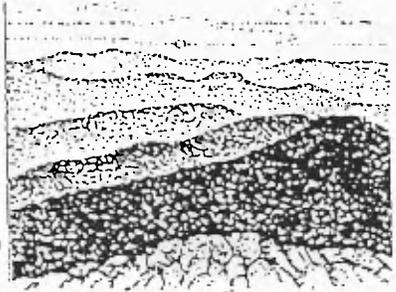


TENNESSEE TRAILS



The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association

TTA 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.

1996 TENNESSEE TRAILS HIKE SCHEDULE

JANUARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>HIKE/ACTIVITY</u>
6	Memphis	Reelfoot Lake State Park
7	Nashville	Radnor Lake
13	Memphis	Pinson Mounds/Cypress Grove
13	Clarksville	Indian Town Bluff
13	Clarksville	Rails-to-Trails, Ashland City
13	Upper Cumb	Frozen Head
14	East Tenn	Twin Arches/Charit Creek Loop
20	Clarksville	Rotary Park
20	Nashville	Virgin Falls
27	Nashville	Trail of Tears
27	Murfreesboro	Cedars of Lebanon
28	Memphis	Coldwater Trail, Mississippi
28	Nashville	Percy Warner Park

1996 HIKE SCHEDULE (CONT'D)

FEBRUARY

5	Nashville	Radnor Lake Night Hike
10	All Chapters	TTA Board Meeting in Nashville
10	Memphis	Natchez Trace State Park
10	Clarksville	Radnor Lake
10	Upper Cumberland	Ross's Mystery Hike #6
11	Nashville	Percy Warner Park
17	Nashville	O&W and Angel Falls, Big South Fork
24	Clarksville	Reelfoot Lake Eagle Watch
24	East Tennessee	Hemlock Bluff Adopt-A-Trail Work Day
24	Memphis	Walking Tour of Historic Holly Springs, MS
24	Murfreesboro	Old Stone Fort
24	Nashville	Fiery Gizzard, Hobbs Cabin Backpack

MARCH

2	Nashville	Monte Sano Mtn., Huntsville, AL
9	Memphis	Shiloh National Military Park
9-10	Murfreesboro	Cumberland Mtn. State Park/Brady Mtn.
9	Nashville	Hidden Passage (possibly overnight)
9	Upper Cumberland	Laurel/Snow Pocket Wilderness
11	East Tennessee	Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area
13-18	All Chapters	Break Away/TTA Cumberland Trail Work Week
23	Murfreesboro	Beginning Backpack Foster Falls
23	Clarksville	Land Between the Lakes Overnighter
23	Memphis	Big Hill Pond State Park
23	Nashville	Radnor Lake
23	Upper Cumberland	Piney River
31	Nashville	Natchez Trace

APRIL

6	Murfreesboro	Bike Ride in Historic Murfreesboro
5-7	Memphis	Fall Creek Falls State Park
5-7	Nashville	Virginia Creeper Backpack
13	East Tennessee	Panther Branch Trail at Frozen Head
13	Murfreesboro	Wildflower Hike, Trail TBA
13	Nashville	Virgin Falls
13	Upper Cumberland	Ross's Mystery Hike #7
19-21	Nashville	Leatherwood Ford/Big South Fork

APRIL 1996 CONT'D

20	Clarksville	Frozen Head
20	East Tennessee	River Bluff Trail
20	Murfreesboro	Short Springs Wildflower Hike
20-21	Memphis	Mousetail Landing/Ladyfinger Bluff
27	Nashville	Piney River
27	Upper Cumberland	Blue Bell Island
28	Memphis	Wolf River Trails at Shelby Farms
28	Nashville	Laurel/Snow

MAY

4	Murfreesboro	Twin Forks Work Day
4	Memphis	Montgomery Bell S.P.
4	Nashville	Long Hunter Day Loop
5	Memphis	Possible Canoe Trip on Harpeth River
5	Nashville	Frozen Head
11	East Tennessee	Norris Watershed
11	Nashville	Burnt Mill Bridge Loop
11	Upper Cumberland	Table Rock, Overton County
18	All Chapters	TTA Board Meeting, Location TBA
18-19	Memphis	Mt. Nebo State Park, AR
19	Nashville	Brady Mountain
24	Nashville	Honey Creek
25	Nashville	Rock Creek Loop
25-26	Murfreesboro	Piney River Trail Backpack
25	Upper Cumberland	Hatfields/McCoys/Miller Falls

JUNE

1	East Tennessee	Whites Creek Trail
TBA	East Tennessee	Honey Creek
1-2	Nashville	Beginner Backpack
8	Murfreesboro	Franklin Forest, Tom Pack Trail
8	Upper Cumberland	Grundy Forest/Foster Falls/Hike/Swim
9	Memphis	Wolf River Canoe Float
11	Nashville	Radnor Lake
22	Clarksville	Smokies
22-23	Murfreesboro	Virgin Falls Backpack/Day Hike
25	Clarksville	Montgomery Bell S.P. Overnighter

Reservations have been made for the 1996 Annual Meeting at Cedars of Lebanon State Park for November 15-17. The remainder of the 1996 Hike Schedule will be printed in the June newsletter.

INTRODUCTORY LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

January 1996

At the Annual Meeting in October, I was pleased to accept the nomination of the Board of Directors to be President for 1996. Although I have been active in attending Board meetings in 1995 as the East Tennessee representative, some of you may not be aware of my trail "resume" and how I became interested in trail clubs.

Although I grew up in North Carolina and have been a lifelong hiker, my first active involvement with trail organizations occurred while working in Florida. There I joined the weekend hikes of the Florida Trail Association and became involved in their efforts to construct and maintain a network of trails across the Sunshine State. I helped construct and maintain a number of segments of the Florida Trail in the Apalachicola National Forest, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, and on state and private lands. I became chair of the Tallahassee-based Apalachee Chapter in 1986 and 1987.

When my career took me to Mississippi in 1988, I contacted local parks and forests and was pleased to learn of the beginnings of the Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail effort near Jackson. I worked with Hillory Wright to co-found the Natchez Trace Trail Conference to oversee volunteer efforts on behalf of the Natchez Trace Trail.

When my Mississippi job came to an end in 1990, I was able to find another job in Knoxville. To my delight, the Adopt-A-Trail program was just beginning at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and with time I also worked on trails at House Mountain, Norris Lake, Watts Bar Lake, and the Appalachian Trail. My first introduction to TTA and the Cumberland Trail was in 1991, when I joined Bob Brown on a hike at Brady Mountain.

In July, 1994, Bob Barnett came to Knoxville and suggested to four of us that an East Tennessee Chapter was feasible and likely to be successful. We enthusiastically took up the challenge, and enter 1996 with an established chapter and increasing membership.

I look forward to working with the entire statewide organization of TTA leaders and chapters as we take up new challenges in 1996. The upcoming years will be financially difficult for public lands and trails, and we must enthusiastically promote the benefits of both to our state and nation.

Join us on the trail in 1996.

Harold Draper
TTA President



CHAPTER NEWS



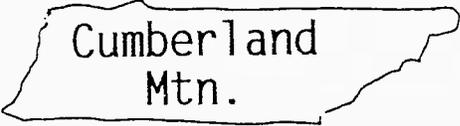
Clarksville

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

JAN. 13 - INDIAN TOWN BLUFF.
Call Wanda 358-3338 or Bessie 647-4837.

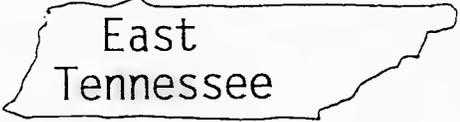
JAN. 13 - RAILS TO TRAILS NEAR ASHLAND CITY. Call Charles and Jo Putnam 362-3669 or Wanda 358-3338.

JAN. 20 - ROTARY PARK. We voted to adopt this park. Call Wanda 358-3338.



Cumberland Mtn.

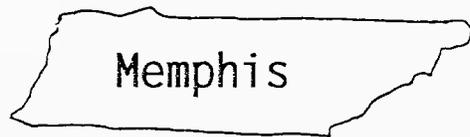
No information received for newsletter.
Call Jeanie Chambers 569-5610 or Bob Washburn 879-4741.



East Tennessee

JAN. 14 - TWIN ARCHES/CHARIT CREEK LOOP. Come hike the 6-mile Twin Arches/Charit Creek Loop in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area with Russ Manning and Sondra Jamieson, authors of the new guide, *Trails of the Big South Fork*, on Sunday, Jan. 14th. You'll see arches; past, present and future. We'll stop at Charit Creek Lodge along the trail and have a hot lunch prepared by the lodge staff. Gather at 8:30 am in the parking area in front of the Middle School and across from The Commons in Norris, or meet us at the Twin Arches Trailhead off Divide Road at 10:00 am Eastern. You'll need hiking boots and warm clothes. You may bring your own lunch; those wanting the \$6.50 lodge lunch must register by Jan. 4th. Call 494-9421.





Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 24 of the Sunday School Bldg. at Kingsway Church.

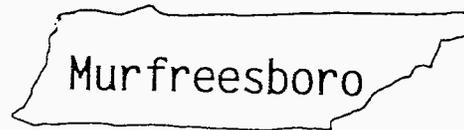
JAN. 6 - REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK/EAGLE WATCH. Details were published in December newsletter. Call Betty Porter if you need info, 755-4740.

JAN. 13 - PINSON MOUNDS ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK AND CYPRESS GROVE NATURE CENTER. Near Jackson, TN. Carpool at Kingsway at 8:00 am, or meet us at the Pinson Visitor Center at 9:30 am. We'll walk several miles around Pinson, exploring Indian mounds. Terrain is easy, except for the climb up the tallest mound. After lunch, we'll drive over to the Nature Center in Jackson and do the boardwalk trail around the lake. Call Freddi Felt, 685-9915.

JAN. 18 - MONTHLY MEETING. Movie time! If we can get the VCR hooked up, we're going to screen portions of a New Age nature video that combines stunning outdoor photography with original musical compositions.

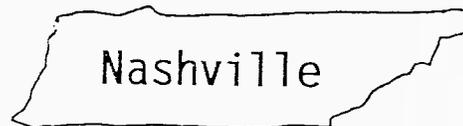
JAN. 28 - ARKABUTLA LAKE, MISS. Carpool on Sunday at noon at Piggly Wiggly, corner of Perkins and Knight Arnold, or meet us by Arkabutla Dam at 1:00 pm. We'll hike the 5-mile Coldwater Trail. Easy terrain. If you

missed this hike in November, join us in January. Contact person is John Martin, 386-3722.



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

JAN. 27 - CEDARS OF LEBANON STATE PARK. Day hike, easy. Contact Mark Hall 896-4345 (home) or 782-5210 (pager) for details.



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

HIKING HOTLINE 367-7045

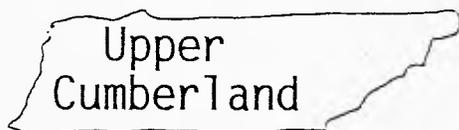
JAN. 7 - RADNOR LAKE. Meet at the Visitor Center at 2:00 pm. We will hike for about 2 hours, Class II-III, moderate. Call Paul Smith 270-8766.

JAN. 20 - VIRGIN FALLS. Meet at K-Mart on Donelson Pike at 7:00 am. 8 miles, Class IV, difficult. Call Paul Smith 270-8766.

JAN. 25 - PROGRAM MEETING. Judith Rusciolelli, a member of the Murfreesboro Chapter, will present slides from her Winter 1990 trek in the mountains of Nepal.

JAN. 27 - TRAIL OF TEARS. A 6-8 mile moderately rated hike on segments of the Trail of Tears on Cardwell Mountain at Cumberland Caverns near McMinnville, TN. Meet in the parking lot of the Target Store in Hickory Hollow between 7 and 7:30 am to arrange carpooling. Departure will be at 7:30. For more info, call Jim Poteet at home at 377-4777 or at work at 367-8087.

JAN. 28 - MOSSY RIDGE TRAIL, PERCY WARNER PARK. Super Bowl Sunday. Meet at noon at the Mossy Ridge/Warner Woods trailhead. We'll hike the 4 1/2 mile Mossy Ridge Trail and for those who want to continue on, we'll do the 2 1/2 mile Warner Woods Trail. Trail is moderate. Call Ninez Giles for additional info, 297-2281.



Meets the first Tuesday of each month at various locations.

JAN. 2 - PROGRAM MEETING.

Herbal Medicine Program at Cookeville Civic Center.

JAN. 13 - FROZEN HEAD. Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 8:00 am or at trailhead at 10:00 am. Call Paul and Pam Miller for info, 526-9259.

SOUTH CUMBERLAND ACTIVITIES
(615) 924-2980

Jan. 6 - Deerlick Falls. Meet at Visitor Center 10 a.m. Highest falls in the area. 1 mile roundtrip, strenuous.

Jan. 13 - Lost Cove Cave Tour - Meet Randy at Carter Natural Area parking lot. Walk the Buggytop Trail and spend 2 hrs exploring the 58-degree cave. Bring lunch, water, and multiple light sources. 5 miles roundtrip, strenuous.

Jan. 14 - Anderson Falls/Raven Point Adventure. Meet at Visitor Center at 10:00 am. Easy walk to the best overlook on the Fiery Gizzard will be spiced up with the very rugged descent to Anderson Falls. 2.5 miles, easy/strenuous.

Jan. 20-21 - Hobbs Cabin Backpack Trip - Meet at Savage Ranger Station at 10:00 am. The Huntsville Chapter of the Sierra Club will be joining us for this 18-mile roundtrip hike.

Jan. 27 - Greeter Falls. Meet at Greeter Falls parking lot at 10:00 am. 2 miles roundtrip, moderate.

Jan. 28 - Small Wilds Excursion. Meet at Foster Falls Picnic Shelter at 10:00 am. Blufftop walk with spectacular overlooks. 5 miles roundtrip, easy.

CHATTANOOGA HIKING CLUB

Jan. 1 (Monday) - New Year's Prentice Cooper Day Hike. Plans are to hike the Pot Point Loop Trail, which provides spectacular views of the Tennessee River Gorge. This is a 12-mile loop, which is maintained by our club. However, you can hike 9 miles of the loop by leaving a car where the trail crosses Tower Road. Hurricane Opal left many downed trees in the forest, some of which may still be obliterating the trail. If we can't hike the Pot Point Loop, then we'll hike the 10.2-mile Mullins Cove Loop. Moderate to strenuous. Call Mary Young 899-0287

Jan. 6 (Saturday) - Chilhowee/Clear Creek Trail Day Hike. Come with us to explore the Chilhowee Recreation Area trail system on Chilhowee Ridge near Benton. We will hike the Azalea Trail and the Clear Creek Trail as they wind around various hardwood and pine forests and along scenic Clear Creek. The few stream crossings that we make at the end of the hike should pose few problems for us as we start at the Chilhowee Picnic Area near Lake McKamy and end on Hwy 30, about 7 1/2 miles away. Moderate hike. Call Clint Strohmeier (615) 962-1140(wk) or 962-2453 (home).

Jan. 13 (Saturday) - Bald River Day Hike. This 6 1/2 mile hike starts at the Bald River Falls near Tellico Plains and follows alongside the river. Rated moderate. Call Elaine Wolfe 875-0190.



ADOPT-A-TRAIL

TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you would like to be placed on a call list for trail maintenance, contact Rob Weber at (615) 952-2949 for details.

If you are interested in maintaining a particular trail or section of trail, please contact Harold Draper, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator at (423) 689-7757.

BREAK AWAY UPDATE

Six cabins have been reserved at Norris Dam State Park for the week of March 13-18. Each cabin will sleep 6 people. A group of students and Break Away leaders from East Tennessee State University will be joining Tennessee Trails members to work on the Cumberland Trail that week. One cabin has been reserved beginning Saturday night, March 11, for those who want to get there early.

Come for the entire week, a few days, or even one day. More details will be published in the February newsletter.



Happy New Year!!!

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