

# 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



## *Pathways for People...People for Nature* A LAND ACQUISITION CAMPAIGN FOR THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL STATE PARK

Just a reminder that the *Pathways for People... People for Nature* (PPPN) capital campaign is now underway. This fall, Rob Weber and Arleen Scheller, with the Cumberland Trail Conference, will be presenting the PPPN campaign at TTA chapter meetings as we kick off the Internal Giving phase for TTA members. Rob and Arleen will present a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation to educate members on the campaign with questions and answers to follow.

We need your help! Our goal is 100% participation from ALL TTA members. So, please make every effort to attend your chapter's meeting and to learn about this very important campaign. Your participation and support will help us complete this "TRAIL OF DREAMS"!

## TENNESSEE RAILS-TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC) ADVOCATES MEETING OCTOBER 6

We are pleased to proclaim that Tennessee Rails-Trails Advisory Council (TRAC) is now energized to help coordinate new railtrail projects in Tennessee! At a meeting in Oak Ridge on August 12, Dale Robinson, James Ray, Bert Schappel, Bob Rock, and Jim Deming met to develop strategies to help communities across Tennessee build and enjoy railtrails. It was also decided we sponsor an ADVOCATES MEETING to further discuss railtrail projects, priorities, legislative possibilities, and ways to build statewide support. And, you (TTA members/friends) are invited to attend our first ADVOCATES MEETING on Saturday, October 6, from 10am until 2pm CDT, in the Community Meeting Room of REI on Franklin Road, just 10 miles south of Nashville.

Tennessee has a number of current outstanding railtrail possibilities: extension of the Ashland City project along the Cumberland River, the 43-mile Etowah to Ducktown corridor along the Hiwassee River, and the potential Oneida to Devonia railtrail to connect the Cumberland Trail with the Big South Fork. Many smaller corridors are also possible in conjunction with recreational rivers and urban greenways.

(TRAC cont. on pg. 2)



## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY 9AM TO 3PM EDT

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is an event that occurs once a year when volunteers come together to improve the country's largest natural resource - our public lands. The idea is that the millions of Americans who use the public lands could (and should) spend a day giving something back to the land and to their country.

For the last 3 years, TTA has identified and provided trail maintenance projects to various areas of the Big South Fork NRR in support of NPLD. This year we will be working in the Blue Heron area, the Kentucky side of BSFNRR. Our support is important, given the current update of the management and trails plan. In brief, we are in danger of losing some hiking trails.

For our 4<sup>th</sup> NPLD event, we will perform general trail maintenance and install new signs for the Blue Heron Loop Trail, a trail with spectacular views, interesting rock formations, and historic buildings. **cont. → → →**

→ → → Volunteers are needed between the hours of 9am until 3pm EDT. Plan to wearing grubby clothes that you don't mind getting dirty; and bring snacks, lunch and lots of water. We will meet at 9am EDT at the Blue Heron Loop trailhead, which is 6 miles south of Revelo on State Route 742. (DIRECTIONS are on pg. 2)

Support this event! Join in and give back, even if only for a few hours, by phoning Harold Draper: 865-689-7757, or e-mailing him at: [h.m.draper@att.net](mailto:h.m.draper@att.net) (NPLD cont. on pg. 2)

## TRAC (cont. from pg. 1)

Jim Deming recently joined TTA and TRAC after his move back to Tennessee from Ohio. He is working as a volunteer with TTA and with the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation to offer technical assistance with railtrail projects around the state. Jim is the former Director of the Ohio Field Office for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and has seen first-hand the transformation of communities in Ohio working in cooperation to build trails and greenways for recreation, safety, wildlife habitation, and transportation. If you would like to get involved with this exciting new endeavor here in Tennessee, contact Jim Deming at 615-354-9767, or by email: [jdeming49@aol.com](mailto:jdeming49@aol.com)

## NPLD (cont. from pg. 1)

To check for updates about this event on the Internet, visit: <http://community.knoxville.com/103>

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Tennessee-Kentucky state line on US 27 north of Oneida, TN, proceed 5 miles north to Pine Knot and the junction with SR 1651. There is a prominent pedestrian overpass and a Citgo/Dairy Cheer at this intersection. Turn left (west) on SR 1651 for one-tenth of a mile, then right (north) on SR 1651 for 2.4 miles to the Revelo Post Office (junction SR 742). Turn left (west) on SR 742 for 6 miles to the Big South Fork entrance sign and campground, then continue another ½ mile to the River Gorges Overlook road. Turn left on the overlook road and proceed four-tenths of a mile to the trailhead on the left.

## R-U MAKING PLANS ? Nov 9-11, 2001

Hope you've cleared your calendar and have plans to join the rest of TTA at Camp Carson in Newport, TN, for the upcoming Annual Meeting, Nov 9-11. Camp Carson is north of and within 20 miles of the eastern edge of the Great Smoky Mountains NP (Davenport Gap). With the GSMNP providing the backdrop to our fun-filled weekend of activities, you can sure bet there will be lots of GSMNP hiking choices.

The Plateau Chapter is our host for this year's meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Carolyn Miller: 931-456-4465 ([cardan@usit.net](mailto:cardan@usit.net))

Charles Jones: 931-277-3228

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!  
RESERVATION FORM AND ITINERARY ARE ON PAGE 8

## YOUR GENEROSITY BENEFITS ALL

When you join or renew your TTA membership, you may become a "Supporting Member" by donating a little (or a lot) above the regular dues. These donations support any number of TTA projects and programs, and we thank Dan Brennan (Nashville) and TVA Natural Heritage Project (East TN) for renewing their 2001 membership as a Supporting Member.

## ATTENTION HIKE LEADERS:

A TTA Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement form (aka Liability Waiver) must be signed by everyone before you start your hike. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our website: [www.tennesseetrails.org/release.html](http://www.tennesseetrails.org/release.html)

## WANT TO GET SOME HIKING IN AHEAD OF THE ANNUAL MEETING?

Diane Manas is planning hikes in the Cades Cove area of the GSMNP for Thu & Fri, Nov 8 & 9.

**On Thu** the hike requires a shuttle, is 15.3 miles, with a jump-off at 9 miles. The hike is rated strenuous to start because the first 3½ miles is a climb of 3700ft. The remainder of the hike is down, with some flat terrain and rated moderated to easy. Trails we'll hike: Anthony Creek to Bote Mtn. Bote Mtn to its end at Laurel Creek road, which provides the jump-off. Then we cross the street and hike School House Gap trail to Chestnut Top and follow Chestnut Top to the Townsend "Y" road junction.

**On Fri** the hike planned is Rich Mtn Loop. The hike is 8.7 miles, has a climb, then descent of 1300ft and rated as moderate. There are lots of views along the way. Trails we'll hike to make this loop: Rich Mtn Loop trail, Indian Grave Gap, Crooked Arm trail and finish on the Rich Mtn Loop trail.

It is **STRONGLY** advised that you bring your own map and trail guide of the Smokies. The Hiking Trails of the Smokies ("little brown book") takes up very little space in your backpack, yet contains the best description about each trail in the Smokies. If you do not have these, you can buy them at your local outdoor gear or bookstore.

### (WHAT ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS?)

Camping is available at Cades Cove and Elkmont campgrounds and you will need to make your own reservations. Diane has spoken to many of the hotels in the Townsend, TN, area to obtain multiple room rate discounts and so far the rates are averaging \$50 (per 2 - 4 people in the room). If you are interested in hoteling it, Weds or Thurs eve Nov 7 or 8, and want to get in on the discount, **YOU MUST CONTACT DIANE BY SEP 20!** Responses generated will dictate whether Diane can approach the area hotels for discounts. Beyond this, everyone will have to make their own accommodations. For additional information, call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK TRAIL CLOSURES

Some trails in Frozen Head SP were closed recently due to the many dead pine trees that fell victim to the Pine Bark Beetle infestation. Park administrators closed the trails because the dead, and still standing, trees pose a major hazard to anyone on the trails, especially to anyone out during a period of high winds. PLEASE NOTE, not all of the trails are closed. The park and its facilities are still open to the public; however hikers must inquire at the Visitors Center about trail closures. Call before you go: 423-346-3318.

## GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NP NEWFOUND GAP ROAD CONSTRUCTION STARTS MID-OCT 2001

Renovation of two tunnels in the GSMNP is expected to begin as early as mid-October and continue through September 2002. The tunnels on Newfound Gap Road (US 441) through Morton and Chimney Top Mountains will be heightened by lowering the level of their floors. Work that will hamper motorists the most will occur between December 2001 and March 2002 where lanes will be closed between the hours of 10pm and 2am, except weekends, holidays and during the Christmas season. For updated road information, call: 865-436-1200 (once you hear a voice, dial extension 631).

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

### SHOP AMAZON.COM THROUGH TTA'S WEBSITE

*Buying your books  
through TTA's website  
TTA BENEFITS!*

We have an arrangement with amazon.com where TTA receives a commission on all items (books, music, electronics) purchased when you enter their site through our link. It's very easy! Go to the TTA web site ([www.tennesseetrails.com](http://www.tennesseetrails.com)), navigate to the Merchandise page, then follow the link to the TTA Bookstore. Please note: Commissions are only given on sales made through the TTA website therefore, *always enter amazon.com from the TTA website and do not sign up for their one-click service.*

## BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Eric Wilson 423-628-2817 [ericavi@nxs.net](mailto:ericavi@nxs.net)

**Sep 15** Join Rugby descendant John Gilliat for "a walk around Rugby," which will include some old original trails to home places and the long forgotten but recently rediscovered "Kellogg crack," an unusual rock formation on the banks of the White Oak. (The Kellogg family ran a boarding house in Rugby in the early days and used to take visitors to this spot.) The walk will end with a visit to the site of the Massengale Homeplace, where Historic Rugby plans to establish an outdoor exhibit about this Appalachian family who lived in the Rugby area long before it's 1880 British founding. The walks will cover approximately 2 miles of easy to moderate walking, with some underbrush. Bring lunch and water. (Insect repellent is advised.) Meet at the Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 10am EDT. For information, call John Gilliat: 423-628-2449, or email him: [rugbytn@highland.net](mailto:rugbytn@highland.net)

## CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

J.R. Tate 931-920-2692 [modelt@charter.net](mailto:modelt@charter.net)

**MEETS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues, 7pm, The Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

**Sep 1** Newcomers Welcome! Hike our local Rotary Park with Wanda Cumberland. We would like anyone interested in hiking with our group to come on out and see what hiking is all about. This hike is rated easy and about 3 miles long. Call Wanda to register: 931-906-3338.

**Sep 8** We are going to canoe the Red River again this year. This is a nice peaceful trip on the Red River, near Adams. For details, call John Sneed: 931-920-3828.

**Sep 15** We will hike the Mossy Ridge Trail of Percy Warner Park in Nashville. For additional information and to register, call Jack Bastin: 931-645-2849.

**Sep 15** Eagle Point/Overnight Trail, Mousetail Landing State Park. Linden, TN. This is a combined hike with the members of the Memphis, Nashville and Northwest chapters. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our members that we don't get to see and hike with very often. This 8-mile trail is rated moderate, with some steep and rugged hills. Sturdy hiking boots, snacks, lunch and water are needed for this full day of hiking. We will meet 7am CDT at Big Lots, arrange carpools, and leave by 7:15am. For additional information and to register, call Suva Bastin: 931-645-2849.

### Sep 18 MONTHLY MEETING

**Sep 22-23** (Sat-Sun) Join J.R. Tate for an overnight backpacking trip to the Big South Fork NRRRA. There are many wonderful trails in the area. Check with J.R. to find out which one he chooses this year. 931-920-2692.

**Sep 29** We will be hiking the Canal Loop in Land Between the Lakes. This is a 10-mile hike in Kentucky near the northern border of LBL. For additional information and to register, call J.R. Tate: 931-920-2692.

### HIKE REPORT:

On August 11, sixteen members of TTA went on a wonderful tour of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. The humidity above ground made us really appreciate the cool cave temperatures below ground. We were awed by the vertical shafts, and loved the Frozen Niagara with its rock formations of stalactites and stalagmites, and amazed at how much work it took to make the stairs and pathways that we walked along. Thanks to Wanda and Roy for being such organized and thorough hike leaders. We all had a great time!

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Todd Horton 615-302-3336 todd1966@aol.com

**Sep 9** Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness. Sparta, TN. This hike is 8 miles round trip and rated moderate for the long descent to Virgin Falls, and then rated difficult for the even longer climb out of Virgin Falls. Add the possibility of lingering summer temperatures and know we will seek refuge from the heat at the several "sinks" and caves we pass along the way. Outside of this, the area is beautiful and one of our favorite hiking destinations. Bring lots of drinking water, snacks, lunch and a change of dry clothes. You will be required to wear hiking boots that provide ankle support, as the terrain is quite uneven and rocky in several areas. For additional information and to obtain meeting time/location, call Todd Horton: 615-302-3336, or email him: [todd1966@aol.com](mailto:todd1966@aol.com)

## COVE LAKE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Siler McCarty 423-566-1291 webmaster@tnrlca.org

There are no chapter activities scheduled this month. You are welcome to hike with any of our other TTA chapters.

## EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Keith Mertz 865-376-4827 keithmertz@hotmail.com

**Sep 8** Maryville/Alcoa Greenway in Maryville/Alcoa, TN. This will be an easy 5-mile hike on a paved pathway that runs through industrial, commercial, and suburban areas. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring plenty of water. Meet 9am EDT at Shoney's on Alcoa Hwy. For additional information and/or to register, call Marvin Shanks: 865-690-6070.

## MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

**CHAPTER OFFICER:** Fount Bertram 615-765-5357 fwbertram@hotmail.com

**HIKE COORDINATOR:** Brent Morris 931-728-8191 (Call Brent & volunteer to lead a hike)

**MEETS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 7pm, Wilderness Station @ Barfield-Crescent Park, 697 Barfield Rd.

**Sep 1** Angel Falls Overlook (near Leatherwood Ford), Big South Fork NRR. Oneida, TN. This will be a hike by the light of the moon - a full moon! This hike is approximately 6 miles long and will be challenging in the dark. You will absolutely have to have a flashlight and extra batteries, boots, and water. Food is a good thing to bring too! Some people may want to wear work gloves in case they have to use their hands for climbing (don't worry about the snakes, most should be asleep!). We will meet at the Leatherwood Ford trail kiosk/platform in late afternoon. Note: Leatherwood Ford is located at the time zone line on HWY 297 between HWY 154, out of Jamestown and Oneida. Register by calling Heloise Shilstat: 615-896-6278(h) or, 615-254-5461(w), or email her: [heloisew@bellsouth.net](mailto:heloisew@bellsouth.net)

**Sep 8** Monteagle Mt. Perimeter Trail. Monteagle, TN. We'll hike an 8-10 mile portion of this scenic trail on terrain that's rated easy to moderate. Bring water and lunch. This should be a terrific outing! We'll meet 7am CDT at the Murfreesboro Cracker Barrel located at I-24 and US 231. For more information and to register, call Martin McCullough: 615-896-1043.

### **Sep 11 MONTHLY MEETING**

**Sep 11** Paw-Paw Trail, Falls Creek Falls State Park. Pikeville, TN. There should be an array of fall flowers along this peaceful 4-mile deep-woods trail. Because of the terrain, the trail is rated moderate. We'll have a buffet lunch at the park restaurant. After lunch, we'll visit Fall Creek Falls. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring plenty of water, a snack, and money to buy your lunch. We'll meet 8am CDT at Hardee's in Woodbury. For more information and to register, call Fount Bertram: 615-765-5357, or email him: [fwbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:fwbertram@hotmail.com)

## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

### OFFICER:

Frederick Belton 901-327-3674 fbelton@hotmail.com

### ELECTED BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Gloria Lenski 901-382-4227 glorialenski@yahoo.com

### MEETS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thur 7pm, Germantown Library (Sept-May)

**Sep 15** Eagle Point/Overnight Trail, Mousetail Landing State Park. Linden, TN. This is a combined hike with the members of the Clarksville, Nashville and Northwest chapters. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our members that we don't get to see and hike with very often. This 8-mile trail is rated moderate, with some steep and rugged hills. Sturdy hiking boots, snacks, lunch and water are needed for this full day of hiking. At the time this newsletter was sent to the printer, a hike leader (and carpool organizer) from the Memphis area had not been identified. Until a leader is identified, please call Diane Manas to register: 615-352-7777. (The Nashville and Northwest chapters will be meeting at the park rangers office at 9am CDT.)

**Sep 20 MONTHLY MEETING.** Germantown Library, 7pm CDT

**Sep 22** Village Creek State Park near Forrest City, AR. This is a 10-mile loop trail with an option to shorten it to a 5-mile hike. The trail is rated easy to moderate. Bring lunch and plenty of water. We will meet 9:30am CDT at the park visitors center. For more information, call Freddi Felt: 901-685-9915.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Oct 6** Old Forest Trail, Overton Park. Midtown Memphis, TN. We are meeting at 10am CDT at the Pavilion on East Parkway to explore the only urban old growth forest of its kind in America. Observe firsthand the impact of natural and human forces on forests in an urban setting. The informative and entertaining trail map to the self-guided 1¼-mile loop hike and wildflower viewing guide is available, for free, at the Abe Goodman Golf House in Overton Park. Bring lunch and water. For more information, call Carolyn Pierce: 901-755-5635.

# NASHVILLE CHAPTER

**CHAPTER OFFICER:** Dan Brennan 615-837-4324 osrwodan@aol.com  
**HIKE COORDINATOR:** Elizabeth Gerlock 615-356-6260 (Call Elizabeth & volunteer to lead a hike)  
**MEETS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 7pm, Radnor Lake Visitor's Center, Granny White Pike  
**HIKING HOTLINE 615-367-7045**

**Aug 31-Sep 3** (Fri-Mon) Labor Day Weekend Car Camp, Frozen Head State Park. Wartburg, TN. A group site has been reserved for Friday-Sunday nights. Plan for day hikes at Frozen Head SP (on the trails that are open – see announcement on page 2) and the Obed section of the Cumberland Trail. (*This announcement appeared in our August newsletter, so space now is very limited.*) If you haven't registered, do it now! Call Doug Burroughs: 615-587-0085.

**Sep 1** Greeter Falls, Big Creek, and Blue Hole Hike and Swim, Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Beersheba Springs, TN. This is a hiking and swimming at its best. The hiking is scenic, 5 miles and on terrain rated moderate. From the Greeter Falls parking area we will pass Broad Tree Falls and Alum Gap, on down to Big Creek for a little off-trail scrambling and to explore the pools about ½ mile below Alum Gap. We will back track up to Greeter Falls, one of the most spectacular falls and swimming holes in the Gulf. Another side trail will take us to the famous Blue Hole, another delightful swimming place. Please bring water, lunch, boots, and swim gear (you may want to include swim shoes). We'll meet at 8am CDT at Cracker Barrel in Murfreesboro (HWY 96 @ I-24). For additional information and to register, call Michael Holt: 615-799-9534, or 615-405-3497.

**Sep 8** Mossy Ridge Trail, Percy Warner Park. Nashville, TN. Warner Park offers 12 miles of hiking trails, and so close to Nashville. We're only going to hike the 4½-mile Mossy Ridge trail, which is rated moderate and a good indicator of what the park's terrain is like – lots of rolling hills, a few more challenging than others. Bring snacks, water and lunch. For meeting time and location, call Dan Brennan: 615-837-4324.

**Sep 15** Eagle Point/Overnight Trail, Mousetail Landing State Park. Linden, TN. This is a combined hike with the members of the Clarksville, Memphis and Northwest chapters. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our members that we don't get to see and hike with very often. This 8-mile trail is rated moderate, with some steep and rugged hills. Sturdy hiking boots, snacks, lunch and water are needed for this full day of hiking. We will meet at 6:30am CDT, arrange our carpools, and leave by 6:45. For meeting location and to register, call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.

**Sep 16** Great Stone Door and Big Creek Gulf trails to Greeter Falls, Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Beersheba Springs, TN. This hike begins with spectacular views from atop of the Great Stone Door and continues down into and through the Great Stone Door into the Big Creek Gulf. The trail then follows the creek where we'll see interesting rock formations and beautiful waterfalls. To register and obtain meeting time and location, call Jim or Marietta Poteet: 615-824-7666.

**Sep 21-23** (Fri-Sun) Weekend of hiking and car-camping in the Great Smoky Mountain NP. Hike 1, 2 or all 3 days in the GSMNP. Richard Horvath will lead a weekend of hikes out of the Cosby area. The #2 Group Campsite at the Cosby Campground has been reserved for TTA. This is a tent camping site. There are restrooms and water, but no showers at the campsite (pay showers are available just outside the park). Everyone is responsible for his/her own camping equipment, food and transportation to the park. To reserve your space in the Group Site, a \$5 deposit is required by Tuesday September 18. Call Richard Horvath, to reserve your space in the group camp as well as the hikes, at 270-586-0178. (GROUP SITES DO NOT ALLOW FOR POPUPS OR CAMPER/TRAILERS. CAMPER/TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE MAIN CAMPGROUND, AND THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING HIS/HER OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE PARK.)

On Sep 21 (Fri) Low Gap Trail, A.T., and Lower Mount Cammerer Trail (loop hike). Starting from the Cosby Campground, we will hike 2½ miles up the Low Gap Trail to its junction with the A.T. Heading east, we will hike to the junction of the Lower Mt. Cammerer Trail with a short side trip to the top of Mt. Cammerer. The hike will then loop back to the Cosby Campground on the Lower Mt. Cammerer Trail. The hike is approximately 16 miles and can be considered strenuous.

On Sep 22 (Sat) Snake Den Ridge Trail, Maddron Bald Trail and Gabes Mountain Trail (loop hike). From the Cosby Campground we will hike up the Snake Den Ridge Trail to its junction with the Maddron Bald Trail. Following the Maddron Bald Trail down the mountain, we will loop through the Albright Grove, which contains one of the few areas in the GSMNP that was never logged. The hike will return back to the Cosby Campground via the Gabes Mountain Trail. This is an 18-mile hike and is considered strenuous.

On Sep. 23 (Sun) Old Settlers Trail. If a car shuttle can be arranged, we will hike the Old Settlers Trail along the foothills of the GSMNP. We will pass numerous sites of the farms and homes of the people that once inhabited this area of the park. This is a 16-mile hike and can be considered moderate to strenuous. If a car shuttle cannot be arranged, we will hike the Ramsey Cascades Trail with a possible side trip to the Greenbrier Pinnacle.

**Sep 25 MONTHLY MEETING.** Although a handful of Nashville chapter members already know something about trails in Southern Illinois, for most of us the joys of hiking in that region have yet to be discovered. Enter this month's guest speaker: John O'Dell, a lifelong advocate of hiking, was instrumental in helping to build the River to River Trail, a 175-mile path between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. John is the chairman of the River to River Trail Society and the Illinois Hiking Society. Come and learn about the unique natural features in the Land of Lincoln. And for a sneak preview, visit: [www.rivertorivertrail.org](http://www.rivertorivertrail.org)

**Sep 29** Roan Mountain State Park. Roan Mountain, TN. We've been invited by Charlie and Jennifer Hann to explore the area surrounding their new home in the Roan Mountain area. Charlie and Jennifer recently retired and have made this area in Upper East Tennessee their home. The plan is to hike 5-7 miles on trails rated moderate to strenuous in this beautiful area. It's a long drive to the Roan Mountain area so you may want to make plans, early, to stay in the area either Friday or Saturday evening. To register and obtain information about the hike, get directions and a listing of the area accommodations, call Charlie or Jennifer Hann: 423-913-2781.

(cont. on pg. 6)

## NASHVILLE (cont from pg 5)

**Sep 29** Newcomer's Hike on the Day Loop Trail in Long Hunter State Park. Hermitage, TN. We will hike the 4-mile Day Loop Trail segment of the Volunteer Trail. This segment passes over rolling hills, by limestone bluffs, and has great views overlooking Percy Priest Lake. The trail is rated easy. We will meet 9am CDT at the trailhead on Baker's Road, which intersects seven-tens of a mile north of the main park entrance on Hobson Pike (TN 171). After the hike we will go to a nearby restaurant for lunch. Bring water and money to buy your lunch. For additional information and to register, call Elizabeth Gerlock: 615-356-6260.

**Sep 29** Day hike and/or car camp in this 2,000-acre privately owned preserve in Macon County (near Lafayette/Westmoreland), TN. This is a new area recently opened to the public, so we'll be hiking on the newly established horse trails (yep, it's okay, the horse owners haven't discovered this preserve so we probably won't see many horse riders, if at all) through the peaceful rolling hills in this area. We'll hike a series of loop trails along the Long Creek for a total of 10 miles. The terrain is rated moderate due to the many rolling hills we'll do along the way. The trail is mostly wooded, so even if it's warm, we'll be walking under the canopy of shade trees. Driving distance from Nashville is about 1½ hours, and has a day-use fee of \$5 per person. If you want to camp, there are developed campsites with hot water for \$10 per 2 persons. Bring snacks, lunch, water and \$5 for the day-use fee. For additional information, call Keith White: 615-305-9078.

## NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

### CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Jim Clark

731-587-7369

Joe Seago

731-588-5836

website: <http://mug.utm.edu/trails>

[jclark@utm.edu](mailto:jclark@utm.edu)

[joeseago@backpacker.com](mailto:joeseago@backpacker.com)

### MEETING:

Sep 13, 7pm, University Center, Room 232, on the UT Martin Campus

**Sep 13 MONTHLY MEETING.** During our summer hiatus, members have climbed Kilimanjaro, walked to the Brocken in the Harz Mountains of Germany, hiked along the North Carolina-Tennessee divide in the Smokies, placed highly in bicycle and foot races, and generally celebrated a summer away from normal duties. Come to this first meeting of the fall and share your events of the summer and help us plan for those cooler days of fall. It appears our first hike(s) this semester occur on the same day, Sep 15. Decisions, decisions.

**Sep 15** North Rim & North Plateau Trails, Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Beersheba Springs, TN. This is a loop hike made up by combining the North Rim Trail (6.3 miles of spectacular views of the gulf) and the North Plateau Trail (7.1 miles through a plateau hardwood forest). The North Rim Trail follows the rim of the Savage Gulf and provides more overlooks than any other trail in the South Cumberland area. The hike terrain is flat and generally easy, however with the hike distance at 13.4 miles; this hike is being rated as moderate. Prepare adequately for this long day-hike by bringing snacks, lunch and water. We'll eat our lunch at the Hobbs Cabin campsite. We'll meet 9am CDT at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station. For additional information and to register, call Chris Fox: 731-586-4744, or email him: [towndawg@hotmail.com](mailto:towndawg@hotmail.com)

**Sep 15** Eagle Point/Overnight Trail, Mousetail Landing State Park. Linden, TN. This is a combined hike with the members of the Clarksville, Memphis and Nashville chapters. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our members that we don't get to see and hike with very often. This 8-mile trail is rated moderate, with some steep and rugged hills. Sturdy hiking boots, snacks, lunch and water are needed for this full day of hiking. We will meet 7:30am CDT at the University Center parking lot on the UT Martin campus, arrange carpools, and leave by 7:45. For additional information and to register, call Joe Seago: 731-588-5836, or Jim Clark: 731-587-2225.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Oct 18-19** (Thu-Fri) A.T. Backpack. Roan Mountain, TN. Chris Fox is leading this 2-day backpack over the same period UT Martin students get their Fall Break. (Oct 20, below, is also part of this weekend, however just as day hike.) Chris has also invited the members of the Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club (TEHCC) to join us, so expect to meet some new folks over the weekend. This 2-day backpack will cover a 13.4 mile section of the A.T. from "Carver's Gap" to "19E." This is a spectacular 13-mile section of the A.T. (just north of Roan Mtn.) that traverses over several "balds," at an elevation that makes you feel as if you are on top of the world - 360-degree views of the land and forests below. This backpack should be considered moderate, and in some areas as strenuous. Even with the low mileage days (4.7 miles on Day 1 and 8.7 on Day 2), the 1<sup>st</sup> mile on Day 1 is the toughest (strenuous) mile of the day. While the toughest (strenuous) sections on Day 2 occur over the first 3½ miles. You will not need a tent for this backpack because we'll camp at the "Overmountain" shelter, which is a huge old barn converted into a shelter. The view of the Roaring Creek Valley from the picnic table at the shelter makes it well worth the walk. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own gear, food and transportation (we can talk about carpooling). We will meet on Thu Oct 18 at 9am EDT in the parking area of "Carvers Gap" (state line at TN HWY 143/ NC HWY 261) a few miles south of the HWY 143 entrance to Roan Mtn State Park. For additional information and to reserve your spot, call Chris Fox: 731-586-4744, or email him: [towndawg@hotmail.com](mailto:towndawg@hotmail.com)

**Oct 20** A.T. Day Hike. Roan Mountain, TN. This is Day 3 of a long weekend planned by Chris Fox (Days 1 & 2 are a backpack and described above). We have invited the TEHCC members to join us, so expect to meet some new folks on this hike. This is an 8.1 mile day hike on the A. T. from "Iron Mtn Gap" to "Hughes Gap" just slightly west of Roan Mtn State Park. A remote and little used low elevation hike that provides excellent views of two of the highest East Tennessee Mountains (Iron Mtn and Roan Mtn). Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring snacks, lunch and water. We'll break for lunch at the Clyde Smith Shelter. Plan to meet at 9am EDT just west of the NC state line. For exact meeting location, additional information and to reserve your spot, call Chris Fox: 731-586-4744, or email him: [towndawg@hotmail.com](mailto:towndawg@hotmail.com)

## PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Vicki Perdue

931-528-9091

**MEETS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, 7pm, Crossville Housing Authority

*There is an informal, leaderless hike every Wednesday morning at 8:30am CDT. Meet at the boat launch area of the Cumberland Mountain SP. The hikes are moderately paced and may average 5-6 miles. For additional information, call Bill Haynes: 931-707-7606. Rain cancels.*

**Sep 8** Twin Arches Loop Trail, Big South Fork NRRRA. Oneida, TN. Join us for our Fall kick-off hike in the beautiful Big South Fork NRRRA! The hike is 5 miles and rated moderate. Bring lunch and water. We will meet 8am CDT in the back parking area of the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at the I-40/Crossville exit. For additional information, call Carolyn Miller: 931-456-4465

**Sep 20 MONTHLY MEETING.** Rob Weber and Arleen Scheller, of the Cumberland Trail Conference, will present a brief PowerPoint presentation and update us on the Cumberland Trail's Pathways for People...People for Nature capital campaign. We will also discuss and finalize our plans for the upcoming Annual Meeting in November. We are the hosts this year and your help is requested to make this a successful and fun-filled event. See you at 7pm CDT at the Crossville Housing Authority.

**Sep 22** Piney River Segment of the Cumberland Trail. Spring City, TN. Arleen Scheller will lead us on a fall wildflower hike along this segment of the CT, which is located in one of Bowater's Pocket Wilderness areas. We'll see the new rock work and trail renovations recently completed by volunteers during the June CTC BackCountry outing. The hike is 10 miles on terrain rated moderate. We will meet 8am CDT at the Cumberland Mtn. State Park Visitors Center. For additional information and to register, call Arleen Scheller: 931-707-8333.

## UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

### CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Helen Angelmier

931-858-5947

helena@cookeville.com

Sue Bass

931-528-1386

take-a-hike@onemain.com

**Sep 13 POTLUCK DINNER AND MEETING.** WOW! What a hot summer! It should be cooling off though, so drag out those hiking boots. We will start our fall season with a barbecue potluck dinner and meeting at Cane Creek Park in Cookeville. In addition to the fun of a barbecue, we will have a brief business meeting and plan our hikes through the remainder of the year. Our chapter treasury is providing the barbecue and buns, condiments, drinks, plates, knives, forks, cups, and napkins. **YOU MUST REGISTER BY SEP 9**, so we can get an accurate headcount for buying the food and cutlery, etc. We'll meet at 6pm CDT. Think of places that you would like to hike this fall and bring these ideas with you to the meeting so Sue Bass can plan some memorable hikes. We also need hike leaders, please volunteer. For additional information and to register, call Helen Anglemier: 931-858-5947, or email her: [helena@cookeville.com](mailto:helena@cookeville.com)

## CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

### CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE CONTACTS:

Executive Director..... Rob Weber ..... [robweber@usit.net](mailto:robweber@usit.net)  
Resource Manager ..... Arleen Scheller ..... [scheller@usit.net](mailto:scheller@usit.net)  
Program Coordinator .... Tanya Meachen ..... [tmeachen@onemain.com](mailto:tmeachen@onemain.com)  
Office Manager ..... Susan Weber..... [sweber1@usit.net](mailto:sweber1@usit.net)

Office Location	19 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Crossville, TN 38555
Office Hours	8am-5pm
Phone:	931-456-6259
Fax:	931-456-4934
Email:	<a href="mailto:cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com">cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com</a>
Website:	<a href="http://www.cumberlandtrail.org">www.cumberlandtrail.org</a>

### Volunteer Outings on the Cumberland Trail

**Sep 14-16** Join CTC volunteers Barry Spearman and Dennis Crowley on the Smoky Mountain Segment (SMS) to complete the bridges over Montgomery Creek and Spring Branch and continue the trail from Spring Branch to Greens Branch. The SMS team will meet early Friday morning for a shuttle into Montgomery Creek via 4WD and then backpack ½ mile into camp. Participants are responsible for bringing their own backpacking gear (tent, ground cloth, sleeping bag and pad, etc.), food, water or purification method, and a daypack for carrying food and water on the trail each work day.

**Sep 22-23** Join CTC volunteers for our first "FrontCountry" outing as we continue building the trail toward the Devils Racetrack from Cove Lake. We won't exactly be roughing it because we are staying at Cove Lake State Park's nature center and ranger residence. Participants are responsible for bringing their own sleeping bag and pad, mess kit, food, water, and daypack. We will meet early each day to work on the trail.

**Sep 23-30** Join CTC and American Hiking Society volunteers (AHS volunteers will be coming in from all over the country) to build the Cumberland Trail in the TN River Gorge area. We will tent camp at Davis Pond Primitive Camp in Prentice Cooper State Forest and work on several projects in the TN River Gorge area. CTC will provide food and utensils for the volunteers so they can prepare their own meals. Participants are responsible for their own camping equipment (tent, ground cloth, sleeping bag and pad, and water purification method) and transportation.

For more information and to volunteer, call Tanya Meachen: 931-456-6259,  
or email her: [tmeachen@onemain.com](mailto:tmeachen@onemain.com)

# TTA's Annual Meeting

NOV 9-11, 2001  
 CAMP CARSON AT CARSONSPRINGS  
 NEWPORT, TN

# Registration Form

DUE ON OR BEFORE  
**OCTOBER 15, 2001**

*Families: please provide the name of each member of your family attending.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**LODGING** – The following accommodations are available and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

⇒ **MOTEL ROOM** (12 are available and the rates are based on the number in each room.)

Friday night rates:

\$60/night (for 2 people)	@	\$60.00	Total \$ _____
\$75/night (for 3 people)	@	\$75.00	Total \$ _____
\$90/night (for 4 people)	@	\$90.00	Total \$ _____

Saturday night rates:

\$60/night (for 2 people)	@	\$60.00	Total \$ _____
\$75/night (for 3 people)	@	\$75.00	Total \$ _____
\$90/night (for 4 people)	@	\$90.00	Total \$ _____

⇒ **SEMI-PRIVATE** (linens provided, no pillows)

Friday night	# of people _____	x	\$18.00	Total \$ _____
Saturday night	# of people _____	x	\$18.00	Total \$ _____

⇒ **BUNKS** (no linens)

Friday night	# of people _____	x	\$13.00	Total \$ _____
Saturday night	# of people _____	x	\$13.00	Total \$ _____

⇒ **CAMPING**

Friday night	# of people _____	x	\$5.00	Total \$ _____
Saturday night	# of people _____	x	\$5.00	Total \$ _____

**MEALS**

FRIDAY	Dinner	# of people _____	x	\$7.50	Total \$ _____
SATURDAY	Breakfast	# of people _____	x	\$5.00	Total \$ _____
	Sack Lunch	# of people _____	x	\$5.00	Total \$ _____
	Dinner	# of people _____	x	\$7.50	Total \$ _____
SUNDAY	Breakfast	# of people _____	x	\$5.00	Total \$ _____
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>	is \$5/person	# of people _____	x	\$5.00	Total \$ _____

Fill out this Registration Form and mail it with a check made payable to: **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tennessee Trails Association C/O Charles Jones ♦ P O Box 405 ♦ Pleasant Hill, TN 38578 ♦ 931-277-3228

PLEASE RESPECT CAMP CARSON'S RULES: NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED.

<b>Schedule of Events</b>					
(ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN)					
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>		
3:00p	Check-in Begins	7:30a-9:00a	Breakfast (Buffet)	7:30a-9:00a	Breakfast (Buffet)
5:30p-7:00p	Dinner (Buffet)	8:00a-9:00a	Depart for Hikes	7:30a-11:00a	Check-out
7:00p-8:30p	Entertainment	5:30p-7:00p	Dinner (Buffet)	8:30a	Board Meeting
9:00p	Bonfire	6:30p	Program/Annual Mtg	8:30a	Depart for Hikes
		7:30p	Auction	11:00a	Depart for Hikes

A sampling of the hikes that are scheduled:

Albright Grove Trail, Ramsey Cascades Trail, Boogerman Trail, Mt. Cammerer Fire Tower Trail

**DIRECTIONS**

(From Knoxville)  
 Carson Spring Baptist  
 Conference Center

Take I-40 East to Exit 432B (Newport Exit). This exits from the left-hand lane. As you come off the interstate, you will see an Exxon Station on your right. Turn right just past the Exxon Station onto Carson Springs Road. Stay on the main road. The Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center is about 4 miles up the road on the left.

PLEASE RESPECT CAMP CARSON'S RULES: NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED.



# OFFICERS :

**President**  
 Libby Francis 615-889-5718  
 libbyslibbys@home.com  
**Vice-President**  
 Leigh Jones 931-277-3228  
 cejones@webtv.net  
**Treasurer**  
 Barbara Matheson 615-373-7291  
 bmath@mindspring.com  
**Secretary**  
 Patti Shaw 615-889-6472  
 snappy1@mindspring.com  
**Past President**  
 Jim Poteet 615-824-7666  
 jpoteet@genesco.com  
**Past President**  
 Harold Draper 865-689-7757  
 h.m.draper@att.net  
**West TN Regional Director**  
 Jerry Lenski 901-255-6574  
 jlenski@lurgipsi.com  
**Middle TN Regional Director**  
 Barbara Draude 615-895-5546  
 bdraude@home.com  
**East TN Regional Director**  
 Arleen Scheller 931-707-8333  
 scheller@usit.net  
**Membership**  
 Anne Wesley 615-851-1052  
 tahiker@msn.com  
**Cumberland Trail Conference Representatives**  
 Barry & Sandra Spearman 931-839-2320  
 sandbar@multipro.com  
**TN Rails To Trails Advisory Council**  
 Jim Deming 615-354-9767  
 jdeming49@aol.com  
  
**CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD**  
 ARE LISTED WITHIN EACH CHAPTER'S HEADER  
  
**Newsletter Editor**  
 Diane Manas 615-352-7777  
 dianemanas@home.com

## Newsletter Deadlines:

Announcements and articles  
 received on/before September 10<sup>th</sup>  
 will appear in our  
 October 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter

Articles submitted are subject to editing and will be included as space permits.

Please send all submissions to:

Diane Manas  
 5729 Stoneway Trail  
 Nashville, TN 37209  
 615-352-7777  
 e-mail: dianemanas@home.com

# ADOPT-A-TRAIL NEWS

## ADOPT-A-TRAIL OFFICER:

Harold Draper 865-689-7757  
 h.m.draper@att.net

Have you considered ...  
 Maintaining a particular trail or section of trail?

Through the cooperation of land managers, who periodically inform us of volunteer opportunities, TTA can put you in touch with several Adopt-A-Trail programs, or offer suggestions on how to approach local land managers in your area.

The Adopt-A-Trail program is quite simple and flexible. Volunteers or chapters select the trail they wish to adopt and at the same time determine the level of trail maintenance they wish to undertake. Their only commitment is to hike, inspect, and report on the trail's conditions and maintenance needs twice per year. Light trail maintenance (clipping, pruning, trash and minor blow-down removal) is encouraged during each inspection. Serious trail problems identified will be reported to the local land management agency for resolution.

To obtain an Adopt-A-Trail or Trail Inspection form, call Harold Draper: 865-689-7757

# TENNESSEE RAILS-TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

## BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Jim Deming 615-354-9767 jdeming49@aol.com  
 website: <http://members.aol.com/trac2trail/depot.htm>

**MISSION:** *To act as a resource and mentor for the planning, development and management of rail-trails throughout the State of Tennessee for the purposes of appropriate recreation, preservation of rail corridors and alternate transportation, in order to benefit the general public, communities, commerce and tourism.*

Advocates Meeting on Sat, Oct 6

See announcement on pg. 1

## Tennessee Trails Merchandise Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Hiking Tennessee Trails, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition..... \$12.95  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TTA Patch ..... 3.00  
                     Round embroidered patch, sew it on anything.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TTA Window Decal ..... 1.00  
                     A must for each car.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Ph ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail your check payable to:*

Tennessee Trails Association  
 c/o Marietta Poteet  
 324 Raintree Drive  
 Hendersonville, TN 37075

*Please allow 4 weeks for delivery and prices shown  
 include postage.*

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

First Class Mail  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Nashville, TN  
PERMIT NUMBER 4053



**NOTICE: YOUR MAILING LABEL CONTAINS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE.**

To avoid any interruption with delivering your newsletter, we ask that you renew at least one month before the date shown. Use the Membership Form provided below. If you fail to re-apply we will send you one newsletter and a reminder notice. If you have not re-applied by this time, your membership will terminate.

**PLEASE RENEW, STAY INFORMED, WE NEED YOU!!!**

**YES, I WANT TO JOIN TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, I AM . . .**

- A NEW MEMBER**  
 **RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP**

(Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.)

**Please Mail This Form To:**  
**Membership Director**  
**P.O. Box 41446**  
**Nashville, TN 37204-1446**

*PLEASE, PRINT CLEARLY.*

- \_\_\_ Individual      \$25.00
- \_\_\_ Family        \$35.00
- \_\_\_ Student        \$15.00
- \_\_\_ Life Member   \$500.00
- \_\_\_ Supporting    (\$200.00, \$100.00,  
                             \$50.00 or other)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not list my e-mail address in the TTA Annual Membership Directory

Please list me with the following chapter:

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| ___ Big South Fork               | ___ Murfreesboro                        |
| ___ Clarksville                  | ___ Nashville                           |
| ___ Columbia                     | ___ Northwest(UT at Martin/Weakley)     |
| ___ Cove Lake                    | ___ Plateau(Crossville)                 |
| ___ East TN(Oak Ridge/Knoxville) | ___ Upper Cumberland(Sparta/Cookeville) |
| ___ Memphis                      | ___ At Large                            |

**...volunteer ?...**  
endless opportunities  
available  
contact your local  
Chapter Chairperson

When you become a TTA member, you will receive a 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. You are invited to attend any number of monthly meetings scheduled, where you will enjoy diverse programs, socializing and refreshments. Each April you will receive the Membership Directory listing members by chapter and how to reach them. Every spring and fall we meet at one of Tennessee's many parks for a weekend of hiking, camaraderie and where the board members can meet to exchange ideas and hear reports on TTA's progress.

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