April 22nd. Mike Harvey did a LIVE radio interview on WGNS. Tom Shepherd, Bertha Chrietzberg, and George Williams fielded trail questions. Kurt Huskey helped with set-up and Heloise Shilstat recruited for the Readyville Mill Dam area clean-up on May 6th. A letter is being sent to the people who left their names to notify them of the May meeting and to encourage them to become members.

--Julia Mitchell

**JUNE 20 - CHAPTER MEETING AT 7:00 PM AT ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.** Entrance at rear. Dr. Borgine, Professor of Geology at MTSU, will help us identify rock formations and fossils we encounter hiking in Tennessee.

**JUNE 24 - ANGEL FALLS DAY LOOP, BIG SOUTH FORK.** Hike leader: Daniel Parker. Call Mike Harvey 893-9594 for details.

*TRIP REPORT  
FRANKLIN FOREST HIKE  
MARCH 18, 1995*

*Hikers Mike Harvey, Chuck Carter, Barbara Draude, George & Nancy Williams, Stacey Anderson, Angie Rehovsky and Mark Hall. We entered the forest through a pine stand and descended to a stream with a 15 foot waterfall. If you wanted a good view of the falls you had to cross a fallen log. We followed the creek uphill to a large stand of mountain laurel, then on to a small lake. We linked up with part of the Sweden Cove trail and then took a side trip to a gorgeous 40 foot waterfall in a 60 foot gorge. The North Rim Trail led us to a panoramic overlook into Sweden Cove. Then came the sad part--the return to our vehicles.*

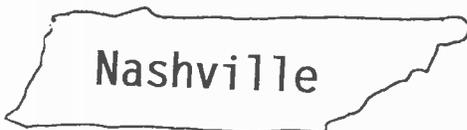
*--Mark Hall*

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*TRIP REPORT  
READYVILLE DAM CLEAN-UP  
MAY 6, 1995*

*The turnout was small but Cathy, Kurt, Beth and I filled a pickup truck bed with trash. As we were taking photos, a man drove down to leave his garbage, took a look at us sitting on our blue BFI garbage bags, and drove off pronto! Kurt, Beth and I floated the 12 miles to Guy James, gathering more trash, and saw herons, hawks, ducks, geese and snakes. At the water level, 12 miles wasn't long enough for Kurt.*

*--Heloise Shilstat*



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**JUNE 4 - STONE DOOR, SOUTH CUMBERLAND RECREATION AREA.** We will visit some of the State's most beautiful and rugged terrain. From Stone Door we will traverse down to the creek, over to Ranger Falls, and back up. The roundtrip loop is 11-12 miles, difficult. Meet at Shoney's at I-24 and Bell Rd. (Hickory Hollow Mall) in Nashville at 7:00 am CDT. Call Charlie Hann for details (615) 941-1503.

**JUNE 11 - GANIER RIDGE, RADNOR LAKE.** Meet at Visitor Center 8:00 am CDT. Hike leader: Nina Fitzgerald 228-9188.

**JUNE 17-18 - ROAN MTN.** If our timing is right, we will see glorious displays of rhododendron. If not, we'll still have great views and fun hiking with fellow TTA members. Call Bob or Arleen Barnett for details 832-6484 (h), 343-0013 (Arleen's work).

**JUNE 30-JULY 4 - BACKPACK IN THE EAST TENN. MOUNTAINS.** Nina Fitzgerald will lead a backpacking trip at either Mt. Rogers or Roan Mtn. Call Nina for details 228-9188.



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**JUNE 3 - NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE - ALGOOD TO MONTEREY RAILROAD BED.** Meet at Penney's in Cookeville 10:00 am CDT. Contact Jack Murphy 537-9827.

**JUNE 6 - CHAPTER MEETING AND PICNIC ON THE CANEY FORK.** Meet at 5:30 pm CDT at First Union Bank in Sparta, then drive to Ross & Brenda's new property on the river. Bring picnic foods! Contact Ross & Brenda Cardwell at 738-2760 or 836-3552.

**JUNE 17 - CHIMNEY TOPS AT FROZEN HEAD.** Meet at Penney's in Cookeville 8:00 am CDT. Hardee's in Monterey at 8:30 am or Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 9:00 am. Contact Paul & Pam Miller 526-9259.



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**CLIFF PHIFER**

*Dec 22 1931 - April 25 1995*

*Our chapter lost an enthusiastic and active member on April 25. Cliff Phifer passed away at Cookeville General Hospital.*

*I will miss Cliff, as I am sure we all will. I am so glad Pam and I were able to take that last wildflower walk with him and Barbara on March 29. It gave him a chance to share a special place with us and I hope we can return there next spring.*

*In my mind Cliff will forever be among the Virginia bluebells.*

*--Paul D. Miller*

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### JUNE HIKES/ACTIVITIES

DATE	CHAPTER	HIKE/ACTIVITY
3	Upper Cumb	Algood to Monterey Railroad Bed Hike
3	All	Board Meeting, Reelfoot Lake S.P., All members welcome
4	Nashville	Stone Door/Collins Gulf
10	Cumb Mtn	Mark Branch Trail, Big South Fork
11	Nashville	Ganier Ridge/Radnor Lake
17-18	Nashville	Roan Mountain
17	Upper Cumb	Chimney Tops, Frozen Head State Natural Area
24	Murfrees	Angel Falls Day Loop, Big South Fork
24	Clarksville	Pennyrile S.P., Kentucky
24	East Tenn	Lone Mountain State Forest
25	Memphis	Canoe Training
30-July4	Nashville	Backpack in East Tennessee Mountains

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