

# TENNESSEE TRAILS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Mission: To promote, construct and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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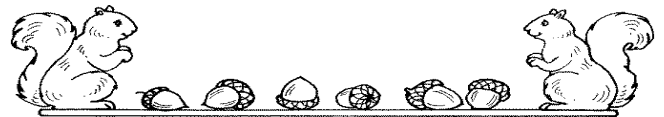
## 2001 ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

### Tennessee Trails Award

The Tennessee Trails Award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee. This year the award was presented to Representative Bob Clement *"for experienced, meritorious service devoted to insuring the protection and establishment of environmental concerns in Tennessee for current and future generations to enjoy. His worthy contributions and hard work reflect greatly on himself and the people of Tennessee."*

### Bill Stutz Award

The Bill Stutz Award is presented in honor of the late Bill Stutz, past TTA member and beloved hiker. The award is presented to an active hiker for his or her individual contribution to the Association or one of its chapters. This year the award was presented to Libby Francis *"for her tireless enthusiastic energy and support in serving Tennessee Trails Association in so many leadership and volunteer ways."*



### Golden Squirrel Award

2001 was a surprisingly lean year for Golden Squirrel nominations. There were no rumors of hike leaders driving in circles unable to find a well-marked trailhead. There were no whispered tales of hike leaders confidently marching a group along a loop trail only to realize that the turnoff to the parking area had been passed several miles back. Either our leaders were well-prepared (and lucky), or they have realized silence can be bought by a post-hike trip to Dairy Queen.

But in an organization of TTA's size, where numerous hikes are being led every weekend, there will always be at least one squirrel-worthy incident. Accordingly, the 2001 Golden Squirrel has been awarded to Jim Poteet and Bob Brandt for their joint efforts in leading 15 hikers off-trail at Bridal Veil Falls in Sewanee. Jim was the official hike leader for the trip; however, Bob has written and published a book describing the Bridal Veil Falls loop. Jim alleges he was following the directions in Bob's book. Bob maintains he was following Jim. Bob nominated Jim for the G. S. Award. Jim nominated Bob. Each is equally adamant the other is solely responsible. (cont. on pg. 2)

## ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

Dear TTA Members,

The 2001 TTA annual meeting is over, and now it is time to acknowledge those that helped make the meeting a success.

Thank you to the Keith McKinney, Susan Mason, Trent Bowden and the staff at Carson Spring Conference Center/Camp Carson for being our hosts. They were willing to work with us and satisfy our needs.

A HUGE thank you to all of the TTA chapter officers and members who donated items for the white elephant sale, as well as those that solicited and collected, or personally hand-crafted items for the auction. And the bakers, your goodies were scrumptious, sold quickly and were well received.

Last, but not least, thank you to all the people who attended the meeting. We had 130 people with representation from each of the 11 chapters across the state as well as members from Kentucky and Georgia.

Approximately \$4500 was raised from the auction and additional fundraising activities, including the raffle, the bake sale, and the white elephant items. The money will be used to support the 2002 Breakaway program sponsored by the Cumberland Trail Conference. Your dollars will go towards building and maintaining hiking trails on the Cumberland Plateau from Cumberland Gap to Signal Mountain.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Miller, Plateau Chapter  
Site Manager, 2001 TTA Annual Meeting  
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UPCOMING T.R.A.C. MEETING  
JAN 12, 2002 IN JASPER, TN.

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## Letters from Libby (TTA's President)

Dear Friends,

The Annual Meeting was such a joy! The planning that went into such an event was superb. Carolyn Miller, Charlie and Leigh Jones, Sue Eldridge, and all the members of the Plateau chapter deserve a big round of applause for their dedicated efforts. The hike leaders did a great job. Everyone I talked to said they had a wonderful experience. Who could forget the auction? Dave Walton and Jim Lumpkin were just outstanding, and the auction brought in the most money ever for the Cumberland Trail. Thanks to everyone who brought items to be auctioned. Each chapter officer presented a chapter progress report to the general membership on Saturday night. The sight of every single chapter being represented at the Annual Meeting was an historical event and something I hope will be repeated every year. Elections were held at that meeting, and Leigh Jones was elected as your new president. I am expecting great things from Leigh, and I know you will all continue to support her as she begins her presidency. As I mentioned in my remarks on Saturday night of the Annual Meeting, the success of Tennessee Trails is due to the hundreds of volunteers who give of their time and efforts each month. It is true that the more you give, the more you receive. I encourage each of you to give something back, whether it is leading a hike, accepting a leadership role, baking cookies, making a phone call, driving a carpool or helping with the newsletter. Every job is important and necessary to promote hiking in Tennessee. Many thanks for awarding me this year's Bill Stutz Award recipient. As I leave office, I will continue to be Tennessee Trail's greatest cheerleader. That's all for now, Libby Francis

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### 2001 AWARDS (cont. from pg. 1)

Our congratulations (condolences?) to Jim and Bob. Each is entitled to share the Golden Squirrel Award recipient title until the 2002 awards ceremony. Although Jim is in current possession of the Squirrel statue, he has promised to toss it in Bob's front yard in six month's time.

One final note - the Golden Squirrel is, of course, awarded in a spirit of fun. Despite every hike leader's best efforts and preparation, hikers can become temporarily "lost." We thank every TTA hike leader for volunteering his/her time to coordinate our trips. Don't let *rodentiaphobia* (an irrational fear of having a tacky squirrel statue on your mantel for a year) discourage you from leading a hike.

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### NEW! AND IMPROVED!!

#### INTERNET WEB PAGE

Check it out! Our Internet web page has been redesigned. The web address remains the same:

[www.tennesseetrails.org](http://www.tennesseetrails.org)

While surfing, visit the following:

- Calendar - hike leaders are asked to check the calendar regularly to make sure:
  - (1) your hikes are posted.
  - (2) if you've had to reschedule your hike, check that the date shown is correct.
  - (3) hikes removed, if your hike has been cancelled.
- To Buy with a Classified Ads Section - no fee for this service, transactions are between buyer & seller.
- Photos - many have been added. New ones are always welcome.
- Newsletter Archives - find past newsletters here.

Questions and comments regarding the website can be addressed on-line to: [webmaster@tennesseetrails.org](mailto:webmaster@tennesseetrails.org)

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### EVAN MEANS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM REQUEST DEADLINE DEC 31, 2001

In February 2002, TTA's Board of Directors will award small grants honoring Evan Means. The grants support special volunteer projects that are compatible with the chartered objectives of TTA: *promoting and developing a system of hiking trails in Tennessee as well as working for the conservation of natural resources*. Project proposals are due no later than December 31, 2001.

All chapters are encouraged to look within their local area, identify a special trail or park project, request and submit a formal grants application for consideration against the February 2002 Evan Means Small Grant Program Award.

Grant requests in the range of \$300-\$600 are encouraged. However, if a project requires additional grant money, considerations will be made.

For additional information and an application, please write to:

TTA Grants Administrator  
P. O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204

The small grants program was established in February 1999 to honor Evan Means - journalist, author, conservationist, hiker, trail builder, originator of the Cumberland Trail, and co-founder of the Tennessee Trails Association. Mr. Means won countless awards for his work over the years to protect Tennessee's natural resources and beauty, as well as for his dedication to projects that allow hikers to enjoy this natural beauty.

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### ARE YOU TIRED OF SHUFFLING ALONG AT THE MALL? SEARCHING FOR A MEANINGFUL HOLIDAY GIFT?

Well, break loose from the herd because TTA has the solution! Give someone the rock shelters at Big South Fork, and the grassy balds in the Smokies, and the wildflowers at Short Springs, and the overlooks along the Cumberland Trail and the waterfalls of Savage Gulf. All this and much more can be theirs with a Tennessee Trails Association Gift Membership. For the price of our regular dues (*\$15 Student, \$25 Individual, \$35 Family or \$50+ Supporting*), we will send the new member a beautiful holiday card announcing your gift, and we'll include a TTA logo patch (normally selling for \$3). Not only will you be supporting Tennessee hiking, but you'll also be giving your friends and family members a year's worth of adventure and recreation. All you have to do is fill in the recipient's mailing information on the membership form (located on the back of this newsletter), check the Gift Membership box and fill in your name as the donor, enclose a check and mail it to TTA's postal box. Any questions or special instructions can be directed to Anne Wesley (615-851-1052 or by email: [ttahiker@msn.com](mailto:ttahiker@msn.com)).

*Happy Holidays and Happy Hiking from Tennessee Trails!*

## 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. TTA recognizes Jennifer Smith (At Large - Fort Oglethorpe, GA), Richard Horvath (Nashville chapter) and Carol Smith (Nashville chapter) for renewing their 2001 memberships as Supporting Members.

In the past, Supporting Member donations in excess of the regular dues were allocated to TTA's general operating fund. At the November annual meeting, TTA's board of directors voted to allocate Supporting Member donations to the Evan Means Small Grants Fund. Your 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.

## GOT MUGS?

If you were at the Annual Meeting you may have seen, bought or completely missed the opportunity to buy TTA mugs that Fount Bertram, Murfreesboro chapter, had for sale. Fount has more available and you may contact him to buy one or several. Selling price is \$5 per mug. If you need them delivered to you, add \$1.50 shipping for each mug ordered. Fount can be reached: 615-765-5357, or by email:

[fwbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:fwbertram@hotmail.com)

## ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP (cont. from pg. 1)

Thank you to the following people whose help made the entire Annual Meeting weekend enjoyable:

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN: Charles and Leigh Jones ♦ Margaret Haun.

HIKE CHAIRMAN: Bill Haynes.

HIKE LEADERS: Nick Fielder ♦ Carol Haley ♦ Richard Horvath ♦ Keith Mertz ♦ Charles Jones ♦ Jim Lifsey ♦ Barry Spearman ♦ Fran Wallas ♦ Rob Weber.

DECORATIONS/SET-UP: Pam and Terry Brophy ♦ Bill and Sue Eldridge ♦ Gene and Myra Holloway ♦ Jim and Kathy Kraus ♦ Jim Lifsey ♦ Sandra and Barry Spearman ♦ Carol Tyler.

REFRESHMENTS: Bill and Sue Eldridge ♦ Myra Holloway.

SIGNS: Gene Holloway ♦ Jim and Kathy Kraus.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: Morgan Simmons and friends.

Thank you to the following individuals that helped make the auction a huge success:

AUCTIONEERS: Libby Francis ♦ Jim Lumpkins ♦ Dave Walton.

AUCTION ELVES: Carol Haley ♦ Arleen Scheller ♦ Rob and Susan Weber.

MERCHANDISE DONORS: Ron Ashley ♦ Fay Balbac ♦ H.A. Ballenger ♦ Jack Bastin ♦ Fount Bertram ♦ Dan Brennan ♦ Bob Brown ♦ Brenda Cardwell ♦ Mary Kay Carmichael ♦ Al and Vera Churcher ♦ Anna Clark ♦ Richard Horvath ♦ Jim and Jenice Johnson ♦ Herb Kneeland ♦ John Martin ♦ Carolyn Miller ♦ James Napier ♦ Jim and Marietta Poteet ♦ Emilie Powell ♦ Russell Smith ♦ Sandra Spearman ♦ J.R. Tate ♦ Bruce Throckmorton ♦ Rob and Susan Weber ♦ Anne Wesley ♦ Sara Wesley ♦ Eric Wilson and Vi Biehl.

ARTISANS: Jenice Johnson ♦ Joan Putnam ♦ Jerry and Nelda Rachels ♦ Russell Smith ♦ Jean Smith ♦ Dan Stawser.

If you know any of the Artisans, Elves or Merchandise Donors listed, tell them 'Thank You' and how much you have appreciated their support.

### Lost 'n' Found

Did you lose a fleece jacket, with a button saying "your mother's future ..." at the TTA Annual Meeting Nov 9-11? You will find it at the CTC office in Crossville. Call them to arrange for its return.

Thank you to the following businesses whose contributions helped make the auction a HUGE success:

(listed in order by chapter location)

### BIG SOUTH FORK

Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast

Highland Manor Winery

Historic Rugby

### CLARKSVILLE

Grandpa's

### COOKEVILLE

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Outdoor Experience

### COVE LAKE

Smith Ace Hardware

### MURFREESBORO

Emery's Fine Art Gallery

### NASHVILLE

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports

Green Hills Grille

### REI

River Sports Outfitters

### PLATEAU (CROSSVILLE)

Fairfield Glade Realty

Please remember when patronizing these merchants, tell them you're a member of TTA and let them know how much you have appreciated their support.

Next Year's Annual Meeting

November 8-10, 2002

Fall Creek Falls

Pikeville, TN.

Watch for announcements in upcoming newsletters.

## MOVED? HAVE A NEW ADDRESS?

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN NOTIFY US OF YOUR CHANGES:

- **Internet:** Visit our website ([www.tennessee-trails.org](http://www.tennessee-trails.org)), navigate to "Member Services," select and fill out the "Electronic Address Change Form."
- **Mail:** Using the New/Renewal/Gift Membership Form (on pg. 12), fill in your new information, write on the form "address change" and mail to the address shown on the membership form.
- **Phone:** Call our Membership Director, Anne Wesley: 615-851-1052.



## Annual New Year's Day Hike

Each year, Heloise Shilstat (Murfreesboro) has coordinated a New Year's day hike for TTA to Frozen Head State Park (FHSP). Once there, we hiked up 4 miles to Tub Spring (at 3000 ft.), unpacked cook stoves, food, beverages, and celebrated the New Year.

This year, due to FHSP's closure, we will be celebrating at Cardwell Mtn, near McMinnville. (A lot closer to Middle TN.)

### All are invited.

Everyone is encouraged to participate by bringing something (cookstoves, paper plates, cups and cutlery, black-eyed peas, cornbread, desserts, beverages, etc.).

Tentative meeting plans are to meet at 8am CST in Murfreesboro at the Main Street entrance to MTSU, drive through Woodbury to McMinnville, or travel down I-24 to McMinnville.

Call Heloise Shilstat on or before Thu Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and let her know what you can help bring (and carry): 615-896-6278.

## OUT WITH THE OLD . . . . . . IN WITH THE NEW

### TTA OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

Each year, at the Annual Meeting, the TTA Board elects five officers for a one-year term plus one at-large board representative for a three-year term. The election resulted in the following changes, effective January 1, 2002:

President..... Leigh Jones .....Plateau  
 Vice-President..... Fount Bertram..... Murfreesboro  
 Secretary..... Anna Clark ..... Northwest  
 Treasurer ..... Carol Haley ..... Memphis  
 Membership Director..... Anne Wesley..... Nashville  
 At-Large Representative  
 for Middle TN..... Mark Stanfill ..... Murfreesboro

Other Officer Changes\*: (new / renewing chapter officers)

Columbia ..... Russell Smith  
 Memphis..... Betty Porter  
 Murfreesboro ..... Mark Stanfill  
 Plateau ..... Bill Haynes

Feel free to contact any Board or Chapter Officers with suggestions or ideas. Information for contacting Board Officers is located in the Officers column on page 11 of this newsletter, while Chapter Officers' information is located within each chapter header. Please note: Changes made will appear in January's newsletter.

*\*Editor's Note: Some chapters will be meeting in December and January to elect their chapter representatives. As soon as announcements are received, they will be published in the newsletter.*

## THE "10\* ESSENTIALS"

There are 10\* essentials that no hiker should be without. Before you head out on the trail, check your pack to be sure it contains the following items:

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| For<br>Your<br>Protection  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Whistle</li> <li>✓ WATER, and a way to purify it!</li> <li>✓ Extra Food</li> <li>✓ Rain Gear and Extra Clothing (socks, sweater)</li> <li>✓ Hat and Sunglasses (especially for hikes above tree line)</li> </ul> |
| For<br>Finding<br>Your Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Map</li> <li>✓ Compass</li> <li>✓ Flashlight (w/extra batteries &amp; bulb)</li> </ul>   |
| For<br>Emergencies         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kit (moleskin, antibiotic ointment, mirror, anti-inflammation meds, personal meds, "Space" blanket)</li> <li>✓ Matches or Lighter for Candle or Fire Starter</li> </ul>                       |
| Other<br>Considerations    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hiking Poles</li> <li>✓ Always tell someone your hiking plans</li> <li>✓ Use your common sense</li> </ul>  |

\* This list is not to be considered cast in concrete – and should be customized to each outdoor enthusiast's needs.

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*editor's note:*

*Opportunity Strikes!*

On occasion I have some "white" space available in the newsletter. I am inviting each of you to help in the process of compiling short and informative articles, about anything related to hiking and the outdoors that I could place into these "white" spaces.

Please adhere to the "who, what, where, when, why & how" writing style. Articles need to be interesting, informative and not too wordy. And, always include your name and phone number when submitting articles for consideration so I may contact you if I have questions, and to recognize your work when your article is published.

Thank you for your help. Page 11 contains my mailing address.

*Diane Manas, Editor*

*Please refrain from submitting photos. Photos are better suited for our web page. Arrangements for photos can be made through our web page.*

Articles submitted will become the property of TTA and will not be returned to you.

**ATTENTION HIKE COORDINATORS:**

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)

**HIKE REGISTRATION?  
WHY ????????**

Our hike coordinators are volunteers. Make it easier for them to contact you in the event their hike needs to be cancelled by registering!

BE CONSIDERATE AND REGISTER

**PITCHING IN**

Over the past several months, we've seen gas prices go sky high, then fall, only to go back up, then down. Regardless of the prices, be considerate and offer your turn as a carpool driver. If you are a rider, always contribute to the cost of buying gasoline.

**BIG SOUTH FORK  
CHAPTER**

**CHAPTER OFFICER:**

Eric Wilson 423-628-2817 ericavi@nxs.net

There are no chapter activities scheduled this month. Watch the January newsletter for our Annual Chapter Business meeting announcement where we elect officers for the year, plan hikes and have a program. Until then, you are invited to hike with any of our other TTA chapters.

**CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER**

**CHAPTER OFFICER:**

J.R. Tate 931-920-2692 modelt@charter.net

**HIKE COORDINATOR:** (Call Suva & volunteer to lead a hike)

Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

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

**Dec 1-2** (Sat-Sun) Hiking & Carcamping at the Great Stone Door, Savage Gulf SNA. Beersheba Springs, TN. Come and enjoy the cool plateau air as we carcamp and hike for 2 days around the Stone Door area. For information, call Bill Hamilton: 931-920-2760.

**Dec 15** Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail, Ashland City, TN. Ever hiked on a trail that was originally an old railroad bed? This former railway corridor, once used by the Tennessee Central Railroad, is just a small segment of an ever-growing greenway corridor linking communities together. This segment follows a limestone bluff line along the Cumberland River - a great habitat for wildlife. Just 40 minutes from Clarksville. The members of the Nashville chapter will be joining us. (Outside of the Annual Meeting, this is a great opportunity to meet members we don't see very often.) We have the option to hike 4, 8 or 12 miles of this rail-trail, rated easy for its F-L-A-T terrain, or moderate if you go the 8 or 12 miles - due to the distance. Soft-sole shoes welcome. Bring snacks, lunch, and water. We'll meet at 8am CST and carpool from Rotary Park in Clarksville. For additional information, call Sandi Hamilton: 931-920-2760.

**Dec 18 HOLIDAY PARTY.** In lieu of our monthly meeting, we will gather for socializing and holiday cheer at Charlie and Jo Putnam's home. To get an accurate head count for planning purposes, please call Charlie or Jo, and let them know if you will be attending: 931-362-3669.

**Dec 31** New Year's Eve Hike. Downtown Clarksville, TN. This is an annual event for us. Bundle up and join us for our last hike of the year. For meeting time and location, call Suva Bastin: 931-645-2849.

**SPECIAL RATES AT**

**TENNESSEE STATE PARKS**

Tennessee State parks are offering special rates on overnight accommodations through Feb. 28, 2002.

- Receive 50% off each night's stay at a State park resort inn.
- Stay one night at a State park cabin and get one nights' stay free.

Coupons are required and are available on line at [www.tnstateparks.com](http://www.tnstateparks.com) or by calling 1-888-867-2757.

*Valid for reservations made Nov 1, 2001 - Feb 28, 2002. Holidays, special events and groups are not included. Based on availability.*

## COLUMBIA CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Russell Smith 615-790-1833 carving082334@cs.com

### HIKE COORDINATOR:

 (Call Pam & volunteer to lead a hike)

Pam Frakes 931-388-2197 pjfish@hotmail.com

**Dec 1** Volunteer & Day Loop Trails, Long Hunter State Park. Hermitage, TN. Our goal is to hike to the campsite area at the end of the Volunteer trail, using both the Day Loop and Volunteer trails. The total distance will be 10 miles. There is an option for those wishing a shorter hike (total mileage = 4.1) by turning back at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Loop & Volunteer trail junction. The terrain is fairly easy, however it's still 10 miles. Most of the trail follows the Percy Priest Lake shoreline and there will be a lot of opportunities to look out over the lake from the limestone bluffs we pass along the way. Bring water, snacks, lunch and \$3 (day-use fee, per carload) or your annual day-use park pass. We'll leave from the Food Lion parking lot in Spring Hill at 7:30am CST or meet 9am CST at the trailhead, which is 3/4 mile north of the Long Hunter SP entrance on Hobson Pike (TN 171). Hobson Pike can be reached by taking Exit 226 off of I-40 or Exit 62 off of I-24. Registration is requested, and if you need additional information, call Amy Overton: 931-388-6363.

**Dec 9 HOLIDAY PARTY & MEETING.** Amy Overton has opened her home (1076 Rolling Fields Circle, Columbia) for us to conduct a little chapter business, socialize, and celebrate the season. We'll start gathering at 5pm CST. For information, call Amy Overton: 931-388-6363.

### HIKE REPORT:

On Oct 27 we met to elect new chapter officers, picnic and hike. Todd Horton, our chapter officer for two years, may be relocating with a new job so this was his last meeting as our leader. Thank you for doing a great job. We will miss you. Our new chapter officer is Russell Smith. Welcome Russell! A picnic and hike (led by Rick Pinkleton) at Chickasaw Trace Park followed the business meeting. Hike coordinators, Rick Pinkleton and Amy Overton, planned a November 17 hike on the Buggytop Trail in Carter State Natural Area in Sewanee, TN.

## COVE LAKE CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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

**Dec 8** We will be hiking the Volunteer Trail from Cove Lake SP to Bruce Gap Rd. Caryville, TN. This is a very easy 2-mile hike that passes by the Beaver Dam and pond and other interesting sights. We will meet and *leave promptly* at 1pm EST from the big shelter in the circle of the picnic area in Cove Lake SP. For information, call Vance Lawson: 423-562-6856.

### HIKE REPORT:

On Oct 20, we hiked with the Plateau chapter on the Grassy Cove segment of the Cumberland Trail to Black Mountain, near Crossville. It was fun hiking with fellow TTA members and making new acquaintances. Arleen Scheller was an excellent leader. There were even two Swedes on the hike, making for "Svenska" talk together. (There are very few of us in the state.) The hike was very pleasant, easy, and mostly downhill. This was a one-way hike requiring a shuttle. We started at the top and hiked to our cars at the bottom. The vista at the top was magnificent with the fall colors! We took an interesting detour, before exiting the trail at the bottom, to Windlass Cave. *Submitted by Ed & Faith Dippold*

## EAST TN CHAPTER

(Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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

**Dec 8** Lone Mountain State Forest. Morgan County, TN. This hike is a moderate 6+ miles with a climb to the ridge above, then an easy walk of a couple miles through woods to Coyote Point. There are two meeting options: 9am EST in the front parking lot of AmSouth Bank at the Tri-County Shopping Center in Oliver Springs, Hwy 62. Or, 9:30am at the trailhead. Bring lunch and water, and wear sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather. For more info or to register, call Ken Cole: 865-693-3754.

## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

**OFFICER:** Betty Porter 901-755-4740

**CO-CHAIR:** Norma McMinn 901-785-1479

### ELECTED BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

Gloria Lenski 901-213-0604 glorialenski@yahoo.com

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

**Dec 8** Harbor Town Hike. This is a night hike to view the Christmas lights. We will meet in the Peabody Hotel Lobby near the Christmas Tree at 6pm CST, and walk down to Harbor Town along the river then take a Trolley ride back to the Peabody. For information, call Carolyn Pierce: 901-755-5635.

**Dec 13** (Thu) **HOLIDAY PARTY.** Meet old friends and make new friends at our annual holiday party at Betty Porter's house (6696 Stout Road). Bring your favorite festive dishes and soft drinks; an oven is available for heating, and we'll supply kitchen facilities, coffee, plates, cups, and eating utensils. Socializing begins around 6:30pm CST, with dinner at 7pm. The 2002 hiking schedule will be distributed at the meeting. For directions, call Betty Porter: 901-755-4740.

### PLANNING AHEAD:

**Jan 5** Herb Parsons Lake, Fisherville, TN. Hike begins at 9:45 am CST at the lake. Carpool meets at 9:00 am at the soccer field on Walnut Grove Road (located on the south side of Walnut Grove, west of the traffic light at Farm Road). Bring lunch and water, and join the fun for this easy 6-mile walk around the lake. For information call Freddi Felt at 901-685-9915.

## MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

Fount Bertram 615-765-5357 fwbertram@hotmail.com

### HIKE COORDINATOR:

 (Call Brent & volunteer to lead a hike)

Brent Morris 931-728-8191 bmmorris@edge.net

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

**Dec 11 HOLIDAY PARTY & MEETING.** We'll meet at James Herring's house at 7pm CST. Bring your favorite food to share and ideas about when and where you want to hike. We'll be planning our hikes for the first part of 2002. For more details or directions to this event, call James Herring: 615-896-4356.

**Dec 15 Annual Holiday Season Hike** to the Great Stone Door Overlook and Greeter Falls, South Cumberland State Recreation Area. Beersheba Springs, TN. These are short and easy hikes. We'll meet 8:30am CST, and arrange carpools, at the Murfreesboro Cracker Barrel on HWY 231 at I-24. We'll have a late lunch at Davy Crockett's Roadhouse in Manchester. For more information and to register, call Fount Bertram: 615-765-5357, or email him: [fwbertram@hotmail.com](mailto:fwbertram@hotmail.com)

# NASHVILLE CHAPTER

**CHAPTER OFFICER:** Dan Brennan 615-837-4324 osrwodan@aol.com

**HIKE COORDINATOR:** (Call Elizabeth & volunteer to lead a hike)  
Elizabeth Gerlock 615-356-6260 eygerlock@aol.com

**MEETS:** Holiday Party replaces this month's meeting. See Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> below.

**HIKING HOTLINE 615-367-7045**

**BEGINNER'S BACKPACK CLINIC.** You've conquered the finer points of dayhiking, and now you're ready to try backpacking. The Nashville chapter will present a Beginner's Backpacking Clinic in Spring 2002. Watch forthcoming newsletters for more details.

**DAN BRENNAN'S** home address has changed. Please make this change to your TTA Directory:

**627 Players Court, Nashville, TN 37211**

**Dec 1** Newcomers\* Hike, Radnor Lake State Natural Area. Nashville, TN. With the trees bare or almost bare, we will have views of the lake through most of our hike. The wildlife here is accustomed to seeing people and doesn't scare easily so there is a good possibility of seeing deer, owls, heron and the few ducks that make RLSNA their home. We will meet at 8:30 CST in the parking area of the park's visitors center for this 4-mile moderate hike by combining the Ganier Ridge, Lake, and South Cove trails. This park charges a daily use fee of \$3 per carload unless you have an annual day-use park pass. For additional information and to register, call Dan Brennan: 615-837-4324.

*\*Are you new to Nashville? Hiking? Interested in checking out a hiking club? Or, just want a gentler hike? This is the hike for you. Meet new, as well as seasoned hikers who also share your desire to be outdoors. You are encouraged to use this time to learn about hiking and TTA while enjoying the great outdoors with friendly people.*

**Dec 1** Grundy Forest Day Loop, Fiery Gizzard and Dog Hole Trails, Grundy Forest State Natural Area. Tracy City, TN. A combination of trails creates a loop approximately 8 miles in length and considered moderate to strenuous. The Fiery Gizzard trail is a rock-hop where you will be watching the placement of your feet each step of the way. Travel through this area will be slow, challenging and the strenuous portion of the trip. Our destination (and lunch) is Raven Point, which provides a panoramic view of the Fiery Gizzard Creek gorge. Hiking boots are required! Bring snacks, lunch and water. For additional information, meeting time and location, and to register, call Richard Horvath: 270-586-0178.

**Dec 2** Bearwaller Gap Hiking Trail. Carthage, TN. This is Corps of Engineers property where the trail follows the shoreline of the Cumberland River and provides many overlooks of Cordell Hull Lake and Dam. The views are dramatic and often wild turkeys and waterfowl can be seen. This is a one-way hike and requires a car shuttle between the Tater Knob Overlook and Defeated Creek Recreation Area. The trail is 5.7 miles and rated moderate for the several rolling hills we will climb. Hiking boots are a must. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We will meet 8am CST in the Kinko's parking area of the K-Mart on Donelson Pike (Exit 216C off of I-40). For additional information and to register, call Jim or Marietta Poteet: 615-824-7666.

**Dec 2** Pre-winter Hike in Beaman Park. Joelton, TN. Liz Garrigan is our hike leader through this gem of a park, that is still undeveloped, with many beautiful geological sights and yet so close to home. Beaman Park is not officially opened to the public. Use is by permit only, and space is limited. We will be meeting at 1pm CST, and at the time this newsletter was going to the printer, a meeting spot had not been determined. Therefore, when making your reservation with Nancy Dorman (615-299-9586), ask her for the meeting location.

**Dec 8** Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park. Chattanooga, TN. We'll hike a combination of 4 trails to make this hike a 12-miler. The terrain is rocky in some areas and hilly, therefore rated moderate and requires your wearing sturdy hiking boots. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We will meet in the Target parking lot on Bell Road/I-24. For additional information, meeting time and to register, call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.

**Dec 8** General Trail Maintenance and Workday ½ Day, Beaman Park. Joelton, TN. Calling all volunteers for a half-day of trail work, from 9a-12p CST, to help with widening, stabilizing and general sprucing up on this 2-mile segment of trail. Trail building/maintaining experience is not required - the work is not strenuous either, however IT IS VERY rewarding. If you haven't worked on a trail before, yet thought about trying it, this is a perfect opportunity! Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and bring work gloves, snacks and water. Hey, it's only a half a day of work. Volunteer by calling, Dave Walton: 615-646-5355.

**Dec 9** Sewanee Perimeter Trail, University of the South. Sewanee, TN. We will hike portions of the Sewanee Perimeter Trail beginning at the University View and Memorial Cross and connecting to the overlook at Green's View for a 6-8 mile hike. Wear sturdy boots, and bring lunch and water. We will meet at 8am CST in the Target parking lot on Bell Road at I-24 For additional information, call Doug Burroughs: 615-292-9307(hm), or 615-584-0085(cell).

**Dec 9** Edwin (possibly Percy) Warner Park, The Warner Parks. Nashville, TN. We have lots of options here. The plan is to hike 7 miles, however if the group is up to it, we can add more trails and turn this trip into a 9 or 12-mile hike. The terrain is hilly, therefore rated as moderate. Hiking boots with ankle support are recommended. Bring snacks, lunch and water. For meeting time and location, call Dan Brennan: 615-837-4324.

**Dec 9** Frosty Morn Hike, Beaman Park. Joelton, TN. Join Mary Theroux as she walks us through this beautiful metro park. Temperatures should be frosty, so dress warm. The hike begins at 9am CST. Beaman Park is not officially opened to the public. Use is by permit only, and space is limited. At the time this newsletter was going to the printer, a meeting spot had not been determined. Therefore, when making your reservation with Nancy Dorman (615-299-9586), ask her for the meeting location.

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## NASHVILLE (cont. from pg. 7)

**Dec 15** Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail, Ashland City, TN. Ever hiked on a trail that was originally an old railroad bed? This former railway corridor, once used by the Tennessee Central Railroad, is just a small segment of an ever-growing greenway corridor linking communities together. This segment follows a limestone bluff line along the Cumberland River - a great habitat for wildlife. Just 30 minutes from Nashville. The members of the Clarksville chapter will be joining us. (Outside of the Annual Meeting, this is a great opportunity to meet members we don't see very often.). We have the option to hike 4, 8 or 12 miles of this rail-trail, rated easy for its F-L-A-T terrain, or moderate if you go the 8 or 12 miles - due to the distance. Soft-sole shoes welcome. Bring snacks, lunch, and water. We'll meet at 8am CST and carpool from the Kroger parking lot on Charlotte Pike, one block west of Whitebridge Road (exit 204 off of I-40). For additional information, call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.

**Dec 15 HOLIDAY PARTY.** It's time again for our chapter Holiday Party!! In lieu of our monthly meeting, we will gather at 6:30pm CST at Jim and Marietta Poteet's house (324 Raintree Drive in Hendersonville). Please bring a potluck salad, entree, casserole, appetizer or dessert. Sodas are provided, and it's BYOB if you desire anything else to drink. Maps were distributed to those attending the Nov 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you weren't there and need directions, call Dan Brennan 615-837-4324, or Jim and Marietta: 615-824-7776. See you there!

**Dec 16** Gift-wrapping Station at REI, Brentwood, TN. It's a first! TTA will have a gift-wrapping booth in the REI store from 12-6pm. Ideally, we'd like at least one volunteer, for each hour, to work along side Diane Manas wrapping customers' gifts, and at the same time introducing them to TTA (we'll have brochures and newsletters). In exchange, we may get \$tips\$ ('tis the season to be generous), and whatever is donated, 100% goes to the Nashville chapter. We may even get a new member or two. Don't hesitate, call and volunteer for this truly unusual and fun way to fundraise while talking to prospective members. All materials will be provided. Call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.

**Dec 23** Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness Area. Sparta, TN. We'll hike a combination of trails to make this an 8 mile hike. We'll have several overlooks and pass by the Upper and Lower Polly Branch Falls. The terrain is hilly and rated as moderate. Sturdy hiking boots are required. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We will meet in the Kinko's parking area of the K-Mart on Donelson Pike (Exit 216C off of I-40). For additional information, meeting time and to register, call Diane Manas: 615-352-7777.

**Dec 29** Newcomers\* Hike. Shelby Bottoms Trail, Shelby Park. Nashville, TN. Join us for an introductory hike on Nashville's Greenway System. We will hike approximately 4 miles on the Shelby Bottoms Greenway. Since the Greenway is paved you can wear either tennis shoes or boots. Afterward we will go for coffee and snacks. Meet 9am CST at the trailhead at Shelby Park. For additional information, call Elizabeth Gerlock: 615-356-6260.

\* Newcomers Hike defined above, see Dec 1.

**Dec 30** Ganier Ridge and South Cove Trails, Radnor Lake State Natural Area. Nashville, TN. With the leaves off the trees, we should have excellent views of the lake. We may even see some wildlife. Seems they are so accustomed to seeing visitors, aren't afraid and won't run off very quickly. The hike is 4½ miles and rated moderate for a climb up each ridge. We will meet at 8:30am CST in the parking area of the park's visitors center. This park charges a daily use fee of \$3 per carload unless you have an annual day-use park pass. For additional information and to register, call Mary Beth Gardiner: 615 463-2932.

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

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**Nov 30-Dec 2** (Fri-Sun) South Cumberland State Recreation Area Carcamp, Backpack & Backcountry Cook-off. Monteagle, TN. Chris Fox is coordinating this weekend's events over Sat & Sun: a thru-hike (and backpack) of the Fiery Gizzard, followed by a backcountry cook-off contest. Because there are so many options and logistics, **EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER!** Chris' plan for the weekend is:

**On Fri eve**, the group will meet and carcamp at the Laurel Trails Campground (931-924-2738) in Monteagle. The fee to camp will be divided among those present.

**On Sat** morning, before the Fiery Gizzard thru-hike & backpack, we will need to set up a car shuttle. Our hike will then begin from the Grundy Forest SNA side. The Fiery Gizzard is 12½ miles and rated moderate for the most part, and difficult during the "Fiery Gizzard" segment (2.9 miles long), which begins around the 1½ mile mark (thankfully in the early part of the hike). After reaching Raven Point (at 4.4 miles), the trail flattens out and is pleasant over the next 5½ miles where we'll have our last steep descent and ascent of the day through the Laurel Branch Gorge (just a .3-mile stretch). Continuing .2 miles will bring us to our backcountry camp and cook-off site at the Small Wilds Back Country Camping Area.

**On Sun** we'll backpack out the remaining 2.2 miles to the Foster Falls parking area and do the car shuttle thing.

Everyone is invited to participate in the backcountry cook-off even if you did not hike the entire Fiery Gizzard trail. Chris has arranged for a volunteer to lead folks into the Small Wilds Back Country Camping Area from the Foster Falls side (it's only a 2.2-mile hike in).

**COOK-OFF RULES:** Time to show off your "back country" culinary talents. There is no fee to enter. You just need to make enough to share with the judge(s) and others competing. All ingredients have to be within the realm of "backpacked" in. No coolers, propane grills or MREs!

Whatever level of participation you choose, **YOU MUST REGISTER!** (Everyone is responsible for his/her own camping equipment, food and transportation to the park. Carpooling is an option.) Call Chris Fox to obtain meeting times, etc.: 731-586-4744, or email him: [towndawg@hotmail.com](mailto:towndawg@hotmail.com) Chris' website also contains some information:

<http://members.tripod.com/towndawg/cookoff.htm>

### TRIP REPORT:

Part of the lure of the River-to-River Trail through the Shawnee National Forest, in Southern Illinois, is the opportunity to visit scenic areas off-trail. One of these areas is Jackson Hollow near Ozark, Illinois. On Oct. 27, nine TTA members, six from the Northwest chapter and three from the Memphis chapter hiked the route through Jackson Hollow. We were treated to waterfalls, towering bluffs, fall color and the chance to explore an ecological area (very similar to Colditz Cove in Allardt, TN, however about 4 times larger).

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## NORTHWEST (cont. from pg 8)

For those who've never been to Southern Illinois, this region is a true surprise. There is a band of rock houses, bluffs and streams that cross the entire state from East to West. We were walking in a hollow formed by Little Bay Creek eroding through the sandstone and limestone. Since our route was, for the most part, unmarked, the rule was "keep the bluffs on your right, and you will make one large loop exiting through the same crack in the rocks through which you entered." (This advice was from John O'Dell, founder of the River to River Trail Society.) We followed this strategy, hugging the bluffs, stepping over boulders and winding our way around the numerous gaps in the bluffs. The route crossed over the Illinois Central railroad track then continued for another 4-5 miles before looping back on a grand route (we didn't follow this segment). We journeyed into a box canyon with a small waterfall at its end where we had lunch beside a small stream. Returning the way we came, we ambled down the track again to the point where the trail descends to and crosses a juncture of two streams. From here back it was "keep the rocks on your right" until we reached the opening through which we descended.

The day was one of those glorious days in autumn where the sky is crystal clear and the leaves look gold in the weak light -- no time to be in a football stadium.

Participants: Sandy Davis, Vivian Norwood, Anna Clark, Amy Kaiser, Nancy Warren, Carolyn Pierce, Margaret Dixon, and Woody Pierce. *Submitted by Jim Clark.*

## PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

### CHAPTER OFFICER:

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MEETS: Replaced by Dec 13 Holiday Party. See below.

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

**Dec 8** Stone Door to Ranger Falls, South Cumberland State Recreation Area. Beersheba Springs, TN. Come explore the "Stone Door" on this 6-mile outing. The terrain is rated as difficult due to the many rocks, covered by fallen leaves, we walk (stumble) over. Bring lunch and plenty of water. We will meet at 7am CST at the Cumberland Mtn. State Park visitors center. For additional information and to register, call Gene & Myra Holloway: 931-788-1724.

**Dec 13 HOLIDAY PARTY.** (Replaces our monthly meeting.) Bring your appetite, a potluck dish and gift (don't forget the gift exchange!) as we gather for socializing, eating and merriment, at the home of Sandra and Bill Haynes (1026 Holiday Dr., Crossville) for our Annual Holiday Party. Festivities start at 6pm CST. For directions, call Bill or Sandra: 931-707-7606.

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**Dec 8** Bobby Felton will lead a hike on Milksick Mountain behind his home in Sparta, TN. It will be a 6-7 mile hike, rated moderate, with a 100-ft elevation climb toward the end of the hike. Bring your lunch, snacks, water and wear hiking boots. There will be finger food furnished at the end of the hike. There are two locations to pick up a carpool. The first one meets at 8:30am CST at Penney's in Cookeville. The second meets at 9am CST at First Star Bank in Sparta, across from McDonalds on Highway 111. For additional information, call Marnell Cothran: 931-738-5874.

**Dec 13** (Thu) **HOLIDAY PARTY.** Date and location are subject to change. Please contact our host, Barbara Phifer, earlier in the week to confirm we're still on. (Barbara has two very seriously ill relatives and may have to cancel.) Bring a dish to share - the meat and drinks will be furnished through chapter funds. Barbara also knows a family with five boys, and a father unable to work due to a recent injury, that could use a little help this holiday season. If you would like to bring them a gift (OPTIONAL, not required!), the boys range in age from 4-10, it would make their holiday a little brighter. For additional information and to reconfirm the party's date, call Barbara Phifer: 931-537-6852.

### HIKE REPORTS:

On Oct 27, ten of us hiked the South Old Mac Trail at Frozen Head State Park, near Wartburg, TN. The trail seemed more difficult than the "moderate" rating described in the book. As we ascended, the temperature became unbelievably cold. Some were prepared for it, and others were quite uncomfortable. It was a valuable lesson in always being prepared for changing weather conditions.

Two spontaneous hikes were taken in the Bridgestone/Firestone Centennial Wilderness to take advantage of the marvelous fall weather.

On Nov 10, thirteen of us hiked the ten-mile Hidden Passage Trail in Pickett State Park, near Jamestown, TN. We enjoyed getting acquainted with two visitors from Kentucky and one from Manchester and hope they hike with us again soon. Everyone was in awe of the wonderful rock formations and the ever-changing foliage. Many of us munched on beautiful red teaberries. The weather was just perfect. This is definitely a do it again, and again, hike.

The Cumberland Trail  
Land Acquisition Campaign  
is currently underway.  
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the land needed  
to complete this  
"trail of dreams."  
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## HIKE AGAINST HUNGER ON THE CUMBERLAND TRAIL OCT. 27, 2001

Chattanoogaans are a "hardy and hearty" bunch of folks. Hardy because 180 people showed up to hike the Cumberland Trail in sub-freezing temperatures on Saturday morning, Oct. 27! And "hearty" because hikers demonstrated their compassion and generosity by filling several barrels with food and paying hike registration fees to raise money for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Thanks to Sam Powell, CTC Chairman, Bill Fronk, and members of the Chattanooga Hiking Club for building new trails on Shackleford Ridge to provide additional access trails to Edwards Point Overlook on the CT. You can now get to Edwards Point Overlook on the Cumberland Trail via a 3.4 mile (6.8 miles roundtrip), easy walk through Shackleford Ridge Park and Prentice Cooper State Forest. For maps and info on the new trails, contact Sam Powell: 423-886-2689, or by email: SPEPWNHLUK@aol.com

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Program Coordinator

Cumberland Trail Conference  
Immediate F/T Job Opening  
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## *Pathways for People. . . People for Nature* TTA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thought you'd like to know that the Nashville Chapter, which was the first TTA Chapter to kickoff their membership campaign for the Cumberland Trail, has already exceeded the One Mile Club level in the first month! Their Chapter total stands at \$12,270 from 20 members. The Chapter has approx. 325 members so it appears the Nashville Chapter will end up sponsoring several miles of the Cumberland Trail (\$10,000 per mile). Way to go, Nashville!

Murfreesboro, Clarksville, Cove Lake, and Memphis are working on their chapter campaigns in November so be thinking about your gift. East Tennessee, Columbia, Big South Fork, and Northwest are not far behind. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our first bill for land acquisition comes due Dec. 15, 2001, for \$1.2 million. This is to purchase 5,000 acres (30 trail miles) for the Cumberland Trail in Hamilton County. Our goal to have cash and/or pledges in hand to complete the TTA Membership Campaign is Dec. 31. We are working hard on foundation and corporate grants, with two dozen proposals under consideration, but the key to the success of this campaign will be individuals like you. The Conservation Fund has demonstrated their faith in TTA and CTC by agreeing to cover whatever funding we lack by Dec. 15, so let's put our money where our feet are - on the trail!

# TENNESSEE RAILS-TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

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## RAILS-TO-TRAILS BUILDING MOMENTUM

Good news from one of our railtrail projects in Tennessee! The Ashland City trail group just got a \$250,000 enhancements grant from the State TEA-21 money to extend the Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail into Ashland City. This extension will greatly improve the popularity and access to the trail from the neighborhoods in Ashland City. When finished, children and senior adults and others can safely access the trail without have to drive to it on a busy highway. This extension will also mean that visitors to the trail can have easy access to the support businesses in Ashland City such as restaurants and bike rental shops.

Good news also from one of our future railtrail projects in Tennessee! A group of about 15 supporters met at the historic Etowah train station on November 9 to learn about the possibilities of the 47-mile Etowah to Ducktown corridor becoming a Tennessee trail. Right now, the development officials in the southeast Tennessee three-county area are still exploring the feasibility of an operating railroad that might include freight traffic, scenic excursion trips, or a combination of rail and trail. TRAC is closely watching the situation so that if the trail is the best option, we can help the citizens of this area develop the trail. With one 27-mile stretch that has no crossroads, this magnificent non-motorized trail opportunity follows the Hiwassee gorge through isolated backwoods complete with an endangered flower species and a double-back trail loop. If you would like to voice your support of the trail option, you can write the manager of the Cherokee National Forest . . . (cont. → → →)

## IN TENNESSEE

(cont. → → →) . . . and tell her of your interest and your willingness to help save this beautiful and historic corridor. She can be reached at:

Ann Zimmerman  
Cherokee National Forest  
P.O. Box 2010  
Cleveland, TN 37320

TRAC is holding another statewide meeting Sat. Jan. 12 at 10am CST in Jasper, TN, a central point for our 3 current trail projects. E-mail Jim Deming ([jdeming49@aol.com](mailto:jdeming49@aol.com)) for meeting info or call Christie Neidich (423-942-0865) in Sequatchie for directions. Watch for the Jan. newsletter for more information and an update on progress. Happy Trails!

Jim Deming, Chair  
Tennessee Rails-to-Trails Advisory Committee

**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.

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# ADOPT-A-TRAIL NEWS

## ADOPT-A-TRAIL OFFICER:

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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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cumberland Trail Conference  
 Immediate F/T Job Opening

### Program Coordinator

Help develop the Cumberland Trail State Park. Provide organization and leadership to CTC's non-profit Volunteer Trail Building & Educational Programs. Must have transportation. Position based in Crossville, TN. For more information or to schedule an interview, call the CTC office: 931-456-6259. For a complete job description, visit our webpage: [www.cumberlandtrail.org/jobs.htm](http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/jobs.htm)

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When you become a TTA member, you will receive TTA's Hiking Handbook, a reference book containing information about TTA, trail etiquette, hiker responsibilities, etc. In addition, you will receive our 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.**