

# 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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## TTA BOARD MEETING UPDATE

At the second quarter TTA Board meeting, the board voted to dissolve its Associate Organization, the Cumberland Trail Conference. During discussions about how TTA came to this decision, TTA was asked for more transparency and to post the May 10 board meeting information online. As the board meeting minutes will not be officially finalized until approval at the next board meeting, below is a summary of the May 3 Second Quarter Board meeting and the May 10 Special Called Board Meeting.

The goal of summarizing the board actions is to inform members of the activities of the association. The current situation will only be resolved when all TTA and CTC members are willing to work towards a common goal of completing the Cumberland Trail.

Please read over the comments and suggestions from the May 10 board meeting and reflect how you might contribute.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Miller  
TTA President

### Second Quarter TTA Board Meeting – May 3, 2014

Summary:

Motion to fund an Evan Means Grant for \$600 for trails at Uplands Village, Pleasant Hill, TN. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to standing committees: Nominating and Investment committees.

Nominating committee was announced. According to the bylaws, the nominating committee is to be composed of the immediate two past presidents and a member of the board. Millette Jones, Don Dresser and Cheryl Heckler are the members of the nominating committee. They will be seeking nominees for several positions for 2015.

Additional Working Committees were discussed: Annual Meeting Committee, Financial Committee and Cumberland Trail Committee.

Motion made to dissolve the CTC and form the Committee for the Cumberland Trail (CCT). Motion was seconded, discussed and motion carried unanimously.

### Special Called TTA Board Meeting – May 10, 2014

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent action by the TTA board to dissolve the CTC board and to discuss the mission of both parties which is to complete the Cumberland Trail.

The first topic of discussion: What transpired to bring about the action? Comments by those present included poor communication, lack of trust, lack of respect, lack of transparency, personality conflicts, lack of understanding of roles, poor judgment regarding the dissolution process, and lack of public input on policy regarding trails and trail building. Also mentioned was the implication by some of the state workers that they could no longer work with the CTC board and although changes had been made on the part of the CTC it did not seem the state was willing to change its position.

The next topic of discussion: How to move forward? The following reflects ideas and suggestions: Establish lines of communications between the triad of State, TTA, and CTC; Each group take responsibility for its actions; No personal attacks. We are all working toward a common goal.; To move forward, we must unify on the mission of completing the trail; Establish organizational structure (establish CT committee to work with the State and define roles in the organization and how they relate to the State); Form beneficial alliances with other organizations; Build trail communities; Consider having 2 "managers" (One to continue to work in an office for grant writing, coordination of volunteers, the other to be a trail manager to coordinate trail building activities); Resolve issues with CTC and assess volunteer base; Review current obligations and contracts.

### Next Steps

- Meeting with the State Park officials on May 18th to get clarification regarding roles and expectations of the State in regards to what the State wants TTA to do.
- Determine the legal and policy requirements of volunteers working on State property.
- Resolve the conflict between TTA and CTC members. To this end, TTA is seeking constructive input from members and interested parties.
- Form Core committee. Limit size to 4 or 5 members.
- Communications with CTC members explaining what happened and why. Dissolution of the board was for the improvement of accountability.
- Take control of financial matters including bank accounts.
- Post proceedings on line.



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 Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.  
*Additional information may be seen at our web site:*  
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>

**Jun 7 - National Trails Day.** We will do our assigned trail maintenance on LBL, NS trail from the South Checking Station to Tharp Road. 8 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 35 miles to trailhead.

**Jun 14 - Jack Daniels Distillery Outdoor Walking Tour and Bell Buckle, Moon Pie Festival.** Ken Johnson 931-802-6343. Meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 110 miles to Distillery.

**Jun 17 - Monthly Meeting.**

**Jun 21 - Two trails: Meriwether Lewis National Park Foot Trail. 6 miles. Moderate. And Devil's Backbone Loop Trail. 2.7 miles. Easy to moderate.** Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT, BigLots parking area, Riverside Drive, Clarksville. 87 miles to trailhead.

**Jun 28 - Annual Picnic.** Bring a dish. Dunbar Cave State Natural Area, Dunbar Cave Road, Clarksville. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. 4:00 pm CT until dusk.

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**MEETS MONTHLY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at Fulin's Asian Cuisine, 1009 Crossings Boulevard, Spring Hill. Socializing and dinner at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00pm.

**Jun 3 - Chapter Meeting.** We will be planning hikes and other activities for the second half of 2014. Please bring suggestions for hikes and consider being a hike coordinator, even if you haven't done so in the past. We are also looking for programs for our monthly meetings so bring ideas for this too.

**Jun 7 - National Trails Day. Walls of Jericho, Hytop, AL (straddles the Tennessee-Alabama line). 7 miles - possible shuttle. Moderate in, strenuous out.** Features a deep canyon and spectacular falls. There is a 1000" ascent through rock outcroppings. Be sure to bring plenty of water. For more information on departure time, etc. and to register, please contact Lou Laratta at [loularatta@gmail.com](mailto:loularatta@gmail.com) or call Lou's cell phone at 615-305-3868.

**Jun 21 - Canoe trip. Caney Fork River, Silver Point, TN. 9 miles.** We will rent canoes at a cost of \$36.00 per person for two or three in a canoe, which includes the shuttle both ways. A seat is provided for a third person. Children under 12 are free. They also have kayaks available for "slightly more". For more information, go to the website [canoethecaney.com](http://canoethecaney.com). They take credit cards. Bring lunch, bug spray, water, etc. Ice chests are welcome. The canoe trip will begin at 9:00 am CT. We will meet behind McDonalds 4908 Main Street (Hwy 31) on the north side of Spring Hill at 6:45 am CT and depart promptly at 7:00 am. It is an hour and a half drive, and we need to be there 30 minutes before the trip. Please register with Janeth Mckendrick at [janethmck@aol.com](mailto:janethmck@aol.com) or 615-591-9352 at least three days ahead of the trip so canoes can be ordered.

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## COVE LAKE HIKING CHAPTER

**This chapter is in the process of being reorganized.**

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**Jun 7 - Celebrate National Trails Day with this great hike at Big Ridge State Park.** We will meet at 10:00 am ET at the Visitor's Center. We can begin our hike at Big Valley Trailhead. We will only hike approximately 1.2 miles and then turn left and hike the Ghost House Loop extender to Ghost House loop coming out on the Big Valley trail where we can either go left for a longer hike or right back to our cars. This will be determined by a vote of the participating hikers. After the hike (no matter the total distance) we will proceed to the picnic area and grill burgers and dogs. Join us for a great day of hiking and grilling in honor of National Trails Day. This is a registered event with the American Hiking Society. Pre-registration is required. Contact Rosie at [rosemary\\_L@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemary_L@hotmail.com) or 865-951-8317.

**Jun 14 - Frozen Head via Spicewood Trail. 11.1 miles. Difficult.** This hike will begin at the Spicewood Trail from Shelter C parking area. We will hike 2.4 miles before connecting with the Chimney Tops Trail for another 1.1 miles. At that point, we will be at Mart Field where we can observe great views and have a chance to take pictures if we wish. After that, we will head to the junction of Tower Road and South Old Mac Trails. We can then climb another half mile and reach Frozen Head Mountain at the fire tower for lunch. We will then descend Frozen Head Mountain and head down South Old Mac Trail to our cars at Shelter C parking area. Please pre-register with Leader Carolyn Reeves at 865-717-3528, or meet at Visitor Center Frozen Head State Park at 8:30 am ET.

**Jun 15 - Sunday Hike to Gregory Bald GSMNP** where the famous Flaming Azaleas may be viewed. We will travel Parsons Branch Rd to Gregory Bald Trailhead. This hike is moderately difficult gaining 2200 feet in about 4.5 miles (9 miles round trip). Be sure to bring a lunch, water, camera, light jacket and carpool \$\$'s. We will meet at Brown's Creek Shopping Center parking lot nearest the Sonic and leave from there at 7:30 am ET. Preregistration is required. Contact Rosie at [rosemary\\_L@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemary_L@hotmail.com) or 865-951-8317.

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## Newsletter Deadlines:

Deadlines for Chapter announcements and articles of special interest are due as follows:

<u>Due</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
Jun 5 .....	Jul 1
Jul 10 .....	Aug 1
Aug 10 .....	Sep 1

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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Wilson Community Ctr., 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

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**Jun 7 – National Trails Day. Foster Falls to Grundy Forest Trailhead on Fiery Gizzard Trail, Tracy City, TN. 13 miles. Moderate but difficult in parts.** Marietta Poteet will lead a joint hike with the Friends of South Cumberland's Hike All 14 in 2014 (Hike #9) and the Tennessee Trails Association on the entire length of Fiery Gizzard Trail from Foster Falls to the Grundy Forest Trailhead in Tracy City. This hike is difficult because of the thirteen miles and the rocky descent/ascent in and out of Laurel Gorge. This beautiful hike features several waterfalls and many overlooks all along the trail. This is a shuttle hike so we will meet at the Grundy Forest Trailhead in Tracy City, leave cars there and shuttle to the Foster Falls Parking lot to begin our hike. Be at the Grundy Forest trailhead by 9:00 am CT. Please wear good hiking boots and bring hiking poles, a light, snacks, lunch and plenty of water for this all day hike. For further information call Marietta at 931-924-7666 or email *nannietta@blomand.net*.

**Jun 8 - Tennessee River Gorge Paddle, Nickajack Lake, near Chattanooga.** Sunday morning we will paddle the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge from Suck Creek to Raccoon Mountain, 9 miles. Bring a lot of water, snacks, lunch, hat, sun glasses and sunscreen, binoculars and camera. Plan to wear your PFD. This is a joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. We will meet at the Suck Creek boat ramp at 8:00 am CT to arrange a shuttle. Contact Joan Hartvigsen at 931-962-0811 or email *jhartvigs@comcast.net* to register.

**Jun 14 – Eat-Paddle-Eat-Paddle-Eat, Elk River from below Tims Ford Dam on Hwy 50 to Farris Creek Bridge.** Meet us at Sample's Family Restaurant, 204 S. Main St. (Hwy 41A), Estill Springs, TN at 8:00 am. CT for breakfast or 9:30 am at the put in below Tims Ford Dam to organize a shuttle. Bring water, lunch, hat and sunscreen. Contact Joan Hartvigsen at 931-962-0811 or *jhartvigs@comcast.net*.

### Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

**Jun 20-22 – Camping at Elkmont Campground, Hiking in The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter.** Register early with Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811. We will leave for the GSMNP early Friday morning to set up camp and then go on our Friday hike. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, Highland Rim, or Sara Pollard, Murfreesboro Chapter, for carpool information. We will camp two nights and hike three days. Friday: Chimney Tops Trail, 4 miles round trip, rocky, strenuous, 1,650 ft. elevation change. At the top we will enjoy a 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains, including Mt. LeConte. Alternate hike: Cove Hardwood Nature Trail. Old Growth Forest. Saturday: Charlies Bunion, 8 miles round trip, moderate, 1,000 ft. elevation change. Spectacular views. Sunday: Gregory Ridge Trail to Gregory Bald, 11 miles round trip, strenuous, 3,000 ft. elevation change. Old Growth Forest, blooming Flaming Azaleas on grassy Gregory Bald, great views into Cades Cove, 360-degree view of mountain peaks. We will share a picnic lunch Friday evening at Elkmont Campground. Saturday evening we will have dinner in Gatlinburg. Bring food for breakfasts and lunches and our Friday evening picnic.

**Jun 23 – Chapter Meeting.** We will have dinner at 5:00 pm CT at Las Trojas Mexican Restaurant, 1905 N. Jackson St., Tullahoma, TN, near Kroger. Our meeting is 7:00 p.m. at D. W. Wilson Community Center. Tims Ford State Park Ranger Philip Hylen will talk about the long distance Ray Branch Shoreline Trail and other news about the Park.

**Jun 28 – Work Day at Tims Ford State Park, Ray Branch Shoreline Trail, Winchester, TN.** We will be trimming foliage back off the trail and blazing the trail with metal markers nailed onto trees. We will be working with Ranger Ashlie Cook. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Wear long pants and work gloves. Plan on devoting the entire day because the trail is long. Contact Joan Hartvigsen to learn what tools to bring and time and place to meet. Joan can be reached at 931-962-0811 or email *jhartvigs@comcast.net*.

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**Jun 7 - National Trails Day**

**Jun 21 - Cummins Fall State Park (hike and swim)**

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## TTA 2014 CALENDAR

The following dates in 2014 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.

### SECOND QUARTER

Jun 7 ..... National Trails Day (Statewide)

### THIRD QUARTER

Aug 2 ..... Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)

Sep 6 ..... National Planting Day – 3rd Anniversary (Organized by Keep TN Beautiful)

Sep 14-20 ..... Bike Ride Across TN (B.R.A.T.) – 25th Anniversary

Sep 27 ..... National Public Lands Day (Statewide)

### FOURTH QUARTER

Oct 24-26 ..... TTA's Annual Meeting; Montgomery Bell State Park; hosted by Nashville Chapter

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**BLOG:** [www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro](http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro)

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**Jun 7 – National Trails Day, Barfield Crescent Park, Veterans Parkway, Murfreesboro.** Come join us for trail maintenance at this beautiful park from 8:00 am until 11:00 am CT. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes, a snack and water. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or [sarabpollard@gmail.com](mailto:sarabpollard@gmail.com).

**Jun 8 – Paddling the Tennessee River in Chattanooga. Joint venture with the Highland Rim Chapter.** We'll paddle from the Suck Creek boat dock to Raccoon Mountain. We'll meet other paddlers at 8:00 am CT to set up the shuttle. To register, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or [sarabpollard@gmail.com](mailto:sarabpollard@gmail.com).

**Jun 10 - Chapter Picnic, Pavilion #4, Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro. 6:00 pm CT.** No business will be held and open to all TTA members, families and guests. There are picnic tables under the shelter and the chapter will provide barbecue, drinks, utensils, napkins and ice. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. ***Please register, along with how many are coming, when you RSVP to Sara Pollard at 615.714.3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.*** We want to make sure enough barbecue and supplies are provided. Picnic is rain or shine.

**Jun 20-22 – Camping and Hiking in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Joint outing with the Highland Rim Chapter.** We will camp two nights and hike three days. We'll leave early Friday morning to set up camp at Elkmont Campground, inside the park, and begin our hike to the Chimney Tops (4 miles round trip, a short hike but rated difficult). Dinner will be potluck at the Elkmont Campground. Saturday, we'll hike to Charlie's Bunion (8 miles round trip rated moderate). Dinner will be at a restaurant in Gatlinburg. Sunday, we'll hike to Gregory's Bald (11 miles round trip, rated difficult). Bring food for breakfast, lunch and our Friday evening picnic. To register, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or [sarabpollard@gmail.com](mailto:sarabpollard@gmail.com).

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**BLOG:** [www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville](http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville)

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**Jun 7 - Rock Creek Loop, Big South Fork National Recreation Area. 7.1 miles. Moderate to difficult.** This hike is a 3 hour drive from Nashville. As the name indicates, it follows Rock Creek for part of its distance and it overlaps parts of the John Muir Trail and Sheltoewe Trace as well as parts of the old Stearns Logging Railroad along Massey Branch. The trailhead is located off of Divide Road (which branches off from Highway 154/Pickett Park Highway) at the Hattie Blevins Cemetery. Bring water, snacks/lunch, boots with ankle support and clothing appropriate to the weather that day. We will probably want to stop for dinner on the way back to Nashville. Call Doug Burroughs at 615-587-0085 for more information and to register. Meeting/carpooling time and location: 7:30 am CT at the Kinko's parking lot on Donelson Pike north of I-40.

**Jun 14 - Grundy Lakes and Grundy Forest Day Loop near Tracy City. 3.5 total miles. Easy.** Grundy Lakes is the site of the Lone Rock Coke Ovens where locally mined coal was converted to coke using convict labor until 1896. The coke ovens remain as a historic reminder of these times. The trail circles the largest of the four lakes and loops by remains of the Coke Ovens. This trail is 1.5 miles and rated easy. After lunch at the lake picnic area, we will travel to the Grundy Forest Day Loop Trailhead. This short day loop gives an introduction to the Fiery Gizzard area, passing by small cascades, old CCC camp remains, and a couple of nice swimming holes. It meets up with the more difficult and dramatic Fiery Gizzard Trail midway through the loop. This trail is 2 miles and is rated easy. Of course, no visit to the area would be complete without a visit to the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. You will need to bring lunch, sturdy walking shoes, and water. For more info and to register, contact Libby Francis, [libbyslibbys@comcast.net](mailto:libbyslibbys@comcast.net) or 615-889-5718. If there is enough interest, we could car camp at nearby Foster Falls June 14-15 and hike the Climbers Loop at Foster Falls.

**Jun 28 - Beaman Park, Joelton TN. 3.5 miles. Easy.** Starting at the Nature Center, we will hike a combination of the Sedge Hill Trail and Henry Hollow Loop. Bring water, snacks, hiking shoes or boots and water shoes. We may do a little creek walking. Call or e-mail Nancy Juodenas at 615-319-8811 or [njuodenas@yahoo.com](mailto:njuodenas@yahoo.com) for meeting time and place and/or further information.

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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.

**Jun 7 – National Trails Day. Lilly Bridge Overlook and Point Trail, Obed Wild and Scenic River, Wartburg, TN. 4 miles. Moderate.** In honor of National Trails Day, we'll hike along a ridge to a point above where Clear Creek and the Obed River join and hike to the Lilly Bridge Overlook on the return trip. The trail is easy most of the way, but is rated moderate due to some elevation gain. We will also explore the Lilly Boulders. Meet at the SW corner of Vanity Fair parking lot at 8:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Heckler at 931-200-7436 or by email at [thehecklers@charter.net](mailto:thehecklers@charter.net).

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**Jun 14 - Cloudland Canyon, Rising Fawn, GA.** This is a 6 mile moderate hike with nice overlooks, waterfalls, and possibly several wildflowers. Located on the western edge of Lookout Mountain, this is one of the most scenic parks in Georgia. We will do a car shuttle. Depart from Trinity Tabernacle Church at 7:00 am CT. There will also be a \$5 per vehicle charge to enter the park. To register or for additional information, contact Bill Harris at 931-484-9152 or Jim Lam at 931-484-5991 or [jameslamb@frontier.com](mailto:jameslamb@frontier.com).

**No Chapter Meeting in June.**

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## SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER

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*Additional information may be seen at our web site:*

*<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy>*

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**Jun 3 – Stringer's Ridge. Approximately 4 miles. Moderate.** Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am ET. Hike leader: Donna Pyers (*pyersd@yahoo.com* or 423-344-9271) Mileage: 10 RT - \$1.

**Jun 7 – Roaring Creek. Approximately 10 miles. Strenuous.** Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am ET. Hike leader: Bob McGavock (*kopperkitters@yahoo.com* or 423-667-2960). Mileage: 24 RT - \$1.

**Jun 10 – Blue Blazes Trail. Approximately 3 miles. Easy.** Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am ET. Hike leader: Dale Emblade (*plantdale@epbf.com* – 423-332-4810). Mileage: 10 RT - \$1.

**Jun 14 – Sluder Lane to Big Soddy Creek. Approximately 7 miles. Strenuous.** Will stage vehicles. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am ET. Hike leader: John Politte (*Johnpolitte@gmail.com* or 423-304-8327). Mileage: 5 RT - \$1.

**Jun 17 – Woftever Greenway. Approximately 4 miles. Easy.** Meet at Target parking lot on Hwy 153 at 8 am ET. Hike leader: Donna Pyers (*pyersd@yahoo.com* or 423-344-9271). Mileage: 33 RT - \$2.

**Jun 21 – Sluder Lane to Mowbray Pike. Approximately 5 miles. Moderate.** Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am ET. Hike leader: Roger Downs (*rdowns@bledsoe.net*). Mileage: 10 RT - \$1.

**Jun 24 – Craven's House. Approximately 4 miles. Moderate.** Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am ET. Hike leader: George Bonneau. Mileage: 32 RT - \$2.

**Jun 28 – Flipper Bend. Approximately 8 miles. Moderate to strenuous.** Meet at Wal-Mart parking lot in Soddy at 8 am ET. Hike leader: Bob McGavock (*kopperkitters@yahoo.com* or 423-667-2960). Mileage: 10 RT - \$1.

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## UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Hike information unavailable at press time.

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## SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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

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**Jun 3 - Chapter Meeting.** Kimberly Ark, Grants Administrator for Sumner County will make a presentation to us about the Lower Station Camp Creek Greenway project, the Douglass-Clark house restoration project and the Civil War Trails marker guides through the county. Kimberly will highlight the walking trail at Bledsoe's Lick Historical Park in Castalian Springs and various trails, walking paths, and greenways in Sumner County. She will also speak to us about the grant application process and how she administers grant project management duties.

**Jun 7 - National Trails Day.** Hendersonville Mayor Scott Foster will lead our 2 mile walk on the Hendersonville Greenway connecting with the Drakes Creek Greenway commemorating National Trails Day. Sumner County Health Department personnel will join our chapter in supporting this 3rd Annual Hike with the Mayor. We will meet at the Hendersonville Library at 10 am CT and provide a shuttle back to the library after the hike for those who do not want to walk back to the library for a round trip of 4 miles with the Mayor. For further info contact Greenway Al at *ballallenger@aol.com* or 615-347-2623.

**Jun 21 - Bowie Nature Park, Fairview. 3 miles. Easy.** We will be hiking several of the most scenic interior trails of the park for a total of approximately 3 miles. A beautiful lake, and a variety of trees, flowers and birds enhance this hike. The trails are mowed, but if recent rains have occurred or for surer footing, wear boots. We will meet at the Glendale Shopping Center in the Kroger parking area at 9 am CT for carpooling from Hendersonville or at the restrooms in the park near the shelter and picnic area at 10:00 am. After the hike we will check out the exhibits in the visitor's center and proceed to a restaurant for lunch. If you plan to meet us at the park or for more information, please contact hike leaders Judy Jenkins at *judy\_jenkins@comcast.net* or 615-403-0002 or Jane Hamm at *janetntrails@gmail.com* or 615-757-3331.

**Jun 26 - Bledsoe Creek.** Meet at the Kroger Marketplace (Gallatin) parking lot at 9:30 am CT or meet at the trailhead (near the boat dock campers launch ramp) at 10 am. We will do High Ridge and a section of the Shoreline Trail. Total distance is about 2 miles. There is one section rated difficult due to steep climb. Dogs on leash are welcome. Join us for lunch after the hike if your schedule allows. For information or to sign up, call Sally Ticaric at 824-7294 email *sallytic@aol.com*, or Barbara Krawchuk at 822-6952, email *tnbeachbumr@aol.com*.

## TTA ANNUAL MEETING 2014 – HIKING AND HISTORY

October 24-26, 2014 are the dates for our next annual meeting, headquartered at historic Montgomery Bell State Park. This storied location was the scene of events that affected the course of the future for much of Tennessee, and the hikes we'll take there and in other areas nearby have a wealth of lore as well. Read about some of the hikes we're planning and make your plans to be there!

**Beaman Park. Combination of Henry Hollow loop, 2 miles, Highland Trail, 4 miles, and Sedge Trail, .7 miles.** Features a rugged landscape of Highland Rim forest, steep slopes, narrow hollows, streams, waterfalls and drier ridge tops.

**Bicentennial Mall State Park.** With just a simple walk in the 19-acre park visitors can experience many facets of Tennessee's history including a 200-foot-long granite map of the state that you can walk on, a World War II Memorial, a 95-bell carillon, a Pathway of History and the Rivers of Tennessee Fountains. The 11 planters along the Walkway of Counties show native plants species from different regions of the state.

**Bowie Nature Park, 8-mile loop.** Within the park are 17 miles of winding trails which move the traveler through several ecosystems including wetlands, grasslands, pine forest, oak/hickory forest, riparian and lowland bottomland wetlands. The nature center offers the opportunity for park visitors to learn more about Bowie Nature Park itself with nature exhibits, brochures and art.

**Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail. (1)** Bring your bike and ride on this 4-mile paved rail/trail which follows a converted rail bed and features hardwood forests, old railroad bridges over creeks and marshland. A highlight is a long steel framed trestle bridge that spans Sycamore Creek. **(2)** Eagle Pass section, 5 mile round trip hike is a continuation of the paved trail, becoming compacted gravel and passing an eagle's nest. Terminus is the Cheatham Dam campground.

**Downtown Nashville historical and urban hike. 4 miles.** This will include the state capitol, civil war sites, honky tonk district, river views, new convention center and various architectural gems.

**Fort Donelson Battlefield Loop. 6 miles.** The tour at Fort Donelson National Battlefield is self-guided. A park brochure explains the six-mile, tour. The visitor center contains a museum with Civil War artifacts, an exhibit about the Underground Railroad in America, and new exhibits, exploring the legacy of the Civil War. The orientation film **Fort Donelson: Gateway to the Confederate Heartland** engages visitors with a storyline that draws on the lifelong friendship between Union General Ulysses S. Grant and Confederate General Simon B. Buckner.

**Long Hunter State Park, Volunteer Day Loop. 4 miles.** A walk in the woods, with bluffs overlooking the shores of J. Percy Priest Lake.

**Montgomery Bell State Park. Combinations of overnight trail, 10.5-mile loop, Ore Pit, Wildcat, and Creech Hollow trails.** This park has a great combination of history, wooded terrain, and lakes. And you're close to your lodgings – easy commute!

**Mousetail Landing. Overnight Trail, 8 miles.** Traverses hillsides, crosses gullies, streams and wooden bridges. Passes through open cedar glades, and deciduous forests, paralleling the Tennessee River for stretches, with some breathtaking views.

**Natchez Trace Historical and Waterfall Outing.** Includes Devil's Backbone State Natural Area: 3 mile moderate loop with a great variety of trees in autumn dress; Meriwether Lewis Monument and gravesite. 1 1/2 mile loop of original Natchez Trace. Fall Hollow, walk a short distance to two waterfalls; Jackson Falls hike - 1/2 mile on a paved walkway; and the Gordon House a short hike to a historical house and ferry crossing.

**Natchez Trace State Park. Cub Lake Trail, 4-mile loop.** This is a pleasant lakefront stroll, and a good trail for viewing the fall colors. It circles Cub Creek Lake with several short hills and flatter areas.

**Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. 10-mile loop** which includes Pilot Knob, the highest point in west Tennessee and great views of Kentucky Lake. Includes a visit to the park's Folklife Center.

**Percy Warner Park. Nashville. Warner Woods Trail, 2.5-mile loop.** This trail is in the heavily wooded interior section of the park, with some lowland sections and rolling hills. We'll also hike on the Mossy Ridge Trail 4.5 mile loop. It winds up and down wooded hills and hollows, crossing springs and open meadows, hardwood forests and cedar ridges.

**Shelby Bottoms. 4 to 8 miles.** This oasis in the city with paved and unpaved trails offers a landscape of rich river bottom land, boardwalks over streams and wetlands and overlooks of the Cumberland River. Migrating birds make this area one of their waystops.

**COME HIKE WITH US!**



**2014 Annual Meeting  
October 24 – 26, 2014  
Montgomery Bell State Park (Burns TN)**

**REGISTRATION FORM  
DUE ON OR BEFORE  
Monday, September 8, 2014**

Please provide the name of each member of your family attending.

Name:		Name:		Name:	
Address:			City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone – Day:		Night:	Email:		Chapter:

**Lodging reservation and payment will need to be arranged by you directly with Montgomery Bell State Park. A block of Inn Rooms and Cabins will be held until midnight Monday September 8. After this time, the Park will release the unreserved rooms to the general public (and no longer offer the discounts quoted to TTA).**

**For INN ROOMS and CABINS**, phone the Inn & Conference Center directly to make your reservation (615-797-3101 or 800-250-8613). **Provide the reservationist our GROUP CODE 6870** to receive special discount pricing on the Cabins and Inn Rooms. **Cabins** (there are only 8 cabins; each have 2 bd; 2 bath. 1 rm w/2Q; 1 rm w/1K); **requires** a 2-night minimum stay and a deposit of one night's stay (\$177.86/night; includes the tax). **Inn Rooms** (some have 1K; some have 2Q) do not require a 2-night minimum but a deposit of one full night's stay is required (\$89.51/night; includes the tax). If applicable, remember to ask if there are discounts available for Seniors, Veterans and Tennessee State Employees.

**For the CAMPGROUND**, phone the Park's Office at 615-797-9052. All sites come with BBQ grill, fire ring, picnic table and access to the bath house (showers with hot water). RV sites with water and electricity are \$25\*/night; RV sites with just water are \$20\*/night; tents may stay on an RV site for the same price of the RV. But there are many "primitive" tent-only sites without water and electricity and they are \$11\*/night. (-There will be a 1-time reservation fee of \$3 added to your reservation.) A campground map can be found at: <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/montgomery-bell>

<b>MEALS:</b> Each meal may be ordered separately.			
<b>DINNER</b>	<b>FRIDAY BUFFET - Seafood Themed</b> <i>(i.e., shrimp, catfish, frog legs)</i>	# of people _____ x \$20.00pp	\$
	<b>SATURDAY BUFFET - Steak Themed</b> <i>(i.e., steak, ribs)</i>	# of people _____ x \$20.00pp	\$
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>SATURDAY BUFFET</b>	# of people _____ x \$12.00pp	\$
	<b>SUNDAY BUFFET</b>	# of people _____ x \$12.00pp	\$
<b>TRAIL LUNCH</b> <i>(circle selection)</i>	<b>SATURDAY - Turkey or Vegetarian</b> <i>Sandwich comes with chips, 2 cookies, fruit and beverage</i>	# of people _____ x \$10.00pp	\$
	<b>SUNDAY - Turkey or Vegetarian</b> <i>Sandwich comes with chips, 2 cookies, fruit and beverage</i>	# of people _____ x \$10.00pp	\$
<b>MEAL COSTS TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$</b>

**EARLY REGISTRATION FEE** (registrations postmarked on or before Sept 8) # of people \_\_\_\_ X \$35 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

*(The full amount is required of each participant, regardless of the number of days attending.)*

**LATE REGISTRATION FEE** (registrations postmarked on or after Sept 9) # of people \_\_\_\_ X \$45 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I would like to make a donation to support TTA's:**

**Evan Means Small Grants Fund\*\***

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* This program, created in memory of Evan Means, a founding member of TTA, funds trail related projects across the state and is open to TTA chapters, as well as to other non-profit, volunteer based organizations. TTA's normal cycle is to accept grant requests during the fourth quarter of each year, and then announce the awards the following February. More information may be found on TTA's website.*

**TTA's Technology / Communication Enhancement\*\*\***

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\* TTA's Board of Directors has been exploring options for enhancing its technology and avenues of communications. The initial launch is expected to require a fairly large outlay of money. After the initial launch the costs should be minimal.*

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this Registration Form; attach a check made payable to **TTA Nashville Chapter**; and, mail them to:

Tennessee Trails Association c/o Diane Manas  
716 Mount Carmel Place Nashville, TN 37205-3587

Need more information? Contact Diane Manas at 615-351-6431 or [DManasHikes@comcast.net](mailto:DManasHikes@comcast.net)

An email confirmation or postcard will be sent to you at the time your check and registration are processed.

**REFUND POLICY: All cancellations and requests for a refund must be in writing. No refunds will be made after October 9, 2014. Persons canceling before October 9 will be refunded in full, less the \$35 (or \$45) Registration Fee.**

Tennessee Trails Association  
P.O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204-1446

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 **RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP**

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**Nashville, TN 37204-1446**

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Tim Townley 731-607-0512 [membership@tennesseetrails.org](mailto:membership@tennesseetrails.org)

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\_\_\_ Individual \$25.00  
\_\_\_ Family \$35.00  
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\_\_\_ Supporting (\$50.00, \$100.00 or more)  
\_\_\_ Life Member (Individual) \$500.00  
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- Please do not list my e-mail address in the TTA Annual Membership Directory  
 I would like to receive my newsletter by email.

\*\* **CTC Membership\*\* \*\*\$5.00\*\***

\*\* *Special \$5.00 rate for membership in Cumberland Trail Conference if you also are joining TTA or renewing your TTA membership. CTC is building the Cumberland Trail, which will go from Chattanooga to Cumberland Gap. Over 185 miles are now complete and open for hiking. More information can be found at [www.cumberlandtrail.org](http://www.cumberlandtrail.org). Please consider enhancing your commitment to Tennessee's great trails by joining the CTC.*

Please list me with the following chapter:

\_\_\_ Clarksville \_\_\_\_\_ Murfreesboro  
\_\_\_ Columbia/Franklin \_\_\_\_\_ Nashville  
\_\_\_ Cove Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest (UT at Martin/Weakley)  
\_\_\_ Dyer County \_\_\_\_\_ Plateau (Crossville)  
\_\_\_ East TN (Oak Ridge/Knoxville) \_\_\_\_\_ Soddy Daisy  
\_\_\_ Highland Rim (Manchester/Tullahoma) \_\_\_\_\_ Sumner Trails (Sumner County)  
\_\_\_ Jackson \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Cumberland (Sparta/Cookeville)  
\_\_\_ Memphis \_\_\_\_\_ At Large

When you become a TTA member, you will receive: (1) TTA's Hiking Handbook, a reference book containing information about TTA, trail etiquette, hiker responsibilities, etc. (2) TTA's monthly newsletter, containing information on hiker safety, upcoming hikes/overnight trips, volunteer opportunities, chapter meeting announcements, as well as events occurring within TTA's Associate Organizations - C.T.C. and T.R.A.C. (3) Annual Membership Directory, listing members by chapter and how to reach them. You are invited to attend any number of monthly meetings scheduled, where you will enjoy diverse programs, socializing and refreshments. In addition, our annual meeting is held in the fall at one of Tennessee's many parks for a weekend of hiking, camaraderie and programs, in addition to learning about the progress and plans of the organization.

**As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend any/all TTA/CTC/TRAC functions.**