

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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SMOKIES BACKPACKING OUTING For Experienced Backpackers Wed., Apr. 25 – Sun., Apr. 29

Anywhere one goes in the Smokies during the last week in April they can pretty much count on seeing wildflowers. Keep in mind, the varieties will change based on the elevation levels. At higher elevations one will see early spring wildflowers while at the lower elevations there may be a mix of mid-to-late spring wildflowers.

Over the course of 5 days this backpacking outing will start high (Clingman's Dome area), hike down (to almost Fontana Lake's shore), and then back up again to cross over the Appalachian Trail; then, make a final descent into Cades Cove. Remember, having all of these changes in elevation will provide the greatest variety of wildflower viewings.

The total number of miles covered over the 5 days is 34.8 miles. This outing is rated moderately-strenuous to strenuous, and **for experienced backpackers, only!** The rating of moderate is due to typical Smokies trail conditions: hills, roots, rocks, ruts, mud and constant uneven trail surface. The "strenuous" rating is due to the one all day, 9.4-mile climb out of the Fontana Lake area – an ascent of 2,900ft - up to the crest of the Appalachian Trail. Also, this is a very remote area of the Smokies; minimal if any, cell phone service so being well prepared – mentally and physically - are an absolute must.

Our daily mileage is as follows: Day 1 is 4.5 miles (descending). Day 2 is 8.5 miles (descending). Day 3 is 7.2 miles (fairly level). Day 4 you've already been warned about - 9.4 miles (ascending). Day 5 is 5.2 miles (descending). For those with maps, we will be traversing the following trails: Appalachian Trail to Hazel Creek Trail. Hazel Creek Trail to Bone Valley Trail (Bone Valley is an up and back). Then Jenkins Ridge Trail to the Appalachian Trail. Bote Mountain and Anthony Creek Trails to our exit at Cades Cove.

During this outing we will be staying at some campsites and some shelters – all of which require having reservations and securing a permit; 30 days prior to our arrival - the outing leader will make these arrangements with the park. If the itinerary above cannot be secured, something else will be planned. The group size will be limited to 6 people (sorry, no pets) and solely dependent on what the Backcountry Permit Office shows available when our reservations are made (30 days ahead of our arrival). Also, this is a one-way hike, not a loop, and a shuttle service has been hired to transport the group to the start; therefore, a deposit is required and will also guarantee your spot. If you really want to go, an early registration is strongly advised. All RSVPs beyond the initial 6 will be added to a waiting list.

Everyone is responsible for her/his own gear (tent/tarp required) and food. For further information and to register, contact Diane Manas 615-352-7777.

SAVE THE DATE

September 20 – 23, 2012

SEFTC (Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition) Meeting at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

Meet other hikers in the region, learn about trails, trail activities, and hike.

More information to follow.



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Throughout the year, Tennessee Trail Association members assist the Cumberland Trail project in numerous ways and all of the assistance is appreciated. An annual event that raises money for the CTC's BreakAway program is the holiday gift-wrapping booth at REI. Yearly, for a donation, Diane Manas and other TTA members give their time to gift-wrap items purchased at REI. The group does a fantastic job and the packages are so nicely decorated that the REI customers are happy to give a donation. This holiday season, the group raised \$360.00 and REI donated the wrapping paper. The Cumberland Trail Conference wants to state a big **THANK YOU** to Diane Manas, REI, and to all of the TTA members that helped.

The Cumberland Trail Conference is hosting the following events please consider volunteering.

February 26-March 17, March 25-31, 2012: CTC's annual BreakAway program, Hamilton/Rhea Counties.

Trail construction and maintenance on various sections of the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail, volunteers needed. Base camp will be at the Dogwood Lodge near Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee. For non-student volunteers requiring lodging/meals that are not TTA or CTC members a \$20/night fee is charged. Please contact the CTC to register for this event and further details, cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com, www.cumberlandtrail.org, tony.hook@frontiernet.net, or 931-456-6259.

April 6-15, 2012 - Trail construction in the CT's New River segment, North Cumberland WMA, Scott County, TN. This will be a camping outing and volunteers are needed. A static base camp will be established which will serve as the meeting place for volunteers. For volunteers interested in staying overnight and helping multiple days, meals will be served at the camp. Volunteers will need to bring their own personal camping gear. The campsite can be reached by vehicle. Please contact the CTC to register for this event and further details, cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com, www.cumberlandtrail.org, tony.hook@frontiernet.net, or 931-456-6259.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT,
Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.
Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>

Mar 3 - Hike around the Buffalo Range at Land Between the Lakes. 2.5 miles. Moderate. Come prepared because you will get your feet wet at a creek crossing. John Sneed 931-920-3828. Meet 8:00 am CT, Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing off Dover Road, Clarksville, TN. 47 miles to trailhead.

Mar 10 - Fiery Gizzard Trail to Raven's Point, back via Dog Hole Trail. 9.5 miles. Difficult. Paul Schwab 931-645-9068. Meet 6:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 131 miles to trailhead.

Mar 17 - Overnight at Land Between the Lakes. Cross country navigation. Moderate. J.R. Tate 931-920-2692. Meet 8:00 am CT, Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing off Dover Road, Clarksville, TN. 35 miles to trailhead.

Mar 20 - Monthly Meeting. William "Bill" Mitchell, the Clarksville Urban Forester, will be our program speaker.

Mar 24 - Black Mountain, Cumberland County. 7 miles. Moderate. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot.

Mar 31 - Radnor Lake, Nashville. 4 miles. Easy to difficult. Ron Churchill 931-647-9864. Meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 48 miles to trailhead.

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.

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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.

Mar 6 – Chapter Meeting. Rita Venable will give a presentation on *Butterflies of Tennessee*. She will discuss which plants butterflies use, both for nectar and for egg-laying as well as what they need to survive in terms of food, water, shelter, and places to raise young. Rita is a writer, photographer, and speaker whose much-loved subject is nature, especially butterflies. She has a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and is the former editor of *Butterfly Gardener*, a publication of the North American Butterfly Association. For more information, see www.ritavenable.com.

Mar 10 – Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness, DeRossett, TN. 8.5 miles. Moderately difficult. Located at the western edge of the Cumberland Plateau near Sparta, this wilderness area is rich in geological features. The hike will take in several waterfalls, caves and rock shelters along the way. Virgin Falls, 110 feet, will be the destination highlight. Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks for the trail; wear sturdy boots. We will meet behind McDonalds 4908 Main Street (Hwy 31) Spring Hill, and leave at 6:30 am CT. Register with Rick Pinkleton at 931-619-5012.

Mar 24 – David Crockett State Park. Loop consisting of the Overlook, Schoal Creek and other trails, Lawrenceburg, TN. 5+ miles. Moderate. This is a joint hike with the Murfreesboro Chapter. See Murfreesboro Chapter listing for hike details. After our hike we will have lunch at the park restaurant. In addition, this park has a very nice historical museum that you may want to see after lunch. Wear sturdy boots and bring water and snacks for the trail. We will meet at Columbia State Community College 1665 Hampshire Pike, Columbia TN on Hwy. 412 and park near the Administration Building. We will leave at 9:00 am CT. The hike will begin at 10:00 am. To register, please contact Marvin Caine at 931-626-2754 or mlcaine@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 information unavailable at press time.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm ET at the recreation center, 300 W. Beech St., La Follette.

Mar 17 - Cumberland Trail Hike (50 mile badge) including trail to Devils Racetrack. 6.5 miles. Everybody meet at the Jacksboro Middle School parking lot at 10 am ET located on 63 – school has a large electric sign in front on the driver's side. (If you pass Walmart you went too far). We will car pool and have a shuttle at both ends Eagle Bluff and Bruce Gap. Bring water, snack/lunch and a walking stick. For more information please call John Redmon 423-869-8286. Directions: I-75 North Exit 134 - at ramp follow signs to Cove Lake State Park Jacksboro Middle School is one mile or so past State Park on left.

Mar 31 - Frozen Head State Park (50 mile badge), near Wartburg. Those coming from Campbell County meet at the Jacksboro Middle School at 8:30 am ET to car pool to down to exit 122 on I-75 or meet at Anderson County Burger King at 9 am. Dress in layers - bring water, snack/lunch and walking stick. For more information call Harry Shatz 865-494-0374.

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Mar 3 - Old Sugarlands Trail and spur to Sugarlands Cemetery, GSMNP. 6 miles. Easy. Beginning behind the Sugarlands Visitors Center along US-441, this trail reveals a lot of Park history, such as an old quarry used to build the first paved road over the mountains, old telephone poles, stone walls, an old CCC Camp, and a large cemetery. This hike is on relatively flat ground with no big climbs or creek crossings, and is suitable for all levels of hiking experience. Wear clothing appropriate for early March weather, sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water. We will dine at the cemetery, our planned turnaround point. Meet at 10 am ET in front of Sugarlands Visitors Center (Main front door). Pre-registration is suggested. Email Rosie at rosemary_L@hotmail.com.

Mar 17 - Schoolhouse Gap Trail. 9 miles. Moderate. It starts at Laurel Creek Rd for 1.1 miles, turns onto Turkeypen Ridge Trail for 3.4 miles, turns onto Finley Cane Trail for 2.8 miles, turns onto Bote Mountain Trail for about 1/2 mile and then Laurel Creek Rd. This is a moderate hike at lower elevation over rolling terrain. We will meet at the trailhead at 10 am ET. Pre-registration is suggested. Email Rosie at rosemary_L@hotmail.com.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Monday at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W.
Wilson Community Ctr., 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Mar 10 – Varnedoe and Certain Trails, Green Mountain, Huntsville, AL. 5 miles. Moderate. This is a joint hike with the Murfreesboro Chapter. See Murfreesboro Chapter listing for hike details. For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at *CAMEL40@earthlink.net* or 256-564-8417. To carpool from Winchester, TN contact Joan Hartvigsen at 931-962-0811 or 931-636-2914.

Mar 17 - Eat-Hike-Eat, Point Disappointment and Caldwell Loop, Sewanee, TN. 4 miles. Easy to Moderate. Join us at the Blue Chair Cafe in Sewanee, TN at 9:00 am for breakfast and coffee or come at 9:45 am if you just want to hike. We will park on University Avenue near the Blue Chair and start the hike from there. From the Blue Chair we will walk to the Old Railroad Bed and follow it to the new connector trail to the Caldwell Loop Trail. This trail goes past the playing fields on Ballpark Rd and into the woods where it joins the Caldwell Loop Trail. From the Caldwell Trail we will walk up to Bob Stewman Rd and enter the Aerial property with owner permission and walk to Point Disappointment. There we will have a stunning view of Lost Cove. From Point Disappointment we will return to the Blue Chair along Bob Stewman Rd and onto wooded trails running along the Depot Branch of Lost Cove Creek. Contact Carolyn Fitz at 931-598-0597 or *cfitz@sewanee.edu*. George Ramseur, Sewanee Herbarium, is offering a wildflower hike at Shakerag Hollow at 2:00 pm. Meet at Green's View for this moderate-to-strenuous 2 mile walk that includes a steep rocky section of the trail.

Mar 17 – Wolf Cove Hike, Keith Springs Mountain, 9 miles. Strenuous. Folks who missed this hike in January due to rain and fog asked Joette to repeat it. This hike has waterfalls, caves and overlooks. It's off trail and fast paced with elevation gains in a beautiful area. Bring lunch and water and meet at 9:30 am on Hwy 16 at a cement block checking station on the left between mile markers 23 and 24 as you head south toward the Walls of Jericho. For more information call Joette at 256-776-3551.

Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Mar 24 – West Collins Trailhead, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Gruetli-Laager, TN. 5 miles. Difficult. Jim and Marietta Poteet will lead a hike from the West Collins Trailhead to Horsepound Falls. It will be a beautiful hike of approximately 5 miles round trip and difficult due to rock hopping and rocky descent to Suter Falls and the 800 foot descent and ascent to Horsepound Falls. Both Falls are quite beautiful particularly after rain and the wildflowers should be spectacular. Since this is a wildflower/hiking trip it will be a longer time wise trip than usual for a 5 mile hike. Please wear good boots and bring water, snacks and lunch. Call Marietta at 931-924-7666 or email to *nannietta@blomand.net* for further information and to sign up for the hike.

Mar 26 – Chapter Meeting. Meet at Applebee's, 1957 N. Jackson St., Tullahoma at 5:30 pm for dinner. Our meeting begins at 7:00 pm at D. W. Wilson Community Center. Mary Priestley, president of the Friends of South Cumberland State Park (FSC) and Margaret Matens, FSC marketing and development coordinator, will talk about FSC plans to sponsor a chapter of the new Tennessee Naturalist Program. Program participants complete 40 hours of instruction, at least half of which are spent outdoors. The ten topics, beginning with "So You Want to be a Naturalist," include forests, wildflowers, reptiles and amphibians, birds, geology, astronomy, and water resources. Participants also must do 40 hours of volunteer work in a natural setting, which can include leading hikes, doing trail work, etc. The program will launch in the fall of 2012. Cost, which covers field guides and other resource materials, is estimated at \$200. Current plans are to present a class approximately one Saturday each month through the school year. See <http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/tnnaturalist/> for more information. Mary and Margaret will also bring us up to date on plans for Trails and Trilliums 2012, which is scheduled for the weekend of April 20 - 21. This will be the second year that the Friends of South Cumberland have sponsored this popular festival. We'll learn about what's being offered and how TTA can help.

Mar 31 - Short Springs State Natural Area, Tullahoma, TN. Work Day. Let's all come at 9:00 am to the SSNA parking lot for a morning of fun activities! Some of us get to paint trail markers! Wally will supply brushes and paint. Two teams of 3 or more persons will use chain saws to cut and remove fallen trees from the trails. Wally will bring and use one chainsaw. We will need a couple more chainsaws and users. Bring gloves, ear and eye protection, tools, gas and chain oil. Other teams will use clippers and loppers to brush trails. Everyone should bring a day pack, water, snacks and gloves. Let Wally and Pat Bigbee know if you are planning to come, 931-473-5968 or *bigb@blomand.net*.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Monday at Gander Mountain, Vann Drive,
Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts at 6:00 pm CT;
meeting starts 7:00 pm

Mar 5 - Chapter Meeting. We meet at 7 pm on the first Monday of each month at Gander Mountain, which is located in Jackson on Vann Drive. Anyone interested in hiking with us is welcome to come and learn about our upcoming events. For additional information, please contact our chairperson, Vicky Moeller, at *vmoellerosu@gmail.com*.

Mar 10 - Cane Creek Nature Preserve, Tuscumbia, AL. Joint Hike with Memphis Chapter. This is our famous annual wildflower hike, in one of the most interesting private nature sanctuaries in the Eastern US. We will divide into several groups, so there will be a range of hikes from 4 to 10 miles in length. A map and other information on the preserve is available from <http://schuffertstudios.com/catalog/Misc/CaneCreekPreserve.pdf> and <http://bps-al.org/trips/february-8-2009-cane-creek-canyon-preserve-colbert-co-al.html>. We plan to leave from Panera Bread at 7:00 am and will meet up with hikers from other chapters near the preserve. Glen Rognstad will be leading the hike. Please register via *glenrognstad@gmail.com*.

Mar 24-25 - Virgin Falls. We will make an overnight trip to Virgin Falls Natural Area, allowing for at least two hikes this weekend. More details will be provided later. Please contact Terry McCoy for additional information via *cityclarksburg@yahoo.com*.

Planning Ahead:

Apr 14 - LBL Canal Loop. Mark your calendars for this upcoming hike at the north end of Land Between the Lakes.

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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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep – May) 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm CT at
Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd.

Mar 3 - Lucius Burch Natural Area Wolf River off Germantown Road. We will meet at 9:00 am in the main parking area off Germantown Road. Turn off at the traffic light on Germantown Road between Agri Center & Lowe's. Our hike will focus on the Yellow Trail paralleling the Wolf River for 3+ miles. Depending on trail conditions we will either return on the Yellow Trail or take the inland Blue Trail experiencing a mix of natural environments. Portions of both trails are shared with bikes. With heavy use and wet conditions the trail, especially gullies, can be muddy and slippery. For information call Margaret Dixon, 901-603-7680.

Mar 10 - Cane Creek Nature Preserve, Tuscumbia, AL. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Joint Hike with Jackson Chapter. See their chapter listing for hike details. Memphis Chapter members will meet at the ColdWater Inn, 712 Hwy 72W. To register contact Gloria at 901-213-0604.

Mar 17 - Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR. Meet at the park visitor center 9:30 am, or carpool from the Tennessee Welcome Center on Riverside Drive at 8:00 am. We will hike a 5-mile trail rated moderate with a few hills. Bring lunch and water. To register for carpool call Kathryn Skinner at 901-527-4308. Rain will cancel hike.

Mar 24 – 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 as we will not be stopping for lunch. Invite a friend! For information contact Debbi Hicks, 901-337-0410.

Mar 31 - Natchez Trace Parkway Waterfall and Historical Walk. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Bring your camera for a day-long outing full of great scenery! We'll meet at 7:15 am in the parking lot between the Quick Stop and Kroger in Lakeland on Highway 64. We'll stop for gas and restroom break before meeting up at the Exhibit Shelter (no restrooms) at the entrance of the Natchez Trace Parkway at highway marker 370. We'll be traveling north, stopping at the Meriwether Lewis Monument and gravesite, hike the one mile loop of the original Natchez Trace, then have lunch in the picnic area. After lunch we'll continue north to Fall Hallow (no restrooms) and hike a short distance to two waterfalls. Then on to Jackson Falls and hike ½ mile on a paved walkway. We'll stop at the Gordon House Historical Site and end our day (time permitting) at the Double Arch Bridge before returning to Memphis via Interstate 40. Bring water, snacks, sack lunch, and money for carpooling. Contact Tricia at *bestarmymom@gmail.com* or 901-488-4844.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT, Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station, 697 Barfield-Crescent Rd., Murfreesboro

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Mar 3 - Montgomery Bell State Park East Loop. 7 miles. Moderate. We will enjoy a nice relatively level walk at MBSP near Dickson, TN. This will be a loop trail and will pass creeks, nice wooded areas and leisurely walking. We will have lunch at a shelter at approximately 3 miles in. We will also stop for pictures and rest at Creech Hollow Lake at the approximate 5.5 mile mark. Please bring your lunch and your camera and let's have a fantastic hike. We will carpool from Murfreesboro, please contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com for information or to register.

Mar 10 – Varnedoe and Certain Trails, Green Mountain, Huntsville, AL. 5 miles. Moderate. This is a joint hike with the Highland Rim Chapter. The Varnedoe Trail is the newest of the Land Trust trails and was completed during the summer of 2009. It allows a complete loop on Green Mountain which includes the Sugar Tree and the Certain Trails. Bob Goodwin and Sandra Parker will lead this moderate+ 5 mile hike which will include panoramic views of Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley as well as sharp rock outcroppings. The trail is in good condition, but rocky and uneven in places. About half way, there will be a 300 foot elevation gain in a half mile, and then the trail follows the top of Green Mountain and is mostly flat. Near the end, there is a 350 foot elevation loss in about a half mile. We will leave from the Cracker Barrel on Church Street at Interstate 24, Exit 81 in Murfreesboro at 8:00 am. Distance from the meeting place to Green Mountain is about 90 miles. For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at CAMEL40@earthlink.net or 256-564-8417.

Mar 10 - Prentice Cooper State Forest Back Pack. 12 miles. Moderate. We will be hiking the Pot Point Loop trail which follows the side of Suck Creek Mountain and includes some stunning views of the Tennessee River Gorge. The trail has enough changes in altitude to make it interesting. Most of the mileage will be on the first day. Hopefully some spring wildflowers will be blooming! For more information contact Charlotte Broyles at broylescha@hotmail.com or home phone 615-890-6308.

Murfreesboro Chapter – con't.

Mar 13 – Chapter Meeting. Join us for a journey to the lands of Nepal, Mount Everest base camp in Tibet and other places in between as Marcia Medford and her husband Bill take us there through the magic of photography and the spoken word. We are most fortunate that they have agreed to share their photos and stories. Perhaps we can dream someday of repeating this wonderful feat ourselves!

Mar 17 – Edgar Evins Waterfall Tour. Reserve early, spaces fill up fast. (1) Cummins Falls. Easy in out trail. Less than ¼ mile each way. (2) City Lake Park. Paved easy trail. About 200 yards. (3) Hidden Hollow Falls. Easy paved trail. Ride vans to all three falls in the Cookeville area. Short driving distances from each. We will have lunch at the Golden Corral buffet in Cookeville. Reservations will open Feb 1 at the park office. Phone 1-800-250-8619 or (931) 858-2114 for reservations. Fee is \$10 per person and buy your own lunch. Visit <http://foeesp.ne1.net/> for more information.

Mar 24 – Loop consisting of the Overlook, Schoal Creek and other trails, David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg, TN. This is a joint hike with the Columbia/Franklin Chapter. Bob Goodwin and Sandra Parker will lead this 5+ mile moderate hike which includes panoramic views of the valley, picturesque views of the meadows, lake scenes and a rushing creek. There will be an elevation gain of 200 feet, then a slow descent to the lake; then an ascent of 250 feet (with about 80 steps up and shortly after, the same down), then a nice scenic hike along the creek. Overall the condition of the trail is very good. After our hike we will have lunch at the park restaurant. In addition, this park has a very nice historical museum that you may want to see after lunch. We will leave from the Murfreesboro Sam's Club overflow parking lot next to Hardees at 8 am CT. Distance from Sam's Club to David Crockett State Park is about 90-100 miles depending on the route (about 1 ½-2 hours). For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at CAMEL40@earthlink.net or 256-564-8417.

Mar 31 - Little Swan Trail at Old Natchez Trace. 4.3 miles. Moderate. One of the most fabled deaths in Tennessee occurred near here when famed explorer Meriwether Lewis was found with part of his head blown off. Was it murder or suicide? Well, let's walk the trail and see if we can find that out. This 4.3 mile loop will start at the monument and go past Lewis' grave until it forks to the Little Swan where the moss covered trail curves through a forest of small oaks, descends via switchbacks into a hollow and runs past stands of oak and tulip poplar rising above beds of Christmas fern. Dogwoods bloom here in April so maybe we can get an early glimpse. We will have lunch on the trail. We will carpool from Murfreesboro to the trail head. For information or to register, contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

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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

Mar 3 - Devils Backbone Loop Trail and The Gordon House Historic Site, off the Natchez Trace Parkway near Columbia. 4 miles. Easy to moderate. Come explore the parkway. We will start with a stop on the Natchez Trace Parkway at The Gordon House. There is a short half mile walk pass the old Gordon home to the Duck River. We will then drive further south to Devils Backbone and hike the nice 3 mile loop trail. A couple miles further south is Fall Hollow and a short walk to some beautiful falls. We will end the day by heading to Mt. Pleasant for a great meal at the Mt. Pleasant Grille! Bring snacks and water. For more information call Amy at 615 739-5858.

Mar 10 - Hidden Passage, Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN. 10 miles. Difficult for the length. Fran Wallas says in her Great Hikes, "There aren't enough adjectives to describe the beauty of this Civilian Conservation Corps built trail..." that winds through rock houses, and rock formations, by waterfalls, and beautiful overlooks. There are even a couple of spur trails we might take, to an interesting old railroad tunnel, and a double waterfall. This is a wonderfully diverse trail that stays green even in the winter with laurel, rhododendron, and huckleberry. Since Pickett is a 2 and 1/2 hour drive from Nashville, there will be an early departure time of 6:30. We will also stop for dinner on the way back to Nashville. Wear sturdy hiking boots, (this is a real walk in the woods, not a greenway) bring plenty of water, snacks, lunch, and money for carpooling and dinner. E-mail (preferred) or call Nancy, for more information, to register and for carpooling details. njuodenas@yahoo.com, or 615-319-8811.

Mar 24 - Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. 5 miles. Moderate. Located about 100 miles west of Nashville, this is an educational & cultural outing as well as a fine hike. We will start at Pilot Knob, the highest point in West Tennessee, and hike a loop trail through beautiful woodlands near the Tennessee River. The trail includes "knob and hollows" and many subtle terrain features. The trail is moderate, with more elevation changes than one might expect here. We start rain or shine at 9 am. Park just below the Tennessee River Folklife Interpretive Center and museum, which opens at 8 am if you'd like to browse around beforehand. The center features the life, ways, and customs of folks on the Tennessee River and includes musseling, crafts, commercial fishing, and some fascinating local Civil War history. Bring your lunch, and we'll enjoy it here after the hike. Please see website: <http://tn.gov/environment/parks/NBForrest>. More information about carpooling and other questions available from hike leader, Tom Vickstrom at 615-405-6713.

Nashville Chapter – con't.

Mar 27 - Chapter Meeting. Member Nora Beck will describe her recent adventure in the Actun Tinichil Muknal Cave (better known to many as the ATM) in Belize. Featured in National Geographic, this cave was to the ancient Mayans the entrance to the underworld. A physical challenge, the swim, climbs and minor contortions are worth the effort for the sights along the way. We'll meet at 7 for brief announcements and light refreshments, and have time for socializing following the program. Bring a friend!

Mar 31 - Mullens Cove Loop Trail, Prentice Cooper State Forest. Chattanooga, TN. 10.2 miles. Moderate. Mullens Cove Loop Trail is the top portion of the figure 8 trail system in Prentice Cooper State Forest and, it is also part of the Cumberland Trail. Mullens Cove Loop Trail offers views of the Tennessee River Gorge, rock bluffs and cascading streams. The trail is rocky in places and passes over several streams and hills. Even though there are no hazardous stream crossings, nor great changes to the elevation, this hike is rated moderate for the hills, mileage (10.2 miles), uneven and rocky terrain, and one fairly large boulder field. Sturdy hiking shoes are required! Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water for this all-day outing. Carpooling will be facilitated for those NOT wanting to meet at the trailhead; we'd meet sometime around 6:45 am CT – carpool location yet to be determined. For additional information, and to register, and obtain carpool meeting time and location, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Wed-Sun, Apr 25-29. Backpacking – See information on page one.

NORTHWEST Chapter (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT during the
academic year (Feb-Apr and Sep-Dec) on the UT
Campus in the Paul Meek Library, Rm 120, Media
Services B1

Hike information unavailable at press time.

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, contact Bill Harris at 931-484-9152 or visit the Plateau Chapter Blog. Rain cancels.

Mar 8 – Chapter Meeting. 6:30 pm. First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. Program: Brett at Plateau Outdoors on "How to buy poles, boots, and backpacks along with the newest hiking gear ". Dinner at LaCosta Mexican Restaurant, 138 The Crossings, Crossville at 5 pm. Contact Chapter Chair, Cheryl Heckler at *thehecklers@charter.net* or 931-456-6437 for additional information.

Mar 10 – Sheltowee Trace/Gobblers Arch Hike. (Jamestown area). 6 miles. Moderate to strenuous. We will depart from the Peter's Mountain Trail Head on Divide Rd in the Big South Fork Recreation Area and descend down the Sheltowee Trace Trail following the Mark Branch Creek past rock houses and rock bluffs. The trail crosses the creek several times although there are plenty of stepping rocks to make most of the crossings but be prepared to follow the trail thru, across and down the stream to the Mark Branch Falls where the trail drops down a set of stairs to the bottom of the falls. We follow the Trace on to the bottom where we meet up with the Kentucky Wild River. Don't worry we don't have to cross this river. Here we pick up the Gobblers Arch Trail and start a short but steep ascent up to and around steep rock bluffs & rock houses until we reach the Kentucky Wild River overlook. From here we follow the trail to and thru Gobbler's Arch to the trailhead where we will stage a car shuttle to take the drivers back to Peter's Mt. Trail Head. This hike is rated moderate to strenuous due to the climb up the Gobbler Arch Trail. Meet at Cracker Barrel at 7:45 am. As always bring water, lunch, and extra socks in case your boots are not waterproof! Contact: Curt Thomas to register or for more info at: *curtthomas@frontiernet.net* or 931-260-2140.

Plateau Chapter – con't.

Mar 17 - Cove Lake Chapter leading CTC Cove Lake State Park to Eagle Bluff, Cove Lake. This is an end to end hike where we have to shuttle cars. It starts high on Eagle Bluff and continues along the Cumberland Mountain ridgeline for two miles until we come to the short side trail to the Devil's Racetrack. It then continues on a steep downhill section to Bruce Gap creek and along it for a while before it leaves the creek. The trail then continues along the I-75 corridor until we come to the Cumberland loop which we will then take and continue till the junction of the main trail just a short distance till the parking lot. Total distance: approximately 6.5 miles. Wear good hiking shoes or boots; bring water, lunch and snacks. We will meet at 6:30 am CT at the Vanity Fair parking lot. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Heckler by e-mail at *thehecklers@charter.net* or at 931-200-7436.

Mar 31 - Yahoo Falls (Jamestown area). Yahoo Falls-Alum Ford Loop; Big South Fork, Whitley City, KY 10-11 miles. Difficult. We will start at Alum Ford river access and go south on Sheltowee Trace Trail along the Big South Fork River. At Negro Creek Trail we hike uphill for 2+ miles to get out of the gorge. Then we cross Hwy 700 and continue on Yahoo Arch Trail. We pass an optional side trail to Marker's Arch for 0.5 miles one way. Next we hike on to Yahoo Arch and then to our finale of Yahoo Falls for great photo opportunities and a history story about Princess Cornblossom. Yahoo Falls is the tallest water fall in the BSF and all of Kentucky. We will finish our hike back to Alum Ford along Yahoo creek. This loop has numerous creek crossings, a long uphill climb and confusing trail signs. Wear hiking boots and dress for the weather. Hiking poles are recommended. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Meet at Cracker Barrel at 7:45 am CT. There is a 2 hour drive to the trail head. For more information and to register contact Cindy Strang at 931-397-4750 or *strangcl@hotmail.com* or Cheryl Heckler by e-mail at *thehecklers@charter.net*.

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.*

SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER

CHAPTER CHAIR: Bob McGavock 423-667-2960
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MEETS QUARTERLY: 1st Tuesday in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct at 6:00 pm ET at Burk's United Methodist Church, 6433 Hixson Pike, Hixson
*Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy>*

Mar 3 - Heiss Mountain to Big Soddy Creek. Meet at parking lot on Durham Street at 9 am ET. Will hike in for 3 hours or until we reach Big Soddy Creek and then hike back, approximately 6 to 7 miles one way.

Mar 6 - CTC work day. Contact Bob McGavock at *kopperkitters@yahoo.com* or 423-667-2960.

Mar 10 - Grassy Cove area. Meet at parking lot on Durham Street at 9 am. We will stage cars; start at trailhead on Jewett Road. Hike 8 miles to Highway 68.

Mar 13 - Laurel Falls. Meet at parking lot on Durham Street at 9 am. Hike approximately 5 miles.

Mar 17 - Heiss Mountain to Retro Hughes Road. Meet at parking lot on Durham Street at 9 am. Hike 9.5 miles.

Mar 20 - Greenway Farm. Meet at parking lot across from dog yard at 10 am at Greenway Farm.

Mar 24 - Chickamauga Battlefield. Meet at Target Parking lot off Highway 153 at 9 am. Will hike approximately 6.5 miles.

Mar 27 - Tennessee River Walk. Meet at parking lot at South Chickamauga Creek at 10 am.

Mar 31 - Snow Falls. A creek must be crossed. Meet at parking lot on Durham Street at 9 am. Hike approximately 11 miles.

Unless otherwise noted, contact George Bonneau at *george.r.bonneau@gmail.com* or 423-842-3619 for further information.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT
Hendersonville First United Methodist Church, 217 E. Main St. Hendersonville, TN

Mar 6 - Chapter Meeting. Please come join us as we learn about "exercises for hikers" from Jamie Leyell, Wellness Coordinator of the Sumner County YMCA, and enjoy refreshments and socializing. Jamie will discuss general exercise guidelines and specific lower body and balance exercises useful for hikers. Visitors and guests are always welcome. Questions? Contact David or Shirley Primeau at *davidprimeau@bellsouth.net* or (615) 424-2948.

Sumner Trails Chapter – con't.

Mar 10 - Strenuous hike on the Honey Creek Loop in the Big South Fork. Honey Creek packs a lot of charming scenery into a relatively small area, but oh my, do you have to work for it. This trail is rated "strenuous" because: (1)it involves some rock scrambling and creek walking, and (2) the trail tends to be "unforgiving" if you do not have the proper footwear, a moderate to high level of physical fitness and a safety-minded attitude. To maximize the safety factor: group size will be limited, the hike will be cancelled if bad weather or high water is an issue, and all interested hikers must RSVP via e-mail before Mar 8. Your hike leader will reply with a checklist to make sure participants are prepared for the trip. E-mail Anne at *ttahiker@att.net*.

Mar 10 - Newcomers' Hike (also for anybody looking for a less strenuous activity) at the White House Greenway. Meet in the parking lot of Hendersonville First Presbyterian Church at 9:00 am. We should arrive at the White House High School parking lot by 9:45 and will access the Greenway there. The hike will be approximately four miles as we walk to the trailhead off 31W and then return to the school. After working up an appetite hiking, we'll enjoy lunch at one of the local restaurants. A map and info about the Greenway can be found at *www.WhiteHouseTN.com* under the Parks and Recreation tab. Contact David and Shirley Primeau at *davidprimeau@bellsouth.net* or (615) 424-2948 for more information or to confirm the hike if weather looks unfavorable.

Mar 24 - Narrows of the Harpeth. 2 miles. Easy (except for one steep climb). It is called the Narrows because the river in a 5-mile bend nearly curves back on itself - our hike is inside this bend so we will have Harpeth River on either side of us. We will follow the river to a point where a man-made tunnel (built in early 1800's) has cut through the bluff from other side. Then we will ascend the bluff for awesome views - then descend and walk to where the water enters the tunnel. We usually see plenty of wildflowers on this one, and I will try to have a wildflower person along so I don't have to be creative on identification. Meet at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville at 9 am CT or at the Harris-Street Bridge trailhead at 10 am. After the hike, we'll eat lunch at Paul's Perfect Pig in Burns. For further info contact River Rat Al at *ballallenger@aol.com* or 615-347-2623 after 3 pm on Friday.

Spring is peeking around the corner! Time to GET YOUR HIKE ON!!!! Please sign up for the chapter listserver for late-breaking trip announcements. At the TTA website, go to the Sumner Trails page under "Chapters" to sign up to receive our weekly e-mail updates. While you are on the TTA website, please help support our **charitable**, non-profit organization by joining or renewing your membership!

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Mar 3 - North Bird Mountain, Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. 10 miles. Strenuous. Beginning at Big Cove Campground, we will hike up the Bird Mountain Trail to the North Bird Mountain Trail intersection. We will hike the North Bird Mountain Trail, then return to Big Cove Campground via the Lookout Tower Trail. The North Bird Mountain Trail has been closed for 27 years and has recently reopened. The trail is well-marked, but has a couple of un-bridged stream crossings that could present a problem, poor footing in some places, and a few steep places. The hike is rated strenuous due to lots of elevation change. The trail follows the northern boundary of the park. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and a headlamp. 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 931-215-9520 or gkimbrell@tfbf.com.

Mar 10 – Cane Creek Upper Loop Trail, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN. 14 miles. Strenuous. We will park in the designated area for overnight trails (but we will do this as a day hike). It is located as you enter the park on Hwy 30. This trail generally follows the gently rolling uplands of the top of the plateau. Along the way there are extensive patches of blueberries and large fern beds. Deer and ruffed grouse sightings are common. The trail is around 14 miles with an elevation change of 240 feet and marked by forest floor and white blaze. It is rated strenuous for distance; however, it is easy on the feet and best described as 'a walk in the woods.' Bring water, lunch, and snacks. You can meet us at 8:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville, or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:30. For information and to register contact Margaret Massa at 931-761-2258 or email mycorey@blomand.net. If enough interest is shown the hike can have a shortened option of 10 miles if a shuttle is provided.

Mar 17 - Big South Fork's Buffalo Arch. From Blevin's Cemetery to Buffalo Arch is 10.5 miles round trip. Bring your water shoes as a stream crossing is necessary. Meet at JC Penney's in Cookeville, TN at 7:30 am or Clarkrange, TN (junction of Hwy 62 and 27) at 8:15. Contact Marnell Cothran 931-738-5874. Email leron@blomand.net.

Upper Cumberland Chapter – con't.

Mar 24 - Castle Rock, Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. 10 miles. Strenuous. Beginning at Big Cove Campground, we will hike up the Bird Mountain Trail to the Castle Rock formation, then return to Big Cove Campground via the Lookout Tower Trail. The hike is around 10 miles and is rated strenuous due to elevation change. There are a total of 14 switchbacks up the mountain before you get to the ridge top of Bird Mountain. Along the way there are plenty of views down into the valley through the woods. The trail follows the north boundary of the park where hunting is allowed. Bring some hunter's orange clothing in case turkey season is open. You can meet us at 7:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Louise Miniard at 931-528-9115 leave message or e-mail lminiard@flowserve.com.

Mar 31 - Groundhog Ridge Trail, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cosby, TN. 8 miles. Strenuous. We will ascend Mount Cammerer along the Groundhog Ridge Trail. This trail is not maintained but generally easy to follow. The upper parts of the trail are steep and in places trees have fallen across the trail. There is also some rock scrambling near the top. We will be rewarded with outstanding views from the upper parts of the trail and from the Mount Cammerer fire tower. We will descend by taking the Mount Cammerer Trail to its junction to the Appalachian Trail. Then descending to the Lower Mount Cammerer Trail and then to its junction with the Groundhog Ridge Trail and then back to the beginning. You can meet us at 7:00 am CT at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com or Gary Kimbrell at 931-215-9520 or gkimbrell@tfbf.com.

TIP

Avoid cotton clothing as "cotton is rotten" and "cotton can kill" when outdoors in cooler temperatures. Cotton dries slowly and won't keep you warm when you get wet, while wool, fleece and other synthetics will. Reconsider wearing jeans if rain is predicted – they weigh too much and take forever to dry.

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Mar 10	Apr 1
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Please send all submissions to:
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TTA 2012 CALENDAR

The following dates in 2012 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

Feb 26-Mar 3 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 1 in Hamilton County (Soddy-Daisy)
 Mar 4-10 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 2 in Hamilton County (Soddy-Daisy)
 Mar 11-17 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 3 in Hamilton County (Soddy-Daisy)
 Mar 18-24 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 4 in Hamilton County (Soddy-Daisy)
 Mar 25-31 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 5 in Hamilton County (Soddy-Daisy)
 Mar 26 Banff Mtn Film Festival Tour, Knoxville
 Mar 31 Earth Hour - 8:30 pm local time

SECOND QUARTER

Apr 8-14 TDEC's Natural Areas Week (Statewide)
 Apr 22 Earth Day 41st Anniversary
 May 5 Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)
 Jun 2 National Trails Day (Statewide)

THIRD QUARTER

Aug 4 Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)
 Sep 8-15 Bike Ride Across TN (B.R.A.T.) Proceeds Benefit the Cumberland Trail
 Sep 20-23 Southeast Foot Trails Coalition. 2012 Meeting. (Fall Creek Falls SP)
 Sep 29 National Public Lands Day (Statewide)

FOURTH QUARTER

Oct 26-28 TTA's Annual Meeting; hosted by Clarksville chapter. Brandon Spring Group Center at Land Between the Lakes.

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___ Nashville
___ Northwest (UT at Martin/Weakley)
___ Plateau (Crossville)
___ Soddy Daisy
___ Sumner Trails (Sumner County)
___ Upper Cumberland (Sparta/Cookeville)
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As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend any/all TTA/CTC/TRAC functions.