

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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TTA's Annual Meeting November 14-16, 2003 Townsend, TN

Hope you've cleared your calendar and have plans to join the rest of Tennessee Trails Association members (and friends) in Townsend, TN, for the upcoming Annual Meeting, Nov 14-16. Townsend, known as "the peaceful side of the Smokies," is on the northwestern edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and within 7 miles of Cades Cove. With the Smokies providing the backdrop to our fun-filled weekend of activities, you can sure bet there will be lots of great hiking choices.

At the time this newsletter was going to the printer the following information was available:

- ❖ Meeting Location & Lodging: Best Western Valley View Lodge & Conference Center. Room reservations can be made directly to the Best Western (865-448-2237 or 800-292-4844). A block of 60 rooms are available on a first come, first served basis. Please reference TTA when phoning. Rates: single-\$50/night; double-\$50/night; fireplace-\$60/night; suite-\$85/night.
- ❖ Tent/Trailer Camping – TBA in October's newsletter.
- ❖ Meals Options (breakfast, lunch & dinner) – TBA in October's newsletter.
- ❖ Hikes – several offered each day. Trails on the list so far are Rich Mtn. Loop, Ace Gap, Finley Cane, Bote Mtn., Middle Prong and the Alcoa/Maryville Greenway.
- ❖ Auction – each chapter has volunteered to bring at least 5 items to be part of the live and/or silent auction. See your chapter officer for more information.
- ❖ Entertainment - TBA in October's newsletter.

The Big South Fork, Cove Lake and East Tennessee chapters are hosting this year's meeting. More details will appear in the October newsletter (and on our website).

2nd Southeast Regional Foot Trails Coalition Conference

Connecting People & Places Along Southeastern Foot Trails

**October 17 - 19
Monteagle, TN.**

Join us October 17-19 for the 2nd Southeast Regional Foot Trails Coalition (SRFTC) conference at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. Notable speakers, hikes and educational opportunities will abound as well as the chance to form friendships while networking with people who are dedicated to preserving our wilderness areas and developing a system of hiking trails throughout the Southeast.

Still undecided about participating? For a complete schedule of activities, educational sessions, entertainment and a registration form, visit American Hiking Society's website (www.americanhiking.org/alliance/registration.htm). This is a very important meeting for the future of foot trails in the Southeast and will be a very informative, educational and fun event!

PLEASE NOTE: This conference is limited to 250 attendees! With 50 different organizations participating, each has been allocated 4 spaces, leaving 50 spaces up for grabs – now! After September 17, any spaces not reserved by these organizations will be released to anyone on a first come, first served basis. So, if you want to be assured of getting in, it is advised that you submit your reservation ASAP! (cont. on pg. 3)

National Public Lands Day Sixth Year TTA Participates Three Projects Need Your Help September 20

In years past we have volunteered on National Public Lands Day (NPLD) exclusively in Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, which we will do again this year, however, this year we've added two trail projects - Short Springs State Natural Area and Edgar Evins State Park - to allow volunteers choices. All three parks **REALLY** need our help! Projects planned in each involve general trail maintenance work, such as clearing debris from the trail, re-cutting trail tread to smooth out the uneven areas, trash removal and trail blazing.

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CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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... We're Just Days Away ...

CTC's 4th Annual Trail Training Workshop September 5-7, 2003



The Cumberland Trail in the Rock, Possum, & Soddy Gorges of northwest Hamilton County will provide the backdrop for two days of education and fun on trail building and leadership skills. The program will focus on "hands on" trail building techniques and include teaching the trail "experience." Participants will learn trail layout and design, switchback design, "treaded" side-hill cutting and erosion techniques (using wood and rock water bars), the creativity process for building rock steps, trail blazing, pole bridges, and much more. In addition to these basic and advanced trail building skills, participants will receive basic first-aid training.

All training provided by Cumberland Trail Conference's experienced "Wagonmasters" in both a limited classroom setting and day and a half of hands-on working sessions on the Rock Creek segment of the Cumberland Trail. The "Wagonmasters" will also provide training in trail leadership, teambuilding, supervisory and work planning skills.

**Late registration is currently underway.
Don't Delay Another Minute !
Call the CTC Office Today !!
931-456-6259**

Cumberland Trail Programs & Outings

Sep 5-7 (Fri-Sun) Trail Training Workshop. Learn basic and advanced trail construction, and organizational skills used to build the Cumberland Trail. (See announcement on the left.)

Sep 18-21 (Thu-Sun) Soddy Creek Gorge (BackCountry Outing). A BackCountry Outing combines the enjoyment of backpacking with that of trail building. Basically, we backpack and set up a base camp in the area we will be doing trail work. Jim Schroeder will lead this outing into the Soddy Creek Gorge to continue the construction that was started during this past summer's the Big Dig. This is a beautiful area with great places to camp. To register, call Jim at 615-896-3023.

Sep 21-26 (Sun-Fri) American Hiking Society Vacation. Join us as we work with a group from AHS to continue construction on the Rock, Possum, and Soddy Daisy segment. There will be AHS members from across the nation coming to help build the Cumberland Trail. Please join us for as many days as you can to welcome them to this area. We will be camping at Possum Creek Campground in Soddy Daisy.

**To Volunteer, Call Mark Stanfill
931-456-6259.**

Concrete Industry Association to Provide Improvements for TN State Parks

Partners for Pathways, a new partnership between the Tennessee Ready Mixed Concrete Association (TRMCA) and the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation (The Foundation) will provide Tennessee State Parks with enhancements such as picnic pavilions, boardwalks and piers, campground paths, trailhead parking and disability-accessible scenic overlooks.

Partners for Pathways will provide grants worth a total of \$15,000 per year plus administrative funding, with the average grant ranging from \$200 to \$1000-plus per project. The Foundation will administer the grant program and TRMCA and its member companies statewide will provide funding, concrete and skilled labor. Non-profit organizations as well as Tennessee State Parks are eligible for grants, but projects must be built inside state parks.

For information about applying for *Partners for Pathways* grants, call Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation at 615-386-3171.

Partners for Pathways is modeled after State Park Connections, a foundation program that has provided more than 80 small grants in the past four years to support enhancements such as trail repair, bridges, purchase of canoes and park signage.

TTA's Calendar

The following dates in 2003 refer to statewide activities involving TTA as a whole. Please refer to this calendar often to prevent scheduling conflicts or to volunteer to get involved with major activities planned (i.e., TTA's Annual Meeting, etc.).

Sep 20 National Public Lands Day
Oct 17-20 Southeast Foot Trails Mtg (Monteagle)
Nov 14-16 TTA Annual Meeting - Great Smoky
Mtns. National Park (Townsend, TN)

*Calendar will be revised as needed.

Southeast Foot Trails Conference (cont. from pg. 1)

TTA is co-sponsoring this event with American Hiking Society (AHS) and the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program. Fount Bertram, TTA's Vice-President, has volunteered to assist AHS and the DuBose Conference Center with the site set-up, leading hikes and beverage concessions. TTA members are encouraged to attend, get involved and is seeking volunteers to help with leading hikes (on Friday afternoon to Bridal Veil Falls, and on Saturday afternoon, Savage Gulf Day Loop & Sewanee Perimeter Trail) and sales at the beverage concession booth (beer, wine, wine coolers, soft drinks and bottled water – like we had at the Annual Meeting last Nov. at Fall Creek Falls State Park). **PLUS**, 100% of the sales goes to TTA! Beverage donations will be gracefully accepted and greatly appreciated. Volunteers, please contact Fount Bertram **A.S.A.P.** at 615-765-5357 or fwbertram@heartoftn.net .

National Public Lands Day (cont. from pg. 1)

Please pre-register so we can get an accurate head count of the tools (some tools will be provided) and supplies that will be needed by contacting the point person below. You are welcome to bring your own tools, and it's recommended that you call first to see what tools are needed (fire rakes, loppers, handsaws, etc.). Also, wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and bring work gloves, water, lunch and snacks.

NPLD is the largest volunteer, hands-on effort of its kind in the country. It is organized by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation and sponsored by Toyota.

On NPLD, the following three projects need your help:

1) At Big South Fork NRRRA . . .

For the last 5 years, TTA has identified and provided trail maintenance projects to various areas of the Big South Fork NRRRA in support of NPLD. This year we will be working in the Bandy Creek area, with the help and supervision of the park's staff. Depending on the availability of volunteers and park personnel, activities may include:

- re-building a fence at a historic home site.
- build a retaining wall on washed out trail.
- refurbishment of bridges on the trails.
- vegetation removal from trails.

We will meet at 9:00am ET at Bandy Creek Visitor's Center in the Big South Fork NRRRA, between Oneida and Jamestown. Bring lunch and water. We plan on working until mid-afternoon (3:00-ish). For more information and to volunteer, contact Harold Draper at 865-689-7757 or h.m.draper@att.net .

2) At Edgar Evins State Park . . .

Work with members of the newly formed Friends of Edgar Evins State Park group. Together, we will be working on refurbishing, repairing and beautifying the trails that TTA volunteers so lovingly created over the last five years. It promises to be a fun time with free camping provided on Fri. & Sat. nights, and a cookout, campfire, bluegrass and story telling on Sat. evening. We hope to have some door prizes and other goodies as well.

The National Public Lands Day Foundation has sanctioned this event, and all participants will receive an attractive certificate. For more information and to volunteer, contact Fount Bertram at 615-765-5357 or fwbertram@heartoftn.net .

Evan Means Small Grants Program Request Deadline Dec 31, 2003

In February 2004, TTA's Board of Directors will award small grants memorializing 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, 2003.

All chapters are encouraged to look within their local area, identify a special trail or park project, request and submit a formal grant application for the February 2004 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.

3) At Short Springs State Natural Area . .

At Short Springs SNA, we will be working on refurbishing, repairing and clearing the trails of any trash/debris we see along the way. For meeting time, directions and to volunteer, call Doug Ratliff at 931-455-0249.

**On National Public
Lands Day,
YOU! Can
Make A Difference,
Give Back, By Volunteering!**

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OUTINGS COORDINATOR

(Call & volunteer to lead an outing.)

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Sep 4-5 (Thu-Fri) Max Patch section of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Hot Springs, NC. Barbara Stagg has reserved Sterchi Lodge (a rustic mountaintop retreat with bunk beds, modern bath, shower and kitchen facilities plus wonderful deck views) for up to 25 people for Thursday night. Cost will average around \$15-22 per person for lodging depending upon numbers. Bring food to share for the Thursday night potluck, plus choice of breakfast foods and trail lunch. On Fri., Barbara will lead a hike several miles in length over the Max Patch section of the A.T., which traverses an open bald with spectacular panoramic views. If time allows, we may do a short hike, or just relax/visit at the lodge before departing (i.e., late check-out is 2:00pm ET). For more information and to register, contact Barbara Stagg at rugbytn@highland.net or 423-628-2449.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Sep 6 Slide Presentation & Potluck Dinner. Julian Bankston will talk about the forests and countryside of Romania, where he spent a month this summer. Bring a potluck salad, casserole or dessert to share. We'll see you at 7:00pm ET at Rugby Community Building, in Rugby.

PLANNING AHEAD:

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Attention: Hike Coordinators (aka Hike Leaders)

A TTA Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement form (aka "Liability Waiver") must be signed by everyone before you start your hike or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our web site: www.tennessee-trails.org/release.php

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OUTINGS COORDINATORS

(Call & volunteer to lead an outing.)

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MEETS MONTHLY - 3rd Tuesday at 7pm CT

Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

CHAPTER NEWS: A very special **Thank You** to all of the hike leaders, and everyone who assists with our program! We always appreciate all of the work and time you put into leading our hikes and activities. We have a wonderful time due to your preparedness, consideration and effort. Keep up the great work! Hikers, please remember to call ahead and let the hike leader know that you will be joining them. It's really helpful in planning the hikes, carpools, etc.

Sep 6 Fall Creek Falls State Park. Spencer, TN. We will hike about 4 miles through the woods and over a swinging bridge near the Nature Center. You can expect to see spectacular views of Fall Creek Falls as well as Cane Creek Falls and Cascade. We'll walk down to the bottom of Fall Creek Falls and perhaps take another more difficult trail, the Cable Trail, if everyone is interested. Due to hills and the stairs down an up to the falls, this outing is rated moderate. The Cable Trail is rated difficult due to the climbing and rock scrambling. For information and to register, call Sandi Hamilton at 931-920-2760.

Sep 13 Hike & Picnic, Rotary Park. Clarksville, TN. Rotary Park, "the best kept secret in Clarksville" is a 100-acre nature park with over five miles of hiking trails and very close to home. We will hike only three miles over terrain rated moderate for the uneven and slightly hilly terrain. Bring water and lunch (we'll have a picnic afterwards). For information and to register, call J.R. Tate at 931-920-2692.

Sep 13 North-South Trail, Land Between the Lakes. Dover, TN. Our chapter adopted an 8-mile section of the North-South Trail, and we need to hike it and perhaps do a little trail maintenance. This 8-mile section is the southernmost part of the North-South Trail, and the terrain is rated easy. For information and to register, call either Suva Bastin (931-645-2849) or Sandi Hamilton (931-920-2760).

Sep 16 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Matt Edwards from Land Between the Lakes will be discussing the trails in the area as well as what's new. Lots in store! See you at 7:00pm CT at the Crow Community Center (next to Clarksville High School).

Sep 20 Meriwether Lewis Monument & Devil's Backbone State Natural Area. Hohenwald, TN. This outing will cover about 6 miles of trail that are rated moderate due to uneven and slightly hilly terrain. We will drive down the beautiful Natchez Trace to reach these areas. For information and to register, call Suva Bastin at 931-645-2849.

Sep 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Backpacking Collins Gulf Trail, South Cumberland Recreation Area. Gruetli-Laager, TN. Over the course of two days, we will cover about 10 miles. On Sat. night we will camp at Sawmill campground. For information and to register, call Bill Hamilton at 931-920-2760.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Oct 4-5 (Sat-Sun) 12th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival & Weigh-off. Allardt, TN. This is something new for us! Come join in the fun of this annual festival. We will car camp in nearby Pickett State Park, which provides us several options for hiking. For information and to register, call Suva Bastin at 931-645-2849.

Two New Railtrail Possibilities

Submitted by Jim Deming

Two corridors in east Tennessee have recently been identified by local supporters as having railtrail potential. The first corridor involves the town of Cumberland Gap in Claiborne County near the TN-KY border. The town has voted to create a railtrail south from the town to the tunnel separating it from the city of Harrogate. The tunnel is owned by the Cumberland Gap Historical Park and has already been renovated. The city of Harrogate currently runs a trail along the old railroad bed to the Lincoln Memorial University campus where it joins a number of walking trails. Eventually, the railtrail may be extended to the Sewanee Depot and even to the Virginia border.

The second corridor under consideration is in Anderson County at Briceville. The Coal Creek Watershed Foundation is working with local citizens to assess the potential use of the corridor as an 8-mile trail or possible rail-with-trail excursion train route, especially because heavy truck traffic makes the local highways dangerous for recreation for local children. If you would like to volunteer to help work on either of these corridors, please e-mail Jim Deming (jdeming49@aol.com) and he will put you in touch with local enthusiasts.

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(Call & volunteer to lead an outing.)

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MEETS MONTHLY - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 CT

6:30pm CT, Grand China Buffet

(North of Spring Hill)

Sep 2 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Please join us for a meal followed by a planning session to outline all of the fall hikes and programs for the monthly meetings. We need ALL members to attend, and new members are always welcome. We'll see you at 6:30pm CT at Grand Buffet restaurant, on Hwy. 31, just north of Spring Hill.

Sep 27 Cardwell Mountain Trail, McMinnville, TN. This is a 5½-mile trail rated fairly strenuous because of rocks and several steep climbs. For information and to register, call Rick Lausten at 615-373-0029.

OUTING REPORT:

Although we didn't have any hikes planned for July, eight members gathered on July 19 to canoe 8 miles and enjoy the day on the Duck River. *Reported by Pam Frakes.*

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MEETS MONTHLY - 2nd Monday at 6pm ET

LaFollette Recreation Center's Craft Room

201 S. 9th St.

Each Wednesday, during Daylight Savings Time, Richard Helm will lead after-work hikes on different sections of the Cumberland Trail in our area. We will meet at 6:00pm ET at Eagle Market parking lot. Please register each week, since hikes are subject to change/cancellation, with Richard Helm at 865-426-4472 or rhelm@ahss.org.

Sep 8 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Richard Helm will be giving a special wildflower presentation on goldenrods. Become acquainted with many of the 15 different species which bloom right here in Campbell Co. (Crush the myth! They don't cause hay fever!) See you at 6:00pm ET at the Craft Room in the LaFollette Recreation Center, 201 South 9th Street.

Sep 20 Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN. Situated in a remote section of the upper Cumberland Mountains, the 17,372-acre Pickett State Park and Forest possess a combination of scenic, botanical and geological wonders found nowhere else in Tennessee. Of particular interest are the uncommon rock formations, natural bridges, numerous caves and remains of ancient Indian occupation. After a moderate hike on one or two of the lovely trails in the park, we will patronize Baccarras Restaurant (bring \$ to pay for your meal). We will meet to carpool from the Eagle Market at 9:00am ET. For information and to register, call Mari Haslam at 423-562-3227.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Oct 18 Fall Creek Falls with Ed & Mari Haslam, 423-562-3227.

Nov 2 House Mountain with Vance Lawson, 423-562-6856.

Nov 10 Planning session for 2004 hikes (monthly meeting).

Nov 14-16 (Fri-Sun) TTA's Annual Meeting is being hosted by the Big South Fork, Cove Lake, and East Tennessee Chapters. Your help is vital. If you have not volunteered for a committee, fear not, it's not too late. Please contact your Chapter Officer to get involved!

Nov 23 Cumberland Trail Smoky Mtn. segment with Richard Helm, 865-426-4472.

Dec 6 Pine Mtn. State Park with Gordon & Doris Early, 423-566-8319.

Dec 8 Holiday Potluck Dinner (& monthly meeting).

Dec 14 Cumberland Falls with Vance Lawson, 423-562-6856.

HIKE REPORTS:

On July 16, six of us met in the evening with mattock, clippers, and loppers to work on the LaFollette Nature Trail in downtown LaFollette. We cleared a nice section of this trail, which follows the bank of lovely Big Creek. It was a hot one, but we sweated it out and had a good time.

On the afternoon of July 19, another group of nine came out to walk the trail and explore the dense, farther reaches of this abandoned one and a half mile nature trail, which we are adopting as a renovation project. (Anyone wishing to volunteer, contact Richard Helm.)

CUMBERLAND GAP CHAPTER

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CHAPTER NEWS:

Due to busy schedules and prior commitments, we did not plan any meetings/outings for the month of September. Watch upcoming newsletters for future announcements and outings. Until then, you are always welcome to participate in any of our other chapter's (13 to choose from) outings, events and meetings.

EAST TN CHAPTER

(Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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Sep 20 National Public Lands Day at Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. Jamestown, TN. TTA will be participating in the 10th Annual National Public Lands Day. This year we will continue our work in Big South Fork, but at a new site - the Bandy Creek trailheads. For more information, see page 1 of this newsletter and/or contact Harold Draper at 865-689-7757 or *h.m.draper@att.net*.

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HIKE REPORT:

On June 14, despite forecasts of thunderstorms, we had a gorgeous day for the Injun Creek hike - a little overcast, 70 degrees. Three hikers showed up: Margaret, Bob and Jay. We hiked the Injun Creek Trail to backcountry campsite #39, where we took a little break and admired Margaret's new hydration thingy. After our break, we hiked the Grapevine Trail where Injun Creek intersects the trail and saw the old steam engine that gave the trail its name; early mapmakers mistook "engine" for "injun." All in all, it was a very nice hike. We didn't see any lions, tigers, or bears, but we did see a lot of old homesites and a couple of early settlers' cemeteries. *Submitted by Jay Ross* (Thanks Jay!)

Joining TTA as a New Member?

Membership Up For Renewal?

Your Generosity Benefits All

When you join or renew your Tennessee Trails membership, you have the opportunity to become a Supporting Member by donating a little (or a lot) above the regular dues. TTA recognizes the following Supporting Members for September 2003:

Hermes Rodriguez & Maria Perales - Nashville Chapter

In the past, Supporting Member donations in excess of the regular dues were allocated to TTA's general operating fund. At the November 2001 Annual Meeting, TTA's Board of Directors voted to allocate Supporting Member donations to the Evan Means Small Grants Fund. Your tax-deductible Supporting Member donations will now directly benefit trail projects throughout the state of Tennessee. We thank you all for your support of TTA at any membership level, but we hope you will enrich Tennessee's trail system by joining or renewing as a Supporting Member.

HIGHLAND RIM

CHAPTER

(Tullahoma Area)

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MEETS MONTHLY - 3rd Tuesday at 7pm CT

D.W. Wilson Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma

Sep 5 (Fri) Short Springs State Natural Area. Tullahoma, TN. Ellen Anderson and Joan Bentley will be leading a hike at Short Springs SNA - on a Friday! The hike will be approximately 3 miles long with a steep descent and ascent at one point. There may be some mud on the trail. Along the way, we'll pay a visit to Machine Falls. Bring snacks and water. For information and to register, contact either Joan Bentley (931-455-5849 / *bentley@edge.net*) or Ellen Anderson (931-454-1280 / *jdanders@edge.net*).

Sep 13 Franklin State Forest. Sewanee. TN. Franklin State Forest is on the Cumberland Plateau and located in Marion and Franklin Counties. We have several options for hiking in this area. Tom Pack Falls Loop (water falls, stream crossing, rhododendron thickets) is 1½ miles. The Sweden Cove Trail is about 6 miles each way with lots of overlooks dotting Sweden Cove. Both trails are rated moderate for the slight changes in elevation over rocky terrain. For information and to register, call Sharon Bell at 931-455-1652.

Sep 16 MONTHLY MEETING. Learn hiker safety tips; hear about past and upcoming hiking trips, and meet/greet members and friends. New hikers are always welcome! Lots in store! See you at 7:00pm CT at the D. W. Wilson Community Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Sep 20 National Public Lands Day at Short Springs State Natural Area. Tullahoma, TN. We will observe National Public Lands Day by doing some trail maintenance and trash pickup at the Short Springs State Natural Area. For meeting time/location, call Doug Ratliff at 931-455-0249. (See announcement on pg. 1.)

Tennessee Trails Association Turns 35 in December 2003

To mark this special year, a commemorative patch and t-shirt have been designed. To order yours, see the *Merchandise Order Form* on page 11.

Watch upcoming newsletters for a schedule of events planned.

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MEETS MONTHLY (Sept-May) - 3rd Thursday at 7pm CT
Germantown Library

Sep 18 **MONTHLY MEETING.** "Backyard Bird Habitat" Debbie Bruce, a Certified Birdfeeding Specialist, will introduce us to building and maintaining a successful backyard bird habitat. Debbie and husband Ben, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited stores in Memphis, love watching nature and of course birding. Their business focus is to bring people and nature together through its conservation fund by supporting wildlife refuges across North America. You won't want to miss this! 7:00pm CT, Germantown Library.

Sep 20 Village Creek State Park near Forrest City, AR. This is a 10-mile hike with an option to shorten it to a 5-mile hike. The trail is rated easy to moderate. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Carpoolers meet at 8:15am CT at Memphis Welcome Center on Riverside Drive or meet at the park's Visitor's Center at 9:30am. For information, call Freddi Felt at 901-685-9915.

Sep 27 Swamp Boardwalk. Rossville, TN. Join us for a social walk and lunch. Meet at the Swamp Boardwalk in Rossville at 11:00am CT for a 1-mile roundtrip walk. Bring water and binoculars. Afterwards, we will meet at a local restaurant for lunch, then drive over to LaGrange for a leisurely stroll back in time and view stately antebellum mansions from the town sidewalks. For information, call Norma McMinn at 901-785-1479. **DIRECTIONS:** Take Hwy 57 to Rossville and look for signage to boardwalk.

Oct 4 Mousetail Landing State Park. Parson, TN. Join us for an 8-mile hike through a scenic hardwood forest and have lunch on a limestone bluff overlooking the TN River. The trail is rated moderate with some steep and rugged hills. Carpoolers meet at 7:00am CT at Borders on Poplar or at the park's Visitor's Center at 9:30am. For information, call Anne Lindholm at 901-388-4123.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Sep 6 MS Annual Hummingbird Migration Celebration, Audubon Center Hummingbird Garden. Holly Springs, MS. One of the few places where so many hummers can be seen at one time. An air-conditioned viewing area with ample seating is provided. We will meet at the Center Building at 9:00am CT. For information and to register, call Betty Porter at 901-755-4740. For the schedule of activities, visit www.msaudubon.com/hummingbirdevent.htm

ATTENTION JACKSON HIKERS:

Sep 20 Montgomery Bell State Park. Burns, TN. Join us for a 4-5 mile hike rated moderate. Bring plenty of water and lunch. Meet at the Visitor's Center at 10:00am CT. Please pre-register by calling Ellen Volet at 731-427-3666. **DIRECTIONS FROM JACKSON:** Take I-40 East to Exit 182 (Fairview/Franklin Hwy. 96 Exit). Turn right (West) onto Highway 96. Stay on Highway 96 until it ends at Highway 70. Turn right (East) on Highway 70, off-ramp provided. Stay on Highway 70 approximately 3 miles. Park entrance is on the right in approx 10 miles.

Oct 4 Mousetail Landing State Park. Parson, TN. Join us for a 8-mile hike through a scenic hardwood forest and have lunch on a limestone bluff overlooking the TN River. The trail is rated moderate with some steep and rugged hills. Meet at the Visitor's Center 9:30am CT. This is a joint hike with the Memphis Chapter. To carpool and register, contact Ellen Volet at 731-427-3666

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Sep 6 Annual Hummingbird Migration Celebration. See information above "**OTHER ACTIVITIES.**" This is a joint event with the Memphis chapter. Please pre-register by calling Ellen Volet at 731-427-3666.

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OUTINGS COORDINATOR

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MEETS MONTHLY - 2nd Tuesday at 7pm CT

Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station

697 Barfield Rd., Murfreesboro

Sep 9 **MONTHLY MEETING.** Learn hiker safety tips; hear about past and upcoming hiking trips, and meet/greet members and friends. New hikers are always welcome! Lots in store! See you at 7:00pm CT at the Wilderness Station in Barfield Crescent Park.

Sep 20 National Public Lands Day at Edgar Evins State Park. Silver Point, TN. Join the members of the newly formed Friends Of Edgar Evins State Park for this fun/work weekend to observe NPLD. We will be doing maintenance work on the foot trail system that TTA volunteers put on the ground a couple of years ago. It promises to be a fun time with free camping on Fri. & Sat. nights, and a cookout, campfire, bluegrass and story telling on Sat. evening. We hope to have some door prizes and other goodies as well. The National Public Lands Day Foundation has sanctioned this event, and all participants will receive an attractive certificate. For more information and to volunteer, contact Fount Bertram at 615-765-5357 or fwbertram@heartoftn.net . (See announcement on pg. 1.)

Sep 27 Polly's Branch and Bee Branch Trails, Bridgestone Firestone Centennial Wilderness Area. Sparta, TN. This 10,000-acre natural treasure, donated to the State of Tennessee by Bridgestone/Firestone, includes over 12 miles of the Caney Fork River Gorge in White and Van Buren Counties. The area contains spectacular natural beauty of hardwood forests, wildlife, deep gorges, scenic overlooks, waterfalls, and wildflowers. We will hike about 3-6 miles over terrain rated moderate for uneven, somewhat rocky and hilly areas. Bring snacks, lunch and water. We will meet to carpool from Hardee's in Woodbury at 8:00am CT. For information and to register, contact Fount Bertram at 615-765-5357 or fwbertram@heartoftn.net .

PLANNING AHEAD:

Oct 3-5 (Fri-Sun) 12th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival & Weigh-off. Allardt, TN. We've had so much fun in the past, we're doing it again. We'll camp Fri. & Sat. night at Pickett State Park, which provides us several options for hiking. We'll spend most of Sat. at the Pumpkin Festival and we will have a float (again!) in the parade - you're invited to help decorate and march in the parade. We'll take a short hike in the area after the parade.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY - 4th Tuesday at 7pm CT

St. Bernard Academy Building, 2021 21st Ave South

HIKING HOTLINE - 615-367-7045

Sep 6 Bagel Hike at Percy Warner Park. Nashville, TN. First, we will hike the Mossy Ridge Trail (4½ miles, rated moderate due to elevation changes), and afterwards, we'll stop for a bagel and beverage at Bruegger's Bagel Bakery (at Hwy. 70/100 split). We will meet at 9:00am CT at the "Deep Well" parking area (stone arch entrance into the park on Hwy 100, about 1½ miles from the Hwy. 70/100 split). For information and to register, contact David Furse at 615-353-6435 or dfurse@comcast.net.

Sep 6 First Saturday Hike in Beaman Park. Joelton, TN. Join us as we explore one of Nashville's newer parks being developed by volunteers. Our hike will be from 9am until 12-noon CT on terrain rated easy to moderate. We will meet at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road. For information and to register, contact the Warner Park Nature Center at 615-299-9586.

Sep 7 Volunteer Trail, Long Hunter State Park. Hermitage, TN. We will enjoy views of Percy Priest Lake, mixed forests, and cedar glades on this one-way trail that follows the eastern shore of Percy Priest Lake to a primitive campsite. We will return on the same trail for a total of 12 miles with little elevation change. The hike is rated easy for the terrain but should be undertaken only by those who are comfortable hiking long distances. Bring lunch, snacks and water, and wear sturdy boots or comfortable shoes. WE will meet at 8:00am CT at the Park's Visitor's Center. Long Hunter charges a \$3/carload State Park Access Fee. If you don't already have your Annual State Park Pass, bring \$3 to pay the fee. For information and to register, contact Brian Dion at 615-331-7331 or Brian.Dion@state.tn.us.

Sep 13 Angel Falls and Grand Gap Loop Trails, Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. Jamestown, TN. We will begin at Leatherwood Ford in BSNRRA and hike to the Angel Falls Overlook, which provides a beautiful view of the South Fork of the Cumberland River. Angel Falls is actually a series of rapids. We will then hike the 6.8-mile Grand Gap Loop Trail with more views of the river and back to Leatherwood Ford trailhead for a total of 12.8 miles. For information and to register, call either Jim or Marietta Poteet at 615-824-7666.

**Are you new to Nashville? Hiking? Interested in checking out a hiking club? Or, just want a gentler hike? Consider the following two hikes. 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.*

Sep 20 Paw Paw, Woodland and Gorge Overlook Trails, Fall Creek Falls State Park. Pikeville, TN. This hike will cover a number of short loop trails in one of Tennessee's most popular and scenic state parks and a great outing for the beginning or intermediate hiker to try hiking a little longer distance. We will hike the Paw Paw, Woodland and Gorge Overlook trails for a distance of 6.5 miles. Each of these trails is level and rated easy. We have the option of doing an additional two short, but more difficult, hikes into and out of the gorges - one at Cane Creek Falls and the other at Fall Creek Falls. The gorge trails bring the total distance to about 8 miles. The trails are such that anyone can conveniently skip the gorge hikes. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring snacks and plenty of water. We will park and have lunch at the Nature Center so it is possible to bring lunch in a cooler. For information and to register, contact Andy Arbuckle at 615-331-7787 or andy.arbuckle@comcast.net.

Sep 21 Beginner's Hike at Edwin Warner Park. Nashville, TN. We will explore some of the trails and roads of the Edwin Warner section of Warner Park at a leisurely pace. Bring water, and wear boots or comfortable shoes. We will be meeting at the parking lot off Highway 100 (turn at the Nature Center sign but turn right into the parking lot instead of going to the Nature Center) For meeting time and to register, call Sue Waldrop at 615-662-7594.

Sep 23 MONTHLY MEETING. This time, it's an inside job, old home week, show and tell time for the homeboys and girls. In other words ... no guest speaker ... we'll celebrate some of our **own** recent trail experiences. What did you do on **your** summer vacation? Tell us about that most excellent adventure, that rare vista, that narrow escape. Stories from the inside! Bring a friend, lots in store! See you at 7:00pm CT in the Nature Conservancy Conference Room of the St. Bernard Academy Building at 2021 21st Ave. South.

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Don't Miss an Outing - Plan Ahead - Register Early!

There are times when a hike leader must limit (due to park regulations, etc.) the number of participants on an outing. Please do not wait until the afternoon or evening before the outing to RSVP.

Plan ahead and register early.

NASHVILLE (cont. from pg. 8)

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Sep 27 Newcomer's Hike at Garrison Creek Trail on the Natchez Trace. Nashville, TN. We will hike a 3.7-mile trail that takes us on a portion of the old Natchez Trace and crosses Garrison Creek. Since there is no bridge, wear shoes that you can wade in and an extra pair for after the hike. We will also stop at the impressive bridge over highway 96 and go to Leipers' Fork for lunch (bring \$ to pay for your meal). We will meet to carpool from Elmington Park, just off West End, at 9:00am CT. For information and to register, contact Elizabeth Gerlock at 615-356-6260 or eygerlock@aol.com.

Sep 27 Sewanee Perimeter Trail (selected sections). Sewanee, TN. We will begin hiking at the Greens View Overlook and connect with the Perimeter Trail at Shakerag Hollow. We will then follow the Perimeter Trail west, cross the plateau (passing by the Equestrian Center), then pick up the trail on the other side and follow it to the Memorial Cross. From the Cross, we will walk across the University of the South campus back to our cars for a total of approximately 9 miles. Special features of the hike include overlooks, waterfalls, and the University of the South campus. Bring lunch and water, and wear sturdy boots. After the hike, we will have the option of stopping at Shenanigan's to eat (bring \$). For information and to register, call Doug Burroughs at 615-587-0085.

Sep 28 Montgomery Bell Trail, Montgomery Bell State Park. Burns, TN. This trail follows the perimeter of the park and passes by several lakes, near several historic areas and crosses streams. The hike is 11½ miles and rated easy for the terrain, but moderate because of the distance. Bring snacks, lunch and water, and wear boots for stream crossings. We will meet to carpool from Kroger, on Charlotte Avenue near White Bridge Rd. at 8:00am CT. For information and to register, contact Brian Dion at 615-532-5756 or Brian.Dion@state.tn.us.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Sep 23 Pre-Monthly Meeting Dinner at Bosco's in Hillsboro Village, at 1805 21st Ave South. We will meet at 5:15pm CT, and depart for the meeting at 6:30pm. Questions? Contact Paul Smith at 615-832-9388, or paolov@bellsouth.net.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin & Weakley County)

CHAPTER OFFICER

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MEETS MONTHLY – usually the 2nd Thursday
Call for confirmation or visit our chapter website
Meetings start at 7:00pm CT
UT Martin Campus, Boling University Center
Room 231

WEBSITE - www.utm.edu/~jclark/trails/

Sep 9 (Tue) **MONTHLY MEETING**. In anticipation of the upcoming hike on September 13 at Fort Pillow, we have asked Civil War historian, David Coffey, to tell us of the battle of Fort Pillow. See you at 7:00pm CT, UT Martin Campus, Boling University Center, Room 231.

Sep 13 Fort Pillow State Park. Ripley, TN. Yes, the Northwest Chapter returns to the site for a hike for which one member was honored with the "Golden Squirrel Award" (for getting lost) 2000. Battling jabbering carpoolers and ending up in Jackson instead of Ripley, said leader managed to take a loop twice before Nancy Warren observed, "we're going in circles." Vowing "never again," we will take the 8-mile trail that goes along breastworks and provides wonderful views along the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. Nancy Warren, who has done this trail many times, will make sure we do not go astray (this time). The hike is rated moderate to easy with a few hills. Bring snacks, lunch and water. For carpool meeting time and location, and to register, contact Jim Clark at 731-587-2225 or jclark@utm.edu.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Oct 9 (Thu) **MONTHLY MEETING**. Program TBA.

Oct 11 Rim Rock/Pounds Hollow Loop, Shawnee National Forest. Southern Illinois. A beautiful trail atop a bluff features a Native American stone wall around 1,200 years old. At an overlook, wooden steps lead down through a rock crevice into Oxlot Cavern, where oxen were housed during logging operations in the early 1800s. Below the bluff line, a trail around Pounds Hollow Lake returns to the starting point. This should be spectacular in the early fall. Group and time permitting, we can visit the natural rock formations at Garden of the Gods upon returning. The trail is 5 miles and rated easy/moderate. Bring snacks, lunch and water. For carpool meeting time and location, and to register, contact Jim Clark at 731-587-2225 or jclark@utm.edu.

Nov 8 Big Hill Pond State Park. Pocahton, TN. See three states from the fire tower! Perhaps fall colors will still abound as we loop around the lake, descend through the rock bluffs from the base of the fire tower to the boardwalk across dismal swamp. The length of this loop trail is hard to estimate. We did it last spring in 4½ hours. Bring snacks, lunch and water. For carpool meeting time and location, and to register, contact Jim Clark at 731-587-2225 or jclark@utm.edu.

Jan 19, 2003 (Mon) Martin Luther King Day hike on the North-South Trail, Land Between the Lakes. Dover, TN. Last year we did an 8-mile section of this trail, and we'll continue from where we left off. When we're done, we'll have done the entire 65-mile trail! (But not today!) You can expect to see spectacular river views and rolling hills. Bring snacks, lunch and water. For carpool meeting time and location, and to register, contact Jim Clark at 731-587-2225 or jclark@utm.edu.

PLATEAU CHAPTER

(Crossville)

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MEETS MONTHLY - 2nd Thursday at 7pm CT

Art Circle Public Library's Community Room,
154 East 1st Street in Crossville

Sep 11 MONTHLY MEETING. Join us on a photographic tour of Peru. We'll go down the south coast along an impressively barren desert, up through some canyons with wonderful agricultural terraces, and into the highlands and Lake Titicaca, where there are lots of Inca and pre-Inca ruins. Pictures from the Machu Picchu area will be included. Our tour guides this evening are Joe Matlock and Rita Senko. See you at 7pm CT at the Community Room in the Art Circle Public Library in Crossville.

Sep 13 Pickett State Park. Jamestown, TN. We will explore the trails in this beautiful park by connecting the short trails located in the main area of the park. This includes the Bluff and Lake Trails, and of course the Hazard Cave and Natural Bridge Trails. By combining these hikes, the distance will be around 6 miles. The hike is rated moderate due to the length. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, and bring snacks and water. We will meet to carpool from the back parking lot of Cracker Barrel on Highway 127 at 8:00am CT. For information and to register, contact Carolyn Miller at 931-456-4465 or cardan@usit.net.

Sep 20 Cumberland Trail, Catoosa Wildlife Management Area. Crossville, TN. We'll hike a segment of the CT from the Devil's Breakfast Table to the Obed River junction, through the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area. The trail goes through the gorge created by Daddy's Creek with bluffs and rock shelters along the route. The hike is 7 miles and rated moderate to difficult due to the number of rock steps. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, and bring snacks and water. We will meet to carpool from the Dairy Queen/BP Gas station on Genesis Road in Crossville at 8:00am CT. For information and to register, please contact Jim McCullough at 931-484-8222 or sue1290@multipro.com.

THE "10* ESSENTIALS"

Before you head out on the trail, check your pack to be sure it contains the following items:

- whistle
- water
- hat/sunglasses
- food
- map
- 1st aid kit
- compass
- flashlight
- fire starter
- rain gear/extra clothing

Other considerations:

- leave someone a copy of your hiking plans
- hiking poles
- common sense

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

SODDY DAISY

CHAPTER

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CHAPTER NEWS:

Susan Turner recently accepted a wonderful opportunity to return to school to learn how to operate a semi-tractor trailer so she can team with her husband, Carl, who is also a driver. (Congrats!) Unfortunately, Susan won't have time to do the Chapter Officer duties; therefore, we are seeking someone to fill this vital position through the remainder of the year (and beyond). We (the Board of Directors) will give our assistance and support to the person(s) who steps forward. In the interim, you are welcome to attend any of our other chapter's (13 to choose from) outings, events and meetings.

UPPER CUMBERLAND

CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Sep 6 Pioneer and Byrd Creek Trails, Cumberland Mountain State Park. Crossville, TN. We will hike the Pioneer Trail, which circles Byrd Lake and is about 5 miles long. Then, we'll hike about 2 miles on the Byrd Creek Trail below the dam. Both trails are rated easy. We will meet to carpool from Penney's in Cookeville at 9:00am CT. For information and to register, contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

Sep 13 Mount Cammerer Trail, Great Smoky Mtns. National Park. We will hike from Cosby Campground to Low Gap and then follow the Appalachian Trail to Mount Cammerer Trail to the firetower at its end. The hike is 11 miles (roundtrip) and is rated strenuous because of the elevation change. Mount Cammerer is noted for having among the best views in the park and for the historic and unusual firetower. We will meet to carpool from Penny's in Cookeville at 6:30am CT. For information and to register, contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

Sep 27 Bearwaller Gap Trail, Cordell Hull Lake. The hike is about 6 miles and rated moderate for the several rolling hills we will climb. Bring snacks, lunch, water, and wear hiking boots. Because this is a one-way hike (not a loop), it is necessary to park cars at each end of the trail. We will meet to carpool from Penny's in Cookeville at 8:00am CT. For information and to register, contact Louise Miniard at 931-528-9115 or lminiard@flowserv.com.

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September 10	October 1
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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

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When you become a TTA member, you will receive: (1.) TTA's Hiking Handbook, a reference book containing information about TTA, trail etiquette, hiker responsibilities, etc. (2.) TTA's monthly newsletter, containing information on hiker safety, upcoming hikes / overnight trips, volunteer opportunities, chapter meeting announcements, as well as events occurring within TTA's Associate Organizations: C.T.C. and T.R.A.C. (3.) Annual Membership Directory, listing members by chapter and how to reach them. You are invited to attend any number of monthly meetings scheduled, where you will enjoy diverse programs, socializing and refreshments. In addition, in the 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.