

# 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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## The BIG DIG III May 22 - June 25

We will continue the outstanding progress made during Spring BreakAway as we gear up for BIG DIG or BIG DIG III. We will focus on the Soddy Creek Segment as well as small projects and maintenance in the Rock/Possum/Soddy Segment in north Hamilton County. If you are not familiar with the BIG DIG, this is a program designed for volunteers for most ages and is flexible to meet different schedules. We will be working seven days a week for five weeks. Housing and meals are furnished to volunteers at the Dogwood Lodge Church Camp. Each evening volunteers will have an opportunity to listen to local speakers or music for our educational programming.

### How can you help?

**Trail builders** – No experience required to come out and build trail. We will teach you!

**Staff Positions** - We hire a staff to lead teams of volunteers on the trail. They will teach and lead each day. If this interest you or if you know someone who might be, contact me and I will send you more information.

**Kitchen Crew** – The people in the kitchen cook and prepare food, do the grocery shopping, and make sure that there is enough food for everyone. Many of the same people that helped last year are back, but I'm sure your help will be needed. If interested, please contact Betty Porter at 901-755-4740 or email [tricia\\_elias@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia_elias@yahoo.com).

**Camp Help** – There will be food and materials to pick up, tools to be sharpened, & camp to be cleaned. Plenty to do!

**Basic Trail Maintenance** – If you like to be on the trail, but feel that trail construction is too much, then we need people to walk the trails in the area to run chainsaw, paint blazes, clip branches, pick up litter, and tell hikers about the Cumberland Trail! For more information or to sign up, go to the CT webpage.

Hope to see you there!

*(See Page 3 for Sign-up Form!)*

## Adopt-A-Trail: We Need Your Help

Due to our thrust to build new trail and the rash of storms over the last couple of years, trail maintenance on the Cumberland Trail has fallen behind in some areas. We need your help by adopting a segment of the Cumberland Trail. You can co-adopt with others if a favorite section is already adopted. Go to the Cumberland Trail webpage and see the Adopt a Trail page for a list of segments.

### What do you have to do?

- ✓ Walk the segment 3 or 4 times a year, especially in the spring.
- ✓ Do what maintenance you can. If you can run a chainsaw, great!
- ✓ Report to the office what you did and the condition of the trail.

Adoptees can be individuals, families, scouts, hiking groups, or church groups. For more information and to answer your questions, contact Mark Stanfill at [mark.stanfill@frontiernet.net](mailto:mark.stanfill@frontiernet.net).

**Reminder:**  
**TTA's Annual Meeting**  
**Oct. 14-16, 2005**  
**DuBose Conference Center**  
**Monteagle, Tennessee**  
**Watch for Details in Future Issues**

## *Walking with Fount*

Another very successful BreakAway has been concluded with college students from all over the country participating. I was able to visit at length with a lot of these young people and as always, came away reassured that we are not turning our country over to uninformed, irresponsible leaders. The insights they gave me as to how we can correct a lot of our major problems and improve on our basic structures were well thought out and realistic. It's exciting to think I worked with a couple of kids...a male and a female who have political plans...even possible presidential possibilities. As most of you know, I detest politics, but realize that to sit back and not make my views evident to those who make our laws is denying a part of the democratic process. I feel like I am spending way too much time at this sometimes, but to see that...in some cases...it does make a difference, makes the effort worth while. For the times I feel like I am butting my head against a brick wall...well...keep on trying. Even though it has been very evident for the last two decades that the American people don't want drilling in the ANWR, the big business interests managed a sneak attack and attached it to the budget legislation and got it passed in the Senate. Granted it was a slim majority...only 2 votes...but enough to encourage them to continue to influence government to consider only the "bottom line." The battle was lost, but not necessarily the war. If enough of us express our outrage at such conniving, we can reverse the outcome. Give it some serious thought and don't be bashful in contacting your elected officials.

Plans for constructing some hiking trails on the grounds of the Hermitage are progressing and we will be discussing the possibilities there in upcoming sessions. We will determine exactly what they have in mind and what they envision TTA's role to be. I have had some solid interest by our membership in the project and will pursue it with the management there.

I am also happy to report that plans for construction of hiking trails are progressing nicely at the Yanahli Wildlife Refuge along the Duck River in Maury County. Jim Schroeder reports that preliminary trails have been designed and flagged. He has been working with Forrest Evans and Brian Bowen from TDEC to work out some workable solutions to utilizing this fantastic section of Middle Tennessee with 35 miles of the Duck River included. I have started some preliminary plans for a possible National Public Lands Day project to help bring this to fruition. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a brand new system of hiking trails in Middle Tennessee?

My contacts in the Alabama Hiking Trails Society tell me there has been a good deal of work done at the Walls of Jericho by the Alabama Parks Department in improving the access trail to get to the Walls. For those of you that have been there...the long, steep, slick approach to the creek now has switchbacks to allow a much more dignified approach. I haven't had a chance to get down there, but I'm looking forward to that in the near future.

I hope a number of you have made plans to spend some time at the Big Dig III. We are making wonderful progress in the Gorgeous Gorges at Soddy Daisy and need to finish up there and move on to the other segments that need attention. I want all of you to see what has been accomplished there and the best way is to go and contribute some effort in completing it.

Prime hiking time is here and I hope to see a lot of you out on the trails enjoying all the wonders that Spring can deliver...see you there!

Happy Trails...

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## **2005 TTA Calendar**

The following dates in 2005 refer to statewide activities involving TTA as a whole. Please refer to this calendar often to help with planning a volunteer event in support of these major activities (and/or for preventing scheduling conflicts during one).

### **May 7**

Board of Directors' Meeting (Nashville)

### **May 23-Jun 25**

Cumberland Trail Conference's BIG DIG

### **Jun 4**

National Trails Day

(Theme: Take the Path to a Healthier You)

### **Aug 6**

Board of Directors' Meeting (Nashville)

### **Sep 24**

National Public Lands Day

### **Oct 14-16**

TTA's Annual Meeting (Monteagle, TN)

### **Oct 16**

Board of Directors' Meeting (Monteagle, TN)

*\*Calendar will be revised as needed.*

## **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.

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.

# CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

## CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE STAFF:

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## Sign Up for BIG DIG III!!

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can volunteer on the Following Trail Dates

Week 1 (May 22-28th): Sun\_\_\_\_ Mon\_\_\_\_ Tues\_\_\_\_ Wed\_\_\_\_ Thur\_\_\_\_ Fri\_\_\_\_ Sat\_\_\_\_

Week 2 (May 29-June 4th): Sun\_\_\_\_ Mon\_\_\_\_ Tues\_\_\_\_ Wed\_\_\_\_ Thur\_\_\_\_ Fri\_\_\_\_ Sat\_\_\_\_

Week 3 (June 6-June 11th): Sun\_\_\_\_ Mon\_\_\_\_ Tues\_\_\_\_ Wed\_\_\_\_ Thur\_\_\_\_ Fri\_\_\_\_ Sat\_\_\_\_

Week 4 (June 12-18th): Sun\_\_\_\_ Mon\_\_\_\_ Tues\_\_\_\_ Wed\_\_\_\_ Thur\_\_\_\_ Fri\_\_\_\_ Sat\_\_\_\_

Week 5 (June 20-25th): Sun\_\_\_\_ Mon\_\_\_\_ Tues\_\_\_\_ Wed\_\_\_\_ Thur\_\_\_\_ Fri\_\_\_\_ Sat\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*CAMP LODGING: CIRCLE those NIGHTS above where lodging is required (Sunday to Saturday).

Vegetarian meal preferred: Yes No

How can I help? (circle):

Trailbuilder\_\_\_\_Cook\_\_\_\_Sponsor BIG DIG \_\_\_\_ Donate  
Food/Materials\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in trail work before?: Yes No

I want to help donate food or materials (please  
list): \_\_\_\_\_

### Return Form to:

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For more information: 931-456-6259 or  
*cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com*

## Adopt-A-Food

Spring BreakAway saw much of our food inventory used so if you would like to help restock our inventor here is your chance to help out with the BIG DIG 3. We were able to cover much of the expense food through your contributions. If you can help with any of the needs below just let me know. If you would like to donate food or funds contact Betty Porter at 901-755-4740 or email *tricia\_elias@yahoo.com*.

### Lunch Items:

4 oz applesauce Cheese and Crackers  
4 or 8 oz canned fruit 4 oz puddings  
Peanut Butter and Crackers  
Peanut Butter and Jelly

### Bulk Items:

Ziplock sandwich bags Brown bags  
Napkins Boxes of cereal  
Coffee Potato Chips  
Drink Mix (lemonade or Kool-Aid)  
Snack foods

# Spring Breakaway 2005: How Sweet It Is!

The 10th Annual Spring Breakaway was a sweet success where we made great progress in completing more of the Rock/Possum/Soddy Gorge Segment in north Hamilton County. We had 20 colleges and universities, two high schools, and a “strong” 10-member Americorp team represented. There were over 200 students that participated during the 4-week program that was based at the Dogwood Camp in Soddy Daisy, TN. Many of our Wagonmasters and BIG DIG Staff returned to lead and teach the students as well as new volunteers that came out to see what Spring BreakAway was all about. With this Spring BreakAway program we now have 6 miles of trail added to the Cumberland Trail.

In Week 1, we saw one outstanding group from the University of Michigan. The cold and snowy week began in Rock Creek near Retro Hughes Rd. where participants built some great trail on the first day. Silver 2 team from Americorp joined in the fun on Tuesday when everyone hiked down into the gorge to finish sections of trail along the creek. By the end of the week with only a couple of sections that needed rockwork remaining, we were out of Rock Creek and into the Possum Creek Segment. Thanks goes to Cordell Hull State Park Manager Robyn Peeler for lending us their Americorp Team Gold 4 on Friday to work with Silver 2 and to enjoy the festivities that night.

Week 2 saw a big population jump with the arrival of Grand Valley State University, MI; Michigan State University, Grand Rapids Community College, MI; University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Washington University of St. Louis. There were also some local students from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville to help during their spring break. Students and volunteers went back into the Possum Creek Segment to complete trail in the area between Big and Little Possum Creeks. The trail work was easy at first but as they made progress into the gorge it became more technical. This enthusiastic bunch met the challenge and made great strides in building the trail. Silver 2 was able to go back into Rock Creek and finish the remaining rock sections. While they finished the rockwork, Sabrina, the Ditch Witch, was able to finish the flatter upper sections. The

Rock Creek trail is complete lacking a couple of ladders and the suspension bridge!

Week 3 saw the arrival of Keene State, NH; Hamilton College, NY; Western Illinois University, Transylvania University, KY; University of Miami, FL; Emory, GA; and University of North Carolina. They had a challenging week with mostly rocky sections remaining in Possum Creek, so progress was a little slower. Also, the weather reminded us that winter was still here when we saw the return of cold rain. The students and volunteers persevered and by the end of the week we, including Sabrina, were all in the Soddy Creek segment. Possum Creek is now open and hikeable with a few sections that will need additional work!

Our 4th and final week saw another large group of students from Florida International University, Frostburg State University, MD; St Norbert College, WI; St Benedict/St Johns University, MN, and a high school group from Camp Gray, MN. Students from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville representing Mike McKinneys geology class came out for a couple of days as well as some high school students from Chattanooga. The work continued in Soddy Creek Gorge Segment between Hotwater and Mulberry Rds. The students enjoyed the challenge of going up and down the rope through “the crack” each day to get to the trail. The weather turned out great with warm sunny days which made trail construction more enjoyable.

The CTC would like to thank the many TTA members who volunteered not only on the trail but also at the camp. Appreciate each chapter that donated food and funds that went into feeding and housing everyone. A Big Thank You and grateful appreciation to everyone who helped in the kitchen during BreakAway: **Betty Porter, Ray Haley, Anna Bertram, Ed Dippold, Grace Kintner (Faith’s sister), Sandra Spearman, Cheryl Owens, Buck Taylor, Carol Haley, and Patricia & Audria Elias!** As always the volunteers enjoyed much good food.

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## Don't Miss an Outing ... Plan Ahead, Register Early!

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

### BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

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**OUTINGS COORDINATOR:**

(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

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**May 7** Kentucky's Great Gulf, Natural Arch Scenic Area in Daniel Boone National Forest just north of Whitley City, KY. We'll start on the trail to the Arch, with good views of it, then branch onto the Buffalo Canyon Trail, then out on the Gulf Bottom Trail in the area called Great Gulf. The distance will be approximately 3.5 miles; terrain is mostly easy to moderate, with a couple steep areas. There'll be an approximately 2-mile car shuttle at end. Meet at the Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 8:45 am ET to carpool to the trail head, or at 9:15 at an Oneida location to be determined if needed. Bring trail lunch and water. Wear hiking boots and dress appropriately for the weather. Advance registration required. Contact Barbara Stagg at 423-628-2441 or 628-2449 or [rughbyn@highland.net](mailto:rughbyn@highland.net).

**May 28 & 29** Big South Fork Weekend, Jamestown, TN. We will be attending, Highland Manor Winery's annual "Wine and Swine Day", beginning at 11:00 ET and ending at 4:00. They will be serving a Barbecue Lunch to the music of the Nitecrawlers. The event costs \$16.00 per person (BYOB, bring your own or buy your own) and the winery has given us permission to camp on the grounds after the festivities. We will hike to Northrup Falls, Saturday morning before the event and Sunday, we will hike Honey Creek. Honey Creek is a strenuous 5 mile hike, with spectacular overlooks, creek crossings, and rock formations. One of Big South Fork's best! Call Nancy Juodenas or Toni Reeves to register and for meeting times and information. Toni: 615-790-3839/[tonir@bellsouth.net](mailto:tonir@bellsouth.net) and Nancy: 615-319-8811, 615-227-4595/[njuodenas@hotmail.com](mailto:njuodenas@hotmail.com). Pre-registration is required by the 26th of May, so we can give the winery a head count.

## Carpool Etiquette

Gasoline prices have continued to roller coaster up and down. Please be considerate and take your turn as a carpool driver. If you are a rider, always contribute to the cost of gasoline (i.e. bring small bills, it'll save time and prevent the inconvenience). Your driver is not a chauffeur. Assist him or her by reading the map and/or directions to the trailhead. Help your driver remain alert on the drive home by staying awake and conversing. All passengers must wear seat belts to minimize the risk of injury in case of an accident!!! The drive is generally the most dangerous part of any hiking trip.

## 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 or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our website:

[www.tennesseehike.org/release.php](http://www.tennesseehike.org/release.php)

### CLARKSVILLE CHAPTER

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Sandi Hamilton 931-920-2760

**MEETING:** Monthly - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT, Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd

**May 7** Stone Door & Ranger Falls, South Cumberland Rec. Area. Meet 7:00 am @ Exit 11 Park & Ride, Bill Hamilton 920-2760, 6 miles, moderate. (Choice to overnight for "just gotta do it" backpackers).

**May 14** Wet Trails Hike, Mammoth Cave, KY. Meet 7 AM @ Governor Square Mall—Sears area, Merri Hinton 270-726-3141, 5 miles, easy.

**May 17** TTA Monthly Meeting, 7 PM, Crow Center; "Conquering Kilimanjaro", an account of his recent adventure by Mark Rassus; Judith Tate 920-2692.

**May 21** Ft. Donelson National Battlefield. Meet 8 AM @ Kroger Parking Lot, Dover Crossing, Sandy Janus 551-8523, or Bob Lyons 648-2354, 7 miles, moderate.

**May 28** Hiker's choice: TBA2.

### COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

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**MEETING:** Monthly - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT

Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)

**May 3 MONTHLY MEETING** Our guest speaker for our May meeting will be Steve Walsh, manager of development and membership, for the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation. The TPGF recently purchased 92 acres south of Columbia that contain Stillhouse Hollow Falls, a 75-foot cascading waterfall just off Highway 43.

**May 7** Beaman Park in Nashville. Russell Smith to lead. Depart at 9am from the A&D Market.

**May 21** Stillhouse Hollow Falls. Rick Lausten to lead. Depart at 9am from the Krogers parking lot in Thompson Station.

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## COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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**MEETING:** Monthly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:00 pm ET  
LaFollette Recreation Center's Craft Room, 201 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

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**May 9 MONTHLY MEETING** We will be making up our hike schedule for the second half of the year. Bring your ideas for hikes.

**May 14** Hike on Smoky Mountain Segment of the Cumberland Trail. Three miles, easy to moderate. This special event is an outgrowth of our April Meeting, at which we had a presentation by representatives from Save Our Cumberland Mountains. SOCM ([www.socm.org](http://www.socm.org)) is a Lake City-based organization of citizens working for social, environmental and economic justice. Ann League and Tiffani Hartung shared with us Tennessee Valley Authority's mining plans which will likely close a portion of this section of the Cumberland Trail State Linear Park. Where our trail crosses Montgomery Fork, Spring Branch and Green Branch, it skirts the base of one of the twelve mountains in the Royal Blue WMA which TVA plans to mine for coal using a method called cross-ridge (or mountain-top removal) mining. Safety issues associated with the use of high explosives and heavy equipment will necessitate the halt of recreational use of the area. To facilitate SOCM's efforts to protest and stop this practice in our neck of the woods - a practice which has already devastated parts of KY and WV - we have changed our planned May event to sponsor a hike on this segment of the Trail. We will hike to a point overlooking that mountain which someday may be forever deformed and defaced, a point which someday may be the end of the Trail for a long time. We will meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot of Shoney's at the Caryville exit of I-75. For information/reservation, call Richard Helm at 423-562-1110.

*Note that our previously published hike for May 14 to Dog Slaughter Falls has been cancelled.*

### **PLANNING AHEAD:**

**Jun 4** National Trails Day Event at Cove Lake State Park. Two hikes are scheduled for this day. Richard Helm 423-562-1110.

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## EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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**May 7** Great Smoky Mountains, Mt. Le Conte featuring Rainbow Falls and Grotto Falls. We'll meet at 8:30 am at the Rainbow Falls trailhead on Cherokee Orchard Road. Take Airport Road (traffic light #8 in Gatlinburg) into the park. At mile 3.4 after the road becomes one-way, turn right into the Rainbow Falls parking Area. We'll walk the Rainbow Falls Trail (about 6 miles with a 3000ft elevation gain) to the lodge and eat lunch on the deck. In the past we've been able to use their restrooms and you can get more water. On the way down we'll take the Trillium Gap trail about 8 miles to the same lot.

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## (cont') EAST TN CHAPTER

**(cont') May 7** Some of you can save the last 2 miles by hitching a ride back to Rainbow Falls Trail head from the Grotto Falls trailhead. This hike is fairly strenuous. Be sure to bring plenty of snacks and water and don't forget the weather can take a turn for the worse, even in May. To register, please contact Jay Ross early and give him your e-mail, name, and phone number at [jmrfeb6@aol.com](mailto:jmrfeb6@aol.com) or 865-560-0100.

**May 14-15** Great Smoky Mountains. This is a cooperative event with the Nashville chapter and a great opportunity to get to know fellow TTA members. All hikes will be in and around the Townsend area. The hikes for the weekend will include; Saturday - Middle Prong Trail from Upper Tremont Rd. to Indian Flats Falls. This is 3.7 miles one way and rated moderate to easy. The trail follows a large stream which features several scenic cascades and a four tiered falls at the end. A second option for Saturday will be Laurel Falls Trail to Little Greenbrier Trail, to Little Brier Gap Trail, ending at Metcalf Bottoms. This is about 7 miles, rated moderate, includes Laurel Falls, ridgetop views, historic farmsteads and the Little Greenbrier School Sunday - Finley Cane, Bote Mountain and West Prong from Laurel Creek Rd. to the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. This hike is 6.0 miles and rated moderate. It is a pleasant woodlawn walk which will take us down along the ridge of Bote Mountain to Tremont. Other hikes may be planned for Sunday and perhaps Friday afternoon, depending on group interest. Please call Nancy Juodenas for meeting times and places and to coordinate plans and register. 227-4595 or 319-8811. [njuodenas@hotmail.com](mailto:njuodenas@hotmail.com).

**May 21** Pisgah National Forest, Max Patch. We will hike from Max Patch (elevation approx. 4500 feet) to Lemon Gap via the Appalachian trail. This is a moderate hike (total distance approximately 7 miles mostly downhill). Hopefully, we will see late blooming wildflowers and magnificent views from the Patch. Max Patch is located in North Carolina, take I-40 East to the Harmon Den exit, turn left at the bottom of the exit. Road shortly turns to gravel.. Distance to the Patch from the exit is approximately 8 miles. Driving time from Knoxville is around two hours. We will meet at the Strawberry Plains Cracker Barrel at 8:00 am ET and carpool from there. Please contact Carol Jones at 865-675-5205, 865-374-4529, or [cmjones@covhlth.com](mailto:cmjones@covhlth.com). Be sure to dress appropriately and bring plenty of water.

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## HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tulahoma Area)

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**MEETING:** Saturday, Dec 11, Time and location to be determined. Please contact Doug Ratliff for details.

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**May 17 MONTHLY MEETING** Join us for our monthly meeting as we talk about past adventures and plan future ones. New hikers and guests are always welcome to attend. See you at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W. Wilson Community Center, 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

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## (cont') HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER

**May 21** Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN We will start out at the Stone Door Ranger Station, follow the Stone Door Trail to the Big Creek Trail, and follow it down into the gulf. We will climb out of the gorge, join the Big Creek Rim Trail, and follow it back to the Stone Door and the ranger station. This 8-mile hike is rated moderate. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water, lunch, and snacks. Contact Brent Morris at 931-454-1718 or [bmorris@edge.net](mailto:bmorris@edge.net) for information and to register.

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## JACKSON CHAPTER

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**MEETING:** Meeting: Monthly: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT  
Lambuth University, 705 Lambuth Blvd, Hyde Hall in basement on Maple Street. Look for TTA signs.

**May 3 MONTHLY MEETING** Come and hear about past hikes and upcoming hikes. Guests and new hikers are always welcome!

**May 7-8** Mt. Nebo-Arkansas with Memphis Chapter. Meet at park visitor center at 9:00 a.m. for several shorter hikes with views of the Arkansas River Valley, see historic springs and rock work done by CCC in the early 1930s. Trails rated easy to moderate. Suggested lodging: Comfort Inn, Russellville. Hike registration required. For information call Gary Cooper 731-424-5375. For trail information go to <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/park>. Bring lunch and water.

**May 14** Tishomingo State Park, Mississippi See unique rock structures and lots of CCC work remaining in the park while walking normally well maintained trails. Considered at least moderately difficult due to length of hike and some elevation changes. Sturdy hiking boots recommended. Bring water, food and insect repellent. Take Hwy 45S to Corinth, Hwy 72 toward Alabama to Hwy 25S through Tishomingo look for state park signs. Approx 2 miles south turn left into park. There is a parking lot to the right just before entering the park. Can regroup into lesser vehicles before entering toll gate. Call Gary Cooper 731-424-5375 for registration or information. [gcooper52@yahoo.com](mailto:gcooper52@yahoo.com)

**May 28** Natchez Trace State Park An easy hike, 6 to 7 miles, on level terrain. We will leave from the recreation lodge at Cub Lake at 9:30 a.m, to walk 3/4 of the way around Cub Lake then return the same route. Going this way allows us to see the more interesting parts of the walk and avoid the picnic and cabin areas. The recreation lodge where we will begin is located at the end of the road on the north side of the lake. Carpooling will be available from Jackson. We will gather at Shoney's Restaurant on North Highland at 8:00a.m. Call Donald Dresser, 731-668-4662 or [donald\\_dresser@usit.net](mailto:donald_dresser@usit.net) to register.

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**MEETING:** Monthly (Sept - May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Meeting Location: Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd. 901-754-8443  
Located off Germantown Parkway east on Trinity Rd. 1 1/8 mile. On the right - shares an entrance with Bert Ferguson Community Ct.

**May 1** River Bluff Walk – Memphis Great Sunday afternoon walk! Meet at 2:00 pm at the I-40 Welcome Center on Riverside Drive for a 2-mile easy walk along the beautiful mighty Mississippi River. New Hikers Welcome! For information, call John Martin at 901-386-3722.

**May 7-8** Mount Nebo State Park (southwest of Russellville, AR) Meet at park visitor center at 9:00 am for several shorter hikes with views of the Arkansas River Valley, see historic springs and rock work done by CCC in the early 1930s. Trails rated easy to moderate. Suggested lodging: Comfort Inn, Russellville. Hike registration required. For information call Ann Lindholm at 901-388-4123. This is a joint hike with the Jackson Chapter. For trail information go to <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/park> select Things to Do, select Hiking.

**May 15** Shelby Farms Park Walk. Join us for a Sunday afternoon 3-mile or 6-mile flat and easy walk--you choose. Meet in front of the Park Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. and bring water. New Hikers Welcome! For information, call John Martin at 901-386-3722

**May 19 MONTHLY MEETING** Cordova Public Library 7:00 p.m. Hear about past and upcoming hiking trips and meet/greet members and friends. Guests and new hikers are always welcome! Call Jerry Lenski for information 901-213-0604.

**May 28-30** Cumberland Trail Work & Hike - Soddy-Daisy area See and hike all three of the Gorgeous Gorges and give back a little effort to see how a trail is built. Work and play in Rock, Possum and Soddy Gorges May 28, 29, and 30. Work on the Cumberland Trail on Sat. and Sun. May 28 and 29, then hike only on Mon. (Memorial Day) May 30. Stay at the Dogwood Lodge in Soddy-Daisy. Free lodging, free food. No experience necessary, we guarantee an experience. Registration required. Call Carol Haley 901-388-9163 or 901-355-4897 [hav2hike@aol.com](mailto:hav2hike@aol.com).

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## MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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(Call & volunteer to lead an outing)  
Ron Dunn

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**MEETING:** Monthly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT  
Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station  
697 Barfield Rd., Murfreesboro

**May 7** Leaderless Hike on the Winston and Billie Jo Bowling Farm, Putnam County, between Monterey and Cookeville. This scenic farm boasts almost 9 miles of hiking trails, from easy to difficult!

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**(cont') May 7** The plan is to start with a 4-mile balloon loop trail, which is rated easy to moderate, then let the group decide which other trails to explore. (Maybe even a waterfall?) If we hit it right there will be many varieties of wildflowers in bloom. In any case it should be a lovely, relaxed day out in the country. The Bowlings, long time Murfreesboro T.T.A. members, will serve sandwiches and dessert after the hike. Take drinking water and snacks, and wear sturdy hiking footwear. There will be a carpool from Murfreesboro. To register and for additional information contact Tony or Millette Jones [tonjon2903@aol.com](mailto:tonjon2903@aol.com) or 615-233-7008

**May 7-8** Backpack Cane Creek Overnight Loop. Falls Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN. This 13.7-mile trail on the upper end of the Cane Creek Gorge goes through a remote area of the park that also serves as a wildlife management area. The campsite is at 6.5 miles and located close to Cane Creek. The hike is rated moderate to strenuous for creek crossings and some overgrown areas. To sign up or for more information contact Tony Hook at [Hook1162A@msn.com](mailto:Hook1162A@msn.com) or 615-849-9636.

**May 10 MONTHLY MEETING** Finger Food Supper and Hike/Activity Planning for Second Half of 2005 and January 2006. Bring finger foods and ideas to share! Please take some time to think about hikes for the next seven months. What hikes do you want to do? What hikes will you be able and willing to lead? We need hikes at all levels of skill and endurance, from easy to difficult. We also need ideas for a couple of less strenuous activities for the hottest months. These ideas do not have to include hiking. If you come prepared the planning will go a lot smoother and take less time away from eating and socializing. Bring your personal calendars or palm pilots, or however else you keep track of your schedules. Don't forget to come a few minutes early if you have hiking and camping items to bring for the Swap and Shop table. Contact Anna Bertram if you need help deciding what foods to bring, or want to discuss your ideas for outings and hikes. [abertram@heartoftn.net](mailto:abertram@heartoftn.net) or 615-765-5357.

**May 14** Newcomer/Beginner hike. Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Lebanon, TN. Often overlooked, Cedars of Lebanon was named by early settlers for the dense cedar forests of Biblical Lebanon. It offers a unique desert-like ecosystem of natural limestone "rock gardens" or cedar glades. These glades are home to some 19 rare and endangered plant species that grow profusely here and nowhere else in the world. Come explore the fauna on an easy 3-5 mile hike. Bring water, snacks, and \$\$ to join us for lunch after the hike. For more information contact Jeanne' Hoechst-Ronner at [hoaxie@comcast.net](mailto:hoaxie@comcast.net) or 615-542-8044.

**May 21** SECOND ANNUAL YARD SALE, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Come Shop With Us! The proceeds will help with our expenses hosting the Annual Meeting and enable us to order T.T.A. merchandise to sell at that meeting. This is a reminder to mark that date down on your calendar. We need volunteers to work the day of the yard sale. Also we need your items to sell. The items should be tagged with a price and delivered to Dr. Wayne Potter's parking lot at 1132 West Clark Blvd., Murfreesboro at 8:00 am - 8:30 am the morning of the sale, or alternative arrangements made. For more information contact Phil Stilwell  
[PHILLSTILWE@cs.com](mailto:PHILLSTILWE@cs.com) 615-893-6568 or Anna Bertram  
[abertram@heartoftn.net](mailto:abertram@heartoftn.net) 615-765-5357

### **PLANNING AHEAD**

**June 14** 6:00 pm. Our regular monthly meeting will be replaced with a Family Cookout-Picnic in the Barfield Crescent Park, at the shelter house next to the Wilderness Station. It will start at 6:00 pm, one hour earlier than our meetings. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. There will be no business meeting, just food and fun. The T.T.A. will furnish the hamburgers, hotdogs, and vegetarian substitutes. Plan to bring a favorite dish or two to fill out the meal. We'll need a couple of portable outdoor grills brought in too. [abertram@heartoftn.net](mailto:abertram@heartoftn.net) or 615-765-5357

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## NASHVILLE CHAPTER

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(call & volunteer to lead an outing)  
Nancy Juodenas, [njuodenas@hotmail.com](mailto:njuodenas@hotmail.com)

Sue Waldrop

**MEETING:** Monthly - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT  
TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at  
Ellington Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike

**HIKING HOTLINE - 615-367-7045**

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**May 7** Beaman Park 1st Saturday Hike Joelton, TN. Join Friends of Beaman Park as we explore one of Nashville's newer parks being developed by volunteers. We will enjoy the park with leaves budding out and flowers beginning to bloom. Our hike is from 9:00 am until 12:00 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 Parks Nature Center at 615-352-6299.

**May 8** Fall Creek Falls. We will hike the Paw Paw Trail, an easy 4.5 mile loop with great views of the Cane Creek gorge and falls as well as Fall Creek Falls. The Cable Trail is an optional, but exhilarating, steep and difficult trail (0.25 mile) to the base of Cane Creek Falls. After lunch we will hike the Gorge trail (1.1 miles, easy) to Fall Creek Falls and hike down to the base of the falls (0.5 miles, difficult). We'll then hike back via the Woodland Trail (1.0 mile, easy). We will meet at 7:00 am at Kinko's on Donelson Pike. We'll stop in Cookeville for dinner at our favorite Mexican restaurant. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and money for carpooling and dinner. For more information and to register, contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or [rushga01@yahoo.com](mailto:rushga01@yahoo.com).

**May 14&15** Great Smoky Mountains Weekend, Townsend, TN. This is a cooperative event with the East TN chapter and a great opportunity to get to know hikers from East TN who know these mountains. Everyone is responsible for their own accommodations. All hikes will start near Townsend, where there are many motels and campgrounds, besides the National Park Campgrounds in Cades Cove and Elkmont. The hikes for the weekend will include; Saturday - Middle Prong Trail from Upper Tremont Rd. to Indian Flats Falls. This is 3.7 miles one way and rated moderate to easy. The trail follows a large stream, which features several scenic cascades and a four tiered falls at the end. A second option for Saturday will be Laurel Falls Trail to Little Greenbrier Trail, to Little Brier Gap Trail, ending at Metcalf Bottoms. This is about 7 miles, rated moderate, includes Laurel Falls, ridge top views, historic farmsteads and the Little Greenbrier School. Sunday - Finley Cane, Bote Mountain and West Prong from Laurel Creek Rd. to the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. This hike is 6.0 miles and rated moderate. It is a pleasant woodlawn walk which will take us down along the ridge of Bote Mountain to Tremont. Other hikes may be planned for Sunday and perhaps Friday afternoon, depending on group interest. Please contact Nancy Juodenas for meeting times and places and to coordinate plans and register at 227-4595 or 319-8811 or [njuodenas@hotmail.com](mailto:njuodenas@hotmail.com)

**May 14** Bagel Hike. Percy Warner Park. Nashville. This 4.5-mile hike on Mossy Ridge Trail is the first of the series of 3 "bagel" (circular trail) hikes. This local hike is rated moderate due to elevation changes. We'll hike rain or shine.



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**(cont') May 14** Bring water, and wear sturdy hiking boots or trail running shoes and spare shoes to change afterward in case trail is muddy. After the hike, we will reward ourselves at Brueggers Bagel Bakery (at Hwy. 70/100 split) with a bagel and coffee. We will meet at 9:00 am at the "Deep Well" parking area (stone arch entrance into the park on Hwy 100, about 1½ miles from the Hwy. 70/100 split). Hike takes about 2.5 hours. If you need more information or get lost, contact David Furse at 615-308-7988 (cell phone) or [dfurse@comcast.net](mailto:dfurse@comcast.net).

**May 15** Virgin Falls – May is great for the wildflowers. Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness. DeRossett, TN. This hike follows a tumbling stream that bounds over rocks creating small waterfalls until it disappears underground. On the way to Virgin Falls the trail passes a beautiful overlook, Big Branch Falls, Big Laurel Falls, and Sheep Cave Falls. Virgin Falls is formed by an underground stream that emerges from a cave, drops over a 110 foot cliff and goes back into a cave at the bottom. The 8 mile hike is beautiful in all seasons. Sturdy boots are a must due to rocks and elevation loss and gain. We will meet at the Target on Bell Rd. at 9:00 am Call Bryon Dion at 615-331-7331

**May 21** Double Bagel Hike. Percy Warner Park. Nashville. 7.5-mile hike in Percy Warner Park combining the Warner Woods and Mossy Ridge Trails. The hike is rated moderate-to-difficult due to elevation changes and distance. After the hike, it's Brueggers Bagel Bakery nearby for optional 2-bagel lunch. Meet at 8:00 am at the "Deep Well" parking area. Same instructions, directions and contact info for Single Bagel Hike May- 14th.

**May 21** South Cumberland State Park. Hike from Stone Door Ranger Station to the Stone Door and then to Greeter Falls via the Big Creek Gulf Trail. About 8 miles. Rated moderate. Call Jim Poteet at 615-824-7666 to pre-register.

**May 22** Newcomer's Hike Vanderbilt University Tree Hike. Nashville, TN. Since 1875 this campus has graced Nashville with its beautiful landscaping and buildings. The Vanderbilt campus is a national recognized arboretum. We will be walking by many sculptures, beautiful flowers, and seven state champion trees. We will meet at 2:00 pm CT in front of San Antonio Taco Co. at 416 21st Ave South. Early birds are invited to meet (1:00 pm) ahead of the hike for lunch (bring \$\$). For information and to register, call Jenice Johnson at 615-356-6246.

**May 24** Annual Chapter Picnic: It's May, which means we dispense with our regular meeting and instead gather at Edwin Warner Park for a potluck supper. The gathering will begin at five for optional short hikes (specifics may appear in your email) with supper commencing at 6:30. We will have a sale table, so bring any hiking-related items you may want to cycle on to your neighbor. Meet at Edwin Warner picnic area #10. From Old Hickory Boulevard turn south at Vaughn Road (traffic signal); at almost a quarter-mile, turn right into Edwin Warner Park. A sign will indicate "picnic areas 2-11." Follow the pavement and the signs to area #10. For more information, call Dave Walton, 292-1384.

**NOTE:** Warner Nature Center has 5 summer job positions on the Special Work, Education, and Trails (SWEAT) Team for May 31 to July 22. Applicants must be 18 or older, and pay is \$10.61/hour. If interested, contact GERALYN HOEY at Warner Park at 615-370-8051.

**May 28** Triple Bagel Hike. Percy & Edwin Warner Parks. Nashville. Last two weekends we worked up to this hike with 4.5- and 7.5-mile hikes in Percy Warner. This time we will be hiking 12 miles in both Percy and Edwin Warner Parks by combining the Warner Woods, Mossy Ridge, Connector and Harpeth Woods Trails.

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**(cont') May 28** Hike rated difficult due to elevation changes and distance and is recommended only for experienced hikers. Optional trip to Brueggers Bagel Bakery nearby for 3-bagel recovery meal, repair blisters, and swap survival stories. Meet at 7:00am at the "Deep Well" parking area. Same instructions, directions and contact info as Bagel Hikes on 14th and 21st.

### PLANNING AHEAD

**June 16-19** Roan Mountain State Park. Car/tent camping and day hiking during the Rhododendron Festival at Roan Mountain. Available by \$20 registration only. 20-person limit. Call Doug Burroughs for more information and to register.

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

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**MEETING:** usually the 2nd Thursday

Call for confirmation or visit our chapter website.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm CT

UT Martin Campus, Bowling University Center, Room 231

**WEBSITE:** [www.utm.edu/~jclark/trails/](http://www.utm.edu/~jclark/trails/)

No hikes scheduled at this time. Please see other chapters' scheduled hikes.

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## SODDY DAISY CHAPTER

This chapter is being reorganized. For further information contact the T.T.A. President, Fount Bertram, at 615-765-5357 or [fwbertram@heartoftn.net](mailto:fwbertram@heartoftn.net) In the interim, you are welcome to attend other chapters (13 to choose from) **outings, events and meetings.**

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## PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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**SECRETARY/TREASURER:** Myra Holloway

**MEETING:** Monthly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm CT, Art Circle Public Library's Community Room, 154 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Crossville

There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information or to get on an e-mail list for the hikes, contact Bill Haynes at 931/707-7606 or e-mail [sue1290@frontiernet.net](mailto:sue1290@frontiernet.net) for details. Rain cancels.

**May 7** Walls of Jericho Wilderness and Recreation Area. Winchester, TN and Jackson County AL. The hike is 7 miles round trip and is rated strenuous due to the elevation change of 1000 feet and the slippery areas near the bottom of the trail. Also there is a small creek to cross. However, the hike is worth the effort due to 150-200 foot rock cliffs in the canyon from which the area derives its name. Wear boots, bring a hiking stick, water, and snacks, as it will be a long day. Meet at the Tractor Supply parking lot in Crossville at 7:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Bill Harris at 931/484-9152

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**May 12 MONTHLY MEETING** James Kukowski, retired Deputy Director for Internal Communications of NASA will be our featured speaker. In layman terms Jim will describe NASA's relatively new and unknown Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe and its mission. This will be both a visual and narrative presentation with incredible photos from the Hubble space telescope. Please join us. Meet at 6:30 am at the Community Room of the Art Circle Public Library. Our chapter requests that you bring more peanut butter to help feed the volunteers during the Big Dig III which will continue May 23 - June 25.

**May 21** Piney River Trail, Spring City, TN. This trail winds along streams and the Piney River most of its 10 mile length. Designated as a pocket wilderness by the Bowater Paper CO., it is now part of the Cumberland Trail. The trail is not difficult but is long and the hike should be undertaken only by hikers that can hike 10 miles on a single hike. We will need to arrange a shuttle on this one way trail and will hike at a moderate pace. Wear boots, and bring water, lunch and snacks. We will meet at Cumberland State Park, Crossville, TN at the boat launch area at 8:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Carolyn Miller at 931/456-4465 or by e-mail at [cardan@frontiernet.net](mailto:cardan@frontiernet.net).

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## UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

**CHAPTER OFFICER:** Richard Savage  
931-526-2035, [savage\\_richard@hotmail.com](mailto:savage_richard@hotmail.com)

**May 7** Paw Paw, Woodland, and Gorge Overlook Trails, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN. We will hike the Paw Paw Loop, rated easy, including the spur trails to the overlooks for a hike that is about 4 ½ miles. Those interested may also hike the Woodland and Gorge Overlook Trails, rated moderate, for a total of about 6 ½ miles. The trails feature overlooks of waterfalls and of the gorges. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. You can meet us to carpool from either Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:30am CT or the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 9:00am. For information and to register contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or [hixstub1@citlink.net](mailto:hixstub1@citlink.net).

**May 21** Mount Cammerer, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cosby, TN. We will hike from Cosby Campground to Low Gap and then follow the Appalachian Trail to the Mount Cammerer Trail and on to the firetower. The hike is 11 miles 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 interesting firetower. Bring snacks, water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 7:00am CT. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or [savage\\_richard@hotmail.com](mailto:savage_richard@hotmail.com).

**May 28** Twenty Mile Trail to Shuckstack, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Fontana Village, NC. This trail follows an old railroad grade to its junction with the Appalachian Trail near Shuckstack. The views from the summit of Shuckstack are considered to be among the best in the park. The hike is about 10 miles and is rated strenuous because of the elevation change.

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## (cont') UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

**(cont') May 28** Bring snacks, water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 7:00 am CT. For information and to register contact Marnell Cothran at 931-738-5874 or [leron@blomand.net](mailto:leron@blomand.net).

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The CTSP Rangers **Kenny Mathews, Andy Wright, and Joey Carlton, Bobby Fulcher** for the programing and Friday night "Ho Down".

Thanks to **Jim Hardy** and **Jim Davis** for coming on board as part time staff. Come out and work with them during the BIG DIG III!

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July 5 ..... August 1

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## ADOPT-A-TRAIL NEWS

### ADOPT-A-TRAIL OFFICER:

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### Adopt-a-Trail of the Month

Frozen Head State Park trail volunteer days: May 21, June 4, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 19. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Visitor Center on Flat Fork Road off of State Route 62 east of Wartburg. For more information call 423-346-3318. To publicize your next trail volunteer day, contact Harold Draper at [h.m.draper@att.net](mailto:h.m.draper@att.net).

### Have You Considered ...

#### Maintaining a particular trail or section of trail?

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

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

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