

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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Spinoff of Cumberland Trail Conference from Tennessee Trails Association

TTA and CTC officers and board members have spent most of 2015 working to establish the mechanism for TTA to spinoff CTC. The board of directors of both groups has approved the **AGREEMENT TO FORM A CORPORATION**.

Now it is time for the TTA general membership to vote to proceed with the spinoff. This vote will take place during the annual membership meeting on Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm ET at Tremont Lodge and Resort in Townsend.

The entire Agreement to Form a Corporation is 26 pages in length, including the new CTC Charter and Bylaws. The first five pages of the Agreement to Form a Corporation give an outline of what is required for CTC to spinoff and they are included as an insert in this newsletter to allow the membership to be informed of what will be presented for a vote.

For those interested in reading the entire document, please refer to the TTA website.

Carolyn Miller
TTA President

Rob Weber
CTC Board Chairman

ANNUAL MEETING HIKES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1:00 pm ET

- Look Rock Tower. Foothills Parkway, Blount County, 2 miles, very easy.
- Little River/Cucumber Gap. Elkmont, 5.5 mile loop, easy.
- Ft. Loudon State Park. Vonore, 4.5 miles, easy.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 8:00 am ET

- Rich Mountain Loop. Cades Cove, 8.7 mile loop, moderate.
- Lead Cove Trail to Thunderhead Mountain. Laurel Creek Road, 3700 foot climb, 12.8 miles, via Appalachian Trail, strenuous.
- Jakes Creek to Jakes Gap (Blanket Mountain). Elkmont, 7.5 miles, moderate.
- Clingmans Dome to Newfound Gap (Appalachian Trail). 7.8 mile descent, car shuttle, moderate.
- Lumber Ridge/Spruce Flats Falls manway. Tremont, 7-8 miles, moderate.
- Little River/ Cucumber Gap Loop. Elkmont, includes tour of Avent and other cabins, 5.5 loop, easy.
- West Prong Trail to Campsite 18. Tremont, 5.4 miles, moderate.
- Trillium Gap to Grotto Falls and Brushy Mountain. Gatlinburg, 1500 foot climb, 6.8 miles, moderate.
- Look Rock Tower. Foothills Parkway, Blount County, 2 miles round trip, easy.

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Fall “Big Dig” - CTC will be hosting a 6 week fall “Big Dig” trail building program in the Crab Orchard/Daddy’s Creek area north of Crossville. The program runs Thursday through Sundays from September 17 through October 25. Contact the CTC office if you, an organization or business is interested in volunteering.

Southern Trail Crew: With the expanded MOU with the Tennessee Department of Conservation, CTC is planning to establish a Southern Trail Crew using a mixture of paid staff and volunteers. Work will be in Rhea, Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie counties. Please contact the CTC office if you are interested in serving in a leadership role or working on this crew.

Wanting to learn new things, expand your knowledge? CTC is offering training certification opportunities in chainsaw, wagon masters, CPR and First Aid.

Know someone looking for a part-time position? CTC has openings for Trail Building Assistants. Interested applicants should contact the CTC office.

Proceeds from the TTA annual meeting auction (Saturday, November 14) benefit the CTC trail building program. Please consider donating items for the live or silent auction. If you would rather support the trail building with monetary donations, come join the group for a weekend of hiking, bid on items, donate online through the CTC website or send a check to the CTC office.

Looking Ahead:

2016 BreakAway Program – March 2016. CTC is reaching out to over 50 colleges with confirmations coming in weekly. We are planning for a possibility of 2 work sites if the number of participants and volunteer necessitate working in two locations. Contact the CTC office for more information and to volunteer for the program.

For more information on recent and upcoming CTC activities, investigate the “News 2015” heading on the CTC website.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
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Additional information may be seen at our web site:

<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>

Oct 3 - Springfield Greenway, Travis Price Park, Springfield, TN. 6 miles out and back. Easy. Eat at a Restaurant In Springfield after the hike. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 25 miles to trailhead.

Oct 10 - Black Mountain to Windless Cave and back, 4 miles, moderate and Black Mountain Loop Trail, 1.7 miles, moderate. Next we will drive 9 miles to Ozone Falls SNA. There is a short easy hike to the falls. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 162 miles to trailhead.

Oct 17 - Overnight LBL, Fort Henry Trail System. 9.5 miles to campsite. Moderate. 5.5 miles back to cars. Moderate. J.R. Tate 931-378-6559. Meet 8:00 am CT, Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 35 miles to trailhead.

Oct 20 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Oct 24 - Annual Bonfire. Hike & Potluck Supper. 2 miles. Moderate. Meet 4:00 pm CT at Rotary Park Amphitheater. Eat after hike. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849.

Oct 31 – Radnor Lake SNA. Seven trails to pick from: 4 easy, 2.6 miles; 1 moderate, 0.9 miles; 2 difficult, 2.7 miles; Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 50 miles to trailhead.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Super China Buffet, 5228 Main St., #B1, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Socializing and dinner at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Oct 7 - Chapter Meeting - Join us at 6:00 pm for the buffet, the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Jackie Kelley, who will present an encore account of her 444 mile hike on the Natchez Trace that she completed in 2011. Have you ever driven the Natchez Trace and were amazed at the beauty and history? Did you stop at all the historical markers and read the information? Jackie did and will share her experiences, observations and reflections.

Oct 10 - Trail of Tears National Historical sites, Pulaski and David Crockett State Park. This will be a special TTA hike to become more familiar with the history of the Native Americans, forced off of their lands, and "relocated" to Oklahoma. We will visit the newly opened Pulaski Interpretive Center. The two land routes, led by Bell and Bengé, crossed in Pulaski. The museum documents local Native American History, including a bronze statue of a Cherokee family. Our guide will take us to the overlook where the two routes intersected in 1838. We will then drive to David Crockett State Park (about 30 minutes) in Lawrenceburg. We will be joined there by Pat Cummins, of Cherokee descent, archaeologist, and President of the Native History Association. He will be our guide for a 2.5 mile hike (five miles out and back) on a portion of the original Bell route. The trail travels along a ridge line and on an entrenched road bed. We plan to have a picnic lunch at one of the many shelters in the Park. For those interested, we will hike the Shoal Creek/Waterfall Trails (1.4 miles), and Overlook Trail (1.47 miles) after lunch. We will meet at 7:45 am at the McDonalds in Spring Hill, 4908 Main Street, parking lot behind McDonalds, drive to Pulaski (about one hour) and then David Crockett Park. You may choose to meet us at the Interpretive Center in Pulaski (220 Stadium Street, 38478) at 9:00 am. Bring picnic lunch, water, etc. Trails are easy to moderate. Please call or email Janeth McKendrick if you plan to join us. Phone 615-591-9352, email: *Janethmck@aol.com*. It is important to know at which location you plan to meet us. Please include a contact phone number.

Columbia/Franklin Chapter – con't.

Oct 24 - Fiery Gizzard, Tracy City. This beautiful and strenuous loop hike will trace the Fiery Gizzard Creek and come back via the Doghole Trail. Cascading streams, waterfalls and scenic vistas abound. We will hike out to Raven's Point Overlook and enjoy the stunning view of the South Cumberland area. This is one of the signature hikes in all of Tennessee and may not be available to be hiked after January 1. The private property owner of a section of the trail and the state of Tennessee are at loggerheads over ownership and access. We will depart at 6:30 am CT from the Tollgate Medical Plaza which is just north of 840 on Hwy31 (1106 Elliston Way, Thompson's Station, TN 37179). The hike is about 9.7 miles in length with a rock-hopping section and one steep ascent. Be sure to wear comfortable, sturdy boots, carry hiking poles, bring water, snacks and lunch. A change of clothing is nice to leave in the car so that you have something dry to put on after the hike should you get sweaty or muddy. Register with Robert Consalvo at 615-519-5584.

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Oct 10 - House Mountain. At 2064 feet, House Mountain is the highest point in Knox County. The 4 mile loop is rated moderate to strenuous due to rocky terrain and 1,000 feet change in elevation. We will meet at 10:00 am ET in the trailhead parking area. Wear sturdy boots, bring water and snacks. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 615-210-0660 or e-mail *rushga01@yahoo.com*.

Oct 17 - Big South Fork - Leatherwood Ford to Devil's Den. We will hike the John Muir trail from the Leatherwood Ford parking lot upstream to the O&W Bridge and turn left on the John Muir trail to Devils Den rock shelter. The shelter is about 90 feet across and 20 feet high. The O&W Bridge was built in 1916 by the Oneida and Western Railroad. The total hiking distance is about 6 miles. The hike is rated as easy due to the limited elevation change and distance. This hike will leave the Leatherwood Ford parking lot at 9:45 am ET. Driving directions from Knoxville: Go north on I-75 and exit at Hwy 63, the Oneida-Huntsville Exit (141). Follow Hwy 63 west for 21 miles through Huntsville to U.S. 27. Turn right on U.S. 27 and drive north 7 miles to Oneida. Leatherwood Ford parking lot is on your right just before you cross the river at the bottom of a steep hill. Shortly before mile five Hwy 297 makes a sharp left turn, pay attention and don't continue straight. Reservations for this hike are required and must be made before 4:30 pm ET, Oct 1 by contacting Tom Cressler at *cressler@utk.edu*.

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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.

Oct 3 - Short Springs State Natural Area, Tullahoma, TN. 5 miles. Moderate due to steep climbs and slick rocks.

We will hike to awesome Machine Falls. Along the way we will visit the wildflower loop. After viewing Machine Falls we will head up to Adams Falls Loop, then loop back around on the Connector Trail to Busby Falls Loop. We will then cross beautiful cascading Bobo Creek to hike the Laurel Bluff Trail. Meet Joan Hartvigsen at 9:00 am CT in the Short Springs parking lot. Bring water, snacks and lunch and hiking sticks. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Please register with Joan at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

Oct 10 – Fiery Gizzard Trail, South Cumberland State Park, Tracy City.

We will help Park Rangers reroute a section of the Fiery Gizzard Trail. Please contact Naullain Kendrick, *naullain@hotmail.com* or 931-224-6225 for meeting place and meeting time. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring a lot of water and food and work gloves.

Oct 17 – Ridge Trail and Lost Cove Hike, Sewanee, TN. 5 miles. Moderate. 3 ½ hours. Joint hike with the Plateau Chapter.

Meet our hike leader Carolyn Fitz at 10:30 am CT at the trailhead parking area at end of Bob Stewman Road, Sewanee, by the water treatment pumping station. Bring water, lunch, sturdy hiking boots and hiking sticks. Please register with Carolyn Fitz at 931-598-0597, home or 931-636-8914, cell. The new Ridge Trail takes us down into Lost Cove and then follows a University fire lane through Lost Cove and back out to Highway 56. The hike will end on Highway 56, about four miles south of Sewanee. The hike will require a car shuttle. The first half mile of the Ridge Trail is gently rolling terrain running along a bluff above the Barnes Branch of Lost Cove Creek. The next half mile follows a narrow ridge that drops fairly steeply down into Lost Cove with a change in elevation of about 600 ft. The Ridge Trail ends in the streambed of the Depot Branch of Lost Cove Creek. The hike will follow the stream bed for about ¼ mile until the University fire lane is intercepted. The fire lane is well maintained and runs alongside the stream for almost three miles before climbing up to Highway 56. The change in elevation on the uphill climb is about 450 ft.

Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Oct 24 - Old Stone Fort State Archaeological State Park, Manchester, TN. 4 miles. Moderate. We will enjoy an autumn hike along the cascading waters of the Duck River in dense forests of mature oaks, hickories and yellow poplars. We will hike the Old Stone Fort Trail, River Fork Loop, Backbone and Little Duck Loop and the Old River Channel Trail. On the Backbone Trail we will walk along a high ridgeline looking down onto the tops of the trees. We will see the confluence of the Little Duck and the Duck Rivers on the Forks of the River Trail. And along the Little Duck Loop we will see tall limestone bluffs bordering the river. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

Oct 26 – Chapter Meeting. We will have dinner at Red Lobster, 1913 N. Jackson St., Tullahoma, TN at 5:00 p.m. CT. Our meeting is 7:00 p.m. at D. W. Wilson Community Center. Our speaker, Dr. Wally Bigbee, will present a program on the history of the establishment of South Cumberland State Park. Dr. Bigbee was awarded the Jim Prince Award June 20, 2015 by the Friends of South Cumberland State Park. The Jim Prince Award is given to that person who most exemplifies leadership in outdoor conservation for South Cumberland State Recreation Area. Wally was president of the Savage Gulf Preservation League (SGPL) when the Savage Gulf was purchased and donated to the State as a state natural area. He was very instrumental in all kinds of land acquisition issues and state lobbying efforts to protect Savage Gulf and make it into the Park we know and love today. The group later purchased one of the Greeter Pines lots and gave it to the State to be used as the parking lot at Greeter Falls.

Oct 31 – Short Springs State Natural Area, Tullahoma, TN. Fifth Saturday work day.

TVA has agreed to fund a bridge over Bobo Creek. The funds will become available after October 1, 2015. Hopefully, we will be able to work on the bridge. Meet at the Short Springs parking lot at 9:00 am CT. Bring water and lunch. Please let Joan Hartvigsen know you will help. *jhartvigsen@comast.net* or 931-962-0811.

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Hike information unavailable at press time.

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Oct 3 - Lucius Burch Natural Area, north of Walnut Grove. We will meet at 8:45 am CT for sign-in and announcements in the unpaved parking area on the south side of Walnut Grove immediately east of the Wolf River. Hike will depart promptly at 9:00 am. The hike will be approximately 5.75 miles and take between 2½ and 3 hours. The terrain is relatively flat with a few steep ravine crossings. We will leave the parking lot, cross under Walnut Grove and walk north on the wooded interior trail, turn west at the Green Line, and then head back south, hiking partly in the woods and partly along the Wolf River. Bring water, bug spray, and a snack if desired. Hiking boots are recommended especially if we have had recent rain. For additional information contact Marion Quinlen at 256-273-9720 or at *mquinlen@gmail.com*.

Oct 10 - Cane Creek Preserve, Tuscumbia, AL. Preregistration Required. This private preserve is a treasure of canyons, falls and the incredible stewardship of Jim and Faye Lacefield. The full 7.5 mile hike will take us to Devil's Hollow with several waterfalls (in season), and several large Native American Rock Shelters. We'll meet at 10:00am CT at the Colbert County Tourism Office, 719 US 72, Tuscumbia. From there it is a short drive to the Lacefield's home and parking area. Approximately 2-1/2 hours from Memphis. To register contact *Charlie.bright2010@gmail.com*.

Memphis Chapter – con't.

Oct 17 - Meeman-Shelby Forest. We will meet at 9:00 am CT at the Poplar Tree Lake Parking Lot (NOT the Visitor Center). We will hike the Pioneer Springs Trail for a 5-6 mile easy to moderate hike through the forest connecting with Woodland Trail and finish at the Visitor Center and shuttle back to the Poplar Tree Lake Parking Lot. Bring water and snacks. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a snack. Contact Ted Barham at 901-413-9324 or *ikado_282@bellsouth.com*. Directions to Poplar Lake Parking Lot: From the 4-way stop at the General Store go straight on Benjestown Road 1.6 miles (do not turn Right on Bluff Road toward the Park Entrance and Visitor's Center) and turn right into the south entrance of the park. Take this road straight for 1.7 miles to a stop sign. Turn left and you will see the picnic area and parking lot on your right.

Oct 24 - Tishomingo State Park, located south of Iuka, MS. (approx 2 ½ hr drive from Memphis). **Registration required.** This is a 5-6 mile hike winding along rocky ridges with spectacular views, through shallow, fern-filled canyons, and across the Bear Creek Swinging Bridge constructed in the 1930's. Bring lunch and water. Sturdy hiking boots recommended. Meet at 9:30 am CT at the park toll gate. There is a parking lot to the right just before entering the park through the gate. We will regroup into fewer vehicles. To register contact Kam at 901-299-8359. Heavy rain will cancel this hike.

Oct 31 - Lucius Burch Natural Area Wolf River off Germantown Road. 6-8 miles. Moderate. Situated between Walnut Grove, Germantown Parkway, and the Wolf River this 728-acre natural area is a complex of trails and woodlands that offers hiking, bird watching, mountain biking and equestrian trails in metropolitan Memphis. Our outbound 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. We will meet at 9:00 am CT in the main parking area off of Germantown Parkway and Walnut Bend Rd (south of the Agri Center). For more information contact Derrel Blain, *ttamemphis@gmail.com*.

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

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro

Oct 3 –Cheeks Bend. Part of the Duck River State Natural Area Complex. The 1.8 mile balloon trail has scenic overlooks of the Duck River. The trail is relatively flat, so would be rated easy. There is also a short cave that leads to an overlook bluff. Bring water and snacks and wear good hiking shoes. After the hike we will go to a local restaurant for lunch. Contact Jennifer Zahn at 615-943-8853 or jenzahn@gmail.com for more information.

Oct 10 – Adventure Trip: 10th Annual History Hayride, Edgar Evins State Park, Silver Point, between Smithville and Cookeville. Ride hay wagons along a circuit in the park with about 11 stops where costumed re-enactors will portray people and events that occurred in or near the area. There will be wagons scheduled at approximately 30 minute intervals between 1:30 and 7 pm. The cost is \$15 per person and online reservations are required. The easiest way is to go to www.tnvacation.com/events/9216 then click on the yellow button that says “purchase tickets.” Visa or Master Card will be accepted. Some of the new characters include a midwife and a Paleo – Indian woman. For more information please visit the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park website at <http://foeesp.alturl.com> or the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park Facebook (friends of eesp). If you need help making reservations contact Fount or Anna Bertram at 615-765-5357 between 11 am and 7 pm or email abertram@dtccom.net.

Oct 13 – Chapter Meeting. TTA member and photographer Tony Jones will present a program on his recent Tennessee travels. He will have some fascinating and beautiful pictures to share. Join us and invite a friend!

Murfreesboro Chapter – con't.

Oct 17 - Backpack to Hobbs Cabin in South Cumberland Recreation Area. The hike begins at Savage Ranger Station parking lot at 9 am. The trails are rated as easy, but due to distance we will rate it as moderate. The total hike 18.4 total miles. The first trail we will take is the Savage Day Loop. We will take a short side trail to Savage Fall Overlook at 1.5 miles. We will then take the North Rim trail at 2.2 miles and head for Hobbs Cabin. Hobbs Cabin is 7.2 miles from the trail junction. It is a primitive backpackers shelter for six folks, first come, first serve. It has a fire place and indoor table. Don't count on space available at the cabin. Bring a shelter for the Hobbs backcountry camp site. There are a number of great overlooks along the North Rim Trail we will hopefully enjoy with a touch of fall. We will set up camp and try for a nice fire for the evening. The next morning we make a loop by taking the North Plateau Trail, 7.1 miles which runs along the old 1926 Dinky Line logging trail through some fine hardwood forests. The trail and ends back at the Savage Day Loop. Another 2.2 miles and we are back at our vehicles. To register call Wayne Yancey at 615-887-0212 or Andy Meeks 813-447-1224.

Annual Meeting registration form on page 8. Register now for discounted registration fee!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- Ace Gap. Townsend, 6 miles, easy.
- Seven Islands State Birding Park. Knox County, 5 miles, easy.
- Charlies Bunion. Newfound Gap, Appalachian Trail, 8 miles, strenuous.
- Middle Prong to Indian Flat Falls. Tremont, 7 miles, moderate.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER, 15, 9:00 am ET

- Andrews Bald. Clingmans Dome, 4 miles, moderate.
- East Lakeshore Trail. Tellico Lake, Greenback, 5.0 miles, easy.
- Abrams Creek/ Cooper Road Trail. Abrams Creek Ranger Station, 7 miles, moderate.

JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING!



TO BENEFIT THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE!



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BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Oct 10 - Bryant Grove Trail, Lone Hunter State Park, 2910 Hobson Pike, Hermitage, TN 37076. 8 miles. Easy to moderate. This hike will begin at the trailhead in the Couchville Lake Day Use Area Two of Lone Hunter State Park. The trailhead is near the playground on the right side of the parking area. The trail heads east along the shoreline of Percy Priest Lake through cedar thickets, oak and hickory forests and cedar glades for 4 miles to reach the Bryant Grove Recreation Area, then back to the starting point. Terrain is flat and the trail surface includes gravel, rocks and dirt. For information and to register, contact Betty Magee at 615-319-5394 or e-mail monetfan455@yahoo.com.

Oct 24 - Collins Gulf Loop Trail, Gruetli-Laager, TN. 12 plus miles. Difficult due to the distance, terrain, and elevation changes. We hike along the west rim of Collins Gulf and down the Old Stagecoach Road to Sawmill campground, then up the east side, passing Horsepound Falls and Suter Falls back to the start. Be sure to bring lunch, water, good hiking boots, and clothing appropriate to the weather. For experienced hikers only. Contact Doug Burroughs at dougburroughs@tennessee.usa.com or 615-587-0085 for more information and to register. Meeting Place: I-24 Exit 59 and head west one traffic signal: Old Target Parking lot behind the IHOP. Meeting Time: 7:00 am CT Should be at trailhead around 9:00 am.

Oct 27 - Chapter Meeting. Botanist Roger McCoy will speak this evening on the rare plants of Tennessee and the regions where hikers can expect to see them. Roger directs the Division of Natural Areas (DNA) for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Here's what he told us about the DNA's work and his presentation: "The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is the lead state agency for the recovery of federally listed plant species in Tennessee. Within the Division of Natural Areas, TDEC botanists search for and monitor listed species and also work towards protecting significant properties through the state's natural areas and state parks. From the Mississippi Alluvial Plain of West Tennessee to the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East, Tennessee state natural areas provide some of the only protected lands for certain species. Attendees will learn about some of these species and gain a better understanding of the different physiographic provinces in which they reside." Bring your nature-loving friends.

Planning ahead: Wrapping paper fundraiser scheduled for December 12 from 10-5 at REI.

**TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION/MEETING
TREMONT LODGE & RESORT
TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE
NOVEMBER 13-15, 2015**

Registration Form (each family member's name must be listed if attending)

Name _____	Name _____
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____	Email _____
Chapter _____	

LODGING: Tremont Lodge & Resort
7726 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy.
Townsend, TN 37882
Standard (2 Queen)
Deluxe (King)
Deluxe (2 Queen)

Call direct to reserve your room (s)
865-448-3200
Mention TTA for Special rates
\$69.00
\$85.00
\$85.00

RV CAMPING: Call direct to reserve (10% discount)

Tremont Outdoor Resort
Whispering River Resort
Big Meadow Family Campground

865-448-6363 RV-Tents-Cabins
865-981-4300
865-448-0625

MEALS:

Friday Dinner	# persons ____ X \$11	Total \$ _____
Saturday Breakfast	# persons ____ X \$9	Total \$ _____
Saturday Sack Lunch	# persons ____ X \$5	Total \$ _____
Saturday Dinner	# persons ____ X \$12	Total \$ _____
Sunday Breakfast	# persons ____ X \$9	Total \$ _____
Sunday Sack Lunch	# persons ____ X \$5	Total \$ _____

Vegetarian Meals will be available upon request

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON # person _____ \$25 Total \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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**Deadline for Registration October 19, 2015
Cancellations and Refunds must be in writing**

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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.

Oct 3 – Hit the Trails. 10 am to 3 pm CT. Mirror Lake (at the corner of Peavine Rd. & Stonehenge Dr. in Fairfield Glade). CTC & TTA Plateau Chapter will share a booth at this event. Check out several outdoor related booths. Live outdoor music and fresh grilled food are a great way to enjoy a crisp fall day on the mountain. Join a group hike of the local trails, or pick up a map and enjoy a serene afternoon on your own.
<http://time2meet.com/gladetrails/festival.shtml>.

Oct 8 – Chapter Meeting. 6:00 pm CT. Program: Big South Fork by Ranger Mary. First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. Dinner at Gondola's Restaurant, Woodmere Mall, Crossville at 4:45 pm CT. Contact Chapter Chair, Cheryl Heckler at *thehecklers@charter.net* or 931-200-7436 for additional information.

Oct 17 – Ridge Trail and Lost Cove, Sewanee. The Highland Rim Chapter will offer a moderate 5 mile, 3 ½ hour hike following the new Ridge Trail down into Lost Cove and then following a university fire lane through the cove and back out to Highway 56. The hike will begin in the parking area by the Sewage Pumping Station at the end of Bob Stewman Road in Sewanee. The Plateau Chapter will meet the Highland Rim Chapter at 10:30 am. Water, lunch and walking poles are recommended. The hike will end on Highway 56, about four miles south of Sewanee. The hike will require carpooling. A walking stick is recommended for the descent into Lost Cove. Plateau Chapter will depart from Trinity Tabernacle, 2028 S Main St, Crossville at 8:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Heckler at *thehecklers@charter.net* or 931-200-7436.

Oct 31 – Haunted Hike. Whoooooo wants to do something out of this world on Halloween night??? Auburntown Asylum Tour and Yard Rage Maze. This courageous group will have dinner at Alexandria Cafe, (large menu choices prices range \$6-\$14) prior to this 1 1/2 hour event. Tour and maze \$18. Rain or shine, meet at 4 pm CT at Cracker Barrel in Crossville. Contact Marianne Mailhiot, 860-908-9026 or email, *mariannemailhiot@gmail.com* to reserve your spot or for more information.

SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER

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Additional information may be seen at our web site:

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

Oct 3 - Fall Creek Falls. Approximately 8 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 6 - River Walk from Dam to wetlands and back. Approximately 5-6 miles. Easy. Meet at Chickamauga Dam parking lot at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 10 - Rainbow Lake to Signal Mountain High School. Approximately 8 miles. Will stage vehicles. Strenuous. Meet at Food City (old Bi-Lo) parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 13 - Stringer's Ridge. Approximately 4 miles. Easy to moderate. Meet at Stringer's Ridge parking lot at 9 am. Hike leader: Donna Pyers.

Oct 17 - Snow Falls. Approximately 10 miles. Strenuous. Creek crossing. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: John Politte.

Oct 20 - Sluder Lane to Mowbray Pike. Will stage vehicles. Approximately 5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 24 - Heiss Mountain to Retro Hughes Road. Approximately 10 miles. Strenuous. Will stage vehicles. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: John Politte.

Oct 27 - Cumberland Mountain State Park. Approximately 5-1/2 miles. Moderate. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Will eat at Cumberland Mountain restaurant. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Oct 31 - Lula Lake Land Trust. Approximately 4 miles. Moderate. Meet at Food City (old Bi-Lo) parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm CT.

Oct 3 - Hidden Hendersonville. A four mile hike that will encompass lake views, urban landscape and an Arboretum. Meet at the Walton Ferry Boat Ramp (take Walton Ferry Rd, bear left at Curtis Crossroads and right onto Walton Ferry Boat Ramp Rd.) at 9 am CT. We will explore some wooded areas, hike a paved side walk to the Arboretum and return to our starting point. For more information please contact Ellen or Jim Fuqua at 615-417-4373 or *ellenfuqua@comcast.net*.

Oct 5 - Chapter Meeting. First United Methodist Church. Join Danny Shelton of the Tennessee Ornithological Society as he presents his latest film, A Century of Birds. Since 1915, TOS members have scaled towering trees, waded through dark swamps, and climbed remote mountains to study the mysteries of bird life. Four years in the making, the eye-witness testimony, rare films, modern wildlife footage, and vintage photographs of this film bring the story to life. This month's meeting will start at 6:30 pm (**note time change**) to allow for this programs length. After the program we will have a short business meeting.

Oct 16 - Beaman Park Meet for carpooling at Kroger Glenbrook Shopping Center. 9 am CT, or, meet us at the trailhead off Little Marrowbone Rd (note that this is NOT where the Nature Center is located) about 9:45. We will hike the Ridgetop Trail. Distance is about 4.2 miles. Boots, water, snacks and hiking poles are suggested. Dogs on leash OK. For more information contact Judy Jenkins at 615-264-7062 or Sally Ticaric at 615-218-1086.

Oct 24 -Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN. Moderate. 1.25 miles on Old Stone Fort Trail adding the Backbone & Little Duck Loop 2 miles (weather permitting, if not flooded out). The Old Stone Fort is a 2,000 year old American Indian ceremonial site. The two forks of the Duck River cut into the edge of the Highland Rim Plateau at the site of the Old Stone Fort. On the hike we will see numerous waterfalls, cascades and tall rock bluffs bordering the Duck River. On the Backbone Trail we will climb up and walk along a ridge looking down on tops of huge trees. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church on Gallatin Rd at (9:00 am CT for carpooling or meet us at the trailhead by the museum at 10:30 am CT). Bring hiking poles, hiking boots and any desired snacks. We will eat lunch after the hike about 12:30 at the Coffee Café in the Historic area of Manchester close to the Park. This is a large café with a great menu. They close at 2pm CT so we should be there on time. Contact Lea Whitton for more info or if you plan to join us at the trailhead. *iwhittonm@realtracs.com* or 615-289-4842. Ron and Judy Jenkins will be assisting with the hike. Bad weather will postpone or cancel the hike.

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

<u>Due</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
Oct 10	Nov 1
Nov 10	Dec 1
Dec 10	Jan 1

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

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(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Oct 3 - Cloudland Canyon, Rising Fawn, GA. There are spectacular views of Cloudland Canyon as well as Trenton, GA. and neighboring Sand Mountain. We will hike on the Waterfalls trail down over 500 steps to 60 ft. Cherokee Falls and 90 ft. Hemlock Falls. Weather permitting, we will then hike the Rim Trail (4.8 mi.) and if visibility is bad we will hike Sitton's Gulch Trail, which follows Daniel Creek. Either way we go it will be about 7 miles or less. The hike is moderate to strenuous because of the number of steps up and down. We can meet at 7:30 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville, or at the U.S. Bank across from McDonalds in Sparta at 8:00 a.m. (trailhead in Ga. around 10:00 am CT). Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring snacks, water and lunch. After the hike, we will stop at "Sticky Fingers" in Chattanooga, TN. for dinner. To register contact Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or pabroehl@blomand.net.

Oct 10 - Black Mountain Segment of the Cumberland Trail, Crab Orchard, TN. 7 miles. Moderate. Black Mountain is noted for its interesting rock formations and wonderful overlooks. We will start the hike at the trailhead on Hwy 68 and hike up to the top of Black MT. On the way we will pass by Windless Cave, if time permits we will hike the Loop Trail on top of the mountain, which has several overlooks. We will meet at 8:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring snacks, lunch, and sturdy hiking boots. For information and to register contact Louise Miniard at 931-239-5425 or lminiard@Flowserve.com.

Oct 17 - Fall Creek Falls. Lower Loop, Spencer TN. The Lower Loop trail is a 13 mile loop trail, most of which is relatively flat. A steep descent into Cane Creek Gulf and strenuous climb out makes portions of this hike difficult. We will start our hike at the Betty Dunn Nature Center. We will begin by crossing the Piney Creek suspension bridge. Campsite #2 is just a few miles from the suspension bridge. From Campsite #2 we begin the descent down into Cane Creek Gulf. After ascending Cane Creek Gulf, the trail will continue on for several miles until it meets up with the Paw Paw Trail. We will follow the Paw Paw Trail back to the Nature Center. There are several other trails available in the park if someone wants to schedule an alternate hike on the same day. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 7:00 am CT or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 7:30. For information and to register contact: Jeff Graves at jagraves21@students.tntech.edu.

Upper Cumberland Chapter – con't.

Oct 24 - Sewanee Perimeter, start at Greens View. Hike on the perimeter trail to the gates, out to Piney Point, back to Beck with trail to Greens View. 5 miles. Moderate. For those who want more we can then go to the Cross to Bridal Veil Falls & back. You can meet us Green's View at 9:00 am CT or in Sparta at the US Bank across the street from McDonald's at 7:00 am CT. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and hiking boots. To register contact Cindy Watson at 931-247-1459 or cgrwatson@gmail.com.

Oct 31 - Fiery Gizzard, South Cumberland Recreation Area, Tracy City, TN. This hike begins on top of the plateau within Tracy City then immediately descends into a beautiful old growth hemlock forest at the head of the gorge of Fiery Gizzard Creek. There are lots of impressive rock formations in the area. Later, the trail enters younger forest and ascends further down the creek to an overlook at Raven Point. Those wanting a shorter hike can return to the beginning via the Dog Hole Trail for a total hike of about 9 miles. The Fiery Gizzard Trail continues mostly on top of the plateau through gently rolling oak forest, reaching Foster Falls at the southern end (at about 13 miles). The trail is rated strenuous for the rocky, uneven terrain and the distance covered. Bring water, lunch, snacks, headlamp, and hiking boots. You can meet us at the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 7:00 am CT or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 7:30 am CT. For information and to register contact Gary Kimbrell at 931-215-9520 or Gary.Kimbrell@fbitn.com.

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We have three chapters in the process of being reorganized. If you are interested in assisting with this process, please see below for the contact information.

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