

TENNESSEE TRAILS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Mission: To promote, construct and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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The Cumberland Trail Closing the Gaps – One Step Closer



Lones, and Amy Beth Rice.

As a part of his contribution to the auction at the TTA annual meeting, Woody Pierce felt it would be good to have a banner that depicted the association of TTA and CTC. Lacking artistic ability himself, he consulted Debbie Hicks (Memphis Chapter) and she referred him to the Memphis College of Art. He approached Gadsby Creson, Director of Career Services, who welcomed his suggestion for a banner. She asked students to submit proposed renderings and allowed Woody to select his preferred sketch. The winning mural dream team was art students: Ariel Claborn (designer), Jeshua Schuster, Evan Leggoe, Leanna Hicks, Meredith

Lones, and Amy Beth Rice. The next step was to purchase the canvas and paint. The paint was “color matched” exactly to the designer’s specifications. The College had access to grant money for art projects requested by non-profit organizations (the Give Back Program). Therefore, Woody submitted a donation request asking for the artwork to be approved. The students, who actually completed the painting, were paid an hourly wage through the grant program. All in all, it was a win-win situation. The students gained valuable experience and received compensation for their work. The TTA was the recipient of a beautiful artwork depicting the Cumberland Trail and recognizing the close working relationship between TTA and CTC. The bidding was rather spirited for ownership of the piece; however, Tony Hook persevered and was the successful bidder. Congratulations Tony!

---Carolyn Pierce

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CTC's Event Calendar

Jan 2 - 15, 2011 - Winter Alternative Break, Soddy Daisy, TN. Students from the University of Kansas will be working to construct the Cumberland Trail. For more details, contact the CTC office at cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com or 931-456-6259.

Jan 22, 2011 - CTC's annual membership meeting. Join other Conference members for a day hike followed by a dinner and awards ceremony. This event will take place at Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, TN. To register for this event, please contact the CTC at cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com, www.cumberlandtrail.org or 931-456-6259.

Feb 20 - March 26, 2011 - CTC's 15th annual BreakAway program. This event will be held in Hamilton County with trail work being performed in various sections of the CT. For more details about this event, please contact the CTC at cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com or 931-456-6259.

IN MEMORIAM

The Tennessee Trails Association extends sincerest condolences to the family of TTA member James Jones on his passing.

Several of Mr. Jones' family and friends have generously donated to TTA in his memory. We are very grateful for these contributions, which have been applied to the Evan Means Small Grants Program, providing funding for trail building projects across Tennessee.



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*Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>*

Jan 1 - New Years Day Hike, Montgomery Bell State Park. 8 miles. Moderate. Suva Bastin 931.645.2849. We will have a Pot Luck lunch on the trail. Meet 9:00 am CT, Big Lots parking area, Riverside Drive, Clarksville, TN.

Jan 8 - Highland Trail Beaman Park, Little Marrowbone Road, Davidson County. 4.2 miles. Moderate. Lili Ball 931.552.2773. Meet 8:30 am CT, Madison Street Kmart, Clarksville, TN.

Jan 15 - Clarksville Greenway. 5.6 miles. Moderate. Renata Gillis 931.648.1448. Meet 8:30 am CT. at the end of Pollard Road, Clarksville, TN.

Jan 17 - Canal Loop Trail, Land Between the Lakes, Trigg County, KY. 14.2 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931.645.9068. Meet 7:00 am CT, Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville, TN.

Jan 18 - Monthly Meeting.

Jan 22 - Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Wilson County. 6.4 miles. Easy. Bob Lyon 931.648.2354; meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot.

Jan 29 - Fort Henry Loop Trail, Land Between the Lakes, Stewart County. 7 miles. Moderate. J.R. Tate 931.920.2692. Meet 8:30 am CT, Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville, TN.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Grand Buffet (Hwy 31 north side of Spring Hill). Socializing and dinner at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Jan 1 - MULTI-CHAPTER NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE, EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK. 6.5 Miles. Easy. See announcement below for details. Register with Bobby Hardeman at *puttr22@aol.com*.

Jan 4 - Chapter Meeting.

Jan 8 - Old Stone Fort Park, Manchester, TN. 4 miles. Easy. This is a 2000 year-old American Indian ceremonial site. It consists of mounds and walls that combine with cliffs and rivers to form an enclosure measuring 1-1/4 miles around. The 50-acre hilltop enclosure mound site is believed to have served as a central ceremonial gathering place for some 500 years. The spectacular setting occurs where two rivers drop off the plateau of the Highland Rim in Middle Tennessee and plunge to the level of the Central Basin of Tennessee. Bring water and snacks for the trail and wear sturdy boots. We will stop for a late lunch in Manchester. We will meet behind McDonalds 4908 Main Street (Hwy 31) Spring Hill, and leave at 8:30.am CT. Register with Bobby Hardeman at *puttr22@aol.com*.

Jan 22 - Turnhole Bend Trail, Mammoth Cave National Park. KY. 6 miles. Moderate. This hike features old home sights in a white oak forest. We will have lunch on the bank of the Green River. We do not hike in the cave. Bring plenty of water and wear sturdy boots and dress in layers as it may be cold. Plan to stop on our way home for dinner in a local restaurant. We will meet behind McDonalds 4908 Main Street (Hwy 31) Spring Hill, and leave at 7:15 am CT. Register with Bobby Hardeman at *puttr22@aol.com*.

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep-Jun) 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm CT at Dyersburg Main Street Office, 111 Market Street on the south side of the square in downtown Dyersburg

Hike details unavailable at press time.

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Jan 15 - Lost Sea Adventure - For those of you who have never been or those who haven't been in a long time; this is actually a hike (inside a cave). We can carpool from Knoxville. If interested, register with Rosie at *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

Jan 22 - Brady Mountain Hike. Tony Hook from CTC will lead us on this 5 mile hike starting at 11:00 am CT. Carpooling will be available from Knoxville, just register with Rosie at *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

Jan 29 - Graysville Mountain, Roaring Creek Trail. 5 miles. Moderate. See Soddy Daisy Chapter listing for details. We will arrange for dinner after this hike. Come and join the fun by registering with Rosie at *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

MULTI-CHAPTER NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE MILLENNIUM TRAIL, EDGAR EVINS STATE PARK 6.5 MILES. EASY

We will be hiking the 4.5 mile lower loop of the Millennium Trail and the two mile Highland Rim Nature Trail at Edgar Evins State Park this year.

We will meet at 10 am CT at the covered picnic shelters at the marina parking area to carpool to the trailhead. These are easy hikes that include lake views as well as deep woods. We will go by abandoned homesteads where people were relocated when Center Hill Lake was impounded, a former moonshine still and other artifacts of a time gone by. These are the trails that TTA built to celebrate the park's 25th anniversary in 2000. It has a special significance since seven TTA Chapters were represented in this trail-building project.

We will have our traditional New Year's Feast at the shelters with roaring fires to knock off the winter chill and be able to eat at tables instead of off the bare ground! Please bring your favorite New Year's traditional food, plate and silverware, along with a trash bag to use for a tablecloth (and to pack out our trash). The park is furnishing the shelters and firewood at no cost. There are electrical outlets in case someone wants to bring appliances. Hot coffee anyone? And the best news.....there are restrooms located near the shelters. No roughing it for our group this year!

The park is located 60 miles east of Nashville off Interstate 40, exit 268. Head south on Hwy. 96, Buffalo Valley Road for 3.6 miles. The entrance to the park is straight ahead. Follow the signs to the marina. Take a right at the second stop sign after entering the park. The shelters are straight ahead when you enter the parking lot.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W.
Wilson Community Ctr., 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Jan 4 - Chapter Meeting. Joan and Tom Hartvigsen will be giving a presentation on their August 2010, hiking trip to Glacier-Waterton International Park. Some folks will meet for dinner prior to the meeting at Las Trojas Mexican Restaurant, 1905 N Jackson St, Tullahoma (931-454-2262).

Jan 8 - Annual Chilly-Chili Hike. Once again, we will meet at the Fiery Gizzard trail head in Grundy Forest, Tracy City at 10 am CT for the 3-mile round-trip hike to Sycamore Falls. We always hope for snow and ice for this outing, so be sure to wear appropriate boots and clothing. After the hike, it's on to the Poteet house for chili and fixin's. In addition to real chili, there will be a pot of a vegetarian recipe. We will provide drinks (some beer, wine, and soft drinks), but you are certainly welcome to bring your own favorite beverage. If everyone could bring some sort of finger food or side dish, that would be great. For those actually hiking with us, we'll provide directions to the house and the gate code at the trail head. For those non-hikers who want to come just for the food and socializing, plan on being at the house around noon. You'll have to call or email to get directions and the gate code. In any event, please contact Jim or Marietta Poteet at 931-924-7666 or by email at *nannietta@blomand.net* by January 6, so we can get an approximate headcount. Folks from all TTA chapters are invited to take part.

Jan 22 - Eat-Hike-Eat. Cindy Crysdale will lead us on a 4 mile moderate hike that will end up at her home for a pitch-in dinner. We'll start as usual at the Blue Chair with a 9 am social hour, then leave about 9:45 to go by Cindy's to drop off our meal contributions. We'll then do the hike, and return to Cindy's for dinner. Contact her at 931-598-9492 or via email at *cindysslist@yahoo.com* for more information.

Jan 29 - Trail Work Day. Plan on meeting Wally and Pat Bigbee at 9:00 am CT at the Short Springs State Natural Area parking area. Everyone will need gloves, clippers and/or loppers, a snack, water and a day pack. We will cut brush from the corridor of the Laurel Bluff Trail and any other trails that need it. Wally will bring his chain saw and related gear so we can clear some fallen trees on the Bluff Trail. Let Wally know you're coming by calling 931-473-5968 or emailing at *bigb@blomand.net*.

SAVE CUMMINS FALLS

The mission of Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation is to save Tennessee's natural treasures and Cummins Falls is one of our finest. It is the largest privately owned waterfall in the state and the Foundation finally has a one-time chance to save it for generations to come

Cummins Falls is located in Jackson County close to the Putnam County line. The northeast side of Blackburn Fork River adjacent to Cummins Falls encompasses 186 acres and was sold at public auction on May 15, 2010. Original plans called for eighty river-front houses to be developed, compromising the view of the waterfall. At the urging of the board and volunteers with Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, a Cookeville resident purchased the land and has generously agreed to give the Foundation a one year option to purchase. That option expires June 16, 2011. We need your help to raise the \$1.34 million to purchase the falls.

Grand at 75 feet high, the waterfall is the 8th largest waterfall in the state in magnitude of water. It was named one of the Top 10 swimming holes in America by *Travel & Leisure*. It is designated by the National Park Service as outstanding for scenic, recreational, geological, and wildlife values. It protects wildlife, unique and varied plant life, water quality and quantity, and will attract tourists from across the nation.

Please contact Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation if you'd like to know more about this effort (615-386-3171), visit our website at *www.tenngreen.org* or search for 'Save Cummins Falls' on Facebook. If you're interested in visiting the waterfall, we host guided hikes the first Saturday of every month. See our website for more information.

Thank you for your dedication to the environment. I hope you will join us in this effort to conserve this magnificent Tennessee treasure.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Monday at Perkins Restaurant, 999 Vann Drive in Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts 7:00 pm

Jan 1 - Annual New Year's Day Hike, Edgar Evins State Park. This is a multi-chapter hiking event. See page 3 for more details. Please contact Glen Rognstad at 731-217-5966 or *Glenrognstad@gmail.com* for additional information.

Jan 10 - Chapter Meeting.

Additional hikes may be added. Please check the TTA website calendar.

Planning ahead:

Feb 14 - Chapter Meeting.

Tip

In the fall, winter and spring, always bring a stocking cap or warm hat. Weather is often unpredictable, and covering your head will keep you more comfortable in a variety of conditions.

Tip

Dressing in layers will allow you to adjust to different levels of exertion. Weather can change unexpectedly in the spring, fall and winter, and proper layering will help keep you comfortable, warm and dry.

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Jan 8 - Herb Parsons Lake. 6 miles. Easy. Fisherville located northeast of Collierville, near Collierville Arlington Rd. and Macon Road. Here's an easy 6-mile hike around the lake and through the woods. Meet at 9:30 am at the lake and bring snacks and water. For information call Margaret Smith at 901-210-6097.

Jan.13 - Monthly Meeting (New meeting date 2nd Thursday). Speaker: Chip Petersen, Director of Parks, City of Collierville. Mr. Petersen will describe the Collierville Greenway system and advise us of future trail projects for his city. At present, the Collierville Greenway network is probably the most developed system in comparison to other cities in Shelby County. Invite a friend!

Jan 15 - Nesbit Park, Stanky Creek. 2nd Annual "After the Hike Chili Party". This small park has almost ten miles of hiking trails (bikes too.) The trails and terrain are reminiscent of Shelby Forest. Meet at 9:00 am for a 4-mile walk. For questions contact Charlie via e-mail at *charlie.bright2010@gmail.com*. After the hike we will meet at Margaret's house for chili. Chili will be provided. Bring salad, cornbread, rolls, or dessert and your favorite beverage. Hike Location: Stanky Creek is on Yale Road in Bartlett between Bartlett Blvd. and Old Brownsville Road on the north side of Yale.

Jan 22 - New Shelby Farms Greenline. For information call Gloria Folk at 901-761-5417.

Jan 29 - Woodland Trail, Meeman-Shelby Forest. Meet at the Park's Visitor Center at 9:00 am. Join us for a 3-4 mile hike along the Woodland Trail with a side trip to the Woodland Shelter. The loop trail has a few steep climbs (for Mississippi Delta country, that is) but most of the walk is fairly level. Bring water and snack. Invite a friend! For information contact Holly at 901-377-6278.

Planning Ahead:

Feb 5 - T.O. Fuller State Park. 1500 Mitchell Road, Memphis. The hike will cover 5-6 miles of moderate to rugged terrain with some wetland. The trail includes part of the Discovery Trail of the Chucalissa Indian Village. The hike will begin at 9:30 am. We will break for hot chocolate! Bring water and a snack. Rain will cancel the hike. For further information call hike leader Francis at 662-781-5034. Directions: Go I-240 West to I-55 North, Exit 7 South to Highway 61(3rd Street). Drive about 3 miles south to Mitchell Road, turn right at the T.O. Fuller Park sign. Go 3 miles west to the park Visitor Office.

TTA 2010 Annual Meeting - A Compendium

More than 150 hikers from across Tennessee convened Nov 12 –14, 2010 at Pickwick Landing State Park for a weekend of hiking and raising funds to assist in building the Cumberland Trail. The combined efforts and perseverance of the Memphis and Jackson chapters resulted in another successful weekend of fun, filled with hikes, good food, music, renewed friendships, and bountiful proceeds. The efforts from other TTA members throughout the state are greatly appreciated. You came, you donated, you hiked. We could not have done it without your valued assistance. Over 60 individuals donated to the live and silent auctions, others to the white elephant and bake sales. Thanks to all of you the **total donation to the Cumberland Trail was \$8,000**

Planning Committee: SPECIAL THANKS to the following individuals for chairing the planning committees:

Auction: Woody and Carolyn Pierce; Auction Recorder: Carol Haley; Facility Coordinator, Publicity, Trail/Door Prizes: Gloria Lenski; Registration: Charlie Bright; Treasurer: Don Dresser; Hike Coordinator: Glen Rognstad; Entertainment, Adult Beverages: Margaret Smith

Entertainment: **The Kindred Spirits**, Lisa LeBleu and Teresa Collard, a duo from Martin who regaled us on Friday night with their folk music and set the tone for a harmonious weekend with their beautiful harmony and instrumentation. Thank you, Kindred Spirits.

Hike Leaders: The kindred spirits of the hiking world appreciate the efforts of those hike leaders who consisted of the following: Charlie Bright, Freddi Felt, Jerry Lenski, Deena Spuryer, and Wayne Simpson from Memphis, Gary Cooper, Bob Goodwin, Terry McCoy, Bob McKeen, Glen Rognstad, Sara Hakim, from Jackson, Ranger Charlie Spearman from Shiloh National Military Park and Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist

Speaker: Tony Hook. Thanks go to Tony for the beautiful, moving presentation on the progress of the Cumberland Trail.

Auctioneer: Jay Whirley of the Jay Whirley Auction Company, Selmer, TN donated his time and expertise for the second time. Many thanks to Jay for using his skill and especially his humor to move the auction along at an enjoyable pace.

Displays: Thanks to the following: Cumberland Trail Conference – Tony Hook; Jackson Chapter – Tennessee Trails Merchandise; Memphis Chapter – display; Murfreesboro Chapter – display; Nashville Chapter – chapter merchandise; Plateau Chapter – display; Upper Cumberland Chapter – display

Auction and Other Helpers: THANK YOU to the following individuals who assisted: Cathy Cole, Gary Cooper, Margaret Dixon, Dorothy Dresser, Freddi Felt, Holly Fleming, Ann Goodson, Carol Haley, Jenice Johnson, Jim Johnson, Eileen Kelm, Gloria Lenski, Jerry Lenski, John Martin, Terry McCoy, Bonnie McKeen, Vicky Moeller, Susan Moffatt, Carolyn Pierce, Woody Pierce, Francis Ruffin, Kathryn Skinner, Margaret Smith. *It takes a whole village to run an auction!*

Business Contributors: A H-U-G-E “Thank You” to the following businesses whose donations made our auction a huge success! Pamela Miller, “Concrete Tennessee”, Cookeville; CVS, Knoxville; Dollywood Theme Park, Pigeon Forge; Outdoors Inc., Memphis; Maples Motor Inn, Pigeon Forge; Wal-Mart, Memphis; The Fresh Market, Memphis; REI, Brentwood; Memphis College of Art, Memphis; Pickett State Park, Jamestown; Riverside Towers, Pigeon Forge; The Hermitage Hotel, Nashville; Bruegger’s Bagels, Nashville; Outdoor Experience, Cookeville; Trader Joe’s, Nashville; Tennessee State Parks; Fairfield Inn, Kodak; Log Cabins, Palmra; AS Barbaro, Memphis; Delta Wholesale, Memphis; Bass Pro Shop, Memphis; Renassant Bank, Memphis; Wild Birds Unlimited, Memphis; Rock Top Realty, Crossville Toyland, Knoxville; Kroger, Memphis; Huey’s Blues, Brews, & Burgers, Memphis; Cumberland Transit, Nashville; Titanic Museum, Pigeon Forge; Mickey Roos Texas BBQ, Franklin; Logan’s Roadhouse, Springhill; Dollywood Foundation, Pigeon Forge; Volunteer Distributing Company, Dresden; Monteagle Winery, Monteagle; Olive Garden Restaurant, Spring Hill; Central BBQ, Memphis; Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo, MS

Thank you, hikers! All of us involved with planning and organization of the 2010 meeting thank you, the hikers, for coming to West Tennessee and for sharing your time, talents, and energy with us. Thank you also for spending so generously at the auction!

Now, **mark your calendars for October 29-30, 2011** for the next annual meeting which will be hosted by Columbia/Franklin, Highland Rim, and Murfreesboro chapters in middle Tennessee. More details about the next annual meeting will be forthcoming in future newsletters. We are looking forward to a new hiking year where both familiar and yet-to-be explored trails await us.

HAPPY TRAILS!!

Woody & Carolyn Pierce

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BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro

Jan 1 - Annual Multi-Chapter New Year's Day Hike and Feast, See hike details on page 1. Murfreesboro members may contact Fount or Anna Bertram for information about Edgar Evins State Park or the feast.

Jan 8 - Annual Multi-Chapter Chilly Chili hike. See hike details under the Highland Rim Chapter listing. For further information on the hike or fellowship, please contact Jim or Marietta at 931-924-7666 or nannietta@blomand.net. For Murfreesboro carpool information contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or awj68@comcast.net.

Jan 11 - Monthly Meeting. Jim & Marietta Poteet will give a presentation on their recent trip to Costa Rica.

Jan 15 - "Snow 'n Ice Hike", Rugby & Allardt, TN. This very popular event will start with an approximately 3 mile loop hike to the Gentlemen's Swimming Hole and The Meeting of the Waters in the Big South Fork National Recreation area, followed by lunch in the Harrow Road Cafe. After lunch we will hike Colditz Cove/Northrup Falls State Natural Area (1.5 miles) on our way home if weather and time permit. Both trails, totaling approximately 4.5 miles, are rated easy to moderate for elevation changes. Dress warmly in layers, bring extra socks, and money for lunch. We will leave from Hardees in Woodbury promptly at 7:30 am CT, so please plan to be there at least 15 minutes earlier. (Hardees is on the left as you enter Woodbury on Highway 70-S.) If you are willing to lead a carpool from Murfreesboro or to sign up for the event please contact Fount and Anna Bertram at abertram@dtccom.net or 615-765-5357. The following websites will tell you more about the hikes and area:

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/colditz/>;

<http://jamestowntn.org/ColditzCove.htm>;

<http://www.historicrugby.org/outdoors/outdoors.htm>;

<http://www.historicrugby.org/visiting/visiting.htm>

Jan 29 - Trail Maintenance at Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro. It's time for the Murfreesboro chapter to give back to the park. We will be doing simple trail maintenance on a section TBA. Contact Millette Jones at 615-397-9588 or millette.jones@comcast.net.

Looking ahead:

Feb 5 - Bearwaller Gap

Feb 12 - Collins Gulf to Horsepound Falls

Feb 26 - Stone Door, Big Creek, Laurel trails

Feb 27 - Flat Rock Cedar Glade family hike

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MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT in the REI Community Room, 261 Franklin Road, Brentwood. For directions, visit: www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php

Jan 1 - Multi-chapter hike, Edgar Evins State Park. See details on page 3.

Jan 8 - Multi-chapter Chilly Chili hike. See Highland Rim Chapter listing for details.

Jan 15 - Radnor Lake, Nashville. Join us for a leisurely winter hike at Radnor Lake. With the leaves off the trees we will have good views of the lake and will probably see deer. We will hike Ganier Ridge and the South Lake Trail for about 4 miles. We will meet at the Visitors Center off Granny White Pike at 9:00 am CT. Pre-registration is required. The hike will be cancelled if the weather is bad. Elizabeth Gerlock, 615-516-3478 (cell), 615-356-6260 (home).

Jan 22 - Beaman Park, Nashville. Beaman Park is 1688 acres of natural area in northwest Nashville near Joelton. This wild and rugged land is a unique treasure in Nashville's park system and features a Highland Rim forest type, unique plant associations and species and a rugged landscape with steep slopes, narrow hollows, and streams and waterfalls. Meet at lower parking lot at 9:00 am CT. Call Nancy at 615-319-8811 or e-mail njuodenas@yahoo.com to register. Seven miles total with jumping off points if some want to do less.

Jan 23 - Volunteer Trail, Long Hunter State Park, Nashville

This is a 12 mile hike (out and back) on fairly level ground, mostly along the shores of Percy Priest Lake. It is a level trail, rated easy for terrain and moderate for distance. It should take 6-7 hours (including a lunch break). Wear sturdy hiking boots or trail shoes; bring lunch, snacks and water. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or e-mail rushga01@yahoo.com.

Jan 25 - Chapter meeting. Welcome back from the holidays, everybody - let's plan some good hikes for 2011! We'll have maps and info on some great places to go during the year. This is your chance to get your oar in on places you want to go. Tennessee trails pack history, geology, natural beauty, scenic vistas, and biodiversity that sets us apart in North America for sheer numbers of native plants and animals. We'll review some details to take the fear -or hesitation- out of leading a hike, and get the lowdown on some fine places to go. Come for the info, the camaraderie, time to meet and greet and enjoy refreshments after the meeting, and the chance to win a door prize. Questions? Contact Nora Beck, program chairman, at nora_beck@comcast.net.

Jan 29-Warner Park, Nashville. Meet at the Belle Meade entrance flagpole and we will depart promptly at 8 am CT. This can be a busy entrance and overflow parking is to the left of the stone entrance columns. Our hike will be 7 miles consisting of the 2.5 mile Warner Woods Trail and the 4.5 Mossy Ridge Trail. You have an option of doing only the 2.5 mile Warner Woods Trail. Hike time should be 3-3.5 hrs. We can have a post hike snack at the local Brueggers Bagel shop. Hike is rated moderate due to distance. Bring water, snacks and appropriate clothing. There is a porta john at the 2.5 mile point (Deep Well), otherwise BYOTP (bring your own tp). Prehike registration: Herb Kneeland hdk3@comcast.net.

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academic year (Feb-Apr and Sep-Dec) on the UT
Campus in the Paul Meek Library, Rm 120, Media
Services B1

Hike details not available at press time.

Carpool Etiquette

Gasoline prices have continued to roller coaster up and down. Please be considerate and take your turn as a carpool driver. If you are a rider, always contribute to the cost of gasoline (i.e. bring small bills, it'll save time and prevent the inconvenience of having to stop to locate change).

Your driver is not a chauffeur. Assist him or her by reading the map and/or directions to the trailhead. Help your driver remain alert on the drive home by staying awake and conversing.

All passengers must wear seat belts to minimize the risk of injury in case of an accident !!! *The drive to and from a trailhead is generally the most dangerous part of any hiking trip.*

Attention: Hike Coordinators (aka Hike Leaders)

A TTA *Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement* form (aka "Liability Waiver") must be signed by everyone *before you start your hike* or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded from the Tennessee Trails Association website at www.tennesseetrails.org/release.php

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/plateau

There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information or to get on an e-mail list for the hikes, contact Bill Harris at 931-484-9152 or visit the Plateau Chapter Blog. Rain cancels.

Jan 13 - Chapter Meeting. First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. 6:30 pm CT. Joe Matlock will give a presentation about a hike that he made to Angel Falls in Venezuela. Meet at La Costa Restaurant at 5:00 pm to eat together before the meeting.

Jan 15 - Piney Falls and Stinging Fork State Natural Areas, Grandview and Spring City, TN. These two hikes are being combined to give a total hiking distance of about 7 miles. Piney Falls is a 3 mile round trip hike that features the 80 foot tall Upper Piney Falls. Stinging Fork State Natural Area is about 10 miles from Piney Falls and features a 35-foot waterfall and cascade at the end of the 1 ½ mile trail. Due to some elevation gain and possibly slick rocks, the hike is rated moderate. Wear boots, and bring water, lunch and snacks. Meet at 9:00 am CT at Trinity Tabernacle on Highway 127 South. For more information and to register, contact Jan & Dennis Barber at 931-839-6662 or taxxing@aol.com.

Jan 22 - CTC Volunteer Appreciation Hike, Brady Mountain, Crossville. Tony Hook will lead a hike to Brady Mountain overlook and back (6 miles round trip). RSVP to marleyapendleton@frontiernet.net or call 931-456-6259. Meet at Brady Trailhead at 11 am CT. Note: We can meet at Trinity Tabernacle on Highway 127 at 10:30 am CT to carpool.

Jan 22 - CTC Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Crossville. RSVP to marleyapendleton@frontiernet.net or call 931-456-6259.

Jan 29 - Scott's Gulf: Yellow Bluff/Caney Fork River Hike, DeRossett. The trail is about 7 or 8 miles in length and is rated strenuous due to the length and the climb at the end. Features include wooded trails and a couple of nice overlooks. Be prepared to cross 3 small streams. There is a climb near the end and we will see a nice rockhouse. It is recommended to wear bright colored clothing as hunting season is open. Meet at Tractor Supply at 8:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Jim Hardy at 931-277-5154 or mccartt1306@hotmail.com.

SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER

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Additional information may be seen at our web site: <http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy>

Jan 1 - Soddy Creek Section of the Cumberland Trail (CT). The group will meet at the convenience store at Jones Gap Road and Highway 111 and will leave the parking lot at 9:30 am ET. We will access this section of the CT from alongside Highway 111 west of Jones Gap Road and beside the concrete drainage ditch (N 35 20.419 W 085 12.136). We will hike to Board Camp Creek, have a lunch snack, and return to the vehicles by reversing directions on the same trail. The total distance is approximately 6 miles and is rated easy with a few moderate climbs. Contact Earl Helmer at 770-877-0600 or e_helmer@att.net to register. **Driving Directions:** US-27 North from Soddy-Daisy, exit onto Highway 111 toward Dunlap, exit onto Jones Gap Road, turn right, turn right to go to the convenience store; meet at the rear far corner behind the store. For trail information, refer to www.cumberlandtrail.org.

Jan 3, 4, 6, 7 - Cumberland Trail Conference Winter Alternative Break Event. Join students from Grand Valley State University who will be working on maintenance activities on the North Chickamauga Creek Trail off Montlake Road in Soddy-Daisy repairing damage from the recent fires. Normally Wednesday is an off day for the students but schedule depends on the weather; check schedule for possible changes. For more details, contact the CTC office at cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com or 931-456-6259. The group will leave the Lutheran Camp at 8:30 am ET.

Jan 4 - Chapter Meeting.

Jan 5 - TENTATIVE: PARK MAY NOT BE OPEN YET - Enterprise South Nature Park, Chattanooga, TN. Group will meet at the Target store shopping center on Highway 153 and will leave the parking lot at 9:30 am ET. We will travel to the Park from the Bonny Oaks Drive, turning on Volkswagen Drive and will meet at the Visitors Center. We will hike the Poe Run Path (1 mile), the Poe Run Overlook (0.6), the Deer Hollow Trail (0.5 mi), part of the Hidden Lake Trail, to the Boulder Point Trail (1.2 mi), then back on the Hidden Lake Trail (0.3 mi), and return by the Poe Run Path for an estimated total distance of 4.5 miles. Contact Nance Jo Ogozalek at 256-509-1541 or nancejo13@gmail.com to register. For a trail map, refer to <http://richmedia.onset.freedom.com/wtvc/l8raln-enterpriseparkhandoutmap.pdf>. Hike is tentative depending on the CTC Winter Alternative Break maintenance activities and whether the Park is open yet. Check with contact person before attending this hike.

Jan 8 - Stinging Fork Segment of the Cumberland Trail. The group will meet in Soddy-Daisy at the baseball fields on Durham Street (N 35 17.307 W 085 09.450) across from the lake. We will leave the parking lot at 9:30 am ET and travel to Spring City. We will hike the 3 mile round trip from the trailhead on Shut in Gap Road (N 35 42.765 W 84 55.689) to Stinging Fork Falls (N 35 43.283 W 84 55.607). The group will decide whether to hike to the Indian Head Point Overlook (0.1 mile). Contact Bob McGavock at 423-667-2960 or kopperkitters@yahoo.com to join this hike. **Driving Directions:** From Soddy-Daisy go north on US-27. Exit onto Highway 68. Turn left on Shut in Gap Road and go 5 miles, (go past the Piney River Trailhead) to the gravel parking lot for Stinging Fork Falls (look for brown sign on the right). For trail information, refer to www.cumberlandtrail.org.

Jan 10,11, 13,14 - CTC Winter Alternative Break. Join students from the University of Kansas who will be working on maintenance activities on the North Chickamauga Creek Trail off Montlake Road in Soddy-Daisy repairing damage from the recent fires. Normally Wednesday is an off day for the students but schedule depends on the weather; check schedule for possible changes. For more details, contact the CTC office at cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com or 931-456-6259. The group will leave the Lutheran Camp at 8:30 am ET.

Jan 12 - TENTATIVE - Stringer's Ridge, Chattanooga. The group will meet at the Bi-Lo in Red Bank at 4825 Dayton Blvd (at Morrison Springs) and will leave the parking lot at 9:30 am ET. We will park on the paved road north of Nikki's Restaurant (N 35 04.435 W 85 18.813). We will hike different trails than the ones taken on Nov 17, 2010 in the attempt to track log alternate paths. We expect the total distance to be 4 miles. **Contact** Earl Helmer at 770-877-0600 or e_helmer@att.net to join this hike. **Driving Directions:** From Red Bank, take Dayton Blvd south toward Chattanooga. Go through the tunnel and turn left on the paved road just north of Nikki's Restaurant. Follow this road to the trailhead parking area. Hike is tentative depending on the CTC Winter Alternative Break maintenance activities. Check with contact person before attending this hike.

Jan 15 - The Lost Sea attraction, Sweetwater, TN. The group will meet in Soddy-Daisy at the baseball fields along Durham Street (N 35 17.307 W 085 09.450) across from the lake. We will combine in fewer vehicles and leave the parking lot at 8:30 am to travel to Sweetwater. The adult admission fee for the Lost Sea is \$ 16.95 (group rate is lower). We will stop for lunch on the return trip. Contact Earl Helmer at 770-877-0600 or e_helmer@att.net to join this event. **Driving Directions:** From Soddy-Daisy, go north on US-27 to Dayton. Turn right onto Highway 30 to Athens (go 24.1 miles). Take I-75 North for 11.6 miles. Take Exit 60 to Sweetwater / Spring City (go 0.4 mile). Turn right on TN-68S (Lost Sea Pike) and go 7.3 miles. Turn left on Lost Sea Road (go 0.1 mile). For more information, refer to www.thelostsea.com.

Jan 18 - Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park. The group will meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot, 4825 Dayton Blvd, Red Bank (at Morrison Springs Rd) and will leave the parking lot at 9:30 am ET. We will combine hiking trails around the northeast quadrant of the Battlefield for a total distance of 4.7 miles. The trail is rated easy. Trail maps are available at the Visitor Center. We will park at the lot on Reed's Bridge Road, hike east, then south, then east, then west, then northwest, then west past Helm and Colquitt Monuments, then northwest, then northeast to return to the vehicles. Contact Nance Jo Ogozalek at 256-509-1541 or nancejo13@gmail.com to join this hike and obtain a written description of the trail route. **Driving Directions:** Going south on US-27 from Red Bank, take exit 180, Rossville Blvd, US-27 South to the Park. Enter the Park, go left on Viniard-Alexander Road to the parking area. Visitor Center GPS coordinates at N 34 56.415 W 085 15.604

Jan 22 - Cumberland Trail Conference Hike on Brady Mountain. The group will meet in Soddy-Daisy at the baseball fields along Durham Street (N 35 17.307 W 085 09.450) across from the lake. We will leave the parking lot at 10:00 am ET. We will combine in fewer vehicles and/or convoy to the Brady Mountain trailhead (N 35 52.179 W 84 55.752). The hike will begin at 11:00 am CT and will be 6 miles round trip. Soddy-Daisy Chapter members contact Nance Jo Ogozalek at 256-509-1541 or nancejo13@gmail.com to register. **Driving Directions:** From Soddy-Daisy, go north on US-27. Take Highway 111 exit to Dunlap. Exit onto US Highway 127N and go toward Pikeville. At intersection of highway 68, turn right and go 4.6 miles to the large paved pull off on the right at the top of the rise. Travel distance from Soddy-Daisy is 70 miles and will take about 1.5 hours. For more information, refer to www.cumberlandtrail.org.

Jan 26 - Chattanooga Riverpark. The group will meet at the Target store shopping center parking lot on Highway 153 and will leave the parking lot at 10:00 am ET. We will travel to the Chickamauga Dam parking area (N 35 06.127 W 085 13.834). From the Dam, we will walk to the southern terminus of the Amnicola Marsh parking area (N 35 04.405 W 085 16.225) off River Terminal Road, take a snack break, and return to the vehicles by the same reverse path. The total distance is 7 miles and is rated easy. Contact Earl Helmer at 770-877-0600 or e_helmer@att.net to join this event. **Driving Directions:** From Target, go south on Highway 153, cross over the Chickamauga Dam, take right exit onto Amnicola Highway; go 0.4 mile and look for the blue sign; follow along the base of the Dam, turn left at "River Recreation" blue sign. The Parking lot is on the right closest to the Dam.

Jan 29 - Graysville Mountain - Roaring Creek Trail. The group will meet in Soddy-Daisy at the baseball fields along Durham Street (N 35 17.307 W 085 09.450) across from the lake. We will leave the parking lot at 10:00 am ET. The Roaring Creek Trail is 5 miles long and is rated easy to moderate. The group may explore the area in search of a waterfall. Contact Bob McGavock at 423-667-2960 or kopperkitters@yahoo.com to register. **Driving Directions:** From Soddy-Daisy, go north on US-27 toward Dayton (11 miles). Turn left onto Highway 303 (Cranmore Cove Rd) and go 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Pikeville Avenue and go 1.6 miles and look for the kiosk. Turn right into the parking area (N 35 27.564 W 085 06.313). Note: some dirt is piled at the entrance to the parking area but access is still open.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT First
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Jan 4 - Chapter Meeting.

Jan 8 - Vanderbilt University Campus. An easy hike on paved sidewalks and walkways, taking approximately 1 1/2 hours to explore some of the history, buildings and artwork of the campus. Meet at 9:00 am CT at First Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, or at 10:00 am at the parking lot of West End United Methodist Church, 2200 West End Avenue. Following the hike, we will have lunch at one of the area restaurants. Contact David (615 424-3991) or Shirley Primeau (615 424-2948) or davidprimeau@bellsouth.net.

Jan 15 - Bledsoe Creek State Park Loop Trail. 3.1 miles. Easy to Moderate. Parts of this hike are on paved accessible trail, then on a natural terrain trail alongside Old Hickory Lake, and then a steep climb up to a high ridge trail before dropping back to the shoreline and completing the loop. You will need your boots for this one. Meet at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville at 9 am CT or at the trailhead at 9:45. Trailhead can be found at the boat launching area south of the park entrance on Ziegler's Fork Road. After the hike we will go to lunch at Larriviere's on the Square in Gallatin. For further info call Loopy AI at 615-347-2623 or ballallenger@aol.com.

Jan 29 - Overlooks and Waterfalls Hike at the Great Stone Door in Savage Gulf State Natural Area (Grundey County). This is a 7-mile hike rated moderate for distance and the uneven terrain. We'll use a car shuttle so we can hike from the Stone Door ranger station, along the plateau's edge to see Boardtree Falls and Greeter Falls. Please bring a lunch to eat on the trail, snacks, plenty of water and please layer your clothing for the winter weather. Rain, snow and/or icy roads will cancel this hike - so please pre-register by contacting Anne at 615-851-1052 or ttahiker@att.net. This is a joint outing with the hiking group from Hendersonville's First Methodist Church so we'll meet for carpooling at 7:45 (sharp!) in the Methodist church's parking lot. It's approximately 2 hours drive to the trailhead.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Jan 1 - North Rim, North Plateau, Mountain Oak, and Savage Day Loop Trails, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Palmer, TN. We will hike parts of the North Rim, North Plateau, and Savage Day Loop along with the Mountain Oak Trail to make a 9 1/2 mile loop. The hike is rated easy for the terrain and moderate for the distance. The hike features several nice overlooks. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us at 8:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank in Sparta across from McDonald's at 8:30. For information and to register contact Margaret Massa at 931-761-2258 or mycorey@blomand.net.

Jan 8 - Ramsay Cascades, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN. This hike features Ramsay Cascades, the most spectacular waterfall in the park, and near record size polar, black cherry, and chestnut oak. The hike is 8 miles and is rated strenuous because of the 2000- foot elevation change. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us at 7:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Gary Kimbrell at 931-388-7918 extension 2677 or gkimbrell@tbf.com.

Jan 15 - Natural Bridge, Hazard Cave, Lake View, Lake, Ladder, and Island Trails, Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN. We will hike a collection of short but scenic trails in Pickett State Park. Highlights include two natural bridges and Hazard Cave. The total distance is about 6 miles and is rated easy. You can meet us at 8:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For information and to register contact Kathleen Sullivan at 931-520-6294 or ksully@frontiernet.net.

Jan 22 - Eagle Watch Barge Tour and Accordion Bluff Trail, Dale Hollow Lake, Livingston, TN. We will join the Corps of Engineer's Eagle Watch Barge Tour on Dale Hollow Lake for a morning of eagle spotting aboard an open air barge. Naturalists will be on board to help in finding the eagles and other wildlife. After the three hour tour we'll land back at the Lillydale Campground for lunch. After lunch we'll hike a portion of the Accordion Bluff Trail along Dale Hollow Lake. The trail is rated easy with the exception of one moderate hill. It is also possible to hike along the rocky beach of the lake for a very easy hike. Dress for cold temperatures on the barge. Bring hot drinks, binoculars, cameras, blankets, a life jacket if you have one, etc. for the barge trip plus hiking gear. Hot drinks and snacks will be available in the middle of the trip at the Dale Hollow park on the Kentucky side of the lake. This is a by reservation only outing; you must register. Contact Lillian Ey at 615-478-7461 or eyintn@hotmail.com for further information.

Jan 29 Brady Mountain, Crossville, TN. We will hike from the Highway 68 trailhead to Lost Overlook and return. The hike is about 8 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous because of the elevation gain. Highlights of the trail include the spectacular overlooks, Lost Overlook and Brady Bluff Overlook. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and hiking boots. You can meet us at 8:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

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All submissions are subject to editing. Articles of general interest and non-hiking events will be included as space permits.

Please send all submissions to:
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TTA CALENDAR

The following dates in 2010 refer to statewide activities that TTA as a whole participates in. Please refer to this calendar often so that you

- will know when your volunteering interests are especially needed (such as during BreakAway, National Trail Days, etc.).
- will consider organizing or leading volunteers from your chapter/region for an event listed.
- can be sure to prevent scheduling conflicts with an activity you wish to plan.

FIRST QUARTER

Jan 1	Multi-chapter New Year's Day Hike & Feast
Jan 2-8	CTC's Winter BreakAway, Week 1 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy Daisy)
Jan 9-15	CTC's Winter BreakAway, Week 2 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy Daisy)
Feb 5	Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)
Feb 20-26	CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 1 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
Feb 27-Mar 5	CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 2 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
Mar 6-12	CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 3 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
Mar 13-19	CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 4 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
Mar 20-26	CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 5 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
Mar 26	Earth Hour - 8:30 pm local time

SECOND QUARTER

Apr 4-10	TDEC's Natural Areas Week (Statewide)
Apr 22	Earth Day 41 st Anniversary
May 7	Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)
Jun 4	National Trails Day (Statewide)

THIRD QUARTER

Aug 6	Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)
Sep 11-17	Bike Ride Across TN (B.R.A.T.) Proceeds Benefit the Cumberland Trail
Sep 24	National Public Lands Day (Statewide)

FOURTH QUARTER

Oct 28-30	Annual Meeting (Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle) hosted by Highland Rim and Murfreesboro chapters
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As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend all TTA/CTC/TRAC functions.