

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.

SUPPORTING THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Tennessee Trails Association we want to thank Jim Poteet for altruistically serving on the TTA Board of Directors over the years. Jim joined TTA in 1971, became a Life Member in 1996 and served as State President 1998-1999. He is a recipient of the Bill Stutz Award and Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award. When you think of unparalleled TTA dedication, Jim's kind smile and face come to mind. We are grateful and appreciate that he was always willing to serve and we hope he knows we will **always** value his time and input.

Thank you for serving as our webmaster, reworking our bylaws, writing awards criteria and helping us brainstorm solutions. Thank you for taking the time to govern our organization appropriately.

Thank you for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experience and resources to the table. Thank you for challenging our members and your fellow Board members. Thank you for always looking out for TTA. We need you, and appreciate that you used your experience, skills, knowledge and education to move our organization forward.

Thank you for teaching us, counseling us, and for holding us accountable. Thank you for giving us the tools to serve our membership, lead our organization and impact change in our organization.

You will be greatly missed on the Board and we thank you for your service, your time, your loyalty, your leadership and your guidance.

Mary Etta Ward

2019 TTA Annual Conference Save the Date

The Plateau Chapter will host the conference October 18-20, 2019 at the Fairfield Glade Community Conference Center, Crossville, TN. Reminder to all to solicit donations of gift cards or goods for the silent auction being held during the Conference.

All conference volunteer hike leaders are asked to wear a red t-shirt. You may order a new red T-shirt with Conference logo, as shown on the Registration Form, at a reduced rate by texting your name, men's or women's size, and your phone number to Cheryl Heckler 931-200-7436.

Attendees will have the option to stay on-site in a one (sleeps 4) or two bedroom (sleeps 6) fully furnished condo. Both choices also have a sleeper sofa. The two bedroom condo has two bathrooms. Our hikes will include Big South Fork National Park, Pickett State Park, Cumberland Trail State Park, Virgin Falls State Natural Area, Cumberland Mountain State Park and more. Members of the Plateau Chapter are excited to show you the beauty, history and uniqueness of the Cumberland Plateau.

ANNUAL AWARDS

The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Bill Stutz Award and the Tennessee Trails Award. The Tennessee Trails Award recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of individuals and organizations to the furtherance of TTA's objectives. This award may recognize either individual members, non-members, or organizations.

The Bill Stutz Award honors the memory of Bill Stutz, a much beloved hiker who played an active role in the early days of TTA. The award is to be presented to an active hiker and TTA member for his or her individual contribution to the Association or to one of its Chapters. Please email your nominations to the Awards Committee Chair, Linda Latter, lindaalatter@yahoo.com.



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Love the Cumberland Trail and want to help complete the trail? We have opportunities for you. Join the trail crew for a day or more.

The CTC Trail Crew is working on a new section of the Cumberland Trail, Stinging Fork to Hinch Mountain. This section is South of Crossville. Members of the crew are also working on the Western Slope of Black Mountain and in the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area. Both of these locations are also near Crossville. If you want to join the trail crew and build this section of the trail, please contact the CTC office to register and receive information about where to meet the CTC trail crew. We have a new e-mail address for volunteer questions and registration for programs: VolunteeratCTC@gmail.com.

Want to really build the Cumberland Trail, then consider joining our trail crew as a paid employee. We are hiring Trail Crew members. Contact the CTC office to apply.

As a non-profit organization, monetary donations are also appreciated to support the work of the CTC staff.

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Leave what you find.
- ✓ Minimize Campfire Impacts.
- ✓ Respect wildlife.
- ✓ Be considerate of other visitors.
- ✓ Plan ahead and prepare.
- ✓ Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- ✓ Dispose of waste properly.

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

Jun 1 - National Trails Day. Pick up trash and cut brush along LBL's North/South Trail from the South Welcome Station to Tharp Road. 8 miles. Moderate. We will need garbage bags, brush clippers and a small saw or two. Suva Bastin 931-216-0325. Meet 8:00 am CT, at Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 35 miles to trailhead.

Jun 8 - Clarksville Greenway. 5.2 or 9.2 miles. Easy to moderate. Dona Fondren 931-472-5185. Meet 9:00 am CT at the end of Pollard Road.

Jun 15 - Harpeth River Canoe and Kayak Float. 13 miles. Bob Lyon 931-648-2354. Meet 8:00 am CT, BigLots parking area, Riverside Drive, Clarksville, TN. 44 miles to starting point.

Jun 18 - No monthly meeting.

Jun 22 - Annual Picnic Dunbar Cave State Park, Dunbar Cave Road, Clarksville. Bring a dish and a folding chair. Cindy Jones 870-215-8993. 4:00 pm CT until dusk. 2.5 mile moderate hike followed by a pot luck supper.

Jun 29 - Brady Mountain Trail which is a portion of the Grassy Cove Segment of the Cumberland Trail. 7.9 miles. Difficult. Paul Schwab 931-645-9484. Meet 6:30 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 old commuter parking lot. 161 miles to trailhead.

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MEETS QUARTERLY: Meets quarterly at the Barnabas Center at
506 Fair Street, Franklin, TN 37064. The Barnabas
Center is located behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
Social hour from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Please check the TTA website for updates on our hikes.

Jun 1 - David Crockett State Park Hike. GPS Coordinates 35.2656, -87.3571. David Crockett was a pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist. He was born near the little town of Limestone in northeast Tennessee in 1786. In 1817, he moved to Lawrence County and served as a justice of the peace, a colonel of the militia and as a state representative. Along the banks of Shoal Creek, in what is now his namesake park, he established a diversified industry consisting of a powder mill, a gristmill and a distillery. All three operations were washed away in a flood in September 1821. Financial difficulties from this loss caused Crockett to move to West Tennessee where he was elected to Congress. While in Washington, he fought for his people's right to keep land they had settled on in the new frontier of West Tennessee. Crockett died at the Alamo Mission in March of 1836 while aiding the Texans in their fight for independence from Mexico. The 1,319-acre park has a museum, staffed during the summer months, with exhibits depicting Crockett's life here and a water-powered grist mill. Ron has plans as of this date to hike that portion of the Trail of Tears which is 2.5 miles out and 2.5 miles back for a total of 5.0 miles on a moderate trail. If we decide to hike further, we can add a portion of the Shoal Creek Trail. Please let Ron Neissen know if you plan to attend. There is a good restaurant there so please plan on stopping after the hike for a bite to eat with the group if you would like. Ron Neissen - *rjneissen@hotmail.com* or 931-797-8834. We will meet at McDonald's at 5431 Main Street (Maury County) at 9 am.

Jun 4 -Quarterly Chapter Meeting. Barnabas Center (behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church), 506 Fair Street, Franklin, TN. Social hour from 6 - 7 pm followed by the regular meeting at 7 pm. We plan to discuss hiking options/plans so please bring ideas for summer/fall hikes. Hope to see you there.

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Jun 1 - John Muir Recreational Trail, Hiwassee River, Reliance, TN. 5.7 miles. Moderate. Hike leaders are Karen Towle and Robby Paul. This hike requires a car shuttle. The trail begins at Childer's Creek trailhead. For the first 1.5 miles the trail follows the river. Then it moves away from the river and passes through marshy and wooded areas. Near the end of the trail the hike follows the road and will end at the foot bridge that goes over the Hiwassee River to the Appalachia Power House. We will meet at the Maryville Wal-Mart (Garden Center side near the road) on Highway 411 South at 9:00 am ET. Bring the usual hiking gear. Contact Robby Paul to pre-register at 865-983-6926 or *robby paul@hotmail.com*.

Jun 16 - Gregory Bald GSMNP. The hike to Gregory Bald will be on Sunday. This trail is rated difficult, gaining about 3000 feet in about 5.5 miles (11 miles round trip). We recommend shoes to wear to and from the hike plus sturdy hiking shoes, a lunch, one or two liters of water or sports drinks, a camera, a windbreaker or other appropriate clothing. We will meet in the Food City parking lot near the corner of Northshore Drive and Kingston Pike for carpooling and leave at 7 am. Also, we will be stopping at the Browns Creek Shopping Center parking lot closest the Sonic at 1707 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. This is across from the Hardees, near the hospital in Maryville. We will leave there at 7:30 am for those who would prefer to meet there. We recommend you pay your driver a normal \$ amount. After the hike plan on stopping at Applebees in Alcoa on the way back for a meal and refreshments. For specific information about the hike, please call Tom 865-588-5622.

Joining TTA as a New Member? Membership Up For Renewal? Your Generosity Benefits All!

When you join or renew your Tennessee Trails membership, you have the opportunity to become a Supporting Member by donating a little (or a lot) above the regular dues.

Supporting Member donations support the Evan Means Small Grants Fund. Your tax-deductible Supporting Member donations will now directly benefit trail projects throughout the state of Tennessee. We thank you all for your support of TTA at any membership level, but we hope you will enrich Tennessee's trail system by joining or renewing as a Supporting Member.

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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.

Jun 1 - Normandy Lake Paddle to Ovoca Falls and Machine Falls. 9.2 miles. Meet at 9:30 am CT at the River Forge Road Boat Launch on Normandy Lake at the Firelake Public Use Area near Manchester, TN. The ramp is also known as Ward's Chapel Boat Ramp. We will paddle toward Ovoca Falls and leave our kayaks to walk in about ¼ mile to Ovoca Falls. After leaving Ovoca Falls we will paddle to Short Springs State Natural Area, leave our kayaks and walk in about ¼ mile to Machine Falls. Bring sun protection, snacks, lunch, hydration, water shoes and DO NOT FORGET PADDLE AND LIFE VEST. Contact Kathy Williams at takeahiketwo@hotmail.com or 931-434-0367.

Jun 2 - Tennessee River Gorge Paddle. Suck Creek Ramp to Raccoon Mountain Ramp. 9 miles. West of Chattanooga in Marion County. Sunday morning we will paddle through the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge from Suck Creek Boat Ramp to TVA's Raccoon Mountain Boat Ramp. The paddle is through Prentice Cooper State Forest. Bring a lot of water, snacks, lunch, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, binoculars and a camera. We will see Osprey and Bald Eagles. One year a river otter swam next to my kayak! You must wear your PFD. Meet at 8:00 am CT at the Suck Creek Boat Ramp to arrange a shuttle. Please contact Joan Hartvigsen at jhartvigs@comcast.net, 931-962-0811 to register. The address for the Suck Creek Boat Ramp is 1900 Suck Creek Road, Chattanooga.

Jun 15 - Window Cliffs State Natural Area, Baxter, TN. Near Burgess Falls State Park, 18 miles southwest of Cookeville. Joint activity with Murfreesboro Chapter. 5.5 miles round trip. Difficult. Steep. Located on Cane Creek, Window Cliffs is named for a narrow limestone ridge that contains a couple of natural bridges or "windows". Cane Creek, with a 20 foot waterfall and a number of small cascades, flows for 2.4 miles through the Natural Area. Roundtrip requires 18 creek crossings. There are no bridges but only cable and rock crossings. The water can be knee deep or higher. Hiking boots are recommended for hiking the trail and water shoes are suggested for the creek crossings. Hiking sticks are recommended. Bring water and lunch. Contact Joan Hartvigsen to register and for carpool information, jhartvigs@comcast.net, 931-962-0811. Trailhead address is 8400 Old Cane Creek Road, Baxter, TN. After our hike we may visit nearby Burgess Falls State Park.

Highland Rim Chapter - con't.

Jun 22 - Elk River Float/Paddle, Fayetteville, TN. Fayetteville to Old Mill Spillway. About 12.7 miles. This is a NEW TRIP offered by TTA. Meet at 9:30 am in Fayetteville at the Old Stone Bridge. Google "old stone bridge" on Google Maps for location of the put-in. You should be able to see the dirt access road that goes down to the Elk River. This will be more paddling than floating because we are a good distance from the Tims Ford Dam. We will take out at the Old Mill Spillway on Old Elkton Pike Road across from Harms Road. Bring sun protection, snacks, lunch, hydration, water shoes and DO NOT FORGET PADDLE AND LIFE VEST. Contact Kathy Williams at takeahiketwo@hotmail.com or 931-434-0367.

Jun 24 - Chapter Meeting. Our Speaker is Dustin Thames, TWRA Ranger. His topic is Endangered Species. Dinner is 5:00 pm at One22West Restaurant, 122 West Lincoln Street, Tullahoma. Our meeting is at 7:00 pm at D. W. Wilson Community Center.

Jun 29 - Short Springs State Natural Area Work Day. Please meet at the parking lot at 9:00 a.m., 2250 Short Springs Road, Tullahoma. Please contact Joan Hartvigsen to let her know you can help jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-962-0811. We have several tasks planned. Place stepping stones in the creek leading up to Machine Falls, trim back foliage overgrowing the trails, chainsaw trees blown down on the trail. We need folks of all skill levels, including folks to help carry in tools and equipment. More tasks will be announced soon.



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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

Jun 1 - National Trails Day. Friends of Natchez Trace Clean-Up Day. 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Meet the ranger and members of Friends of Natchez Trace (Carol Rice, Terry & Darren) at the park office (headquarters). Drive to Cub Lake trailhead and start working on making Cub Lake beautiful for the summer! This is an awesome opportunity to get out in nature and give back to Natchez Trace. Please bring gloves, water, snack and wear weather appropriate clothing. A lunch will be provided after the work is done: Free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Planning Ahead

Aug 6 - Chapter Meeting. We will continue planning fall hikes and activities. We also will vote whether to meet on Monday night or Tuesday night.

KAYAK/CANOE TRIP IS ON!! Melinda contacted Henry Horton State Park and they confirmed there are trips this summer. Cost is approximately \$50 a person. that includes hot dog roast on Saturday night and continental breakfast on Sunday morning. It also includes the staff moving tents, sleeping bags, coolers, etc. from state park to the campsite and back to park on Sunday morning. Price includes tents, sleeping bags, kayaks, canoes, life jackets, etc. or you can bring your own. Looking at the calendar some possible dates would be June 22-23, August 31-Sept. 1 (Labor Day weekend) or Sept. 14-15. Let Terry or Melinda know your preference of the dates.

Sep 8 - Annual picnic at 3:00 pm. Possibly at Terry's & Darren's house or at Pin Oak Lake in Natchez Trace. Final decision at the August meeting.

Sep 28 - Ramsey Cascades in the Smokey Mtns. Jeff Chambers will lead this hike.

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No hikes planned. See you in September!

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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

Jun 1 - National Trails Day, Barfield Crescent Wilderness Park. Come join us for trail maintenance at this beautiful park from 8:00 am until 11:00 am CT. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes, a snack and water. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarapollard@gmail.com.

Jun 8 - Long Hunter State Park Day Loop. 4.5 miles. Easy/moderate. This loop trail winds its way through mature oak-hickory forest and offers scenic bluff views of Percy Priest Lake. We may see some wildflowers in bloom. Bring water, lunch and snacks. We'll meet at the trailhead off Bakers Grove Lane at 9:00 am. If you need directions, want to carpool from Murfreesboro, or want more info, contact Jeanne at djconatser@comcat.com or 615-971-8894,

Jun 11 - TTA Chapter Picnic at Barfield Crescent Park, Shelter Number 5. 6:00 pm. This is our annual summer picnic for our chapter members and their families. The chapter will provide hamburgers and hot dogs along with buns, ice, drinks, plates, napkins and plastic ware. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. Please note the time change. Friends and family are welcome, please contact Tony Jones by Tuesday June 4 if you are bringing guests so we can get a round total. Once again, Lindsey and Hazel Smith will be our chefs for the evening. Please plan to join us for this wonderful yearly event! Any questions please contact Tony at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

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Murfreesboro Chapter – con't.

Jun 15 - Window Cliffs State Natural Area. 5 miles total out and back. Moderate to difficult due to creek crossings. Joint hike with Highland Rim Chapter. Located in Baxter near Burgess Falls, Window Cliffs is a newer park with scenic vistas along the trail leading to a natural arch with wonderful views from the top. There are nine creeks along the route (18 crossings in all, out and back) some of these can be knee deep so wear shoes that can get wet. Each crossing has a cable for hand access to get across the creek. Please bring water, snacks, poles and water shoes/boots that can get wet. To register or for more information contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

Jun 22 - Float the Stones River approx 6 miles from Manson Pk to Thompson Lane. There are beautiful views on this stretch of the Stones. Please bring everything you need to float: PFD, Lunch, Water and plenty of sunscreen. For information or to register contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

Jun 29 - Float the Stones River approx 7 miles from Thompson Lane to Nice Mill Dam. This is the second part of the float scheduled on 6/22. There are beautiful views on this stretch of the Stones. Please bring everything you need to float: PFD, Lunch, Water and plenty of sunscreen. For information or to register contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

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BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Jun 5 - 7 AM Radnor Lake State Park, Nashville TN. 5 miles. Moderate. Standing Hike. Meet by the Visitor Center, West Parking Lot off Granny White: 1160 Otter Creek Road. The hike has elevation gains on both Ganier Ridge and South Cove Trails. We usually walk at a moderate pace and finish up around 9 am. There are several opportunities to take shorter and flatter alternatives if you want to make it an easier hike.

Nashville Chapter – con't.

Jun 7-9 - Roan Mountain Group Camping and Hiking Weekend. The group camp has been reserved for this weekend when the rhododendrons should be starting to bloom. We will have one group dinner and one dinner out in the NC town of Banner Elk. Hikes will include a short hike on Friday around the park, Carver's Gap and the Over-mountain Trail on Saturday and a yet to be determined hike on Sunday. Checking out on Monday. This trip will be limited to ten campers/hikers, so get your reservation in early by calling or emailing Nancy Juodenas at njlj1011@gmail.com or 615-319-8811. There are 2 spots left on this trip.

Jun 12 - 7 AM Radnor Lake State Park, Nashville TN. 5 miles. Moderate. See June 5 listing for hike description.

Jun 19 - 7 AM Radnor Lake State Park, Nashville TN. 5 miles. Moderate. See June 5 listing for hike description.

Jun 25 - Monthly chapter meeting. For our program join Libby Francis and friends from the Nashville Chapter on a journey to Anchorage, Alaska, Denali National Park and the Kenai Peninsula of Alaska. NOT a cruise, but a two week journey by bush plane, rental car, Catamaran tour boat, school bus and train to see amazing mountains, glaciers, animals, migrating birds, quaint Russian Churches, scenic fishing villages, homesteads and Native American culture.

Jun 26 - 7 AM Radnor Lake State Park, Nashville TN. 5 miles. Moderate. See June 5 listing for hike description.

Jun 29 - Sewanee Perimeter Loop, Sewanee, TN. 9 miles. Moderate to Difficult (due to distance and elevation changes). We will start at Greens View and hike counter-clockwise to a nice overlook before across the plateau on a forest road that passes by the equestrian center. On the other side of the plateau, we'll hike down to Bridalveil Falls and then across to the War Memorial at University View. From there, we walk across the University campus back to the start. Bring lunch/snacks, water, good hiking boots, and clothing appropriate to the weather. Option: Shenanagin's for post-hike nourishment. Contact Doug Burroughs at dougburroughs@tennessee.usa.com or 615-587-0085 (please leave a message) for more information and to register. Meeting Place: Conn's Home Plus (formerly Target): 5330 Cane Ridge Road, Antioch TN 37013. Meeting Time: 7:30 am. Should be at trailhead around 9:30 am.

CONFERENCE HIKES TO CHOOSE FROM

All Times are Central Time

Friday hikes only - the departure time listed is from the FFG Conference Center, however, participants may opt to meet at the designated trailhead and check-in for the conference after the hike. Contact your hike leader to let him/her know if meeting at trailhead.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL HIKES:

Friday - Depart Noon (12 pm) - Arrive Trailhead 12:20 pm. Leader: Tim Case bikinifun@gmail.com

Black Mountain, Crab Orchard, TN. This is a moderate 6.4 mi in/out hike from the top of Black Mountain take the Upper Loop Trail to the Northern then Southern Overlooks down to the Chimney, Spring House, old home foundation and chimney then down the Below Bluff Trail to the main CT trail down to Windless Cave and return. From the Southern Overlook on a clear day you can see the Smokies and a portion of Grassy Cove below.

Friday - Depart 12 pm - Arrive Trailhead 12:25pm. Leader: Richard Savage savage_richard@hotmail.com

Brady Mountain, Grassy Cove Community, TN. This is a strenuous 6 mi in/out hike up Brady Mountain to the Overlook with amazing views of Grassy Cove below and the Smokies. A short distance past the overlook is an arch and mushroom shaped stacked rocks.

Friday - Depart 10:30 am - Arrive at Stinging Fork Trailhead 11:15 am. Leader: Deb Westervelt plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org

Saturday - Depart 9 am. Leader: Bruce Whitehead trailwalker80@gmail.com

Stinging Fork State Natural Area and Piney Falls State Natural Area along Soak Creek, Spring City, TN. This is a spectacular 7 mi (4hr one-way) hike in the Stinging Fork State Natural Area featuring a 35-foot waterfall and cascade at the end of the first 1 ½ mile. Due to some elevation gain and possibly slick rocks, the hike is rated moderate to difficult of which 4 mi is strenuous. From the falls we'll head down the new trail along Soak Creek. We'll drop off a car or two at the Soak Creek/Piney River Trailhead before we head up to the Stinging Fork Trailhead.

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Cheryl Heckler thehecklers@charter.net

Daddys Creek Section, Crab Orchard, TN. Hike is 7.5 moderate miles through the woods passing a rock house and walking along Daddys Creek. The southern trailhead on Hebbertsburg Road is near the TVA power lines to the trailhead at East Keyes Road. There is an elevation change of 324 feet. This hike will require an 8 mi car shuttle.

Sunday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Evelyne & Elliot Kornreich evie417@gmail.com. Sweep: Bob McGavock rcmcg185@gmail.com.

Black Mountain, Crab Orchard, TN. This is an easy 3 mi hike from the top of Black Mountain going around the Upper Loop Trail to the Northern then Southern Overlooks down to the Chimney, Spring House, old home foundation and chimney then down the Below Bluff Trail along giant boulders and cliffs to the main CT trail turning right and back to the Upper Loop Trail to the parking lot. From the Southern Overlook on a clear day you can see the Smokies and a portion of Grassy Cove below.

ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK HIKE:

Friday - Depart 11 am. Leader: Peter Broehl pabroehl@blomand.net. Sweep: Bob McGavock rcmcg185@gmail.com.

Collins River Loop Trail for an easy 2.7 mi then 1.4 mi on Eagle Trail to the Blue Hole then drive to the other side of the river and hike another mile or so on the upstream and/or the downstream trails.

BIG SOUTH FORK NATIONAL PARK HIKES:

Friday - Depart 10:30 am - Leader: Louise Miniard liminiard@frontiernet.net

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leaders: Trish Appleton Appleton-p2@comcast.com & Gloria Nelson bigboned@earthlink.net.

Burnt Mill Bridge, near Rugby, TN. We will hike the Burnt Mill Bridge loop near Rugby. It will be about 5 mi with moderate terrain. For the adventurous hikers there is a waterfall off the trail that requires bushwhacking down a ravine to get to the falls.

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Bob Obohoski rao88@yahoo.com

Honey Creek Loop, near Rugby, TN. This is a 5.7 mile strenuous hike. Honey Creek Loop holds some of our most rugged terrain and it will take your breath away with its beauty of rock bluffs, rock houses, cave and waterfall. You will be using your hands and knees to maneuver through or up and over boulders on parts of this trail. We will also be following the creek bed so you may get wet. This is an all day hike.

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Louise Miniard liminiard@frontiernet.net.

Loop - Middle Creek, Slave Falls, Needle Arch, Jamestown, TN. This moderate hike will be a combination of the Middle Creek loop and the Slave Falls loop for a total of 9.3 miles. On Middle Creek we will enjoy large rock overhands, rock houses and high cliffs. On the second loop you will see the 60' Slave Falls, Needle Arch and Indian Rock house.

Sunday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Tim Case bikinifun@gmail.com.

Loop - John Muir Trail to Maude's Crack, Jamestown, TN. This will be a moderate 6 mile loop hike across (water shoes maybe needed) and along No Business creek. For historical info on the No Business community check out this website: <https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/historyculture/nobusiness.htm>. Climbing up or down the crack in the rock is strenuous.

Sunday - Depart 8:30 am. Leader: Deb Westervelt plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org.

Loop - Twin Arches, Jake's Place, Charit Creek Lodge, Jamestown, TN. This is a 6 mile moderately strenuous hike due to the flights of stairs and the continual climb from Charit Creek. The Twin Arches are the largest arches in Big South Fork and quite possibly in the Eastern United States. The South Arch is the highest at 100 feet. After visiting the arches, we pass through several huge rock houses along the base of the cliffs as we wind our way to Jake's Place, the remains of a mid-1800's house and farm. Then we follow the creek to Charit Creek Lodge.

Sunday - Depart 8:30 am. Leaders: Deb & John Martin jr.dmartin77@gmail.com.

Slave Falls, Needle Arch, Jakes Place, Charit Creek Lodge, Jamestown, TN. We start from the Sawmill Trailhead to Slave Falls, Needle Arch, rockhouses, then on to Jake's Place the site of a mid-1800's house and farm and cemetery returning the same route for a total of 8 miles.

PICKETT STATE PARK HIKE:

Saturday- Depart 8 am. Leaders: Deb & John Martin
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Hidden Passage Trail, Jamestown, TN. This is a 7-8 mi in fairly flat terrain except for an optional side trail down to an abandoned railroad tunnel. The side trip involves steeper climbing than the rest of the hike.

DANIEL BOONE STATE FOREST HIKE:

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Deb Westervelt
plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org. Sweep: Kathy Daniels
kdaniels242@comcast.net.

Gobblers Arch/Sheltoewee Trace, near Jamestown, TN: Approximately 6-mile, almost loop, rated moderate. We will cut through thru Big South Fork National Park on Divide Rd dropping off all hikers at the Gobblers Arch Trail then shuttle the cars to Peter's Mountain Trail Head, approx 1 mile. We'll hike the Gobblers Arch Trail to the Kentucky Wild River overlook then down to the Kentucky Wild River where we can cross the knee deep river (optional bring water shoes) to the picnic ground for lunch and restrooms. Then up the Sheltoewee Trace Trail following the Mark Branch Creek past rock houses, bluffs and a waterfall. The trail crosses the creek several times although there are plenty of stepping rocks to make most of the crossings, but be prepared to follow the trail thru, across and up the stream to the Mark Branch Falls ending at Peter's Mt. Trail Head.

FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK HIKE:

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leader: John Politte
johnpolitte@gmail.com. Sweep: Tom McElhone
sarmitta@yahoo.com.

Bird Mountain Trail making a loop hike of 7.1 moderate miles.

Sunday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Tom McElhone
sarmitta@yahoo.com. Sweep: John Politte
johnpolitte@gmail.com.

Spicewood Branch Trail making a loop of 7.2 moderate miles.

FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK (NEWLY ACQUIRED AREAS) HIKES:

Saturday - Depart 8 am. Leader: Tim Case
bikinifun@gmail.com.

Virgin Falls State Natural Area, near Pleasant Hill, TN. This is a 9-mile strenuous in/out hike to the 110 foot tall Virgin Falls. Along the way, we will pass Big Branch Falls, Big Laurel Falls (30-foot waterfall), and Sheep Cave Falls. There is a stream crossing and some difficult footing on this hike with much up and down hiking. There is a possibility the water at the stream crossing may be a little high so you may want to bring water shoes.

Saturday - Depart 9 am. Leader: Bill Harris *titan55@charter.net*.
Sunday - Depart 9 am. Leader: Peter Broehl
pabroehl@blomand.net.

Lost Creek Cave and Falls, Rylander Cascade, Dog Cove. The Lost Creek Cave hike is about a 1 mile round-trip, which is located in a sink and faces a 60-foot tall waterfall. We will go to the mouth of the cave and maybe a short distance inside and to base of the falls as well as to the top of the falls. Then an easy .5 mi hike to Rylander Cascade about a 1 minute drive from Lost Creek Cave. Dog Cove is on the way to Lost Creek for an easy 4-5 mile in/out hike to a circa 1800s farm home following alongside Lost Creek and crossing the creek a couple of times. Water shoes may be needed if the water is high.

WINDOW CLIFFS STATE NATURAL AREA HIKE:

Saturday - Depart 9 am. Leader: Peter Broehl
pabroehl@blomand.net.

Window Cliffs State Natural Area, Baxter, TN. Window Cliffs is a new TN Natural Area located near Burgess Falls. The trail is in-and-out for a total of 5.4 strenuous miles. The trail features 9 stream crossings each way, a few small cascades, a couple of steep slopes and a 20-ft waterfall along Cane Creek. Water shoes are highly recommended.

CUMMINS FALLS STATE PARK HIKE:

Sunday - Depart 8:30 am. Leader: Louise Miniard
liminiard@frontiernet.net.

Cummins Falls State Park, Baxter, TN. This is only a 4 mile hike, but it can be difficult. There are 3-4 water crossings (possibly knee deep and fast moving) so bring water shoes. There will be an opportunity for swimming below the falls. We can also drive to Waterloo Falls which is next to the road.

OBED WILD AND SCENIC AREA HIKE:

Sunday - Depart 9am. Leader: Howard Owen
owenshb@charter.net.

Lilly Bridge Section, Lancing, TN. We will hike the .4 mi Boulder Trail, 3.8 mi easy Point Trail and .6 mi Overlook Trail for a total of 4.8 mi. For those wanting more challenging and scenic we'll add the .5 Bridge Trail.

CROSSVILLE/FAIRFIELD GLADE COMMUNITY HIKES:

Fairfield Glade (FFG) Community Trails
<http://time2meet.com/gladetrails/> for trail maps

Friday - Depart 1 pm. Leader: Carol Quattrociocchi
quattrociocchi@frontiernet.net.

Glastowbury Trail is 1 mi loop overlooking Lake Glastowbury.

Friday - Depart 1 pm. Leader: Denise Aquista.
Seven Bridges Trail is 2 mi loop along seasonal creeks and some rock formations.

Sunday - Depart 9 am. Leader: Carol Quattrociocchi
quattrociocchi@frontiernet.net.

Overlook Trail is 1.9 mi scenic loop partially along Daddys Creek.

Sunday - Depart 7am. Leader: Stephen Stedman
sstedman@tntech.edu.

2 hour Birding Hike in FFG community.

LEADERLESS HIKES:

Rotherham Trail is 1 mi along seasonal creeks connecting to the **McGinnis Trail** 1.8 mi connecting to the **Good Samaritan Trail** 1 mi connecting to the **Hemlock Trail** 1.5 mi along a seasonal creek with the largest hemlock tree in Fairfield Glade (Combining the above 4 trails into a figure 8 is an approx 8 mi hike or by skipping the Samaritan trail and doing a circle of the 3 remaining trails is a 6 mile hike.)

LEADERLESS HIKES:

Saturday – Depart 9:30 am. Leader: Jo Duncan-Topkin jgtopkin@gmail.com.

Downtown Crossville History Walking Tour. The 2 hour tour will include the Palace Theatre, Military Museum, Courthouse and more. There are several restaurants downtown for lunch as well as shopping.

Saturday – Depart 9am. Leader: Betty Harris titan55@charter.net.

Crossville Obed River Park 1.5 mi roundtrip and **Plantation Trail** 2.8 mi roundtrip

Leaderless hikes - City of Crossville and County Trails –
<http://time2meet.com/crossvilletrails/> for maps and directions

Woodlawn Loop 1.2 mi

Obed River Park 1.5 mi roundtrip

Plantation Trail 2.8 mi roundtrip

Soldier Beach Trail 1.7 mi loop at Meadow Park Lake

Cumberland Mountain State Park – Pioneer Short Loop 5 mi or

Pioneer Long Loop 8 mi

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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 or to register for any of our hikes (unless otherwise noted), contact the hike coordinator, Deb Westervelt, via email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243. For a list of monthly hikes, visit the Plateau Chapter blog. **Check the blog one hour prior to hike time for cancellation or for any other updates/changes to our schedule before hiking.**

Jun 1 - National Trails Day. Fairfield Glade Community-Canyon, Hemlock, Rotherham Trails. 6 mile loop. Moderate. Depart from the gazebo at the corner of Stonehenge Dr and Peavine Rd rear lot at 8 am CT. Carpool cost is \$1. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

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Jun 5 – Benton Falls and Rainbow Falls, Cherokee National Forest, Benton, TN. 6.7 miles. Moderate.

The first hike is a lollipop to Benton Falls on Eldeberry, Arbutus, Redleaf and Benton Falls Trails for 3.2 mile. The second hike requires a 30 min drive to the Rainbow Falls trailhead for an in/out 3.5 miles. Bring water shoes. Depart 7:30 am CT from The Crossville Vanity Fair Outlet Mall West parking lot on Interstate Drive. Carpool cost is \$10. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Jun 12 – John Muir/Sheltopee Trace Trails, Pickett State Forest, Jamestown, TN. This is an in/out 6 mile hike along Rock Creek. Carpool cost is \$5. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Depart 7:30 am CT from Cracker Barrel rear lot in Crossville. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Bring water shoes.

Jun 13 – Chapter Meeting. This a working meeting for the Annual Conference. Bring your ideas for fundraising, hike suggestions and speakers. Bring your own dinner. Meet at 5 pm CT at First United Methodist Church Annex, 69 Neecham Street, Crossville. Contact Chapter Chair, Bruce Whitehead, 941-716-3620 or plateau@tennesseetrails.org for information.

Jun 15 – Parker Mountain Trail/ Buffalo Arch, BSF, Jamestown, TN. This will be a 5.1 mi in/out hike to Buffalo Arch and a wet weather waterfall. Depart 7:30 am CT from Cracker Barrel rear lot in Crossville. Carpool cost is \$6. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Jun 19 – White Oak, Kellogg, and Massengale Loop Trails, Rugby State Natural Area, Rugby, TN. We will hike the easy 4.1 mi White Oak and Kellogg loops then eat lunch at the Harrow Rd Cafe or the RM Brooks General Store. After lunch we will hike the 1 mile easy Massengale Loop. Depart 7:30 am CT from Cracker Barrel rear lot in Crossville. Carpool cost is \$5. Don't forget tick/bug spray and sunscreen. Pack water, snacks. For additional information contact Bruce Whitehead, 941 716 3620 or trailwalker80@gmail.com.

Jun 26 – Brushy Mountain Prison Tour, Petros, TN. This week's journey will be a 1 hour guided tour (\$20 - 10% senior or military discount) of Brushy Mountain Prison, which opened in 1896 and is now closed. This prison had no air conditioning or flat screen TVs. It housed James Earl Ray (Martin Luther King's assassin), Big John Tate (one time world heavy weight boxing champion), and Tony Robinson (UT and Redskins quarterback), among many others. We will also visit the End of Line Distillery and eat at the Wardens Table. Optional 2.2 in/out mi moderate (gradual grade up on an old road) hike to the Old Prison Mine where several buildings remain. Depart 8:00 am CT from the Crossville Outlet Mall west parking lot. Carpool cost is \$7. Pack water for the hike. For additional information contact Bruce Whitehead, 941 716 3620 or trailwalker80@gmail.com and to sign up.

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MEETS QUARTERLY: Tuesday of the week following the TTA

Board Meetings in Feb, May, Aug and Oct at 6:00 pm ET
at Burk's United Methodist Church, 6433 Hixson Pike,
Hixson

Additional information may be seen at our web site:

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

Jun 1 - Little Cedar Mountain. 4 to 5 miles. Meet at Food City, Red Bank at 8:30 am. Hike Leader-Nancy Allen, 423-344-1118.

Jun 4 - Reflection Riding Visitor's Center to Nelson's Upslope to Light's Mill Trail to the Gazebo and back by the road. About 4 miles. Option to leave a car at the Gazebo for drivers depending on heat. Meet at Food City in Red Bank at 8:30 am or at the Nature Center at 9 am. Hike Leader, Gloria Nelson, 423-645-9008.

Jun 8 - Booker T. Washington State Park outer loop. Approximately 3.5 miles. Easy to moderate. Meet at 8:30 am near the swimming pool. Hike Leader-Jean Smith 423-596-7681.

Jun 11 - Fall Creek Falls Hike, Caney Creek Visitors' Center to Fall Creek Falls and back. 4 miles. Easy to moderate. Can include a hike to bottom of falls. Meet at Durham Street by the ball field in Soddy Daisy. Hike Leader, Trish Appleton 423-240-3443.

Jun 15 - Mowbray Pike Trailhead to Little Soddy Trailhead. 5 miles. Vehicle staging required. Meet at 8:30 am. at Durham St. Soddy Daisy by the ball field. Hike Leader John Politte- 423-304-8327.

Jun 18 - Collegedale. We will start hike at the trailhead on Sanborn St. We will go straight up the mountain and walk the ridge circling around to come back the way we came in. Appox 4 1/2-5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Enterprise South Park at 1st parking lot at 8:30. Hike Leader, Donna Pyers 423-344-9271 or 352-612-4845.

Jun 22 - Laurel, Greeter Falls, BCR & Stone Door Loop at South Cumberland State Rec Area. 9.4 miles. Easy. Meet at Durham Street Parking Lot in Soddy Daisy at 8.30 am. Hike leader Tom McElhone-805-208-4654.

Jun 25 - Savage Gulf Day Loop. About 3.5 miles. Meet at Durham Street by the ball field in Soddy Daisy. Hike Leader, Trish Appleton 423-240-3443.

Jun 29 - Buggy Top Cave Trail on Monteagle Mtn. 4 miles. Moderate. We'll meet 8:30 at Food City Redbank. Hike leader- Tom McElhone 805-208-4654.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

CHAPTER CHAIR: Les Cleveland 615-719-0031

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Jun 4 - Bledsoe Creek State Park. High Ridge and Shoreline Trails loop. 2.4 miles. Moderate. We will start and end at the Visitor Center/Park Office. If interested, we will hike a second loop. Trail surface includes gravel, dirt, and rocks. Please bring water! Recommended hiking shoes, hiking poles, sunscreen and insect repellent. Meet: 9 am Bledsoe Creek State Park, 400 Ziegler Fort, Gallatin TN 37066. Contact: Les Cleveland: lesclev@gmail.com or text/call at 615-719-0031.

Jun 11 - Bledsoe Creek State Park. High Ridge and Shoreline Trails loop. 2.4 miles. Moderate. See Jun 4 hike description for details.

Jun 18 - Bledsoe Creek State Park. High Ridge and Shoreline Trails loop. 2.4 miles. Moderate. See Jun 4 hike description for details.

Jun 25 - Bledsoe Creek State Park. High Ridge and Shoreline Trails loop. 2.4 miles. Moderate. See Jun 4 hike description for details.

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After 17 years of coordinating the monthly production of the TTA Newsletter, Diana Manas will be retiring within a few months. TTA is looking for someone to step up and work on this.

The TTA Newsletter is produced every month, but it is possible to work the arrangements out farther than a month ahead. Also, even though logistics require that the Newsletter be printed, assembled, and mailed in the Nashville area, it is not a necessary requirement for the Newsletter Production Manager task to live in Nashville.

Producing the Newsletter requires working with the TTA Newsletter Editor, the Printer, the TTA Membership Director, and with the pool of Nashville Area volunteer hosts for the Newsletter Party. It is at the "party" where the newsletters are collated, labeled, sealed, and stamped to get them ready for mailing.

The bottom line is that all of the steps in the process are lined up so that TTA Members get their Newsletter at least a few days before the first hikes of the month. Further information is available on request. Contact: president@tennesseetrails.org.

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Jun 29 - Mt. LeConte, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN. 13 miles. Strenuous.
We will hike a section of the Appalachian Trail to its junction with the Boulevard Trail, which makes a gradual ascent of Mt. LeConte along a crooked ridge connecting the mountain to the main Appalachian chain. As the elevation never drops below 5000 feet on the ascent, temperatures should be pleasant. We will descend by way of the spectacular Alum Cave Bluff Trail. There are many excellent viewpoints along the Boulevard and Alum Cave Trails. You can meet us at 7:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring headlamp/flashlight, snacks, water, lunch, and hiking boots. Please use your judgement to determine if you are ready for this hike. For more information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or *savage_richard@hotmail.com*.

2019 TTA Board of Directors Meetings

Saturday, Aug 3: 11 AM Hermitage Library 3700
James Kay Lane
Hermitage

Sunday, Oct 20: 9 AM Fairfield Glade
Community Conference
Center

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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:
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As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend any/all TTA hikes or functions.
Not a member yet? Please check out one of our hikes or meetings soon!