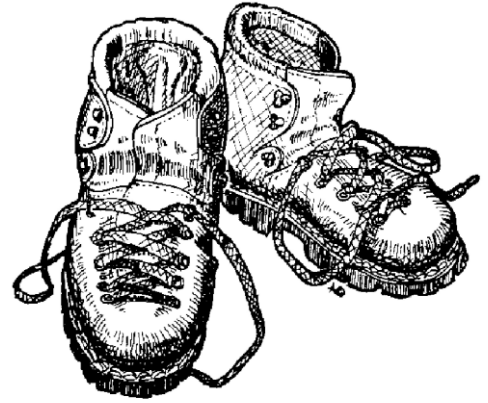


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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 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 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

TTA Annual Meeting Auction Proceeds Will Benefit The Cumberland Trail Conference

Remember - we all love our trails and use our trails, so let's support our trails!!!! Bring signature items for the Live Auction, fun and utilitarian items for the Silent Auction and anything for the White Elephant Sale. Don't forget checkbooks and cash (no credit cards) and bid HIGH!!!!

For planning and organizational purposes, if at all possible, please pre-register the items you are donating for the auction. Contact Garnett Rush at rushga01@yahoo.com to pre-register these items.

Also, delicious goodies for the Bake Sale are appreciated by all - please package treats individually for easy distribution.

TTA – Officer and Board Member Nominees for 2016

President: Carolyn Miller, Plateau Chapter
Vice President: Bruce Whitehead, Plateau Chapter
Secretary: Diane Manas, Nashville Chapter
Treasurer: Kathy Woods, Murfreesboro Chapter
Membership Director: Tim Townley, Unaffiliated
Middle Tennessee Regional Representative: Joan Hartvigsen, Highland Rim Chapter

As of the newsletter deadline, October 10, we are still seeking nominations for two other positions.

- East Tennessee Regional Representative
- West Tennessee Regional Representative

Officer elections will be during the TTA General Membership meeting on Saturday, November 14.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

TTA Awards

The awards committee (Doug Burroughs, Libby Francis, Cheryl Heckler, and Carolyn Miller) recommended three recipients for the year 2015. These awards will be presented at the 2015 General Membership meeting.

- **The Bill Stutz Award:** Joan Hartvigsen.
- **The Tennessee Trails Award:** Charles Klabunde, posthumously.
- **The Bob Brown Award:** Jim Poteet.



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As of October 4 I am happy to report that we have officially crossed our first full mile along Daddy's Creek, near Crab Orchard, TN. We now have 6050 feet of beautiful, completed trail for everyone to enjoy. Please come and join our team by volunteering to help complete our newest segment. Autumn is the most beautiful and enjoyable time of year for trail building. We have a fun, hard-working group of people, and I know you'll be proud to be a part of our progress.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions and details. If you were not able to join the Big Dig program, there will be trail building opportunities during November.

I hope to hear from you!

Mitch Wolfe, Trail Building Program Coordinator
Cumberland Trail Conference

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.

Cumberland Trail Conference – con't.

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>

Nov 7 - LBL, John Harris Hike. 7.6 miles. Moderate.
John Harris 270-227-9871/ Meet 8:00 am CT, at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 73 miles to trail head.

Nov 13 to 15 – TTA Annual Meeting.

Nov 17 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Nov 21 - Clarksville Greenway. 5.2 or 9.2 miles. Easy to moderate. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 8:00 am CT at the end of Pollard Road.

Nov 28 - Rotary Park after Thanksgiving hike. Sandy Janus 931-551-8523. Meet 9:00 am CT, first Pavilion on left.

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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.

Nov 3 - Chapter Meeting. Join us at 6:00 pm for the buffet, The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Ellen Clark and Lou Laratta will share hiking experiences and visits to historical sites in the South of France. Stationed in the bucolic village of Bonnieux in Provence, we will explore two hikes. The first to Fort de Buoux, a mountain top archeological site with structures dating back to the 13th century. The trail offers amazing views of the surrounding countryside. Our second hike is to St. Victoire Mountain which inspired many of Cezanne's impressionist paintings. Please join us as we explore this gorgeous region of France.

Nov 7 - Survival Skills. Russell Smith will host the Practice of Survival and "Bush Craft" Skills. Site: Creek property of Russell Smith (Fort Smith) located on Hwy, 431 South - one mile south of intersection with Hwy 247 (Watch for American Flag on the highway). Time 10 AM - 2 PM. Participants will park just inside the field and hike 1/2 mile to work site. Activities will include the completion of a Brush Shelter, observe and participate in Primitive Fire Starting, learn to throw a tomahawk, and other "Pioneer Contests". The host will demonstrate How to Cook on a Flat Rock. Each participant is invited to bring a small meal to cook, or bring a snack. After lunch, we will practice tying knots. Afterwards, we will join together in building a rope bridge. Volunteers will do a Test Walk upon completion. To register: email Russell Smith, *carving082334@aol.com* or call 615-790-1833.

Nov 13 to 15 - TTA Annual Meeting. The annual TTA Convention/Meeting will be held in Townsend. Please consult the TTA newsletter for details.

Nov 28 - Honey Creek Loop Trail, Big South Fork. Robert Consalvo will lead the Honey Creek Loop Trail hike which is often cited as one of the best hikes in Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, and also among the most challenging hike in Tennessee. This is a strenuous 5½ mile hike and we will be on trail for about 5 hours. Depending upon the recent rainfall, this trail can be a wet hike. However, the spectacular scenery, huge boulders, a cave opening and overlooks make it a "must do." A couple of long ladders ascend/descend from the overlook. We will meet at 6:00 am CT at the Toll Gate Medical Plaza parking lot (1106 Elliston Way, Thompson's Station, TN 37179), which is just off Hwy 31, Columbia Pike, and north of 840. Bring plenty of water, good hiking boots, snacks, lunch, change of clothes. The trailhead is about a 3 hour drive from Thompson's Station. Contact Robert Consalvo. *rconsalvo@aol.com*. cell: 615-519-5584 to register.

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Nov 21 - Frozen Head lookout tower and prison coal mine. We will park at Ames Gap on TN 116 and hike the coal haul road to the peak of Frozen Head mountain and the lookout tower. The distance is about 2.5 miles and the elevation gain is about 1180 feet. The fire tower was replaced by a very nice lookout tower with lots of room for viewing the countryside. On the way back we will take a side trail to the Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex coal mines where prisoners mined coal until sometime in the 1950s. This side trail is about .4 miles and relatively level. Brush Mountain Correctional Complex opened in 1896 and closed June 11, 2009. The prison was founded as a result of the aftermath of the "Coal Creek War," a 1891 lockout of coal miners that took place in Coal Creek, now Lake City and Briceville, after miners protested the use of unpaid convict labor in the mines. The total distance is about 5.8 miles. We will carpool from Knoxville and have a pickup in Oak Ridge. Bring dollars, snacks, water, camera and wear appropriate shoes. Pre-registration is required with Rosie at 865-951-8317 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

TTA Board Meeting Announcement and Proposed Agenda

Date: Sunday, November 15 at 8 am ET
Location: Tremont Lodge and Resort, Townsend, TN

Agenda Items for the TTA 4th Quarter Board Meeting

- Approval of 3rd Quarter Minutes – Diane Manas
- Treasurer's Report – Kathy Woods
- Membership Report
- Annual Meeting Summary – Rosemary Marshall
- TTA/CTC Update
- Request for Budget Items for 2016
- Dates for TTA Board Meetings for 2016

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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.

Nov 7 – Stone Door to Greeter Falls, South Cumberland State Park. 8 miles. Moderate to strenuous due to steep descent and ascent on the Big Creek Gulf Trail. Marietta Poteet is leading this challenging and interesting hike down through the Stone Door passageway on to Big Creek Gulf Trail. We will take a side trail to visit Ranger Falls then continue on to climb up to Alum Gap. We will then hike Greeter Trail over to Greeter Falls. We may take another side trip to the Blue Hole if we are interested. This hike requires a shuttle. The trail in the gulf is very rocky. We will enjoy a spectacular overlook at Stone Door, two beautiful waterfalls and fascinating geology in the gulf. Please register with Marietta at *nannietta@blomand.net* or 931-924-7666.

Nov 13 to 15 - TTA Annual Meeting. Tremont Lodge and Resort. Townsend, TN. Hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Nov 21 – Eat-Hike-Eat. Sewanee Perimeter. About 5 miles. Easy. Let's meet at the Blue Chair Restaurant in Sewanee at 9:00 am CT for breakfast. We will leave for the trailhead at 9:30 am. We will hike a section of the Sewanee Perimeter Trail from Gate 5 to Gate 8. We will take a short detour to visit the Forestry Cabin then follow the Perimeter Trail west along the bluff to our lunch spot at Dotson Point. We will then continue to Gate 8 where our shuttle vehicle is parked. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Please register with Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

Nov 23 – Chapter Meeting. Dinner is 5:00 pm at Las Trojas Mexican Restaurant, 1905 N. Jackson Street Ste 800 Tullahoma, near Kroger. Our meeting is 7:00 pm at D. W. Wilson Community Center. Marcia Medford will present a program on her recent trip to South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Nov 27 – Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN. Traditional Day After Thanksgiving Hike with the Murfreesboro Chapter. 4 miles. Moderate due to steep climbs and eroded trails. Meet Friday after Thanksgiving at 9:00 am CT in front of the Museum. We will hike the Old Stone Fort Trail, River Fork Loop, Backbone and Little Duck Loop and the Old River Channel Trail. We will see Blue Hole Falls, Big Falls, the confluence of the Duck and Little Duck Rivers and limestone bluffs bordering the rivers. Bring water and snacks. Hiking boots and hiking sticks are recommended. After our hike we will gather at a local restaurant for lunch. Register with Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

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Hike information unavailable at press time.

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Nov 7 - Herb Parsons Lake State Park, Fisherville. Here's an easy 6-mile hike around the lake and through the woods. Meet at 9:30 am at the lake and bring snacks and water. Rain will cancel. For questions contact Linda Walston, 901-606-9866.

Nov 13 to 15 - TTA Annual Meeting. TTA annual meeting is in Townsend, at the foot of the Smokies.

Nov 21 - Natchez Trace State Park. North side of I-40. **Preregistration Required.** Moderate rated hike, about 6 miles, with some hills, lakes and nice forested areas. Meet at the visitor center at 9:30 am. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Cancel if raining. Please preregister with Freddi Felt, *fffelt@att.net* or 901-737-8882.

Nov 28 - Meeman-Shelby Forest - Chickasaw Bluff Trail. Meet at the park visitor center at 9:00 am and bring water and snack. Hike begins with a car shuttle to the north end of the trail for a 6 to 7-mile easy to moderate hike through the forest. The trail starts at the top of the bluff and drops quickly down about 150 feet to the flood plain. The next 3 miles are quite level (we'll get to cross the new bridge over Beaver Creek) until we climb back up the bluff to the Woodland Shelter and connect up to the Woodland Trail then hike back to the visitor center. Rain will cancel. For information call Freddi Felt, 901-737-8882.

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BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro

Nov 6 to 8 – Friends of Tennessee State Parks 12th Coalition Conference at Henry Horton. Join us for a weekend of exciting educational sessions, discussions and interactions designed to help grow and strengthen Friends' groups and their relationship with our park system. Everyone who has an interest in our state parks is invited to attend. Registration will be from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday and from 8:00 am to 9:30 am Saturday morning. For information and registration details go to: <http://tnstateparks.com/get-involved/friends-groups>.

Nov 10 – Chapter Meeting. 6:00 pm. NOTE TIME CHANGE. This will be our hike planning meeting for January-June 2016 hikes. Bring a finger food to share and your calendar to schedule hikes you want to lead or ideas for hikes you would like to take. Chapter will provide drinks and paper products. For information, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Nov 13 to 15 – TTA Annual Meeting in the Smokies.

Nov 21 - Cumberland Trail - Pot Point Loop. 11.7 mile loop. Difficult due to distance. This trail goes along the Grand Canyon of the Tennessee where the beautiful Tennessee River cuts a gorge through the Cumberland Plateau. The trail is located in the Prentice Cooper State Forest in Marion County and is a section of the south end of the Cumberland Trail. We'll stop by and enjoy the panoramic view from Snooper's Rock, walk on top of the Natural Bridge, and enjoy views from Ransom Hollow and Pot Point. We'll also pass McNabb Gulf and Hemlock Branch backcountry campsites. Pot Point is named for a rough section of the Tennessee River below the trail called The Pot. To register contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Nov 27 – After Thanksgiving Day Hike – Old Stone Fort Archaeology Park, Manchester. 4 miles. Moderate. Join us for our annual after Thanksgiving Day hike. This joint hike with the Highland Rim chapter is a family friendly hike. We will hike the Old Stone Fort Trail, River Fork Loop, Backbone, Little Duck Loop and the Old River Channel Trail. We will see Blue Hole Falls, Big Falls, the confluence of the Duck and Little Duck Rivers. After the hike we will go to a local restaurant for lunch. Meet in front of the Museum at 9:00 am CT. For carpool information from Murfreesboro or to register, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@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

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Nov 7 - Montgomery Bell Overnight Trail, near Dickson TN. 10.5 miles. Strenuous. It is wooded terrain with some hills. The trail passes by several lakes, a historic cabin and church, and historic iron ore pits. Bring water, snacks/lunch, boots, and clothing appropriate for the weather that day. There is an option after the hike to stop for food at the State Park Inn dining room or somewhere on the way back to town. Call Doug Burroughs at 615-587-0085 for more information and to register. Meeting Place: WalMart near 7044 Charlotte Pike parking lot just north of I-40. Meeting Time: 7:30 am.

Nov 13 to 15 - Annual Meeting. Townsend, TN. Great Hiking, Great Camaraderie, Y'all come!

Nov 24 - Chapter Meeting. Two chapter members, Gloria Dale Williams and Nancy Juodenas went to Alaska this last summer and will share their photos, memories, adventures and information. Come find out about the Alaska Marine Highway, the Inside Passage and the beautiful wildness that is Alaska.

Nov 28 - Warner Parks, Nashville, TN. 3 trails, total of 9 miles. Moderate to strenuous. Meet at Warner Park Nature Center, first hike Harpeth Woods trail (2.5 miles), next Cane Connector Trail (1 mile), then Mossy Ridge Trail (4.5 miles) and last, Cane Connector back to Nature Center (1 mile). For information contact Betty Magee, 615-319-5394 or e-mail: monetfan455@yahoo.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 12 - Gift wrap event, REI, Brentwood, TN. This will be the fourteenth year we have been invited to wrap gifts at REI in Brentwood. This year we will be wrapping gifts on Saturday, Dec. 12th from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Our annual Christmas Party will be that night so there will be plenty of time to get there. Come join us for this fun and successful event. We need volunteers to wrap gifts in exchange for donations. These donations are given to the Cumberland Trail Spring Breakaway Program and have been used to offset some of the costs of feeding the trail-building volunteers. Sign up for a two hour slot: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, and 4 till around 5:30 to help with closing up. This is truly a great way to Fundraise and no experience necessary! To volunteer contact Amy Sutton at amy109@gmail.com or at 615-739-5858.

ANNUAL MEETING HIKES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1:00 PM ET

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 8:00 AM ET

Ace Gap. Townsend. 6 miles, easy.
Charlie's Bunion. Newfound Gap, Appalachian Trail. 8 miles, strenuous.
Clingmans Dome to Newfound Gap. Appalachian Trail. 7.8 mile descent, car shuttle, moderate.
Jakes Creek to Jakes Gap (Blanket Mountain). Elkmont, 7.5 miles, moderate.
Laurel Falls. Little River Road, 2.6 miles, moderate.
Lead Cove to Thunderhead Mountain. Laurel Creek Road, 3700 foot climb, 12.8 miles, via Appalachian Trail, strenuous.
Little River/Cucumber Gap Loop. Elkmont, includes tour of Avent Cabin and other cabins, 5.5 mile loop, easy.
Lumber Ridge/Spruce Flat Falls manway. Tremont, 7-8 miles, moderate.
Middle Prong to Indian Flat Falls. Tremont, 7 miles, moderate.
Rich Mountain Loop. Cades Cove, 8.7 mile loop, moderate.
Seven Islands State Birding Park. Knox County, 5 miles easy.
Spruce Flat Falls. Tremont, 4 miles, strenuous.
Trillium Gap to Grotto Falls and Brushy Mountain. Gatlinburg, 1500 foot climb, 6.8 miles, moderate.
West Prong Trail to Campsite 18. Tremont, 5.4 miles, moderate.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 9:00 AM ET

Andrews Bald. Clingmans Dome, 4 miles, moderate.
East Lakeshore Trail. Tellico Lake, Greenback, 5 miles, easy.
Ft. Loudon State Park. Vonore, 4.5 miles, easy.
Look Rock. Foothills Parkway, Blount County, 2 miles, easy.

2015 Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

(Eastern Time—All times subject to change)

Friday, November 13

1:00 – 8:30 PM Check in; Registration; Receive Auction Items and Baked Goods
 2:00 PM Hikes in Local Area—Easy (See Hike Schedule)
 3:00 - ?? Cash Bar, Bake Sale and Socializing – Hospitality Suite
 3:00 – 10:00 PM Silent Auction Bidding & White Elephant Sale
 5:00 - 6:00 PM State-wide Outings Slide Show & Social Time
 6:00- 7:00 PM Dinner in Main Dining Room
 7:00 Guest Speaker: Christine Hoyer Backcountry Management Specialist
 Great Smoky Mountains National Park
 8:00 – 9:00 PM Live Musical Entertainment and Social Time

Saturday, November 14

6:00 AM Coffee and Water for Early Risers; Bake Sale – Hospitality Suite
 7 AM – 6 PM Registration.
 7 AM – 10 AM Breakfast
 7:45 AM Pick up pre-ordered sack lunches
 8 – 2 PM Hikes Depart. See Posted Hike Schedule for Departure Time, Length, Leaders, and Difficulty
 8 AM – 6:45 PM Silent Auction Open. Bidding closes at 6:45 PM.
 8 AM – 8 PM White Elephant Sale
 3 PM – 6:45 PM Cash Bar Open
 4 PM - 6 PM State-wide Outings Slide Show & Social Time
 6 PM – 7 PM Dinner
 6:45 PM Silent Auction Closes
 7 PM (about) Awards and General Meeting
 8 PM (about) Live Auction (immediately after general meeting)
 8 – 10 PM Cash Bar in Hospitality Suite

Sunday, November 15

6 – 8 AM Coffee and Water for Early Risers; Bake Sale – Hospitality Suite
 6 – 8 AM Clearance for Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale.
 7 AM Breakfast
 7:30 AM Pick up pre-ordered sack lunches in registration area.
 8:15 – 8:30 Hikes Depart (plan to check out prior to departing on your hike).
 8 AM Board Meeting in Hospitality Suite

Room Check out time is 11:00 AM.

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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.

Nov 7 – Virgin Falls, DeRossett: This is an 8-mile strenuous hike to the 110 foot tall Virgin Falls. Along the way, we will pass a 30-foot waterfall, Big Laurel Falls. There is a stream crossing and some difficult footing on this hike, including the need to cross a rock field at Big Laurel Falls, so the hike may be cancelled or changed due to high water, snow or ice. Wear boots; bring food for lunch and snacks and water. Meet at 8 am CT in front of the Tractor Supply store. For more information and to register, contact Bruce Whitehead at trailwalker80@gmail.com or 941-716-3620.

Nov 12 – Chapter Meeting. 6:00 pm. Program: Frogs & Toads by Dennis Gregg. First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. Dinner at LaCosta's Restaurant, Crossville at 4:45 pm CT. Contact Chapter Chair, Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436 for additional information.

Nov 13 to 15 – TTA Annual Meeting, Townsend, TN.

Nov 21 – Chattanooga Riverwalk, Chattanooga. This is an easy 8 mile walk on paved track and sidewalks along the Tennessee River from the Chickamauga Dam to downtown. Jeans and sneakers are good apparel as this is basically a walk. The scenery includes birds, greenery, bridges, and historical markers. As this is a planned walkway, there are ample drinking fountains and restrooms along the way. We will have lunch at our final destination downtown at the Big River Brewery. A shuttle is required. Depart from Trinity Tabernacle, 2028 S Main St, Crossville at 8 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

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

Nov 3 - Signal Mountain High School loop. Approximately 3-1/2 miles. Easy to moderate. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Nov 7 - Flipper Bend. Approximately 8 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Walmart parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: John Politte johnpolitte@gmail.com or 423-304-8327.

Nov 10 - Greenway Farms. Approximately 4 miles. Moderate. Meet at the parking lot across from the dog park at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Nov 13 to 15 – TTA Annual Meeting. Townsend.

Nov 17 - Woltever Greenway. Approximately 4 miles. Easy. Meet at Target parking lot on Hwy 153 at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Nov 21 - Roaring Creek. Approximately 10 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: John Politte johnpolitte@gmail.com or 423-304-8327.

Nov 24 - Glen Falls. Approximately 5 miles. Slightly strenuous. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

Nov 28 - Savage Gulf. Approximately 10 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 9 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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

There is no scheduled meeting of the Sumner Chapter this month.

Nov 13 to 15 – TTA Annual Meeting Townsend Lodge and Resort, Townsend TN. I hope many of you will be taking advantage of this opportunity to do some hiking with other TTA members in the beautiful Smokies. Hope to see you there.

Nov 21 – Savage Day Loop. 4.2 miles. Easy. We will be walking in the Savage Gulf State Natural Area, with 11,500 acres and 55 miles of trail - three spectacular gorges or "gulfs" formed by three rivers. Most of the hikes in Savage Gulf are strenuous - I did some of these over the years. But the one we will be hiking follows the rim with not much up and down - highlights include Savage Falls which has some nice overlooks, and Rattlesnake Point where we will have awesome views down in the gorges. This overlook will be about halfway so bring trail food and of course water. After the hike we will proceed to Tracy City and Dutch-Maid Bakery and Cafe which at 115 years old is the oldest family owned bakery in Tennessee, still operated by descendants of John Baggenstoss. Meet at the Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville at 8:30 am CT for carpooling. Even our driving route will be a loop as we will go down there via I-40 and return via I-24. Dress for the weather. For further info contact Old Owl at *ballallenger@aol.com*.

Planning Ahead;

Dec 1 – Holiday Party. Foxland Hall 7 pm. Details at this time are that we will be ordering from the menu and paying separately. A group email will be sent later in the month with additional details. Keep in mind that this is a Tuesday and not our usual meeting day of Monday.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Nov 7 - Brady Mountain segment of the Cumberland Trail, Crossville, TN. We will hike the length of the trail from the Jewitt Road trailhead to highway 68. Highlights of the trail include spectacular views of Grassy Cove and the mountains to the east. The hike is about 8 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous because of the elevation gain. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and hiking boots. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00 am CT. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or *savage_richard@hotmail.com*.

Upper Cumberland Chapter – con't.

Nov 13 to 15 - TTA Annual Meeting. Townsend, TN.

Nov 21 - Wheeler Farm Loop, Fall Creek State Park, Spencer TN. This trail in the Lower Cane Creek extension of Falls Creek Falls is only 3.5 miles long but we will explore several attractions. First we'll visit Medley Arch, a unique 90' high arch/natural bridge formed by the collapse of the mountainside into 3 large sinks. We'll venture off-trail to see the other side of the arch and the undercuts of the remaining ridge. Then we'll view the other sinks and a multi-level waterfall that emerges from the side of one of the holes and disappears at its bottom. After exploring this area, we'll rejoin the trail to descend to the Cane Creek Valley. If the water is high, we may need to backtrack a short distance to the area of the arch to take an alternate route into the valley. After a short side trip to view Cane Creek, we'll head down the Cane Creek Valley to view Wheeler Falls, a 120 foot tiered waterfall with 2 separate sources at the upper levels. Continuing down the valley we will visit the remains of a bottomland farm. After retracing our steps back to Wheeler Falls we'll ascend a farm road along another stream to complete the loop. The hike is rated moderate with a total elevation loss/gain of 400 ft. Additional hiking is available nearby. Bring lunch, water, snacks, and wear good hiking boots. We will meet at the US Bank in Sparta across from McDonald's at 8:00 am CT. For information and to register contact Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or *pabroehl@blomand.net*

Nov 28 - North Rim Savage Gulf. The Plateau to Rim Hike is located in Savage Gulf Wilderness Area. The hike, having two versions, is designed for the moderate (9 miles) as well as the long distance hiker (17 strenuous miles). Both versions of the hike will start and end at the Savage Ranger Station. The shorter version of the hike will go down the Savage Day Loop and North Plateau Trails cutting across at the Mountain Oak Trail to the North Rim Trail, which you will take back to Savage Ranger Station (9 miles). The longer version of the hike will go down the Savage Day Loop and North Plateau Trails all the way out to Hobbs Cabin to the North Rim Trail, which you will take back to Savage Ranger Station (17 miles). Groups carpooling to the hike and doing a different version of the hike should be prepared for the difference in hiking times. Bring hiking boots, water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 7:00 am CT or at the Savage Ranger Station at 8:00 am CT. For information and to register contact Mike Shane at 931-446-4306 or *mikeshane@charter.net*.

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INACTIVE CHAPTERS

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

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

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Nov 15

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___ Cove Lake
___ Dyer County
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___ Highland Rim (Manchester/Tulahoma)
___ Jackson
___ Memphis
___ Murfreesboro
___ Nashville
___ Northwest (UT at Martin/Weakley)
___ Plateau (Crossville)
___ Soddy Daisy
___ Sumner Trails (Sumner County)
___ Upper Cumberland (Sparta/Cookeville)
___ 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.