

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.

SPONSOR FOR THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL



2017 TTA Annual Meeting Hikes

Self Guided Strolls

Meadow Trail. 2 miles. Easy

The University of The South Campus Walk. Easy.

FRIDAY

Fiery Gizzard Fall Color Hike. 6 miles. Easy

Shakerag Hollow and Piney Point Hike. 4 miles. Easy

Sycamore Falls Hike. 2.6 miles Moderate

SATURDAY

Collins Gulf Overlook Hike. 6 miles. Easy

Savage Day Loop and South Rim Trail to Savage Falls.

5.2 miles Easy

Grundy Forest Day Loop. 2 miles. Easy

Stone Door Trail, Big Creek Rim Trail, Laurel Trail Loop Hike. 7 miles. Flat, easy terrain

Cloudland Canyon State Park. Overlook Trail, Waterfalls Trail, West Rim Trail 7 miles. Moderate

Big Creek Gulf Trail, Ranger Creek Falls, Alum Gap, Big Creek Rim Trail. 7.2 miles. Moderate to strenuous.

Walls of Jericho State Natural Area. 7.5 miles. Strenuous

Sewanee Perimeter Trail. Memorial Cross to Bridal Veil Falls and Campus. 6+ miles. Moderate

Rock Creek Section of the Cumberland Trail. 8 miles. Moderate

Raven Point, Anderson Falls, Showcase of Fiery Gizzard Reroute. 4 miles. Strenuous.

Lost Cove Cave Hike. (Buggytopy) 4.5 miles. Strenuous.

SUNDAY

Greeter Falls, Alum Gap Hike. 5 miles. Easy

Chickamauga Battlefield Civil War Hike. 4 miles. Easy

Horsepound Falls Hike. 5 miles. Moderate.

Short Springs State Natural Area. Machine Falls & Rutledge Falls. 3 miles. Moderate

Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park. 4 miles. Moderate

Denny Cove, Denny Falls, Foster Falls Overlook. 3 miles. Strenuous.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

TTA is seeking nominations for awards to be presented at the annual meeting in October. We annually present the Tennessee Trails Award and the Bill Stutz Awards. **The Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award** is awarded periodically to those with a lifetime of leadership and extraordinary contributions.

Please send written nominations for the TTA awards to a member of the awards committee: Joan Hartvigsen, Garnett Rush, or Carolyn Miller. Alternately, please send the written nomination to one of the chapter chairs or to one of the TTA officers. Nominations should include contact information for the person making the nomination, a full name and address of the nominee and a paragraph stating why the person should be nominated for the award.

Tennessee Trails Award. This award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee.

Bill Stutz Award. The Association gives this award in honor of the late Bill Stutz, past TTA member and beloved hiker. Any chapter (or voting member) can make a nomination to the Board for the recipient of this award. The award is to be presented to an active hiker for his or her individual contribution to the Association or one its chapters.

Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board of Directors of the Association established this award to honor the extraordinary lifetime leadership and personal contributions of Bob Brown to hiking and conservation in the State of Tennessee. The Board may give a Bob Brown Award from time to time to others for lifetime leadership and contributions that it finds equally extraordinary.



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CTC has been awarded a 2 year RTP Trail Training Grant consisting of a four-day Trail Master Certification Course (TMCC) and a 2 day Mechanized Trail Building Course (MTBC) to be held each Spring and Fall over the next 2 years. The 2017 sessions will be held at the Head of Sequatchie. The first session, June 18-24 is filled; the next session will be September 24-30. The 2018 sessions are not yet scheduled. Per session, the TMCC training has the capacity for 16 attendees while the MTBC has the capacity for 6 attendees. For more information, and to obtain registration documents, please contact the CTC office.

2017 TTA CUMBERLAND TRAIL 100-MILER AWARD

This award is designed to promote the individual’s awareness of the Cumberland Trail and result in good personal fitness habits. The 100-miler award is presented to the individual who meets the following requirements.

- Hike 100 miles of the Cumberland Trail. Hikes may be of any length and there is no time limit accumulating the 100 miles. However, no segment can be repeated.
- Record the hikes, hiking dates, mileage and condition of the trail on Log Sheet, contact CTC office for log sheet.
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of service work. This can include maintenance on the trail, campsites, bridges, signing or other approved projects by the Cumberland Trails Conference, (CTC).

Want to help build the Cumberland Trail? Then join one of our programs:

Big Dig program: 6 weeks in September and October and/or the daily activity of the Central Crew (working in Crab Orchard on Daddy’s Creek) or Southern Crew (working in Graysville in McGill Creek Gorge) Trail Crews.

Training always provided.

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(call Paul & volunteer to lead an outing)

MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.

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

Jul 8 - Overnight hike. Virgin Falls Natural Area, Virgin Falls Trail. 8 miles. Difficult. Bob Lyon 931-648-2354. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 150 miles to trailhead.

Jul 15 - Long Hunter State Park, Bryant Cove Trail. 4 miles out and 4 miles back. Moderate. Kathy Robertson 931-216-5797. Meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 63 miles to trailhead.

Jul 18 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Jul 22 - Harpeth River Canoe and Kayak Float. 13 miles. Bob Lyon 931-648-2354. Meet 8:00 am CT, Madison Street Kmart parking lot, Clarksville. 42 miles to starting point.

Jul 29 - ‘Cooling at the Cave’, Dunbar Cave State Natural Area, Clarksville. Music, Board Games, Fellowship, Refreshments. 3:00 pm CT until 6:00 pm.

GO GREEN

Electronic Newsletter Available

This is reminder that you can now receive your monthly newsletter via email. If interested please contact Cheryl Heckler at membership@tennesseetrails.org and please include your email address.

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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.

Please check the TTA website for updates on our hikes.

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Jul 15 - Big Creek GSMNP. We will hike from the Big Creek Trailhead to Walnut Bottoms, gaining about 1300 feet in about 5.1 miles (10.2 miles round trip). The hike is rated as moderate due to the length. We will take our time. We recommend shoes to wear to and from the hike plus sturdy hiking shoes, other appropriate clothing, a lunch or snack, something to drink and a camera. There are some nice swimming holes for those so inclined. We will meet in the Baptist Church of Bearden parking lot for carpooling, leaving at 8:30 am ET and stopping at the Cracker Barrel at Strawberry Plains Pike and leaving at 9:00 am ET for those who would prefer to meet there. We recommend that riders in a carpool pay the driver 8 cents for each mile. Round trip distance from Knoxville is 148 miles (.08 X 148 = 11.84). From Strawberry Plains Pike the mileage is 114 (.08 X 114 = 9.12). After the hike, plan on stopping on the way back for a meal and refreshments. For specific information about the hike, please call Tom Cressler before July 14 at 865-974-4422 or leave a message at 865-588-5622 or send an email to *cressler@utk.edu* before July 14. For those who prefer to meet at the trailhead take interstate 40 to the North Carolina-Tennessee border. Take exit 451 and drive past the Waterville hydro-electric plant. Follow the brown park service signs past the intersection at Mt. Sterling Gap and into the park to the parking lot at the end of the road. The distance from the exit on the interstate to the entrance of the Big Creek area is less than three miles.

TTA Annual Meeting Schedule of Events All times are Central Daylight Time

FRIDAY

12 Noon Registration and Room Check-In Open,
Drop off Baked Goods & Auction Items
1:00 pm Randy Hedgepath's Fall Color Hike on
Fiery Gizzard Trail from Foster Falls to
Laurel Gorge
1:30 pm Sycamore Falls Hike, Fiery Gizzard Trail
1:30 pm Shakerag Hollow and Piney Point,
Sewanee Perimeter Trail
3:00 pm Silent Auction Bidding, White Elephant
and Bake Sale Begins
5:30 -7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Program - Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee
State Naturalist, My Favorite Places on
the South Cumberland Plateau"
8:00 pm Flat River Band

SATURDAY

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast
7:00 am Pre-ordered sack lunches can be picked
up
7:30-9:00 am Depart for Hikes
Noon-7:00 pm Silent Auction (Bidding closes at 7:00 pm)
Shop White Elephant Sale
5:30-7:00 pm Dinner
7:00-8:00 pm TTA Annual Membership Meeting
8:00 pm Program - Bobby Fulcher, Manager of
Cumberland Trail State Park, "Update on
the Cumberland Trail"
9:00 pm Bonfire

SUNDAY

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast
7:00 am Pre-ordered sack lunches can be picked
up
Room and camp check out
7:30-9:00 am Depart for Hikes
9:00 am TTA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER

(Coffee and Franklin Counties)

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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.

Jul 1 – North Rim, Mountain Oak and North Plateau Trails. Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Palmer, TN. 10 miles. Moderate. The North Rim Trail and the North Plateau Trail combine to provide a walk with little elevation change that loops by numerous overlooks of Savage Gulf. The North Rim Trail has more overlooks than any other trail on the South Cumberland Plateau. From these viewpoints we will see old growth forest in the bottom of the gorge and the junction of the three gulfs that make up the State Natural Area. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Contact Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811 to register and obtain carpool information.

Jul 7-9 - Camping at Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park, 404 Spring Creek Road, Delano, TN. Campsite G6, Gee Creek Campground. Friday afternoon we will float the Hiwassee River from Reliance Bridge to Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park, 5 miles. At 3:00 pm CT Friday we will leave Group Campsite G6 to drive to our launch at Reliance Bridge. Saturday we will float the lower Ocoee River. We will put in at Sugarloaf Mountain Park Boat launch below Ocoee Dam #1 (Parksville Lake Dam). Sugarloaf Mountain Park is located on US Hwy 64 near the junction of Hwy 64 and Hwy 314. The take-out is on Hwy 411 at the Nancy Ward Gravesite. The float is 7.5 miles. The take-out at Nancy Ward Gravesite State Park boat ramp is on Hwy 411 3.5 miles from the junction of Hwy 64 and Hwy 411. An alternative float is the Hiwassee River from Gee Creek Campground boat ramp to Old Patty Road access. This float is 9 miles. Sunday we will paddle on beautiful Parksville Lake (Lake Ocoee) against the backdrop of forested rolling hills in Cherokee National Forest. We will use our own kayaks or canoes for all three activities. Contact Joan Hartvigsen *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811 early to reserve your space in the Group Campsite G6. Friday evening we will share a potluck dinner at our campsite. Saturday evening we will eat dinner at a Etowah restaurant.

Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Jul 15 – Duck River Float from below Normandy Dam to Three Forks Bridge. Portage around Cortner Mill Dam required. 8.5 miles. Paddlers wanting a shorter float can take out at Dement Bridge. We will meet for breakfast at 7:30 am CT at Damron's Restaurant, 714 E. Lincoln Street, Tullahoma. We will meet below Normandy Dam at 9:15 am to organize our shuttle. We plan to complete our shuttle and begin our float at 10:00 am. Bring water and lunch. We will eat our packed lunch below Cortner Mill Dam after the portage. Contact Tom Bentley to register. *htbentley@lighttube.net* or 931-455-5849.

Jul 24 – Chapter Meeting. Dinner is 5:00 pm at Applebee's, 1957 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma. Our meeting is 7:00 p.m. D. W. Wilson Community Center. Rick Phelps will present a program on the Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy (SAHC). Since 1974 the SAHC has conserved over 70,000 acres of unique plant and animal habitat, clean water, farmland and scenic beauty of the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Jul 29 – Short Springs State Natural Area Work Day. Meet at 9:00 am in the Short Springs Natural Area parking lot. Bring water, snacks and work gloves. Contact Joan Hartvigsen to let her know you can help. *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

TTA Annual Meeting October 13-15, 2017

Dubose Conference Center
Monteagle, Tennessee

Hosted by the Columbia/Franklin, Highland Rim
and Murfreesboro Chapters

Hike Details, Schedule and Registration Form Inside

Early Registration Ends September 29 to save \$10!

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Perkins Restaurant, Vann Drive, Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts 6:45 pm

Planning Ahead:

Sep 5- Chapter Meeting. Planning for annual fall picnic and fall schedule of hikes.

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No hikes planned. See you in September!

TTA Annual Meeting Flat River Band

Our entertainment Friday evening at the annual meeting will be the Flat River Band. The Flat River Band's members are lead singer, guitarist and songwriter Chad Sitze. His brother Dennijo plays the mandolin, harmonica and electric guitar. Their other brother Andy plays the electric and upright bass and harmony vocals. The Flat River Band has played venues such as Dollywood, Jim Oliver's Smokehouse in Monteagle, and numerous festivals and fairs.

To learn more about the group, visit their website at <https://www.flatriverband.com/>.



Third Quarter TTA Board Meeting

**August 5, 2017
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
REI, Brentwood, TN**

Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes of second quarter board minutes
- Discuss and vote on the proposed bylaw revision
- Membership survey discussion
- Approve 2017 TTA award nominees
- Website Update
- Annual Meeting Update

If you have additional agenda items, please send them to President, Carolyn Miller or Vice President, Bruce Whitehead prior to the meeting.

All members are welcome to attend the board meeting

TTA Annual Meeting Special Guests

Our special guests for the annual meeting are Tennessee State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath and Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park.

Friday evening Randy Hedgepath will present a program "My Favorite Places on the South Cumberland Plateau." With more than 32 years of experience with Tennessee State Parks, Randy Hedgepath has served as a Ranger Naturalist at South Cumberland and Radnor Lake State Parks. He was appointed State Naturalist for Tennessee State Parks in 2007. Randy's work ethic, commitment, and boundless energy have made him the most sought after State Naturalist. He's also leading three hikes at the annual meeting.

Saturday evening after the TTA Membership Meeting Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park, will present a program "Update on the Cumberland Trail". In 1999, Bobby joined the staff of Cumberland Trail State Park, where he now serves as park manager. It's the state's only linear park, and the only park in the world with its own record label, Sandrock Recordings, which draws extensively from Bobby's field recordings. He also created a radio show called "Music of the Cumberland Trail" that is broadcast weekly on station WDVX in Knoxville. The Cumberland Trail is an ambitious hiking trail project under development in East Tennessee. When completed, the Cumberland Trail (CT) will extend more than 300 miles from its northern terminus in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (TN/KY) to its southern terminus at the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park located on Signal Mountain just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee. As of November 2016 over 210 miles of the trail are open for hiking.

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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

Jul 11 – Chapter Meeting. Chapter members Geoff and Patty Hall will take us through their recent trip to northern Wales with photos and stories of their hike through iron age hill forts, rugged seacoasts, castles, Roman ruins, peaceful river valleys, 19th Century engineering marvels, and more.

Jul 19 – Greenway Trail Hike. Hike the newest portion of the Murfreesboro Greenway from Central Valley trailhead to the Walter Hill Dam trailhead. One way is 1.5 miles rated easy. Due to the steep hill at the end a hike back is rated moderate, and makes this a 3 mile hike. A shuttle will be available for anyone who wants to do only the first 1.5 miles. Bring snacks and water. We will meet at the Central Valley trailhead at 8:00 am. Contact Jennifer Zahn at jenzahn@gmail.com or 615-943-8853 for further information or directions to the trail head.

Jul 23 – Paddle the Stones River. Murfreesboro. Walter Hill Dam to the Mona Boat Ramp. Trip is 5.5 miles and will take about 3 hours to paddle. This section is free flowing before slowing down as the river widens into the backwater of Percy Priest Lake. We'll see beautiful rock formations along the river and this is an easy paddle. We'll meet at the Walter Hill Dam area at 10:00 am and a short car shuttle will have to be set up. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. For more information or to register, contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

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

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Jul 1 - Virgin Falls State Natural Area, DeRossett, TN. (11 miles east of Sparta). 8 miles. Moderate to strenuous. This is a beautiful trek passing Big Laurel Falls, Sheep Cave and Sheep Falls, ending down at 110 ft. Virgin Falls. Virgin Falls is a beautiful and interesting waterfall emerging from a cave to flow and fall 110 feet into another cave. This hike is rated moderate to strenuous because of the 8 mile total length and 800 ft. NET elevation change. Bring water, snacks, lunch, hiking sticks and sturdy hiking boots. Carpool will leave the FedEx Office parking lot on Donelson Rd. at 7:30 am. Contact Nancy Juodenas at 615-319-8811 or njj1011@gmail.com to register.

Jul 8 - Twin Arches Loop, Big South Fork NRR. Near Jamestown TN. Difficult due to distance (5.5 miles) and rocky trail conditions. From the Twin Arches trailhead on Divide Rd, we'll hike the 0.7 mile connector to the Twin Arches Loop. On the Loop we will pass the Twin Arches, the largest natural bridge complex in Tennessee, Charit Creek Lodge, and the abandoned Jakes Place homestead. Options for dinner on the way back to Nashville. Contact Doug Burroughs at 615-587-0085 (please leave a message) or dougburroughs@tennessee.usa.com to register. Carpool will leave the FedEx Office parking lot on Donelson Rd. at 7:30 am, arrive at trailhead 10 am or later.

Jul 15 - Warner Parks, Nashville TN. 9 miles. Difficult. Meet at 8:00 am the Edwin Warner Park Nature Center entrance off Hwy 100 just south/west of Old Hickory. We will hike the Harpeth Woods Trail (blue trail) for 2.5 miles, the Cane Connector (the candy cane trail for 2 miles RT) and the Mossy Ridge Trail (the red trail) for 4.5 miles. Contact Betty Magee at monetfan455@yahoo.com or 615-319-5394 to register.

Tennessee Trails Association Annual Meeting
October 13-15, 2017
DuBose Conference Center - Monteagle, Tennessee

REGISTRATION FORM

Early registration Deadline: Friday, September 29 – save \$10!

Please Print

Complete a separate form for each attendee. Make copies as needed. Costs are per person. Forms must be postmarked no later than September 29 for early registration. You will receive confirmation via email.

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

LODGING – See Lodging Descriptions & Pricing Information Sheet

Registration and payment for rooms, cabins, and camping must be made directly with Dubose Conference Center.

To make a reservation: dubose.wufoo.com/forms/tennessee-trails-association/

For more information: contact Dubose: 931-924-2353; stephanie@duboseconferencecenter.org

MEALS

Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Dinner will be served buffet style

Friday Dinner \$19.50 / person Total \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast \$11.50 / person Total \$ _____

Saturday Sack Lunch \$13.50 / person Total \$ _____

Turkey Sub Sandwich – includes condiments, fruit, drink

Saturday Dinner \$19.50 / person Total \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast \$11.50 / person Total \$ _____

Sunday Sack Lunch \$13.50 / person Total \$ _____

Ham Sub Sandwich – includes condiments, fruit, drink

Check if Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE = \$25.00 / person Total \$ _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE = \$35.00 / person (postmarked after September 29) Total \$ _____

COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK - TOTAL ENCLOSED -

One check may cover more than one registration, but please send the individual forms and check together.

Make your check payable to:

Tennessee Trails Association

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NO REFUNDS after October 1 *** Consider it your support of TTA**

Tennessee Trails Association Annual Conference

October 13 - 15, 2017

DuBose Conference Center | Monteagle, Tenn.

To make a reservation: dubose.wufoo.com/forms/tennessee-trails-association/

For more information, contact DuBose: 931.924.2353; stephanie@duboseconferencecenter.org

ON-SITE LODGING DESCRIPTIONS & PRICING

BISHOP'S HALL (BH) ROOMS

➔ Bishop's Hall rooms are hotel / motel style with private bathrooms. Each room has two double beds. Up to four individuals may room together in a single room. Linens, towels, and hand soap are provided.

Best for: Families, couples, groups of adults, those with limited mobility, or those who prefer a hotel-style room.

BH SINGLE OCCUPANCY: 68 / night for one adult

BH DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 48 / night per adult

BH TRIPLE OCCUPANCY: 34 / night per adult

BH QUAD OCCUPANCY: 28 / night per adult

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

CLAIBORNE HALL (CH) ROOMS

➔ Claiborne Hall has dormitory-style rooms with gendered restroom & shower facilities at the end of the hall. Each room has two twin-sized beds. Please note that all CH rooms must be accessed by a flight of stairs. Linens, towels, and hand soap are provided.

Best for: Young adults and individuals traveling in pairs, families with older but-not-quite adult children, or those who prefer a little more privacy & comfort than cabins can afford.

CH SINGLE OCCUPANCY: 46 / night per adult

CH DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 33 / night per adult

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

GROUP CABINS

➔ Group Cabins are bunk-house style cabins. Each wing (16 beds) has restroom and shower facilities available. Individuals will be placed by DuBose Conference Center in different wings based on preferred gender. Basic linens, towels, and hand soap are provided.

Best for: Single adult attendees or groups of adults who want to be 'in community' for the weekend.

GROUP CABIN: 32 / night per person

** Please note that Group cabins are NOT family-oriented cabins. Families are suggested to room in Bishop's Hall or Claiborne Hall. Larger family groups might consider a Rustic Cabin.

RUSTIC CABINS

➔ Rustic Cabins have ten bunk beds in a primary sleeping area and two bunks in an adjoining room. Each cabin has shower / restroom facilities.

Best for: Larger family groups or like-family groups (min. 8 people).

RUSTIC CABIN: 22 / night per person

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

TENT CAMPING

➔ Bring your own tent and grab a piece of greenspace! Tent campers will be set up behind the Rustic Cabins, a little bit before the treeline. Tent campers will have a simple, coed cabin available to the entire group for showering and restrooms. The cabin may also be used as a temporary rest spot during the day. Towels are provided in the cabin for tent campers to use.

Best for: Someone who doesn't mind roughing it, those who are on a limited budget.

TENT CAMPING: 8 / night per person

CHILD DISCOUNT (UNDER AGE 12 WITH ADULT): 5 / night per child

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm CT
BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/plateau

There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information, contact Bruce Whitehead at trailwalker80@gmail.com or 941-716-3620 or visit the Plateau Chapter Blog. Check blog for cancellations or changes before hiking.

There is no Chapter meeting in July.

Jul 8 – Cumberland Trail Devil’s Racetrack/Eagle Bluff, Caryville. 5.6 miles. Moderate to strenuous. Starting at Eagle Bluff, we will follow the Devil’s Racetrack ridgeline to the overlook then descend almost 4,000 feet to Bruce Gap Trailhead in Caryville. We will traverse several boulder fields, follow Bruce Creek with multiple cascades and waterfalls, and pass a large beaver pond. Depart from Vanity Fair west parking lot at 7:30 am. Carpool cost is \$8. This hike will require a car shuttle. Pack water, snacks and lunch. For more information and to register contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

Jul 15 – Big South Fork (BSF), Grand Gap Loop, Oneida. This is a 6.8 mile moderate rim trail hike among cliffs and boulders with spectacular views of the BSF Gorge. Depart from Cracker Barrel back parking lot at 7:30 am. Carpool cost is \$7. Pack water, snacks and lunch. For more information and to register contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

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MEETS QUARTERLY: 1st Tuesday in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct at
6:00 pm ET at Burk’s United Methodist Church, 6433
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Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy>

Jul 8 - Nickajack Connector Trail. Approximately 5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am. Hike leader: Donna Pyers 423-344-9271. Mileage - RT 50 - \$3.

Jul 11 - Big Soddy Gulf. Approximately 6 miles. Moderate. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 a.m. Hike leader: Patricia Appleton 423-332-6517. Mileage - RT 3 - \$1.

Jul 15 - Flipper Bend. Approximately 8 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Walmart parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am. Hike leader: John Politte 423-304-8327. Mileage - RT 12 - \$1.

Jul 18 - Signal Mountain High School loop. Approximately 3-1/2 miles. Moderate. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am. Hike leader: Kathy Daniels 931-265-1661. Mileage - RT 16 - \$1.

Jul 22 - Chickamauga Battlefield. Approximately 7 miles. Moderat Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am. Hike leader: George Bonneau 423-596-5972. Mileage - RT 35 - \$2.

Jul 25 - River Walk. Approximately 6 miles. Easy. Meet at the Wheland Foundary Trail Head located near 3200 St. Elmo Avenue and Watson Street at 8 am. Parking at the St. Elmo Avenue Terminus of the Riverwalk. Hike leader: William Smith 423-580-2918.

Jul 29 - Snow Falls. Approximately 10 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am. Hike leader: John Politte 423-304-8327. Mileage - RT 40 - \$2.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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Jul 8 – Blue Heron Cruise. (www.blueheroncruises.com). Our chapter has booked the Blue Heron for a cruise on the Cumberland River, followed by lunch at Riverview Rest. Deposit with Sumner Trails required to secure reservation. Meet for carpooling at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville at 9 am CT or at the park next to the Hwy 49 bridge in Ashland City at 9:45 am CT. For further info contact River Rat Al at ballallenger@aol.com. PS: This event fills quickly, very limited availability - contact River Rat Al to secure and confirm your reservation.

Jul 11 - White House Greenway Hike. Lynn Takacs will lead a late afternoon/early evening hike on a portion of the White House Greenway. Meet at the trail head, White House High School (508 Tyree Springs Rd) at 5pm or plan to carpool from Hendersonville Glenbrook Kroger parking lot. This hike should take about an hour to an hour and a half. After we will dine in White House. Contact: Lynn Takacs, lynntakacs@comcast.net.

Each month TTA offers opportunities to volunteer – be it leading hikes, organizing events, fundraising, leadership on the Board – if you've never volunteered to help before, how about it in 2018?

Officers are elected annually by the members in attendance at the general membership meeting. The term of office is from January through December. The TTA officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director. If you want to serve on the TTA board, please consider serving as an officer or chapter chair.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Jul 8 - Brushy Mountain, Great Smoky Mountains. 11.8 miles. We will begin our hike following the Porters Creek Trail. Those interested in a shorter hike may choose to remain on the Porters Creek Trail following it past Fern Branch Falls to Backcountry Campsite 31 for a total of 7.4 miles. This hike is rated strenuous due to distance and elevation gain. Bring hiking boots, snacks, water, and lunch. The hike leader will be traveling from Oak Ridge, so please register to be informed of possible changes or cancellations. You can meet us in the JC Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 6:00 am CT. For information and to register, contact Jeff Graves at jagraves21@students.tntech.edu.

Jul 15 - Elk River float, Dickey Bridge to Frito Lay take out. Bring kayaks, canoes or outfitter nearby. Meet 9:30 am Dickey Bridge near Kelso. Bring lunch and water. Joette Carter 256-509-0918.

Jul 29 - Mount Sterling, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cataloochee, NC. The hike is rated strenuous because of the elevation changes. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. You can meet us at 7:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

TTA Annual Meeting Dubose Conference Center Monteagle, Tennessee

Dubose Conference Center is Tennessee's historic conference center located in beautiful Monteagle between Chattanooga and Nashville. Originally build in 1872, Dubose is on the National Register of Historic Places. This is an ideal location for the TTA annual meeting since the mountain setting offers some of the most beautiful hiking trails in the Southeast.

See On-Site Lodging Descriptions & Pricing Information Sheet for more information

Registration and payment for rooms, cabins, and camping must be made directly with Dubose Conference Center.

To make a reservation:
dubose.wufoo.com/forms/tennessee-trails-association/
Or contact Dubose: 931-924-2353;
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First, a correction to what I included in the President's corner in the May newsletter. I made two mistakes in reporting about past recipients of the Evan Means Grant in regards to the Bobo Creek Bridge at Short Springs State Natural Area. Joan Hartvigsen, Middle Tennessee Regional Representative, brought these to my attention and I thank her for noticing these errors and thus allow for a correction to be reported.

The correct information is that the Highland Rim Chapter of TTA originally requested funding to be used towards construction of a bridge over Bobo Creek. At that time, \$1,000 was granted for the project. However, as the project evolved, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) became involved and provided the funding and constructed the bridge. As a result of TVA funding, the \$1000 check was returned to TTA to be used to fund other Evan Means Grant projects.

The bridge was completed in the fall of 2016 and was constructed with the help of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the Friends of Short Springs Natural Area, the Tennessee Trails Association and the City of Tullahoma. The bridge was dedicated on June 3, National Trails Day.

The next TTA board meeting is scheduled for August 5 at REI in Nashville. The bylaws committee will be presenting the proposed new bylaws for approval by the board. If approved by the board, the proposed bylaws will be posted on the website and printed in the September newsletter.

The current bylaws require that any change in bylaws be put to a vote at the general membership meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Saturday evening starting at 7 pm CT.

Please plan to join us at the annual meeting Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle the weekend of October 13 -15.

Happy Trails,

Carolyn Miller
TTA President

Newsletter Deadlines:

Deadlines for Chapter announcements and articles of special interest are due on the 10th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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:
editor@tennesseetrails.org

Please note: Newsletter submissions to the "editor" address are automatically copied to the webmaster for inclusion on the TTA website.

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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 partner organization (CTC) and associate organization (TRAC). (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.