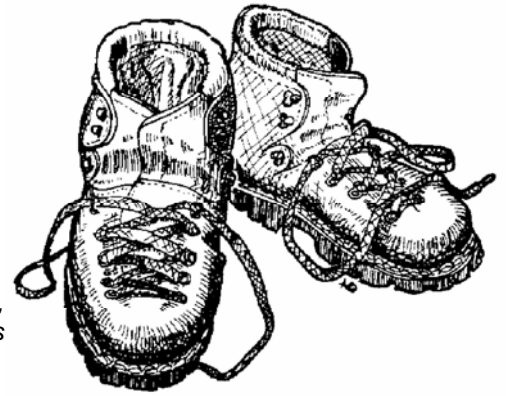


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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Solving the "Oh No! What To Do?" Dilemma after the October 2nd Deadline for Registration

The long awaited Annual Meeting 2005 is just a few days away! The deadline for registration was extended to October 2nd and now we hear there may be a few procrastinators who didn't get it done! We don't want to miss anyone! What to do?

There are still some alternatives. While it is too late after October 2nd to arrange lodging or order meals for DuBose there are several area restaurants, including McDonalds and Hardees. There are two motels in Monteagle, and more off the interstate toward Chattanooga.

Monteagle Days Inn
742 Dixie Lee Ave.
Monteagle, TN 37356
Phone: 931-924-2900

Best Western Smokehouse Lodge
850 West Main Street
Monteagle, TN 37356 - 3031
Phone: 800-489-2091 or 931-924-2091
Website: <http://www.thesmokehouse.com/>

Both Monteagle motels are a short distance from DuBose. (Tip: You might get better rates if you go through an internet booking service such as Orbitz. Just put "motels in Monteagle, Tennessee" into a Google search on your computer and shop around.)

If you waited too late for meals and lodging at DuBose you may still register for just \$15.00 to take part in all the hikes and other activities. You still won't miss out if you complete the registration form and mail it today.

Please Pre-Register Auction Items

Send an email or phone Jaye Kiblinger, jayekib1@comcast.net or 615-898-1291 with the name of the item, dollar value, name of the donor, your name and Chapter. It's that easy!

Doing What We Enjoy Most...Come Hike With Us! Annual Meeting 2005 – So Many Choices!

Another hiking opportunity has been added to the already awesome list of hikes for the weekend of the Annual Meeting. There will be a hike starting at 3:00 pm Friday for early registrants!

Friday, Oct. 14

3:00 pm *Grundy Forest Day Loop 3.5 to 5 miles, Drive Time 30 min. (Easy)

Anytime – Self Guided Tour to Bridal Veil Falls 3 miles, Drive Time 15 min. (Moderate)

Saturday, Oct. 15 - Easy Hikes

9:45 am Savage Gulf Day Loop & Suspension Bridge 4.2 mi., Drive Time 30-45 min.

10:00 am *Grundy Forest Day Loop 3.5 to 5 miles, Drive Time 30 min.

10:00 am Old Stone Fort State Archeological Park 3.25 mi., Drive Time 45 min.

10:30 am University of the South Campus & Bridal Veil Falls 4-5 miles, DT 15 min.

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Moderate Hikes

8:30 am Greeter Falls to Stone Door with Shuttle 6 miles, Drive Time 45 min.

8:30 am **Savage Gulf North Rim Trail & Suspension Bridge 7 miles, DT 30-45 min.

8:45 am Laurel Trail to Big Creek Rim Trail to Stone Door 7.1 miles, DT 30 min.

9:00 am Short Springs Natural Area Interpretive Hike 4 miles, DT 60 min.

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Difficult Hikes

(For Experienced Hikers in Great Shape)

7:30 am Rock Creek on the Cumberland Trail 9.5 miles, Drive Time 90 min.

8:00 am Fiery Gizzard to Raven's Point 9 miles, Drive Time 30 min.

9:00 am Buggy Top Trail, Sewanee Natural Bridge & Lost Cave 4.4 mi., DT 20 min.

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Easy Hike

9:00 am *Grundy Forest Day Loop 3.5 to 5 miles, Drive Time 30 min.
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Walking with Fount

The news is completely dominated by items related to Hurricane Katrina and I suspect that will continue for some time to come. I encourage you to do whatever you can to help with the recovery that will take years. At least our thoughts and prayers can be with those who have lost loved ones and all of their material possessions. Whatever we can do to help alleviate these conditions will be appreciated.

Our Annual Meeting is at hand, and I am looking forward to a wonderful time. I look forward to seeing people I only get to see once a year. I hope to see a lot of you out this year. Hopefully the weather will have moderated so we can enjoy all the glories of nature that are displayed so artfully in the South Cumberland. There are a total of 15 different hikes this year and there should be something for everyone. The entertainment is going to be outstanding as well, so limber up your dancin' shoes and promenade to square dance calls by our own Bobby Fulcher with bluegrass music provided by Grundy County's own No Strings Attached band.

We will be conducting some very important business and you are encouraged to participate in the business meeting. Election of officers for the coming terms will also be a part of the proceedings and you are encouraged to be there for that too. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers, but nominations from the floor are permitted also. Be a part of the governing process of your organization.

Trail building projects are continuing throughout the state with active participation from several TTA members. Work is currently being done on the Cumberland Trail, Yanahli and the Walls of Jericho, just to mention a few. I hope that sometime during the year you will get out there and do some trail work. It's fun and it contributes to the overall hiking experience for our state.

Be cool, be safe and be at the Annual Meeting!

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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.

Annual Meeting Schedule of Events (Central Time)

Friday, October 14

2:00 pm - Registration begins; also receiving items for auctions, sales, and displays

2:00 – 6:30 pm – Free time for self-guided hikes, sightseeing, or helping

3:00 pm – Hike the Grundy Forest Day Loop 3.5 to 5 miles (Easy)

4:00 – Cash Bar Opens (beer, wine, soft drinks, and water)

6:30 pm – Dinner Buffet served (until 7:30 pm for late arrivals)

7:30 – 9:00 pm – Blue Grass Band – toe-tapping and square-dancing

7:30 – 9:00 pm – Power Point Presentations by TTA Members

9:00 – 10:30 pm – Campfire, amateur music, and ghost stories

Saturday, October 15

6:15 am – Early Riser's Coffee in Lobby (with Bake Sale Goodies!)

7:00 am – Breakfast Buffet until 8:00 am and pick up *sack lunches

8:00 am – Hikes begin at posted times

3:00 pm – Cash Bar open until dinner at 5:00 pm

5:00 pm – Dinner Banquet (casual attire - clean hiking clothes)

6:25 pm – Silent Auction closes before the business meeting begins

6:30 pm – State-Wide Business Meeting for All Members

Presentation of Annual Awards

Cumberland Trail Conference Speaker (30 minutes)

Southeast Foot Trails Coalition Speaker (30 minutes)

8:30 pm - Cash Bar re-opens & payments accepted from Silent Auction winners

9:00 pm – Live Auction Begins, followed by payment from winners

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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).

Oct 14-16 TTA's Annual Meeting (Monteagle, TN)

Oct 16 Board of Directors' Meeting (Monteagle, TN)

**Calendar will be revised as needed.*

TTA Annual Directory

If you haven't provided your e-mail address yet, you stand a chance of it being left out of the upcoming annual directory. It is simple to do and will insure state of the art communication within the organization. Your e-mail address will not be shared, sold or exchanged with anyone else, so it is a secure disclosure. To have your e-mail address included, here is what you do...Go to www.tennesseetrails.org Click on the side menu under "Member Services"...Click on the "Change of Address" bullet...Go to the bottom of the address form and add your e-mail address. It's as simple as that...You don't need to change anything in your regular mail address. E-mail has become the major source of communication and we want you to be up to date with what is going on within TTA.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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What's Happening? CTC October Events.

October 7 - 9, 2005 Sixth Annual Trail Training Workshop - Learn how to efficiently design, build and maintain trail. Increased interest in our Trail Training Program has resulted in a number of revisions to address both less experienced trailbuilders and those concerned with advanced trail layout and design techniques. Our experience maintaining the Cumberland Trail has also helped us tailor our instruction toward trail construction likely to require less maintenance. Example: Our experience with grade dips versus waterbars. Friday will be CPR/First Aid Certification Training.

A section on use of the Ditch Witch or Dingo to build trails has been added for those interested. Details to be available soon.

October 7 - 9, 2005 Cumberland Gap National Heritage Expo - CTC will have an exhibit and volunteers are needed to help.

October 8, 2005 Third Annual Cumberland Trail Stump Jump - Rock Creek Outfitters of Chattanooga is sponsoring the Third Annual Cumberland Trail Stump Jump. The 50 km and 11 mile trail races will start at Shackelford Ridge Park on Signal Mtn. on October 8 at 8am EST. For more information and online registration, see http://www.rockcreek.com/articles/trail_running/articles/stumpjump_50k.asp. Better still, just drop by the Rock Creek Outfitters and sign up there.

October 10 - November 20, 2005 Fall Program - This year we are combining a number of fall programs of past years into our exciting new Fall Program. One part of this new program will be an extension of our highly successful spring Big Dig Program but on a smaller scale. This part of the Fall Program will be the continuation of trail building in the Rock/Possum/Soddy Gorge Segment. As with the Big Dig, volunteers are encouraged to bring cameras as the trail construction will bring us to a number of scenic overlooks. The leaves will also be turning in the gorges.

Volunteers will be housed at the Lutheran Camp on Chickamauga Lake in Soddy-Daisy in Soddy Daisy, TN. Trail builders will be back in camp in plenty of time for afternoon swims or just canoe paddling or fishing. The camp facilities include bunk beds and HOT showers! Limited tent camping and RV camping (no hookups) will also be available. CTC will provide transportation to and from the work site trailhead.

The camp has a full kitchen and we are still working out the details of breakfast and dinner and sack lunches. More details will be provided as soon as they become available.

October 10 - 23, 2005 Fall Program - This part of the Fall Program is designed for those of us who prefer the back-country camping experience. Volunteers will camp on Byrd Mountain in Frozen Head State Park and build approximately 3 miles of new trail. A front-country campsite will be set up in Frozen Head's campground at the base of the mountain with hot showers, etc. Volunteers will hike up to the top of Bird Mountain, a two-hour difficult hike, and set up a back-country camp. Drinking water and tools will be carried up the mountain by State Park Rangers using the Gator. Volunteers will be able to hike down to the front-country campsite every few days to wash clothes, etc if they desire.

Trailbuilding on Bird Mountain from Castle Rock East to Castle Rock West will take place at the peak of the fall colors. The trail route will take volunteers through Ross Gap. It will be cool at the high elevations, and the early morning fog floating through Ross Gap will be spectacular.

October 15, 2005 Fourth Annual Chattanooga Food Bank Hike Against Hunger on the Cumberland Trail - For registration forms or more information contact the Food Bank at (423) 622-1800.

Mid-October, 2005 Black Mountain Trail Re-route - TTA's Plateau Chapter needs volunteers to help with the re-route of the Cumberland Trail at Black Mountain to bring the trail past the Windless Cave entrance. The construction schedule is being finalized, but will involve a number of day outings during the late fall and winter.

November 11-14, 2005 Back Country Outing - Details to be available soon.

Please note: Program dates should not change; the location may change depending on project priorities.

Please contact Mark about any of the programs!

Highlights of Fall activities on the Cumberland Trail

Fall is here, and with it come several ways to get involved in helping to complete the Cumberland Trail.

At least one more back-country outing is planned, to be led by Tony Hook of the Murfreesboro Chapter, on November 11-13.

If you need first aid or CPR training, volunteer Tari Johnson will provide it at the Lutheran Camp in Soddy-Daisy, just prior to the start of the sixth annual Trail Training Workshop. The first aid and CPR instruction will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7. The workshop will be at the Lutheran Camp as well, with check-in at 4:00 p.m. and continuing through Sunday, October 9.

As soon as the workshop is over, the Conference will launch two simultaneous areas of activity: the Fall Program in Soddy-Daisy, encompassing Fall BreakAway and the American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation and continuing with trail construction all the way through November 20.

While one group of volunteers will be working in Soddy, another will be conducting the "Bird Mountain Dig" from October 10 to October 30. This effort will combine back-country camping and a front-country campsite, and can accommodate up to 25 volunteers. The goal is to complete three miles of trail, from Castle Rock East to Castle Rock West through Ross Gap on Bird Mountain in the Frozen Head State Park. In addition to trail-building volunteers, we will need people to man the front-country site, greet trail builders, and provide directions and information.

Construction will begin on the Black Mountain re-route on October 20, with work to continue on subsequent Thursdays as weather allows. In addition to its own programs, the CTC will be maintaining a presence at several fall events, including the "Wild Mountain Mania" celebration of natural heritage at the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, October 7-9; the Cumberland Trail Stump Jump on October 8; and the Chattanooga Area Food Bank's Hike Against Hunger on October 15.

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 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.

(cont' from Cover) Come Hike with Us! Annual Meeting – So Many Choices!

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Easy/Moderate Hikes

8:30 am North Rim Trail in Franklin Forest 7 miles, Drive Time 20 minutes

8:45 am. Green's View Through Shake Rag Hollow to Piney Point 5 mi., D.T 15 min

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Moderate Hike

8:30 am **Savage Gulf North Rim Trail & Suspension Bridge 7 miles, DT 30-45 min.

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Difficult Hikes (For Experienced Hikers in Great Shape)

8:00 am Walls of Jericho 7 miles, Drive Time 60 minutes

8:00 am Mullin's Cove on the Cumberland Trail, 10 miles, Drive Time 60 min.

Complete descriptions of the hikes will be on the sign-up tables and appeared in one of the last two issues of the TTA newsletter. A list of the hikes with departure times is repeated here.

Driving times to the trail heads (DT) are approximate. Hikers should plan to eat lunch on the trail for all Saturday and Sunday hikes, regardless of length. On Saturday a sit down dinner will be served at DuBose promptly at 5:00 P.M. so it is important to return on time. (* The Grundy Forest Day Loop will be offered all three days; **the Savage Gulf North Rim Trail will be offered Sat. and Sun.) Since everyone must check out Sunday by 1:30 P.M. those who are hiking the longer hikes, especially the Walls of Jericho and Mullin's Cove, must check out of DuBose before leaving on their hikes.

The staggered departure times are planned to decrease confusion assembling and leaving for the trails. It also will give more hikers a chance to shop the White Elephant and Silent Auction items. (The Silent Auction will end before the State Business Meeting on Saturday.)

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

Our hike coordinators are volunteers. Make it easier for them to contact you if 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. Please do not wait until the afternoon or evening before the outing to RSVP. Plan ahead and register early.

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(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

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Oct 2-5 Rugby will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding with a reunion for descendants of former residents and a reenactment of the Opening Day ceremonies on October 5. We want to offer opportunities for hiking to the Gentlemen's Swimming Hole and Meeting of the Waters each day (October 2-4) during the reunion and on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 5, the day when, 125 years ago, the original Rugby colonists walked on the newly opened trails that are still in use today. You are invited to join these hikes or volunteer to lead one. Please contact Eric Wilson at ericavi@nxs.net for more information. The October 5 celebration is a public event. For details, visit the Historic Rugby web site: <http://www.historicrugby.org/events/125event.htm>

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Wanda McCluskey 931-906-3338

Sandi Hamilton 931-920-2760

MEETING: Monthly - 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm CT. Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd (Public is cordially invited!)

Oct 1 Virgin Falls; 8 miles, strenuous; Bob Lyon 648-2354

Oct 8 Columbus Day Weekend; No Hike.

Oct 14-16 TTA Annual Meeting at Monteagle, TN.

Oct 22-23 Overnight Backpack Trip, Big South Fork. Contact J.R. Tate for reservations/details 920-2692

Oct 29 Clarksville TTA Chapter Annual Bonfire/Pot Luck; Wanda McCluskey 906-3338

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.tennesseetrails.org/release.php

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.

COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

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OUTINGS COORDINATOR:

(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

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MEETING: Monthly - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT

Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)

Oct 14-16 TTA Annual Conference. Please register and attend.

Oct 29 Rick Lausten will lead a hike of the Mossy Ridge trail in the Percy Warner Park. We'll depart from the Deep Wells Trailhead (located about 1 mile north of Old Hickory on Highway 100--look for the stone arch entrance--at about 9:00 am. This is a 4.5 mile moderate hike that features elevation changes, springs, and hickory, oak and cedar ridges. We'll finish off with lunch at Brueggers Bagel Bakery further north on Hwy 100 at the Hwy 70/100 split. Please register with Rick at 615-373-0029 or email at saturncar1@aol.com

PLANNING AHEAD

Nov 5 Bobby Hardeman will lead a hike in the David Crockett State Park in Lawrenceberg. We'll leave from the A&D Market (1883 Lewisburg Pike, Hwy 431) at 8:00 am. We will swing by the Hardee's on the corner of Hwy 412 and US 31 in Columbia to meet any folks from Columbia who don't wish to drive North to then drive South. This is a moderate hike less than 5 miles in length. We'll probably stop for a late lunch/early dinner after the hike. Please contact Bobby for details and to register: 615-791-4788 or via the internet at puttr22@aol.com.

Nov 19 Rick Lausten will lead a hike of Honey Creek Loop Trail in Big South Fork. This 5.6-mile trail is rated as difficult, but is spectacular for its variety of scenery, waterfalls, vistas and moderate rock scrambling. We will depart from the A&D Market on Hwy 431 at 7:00 AM. It will take over 3 hours to get to the trailhead, so bring lunch to eat on the trail. We'll probably stop for a brunch at the Harrow Café in Rugby before we hike. Please register with Rick at 615-373-0029 or email at saturncar1@aol.com

Dec 3 We will hike the Buggy Top Trail near Sewanee, then attend the Lessons and Carols service at the All Saint's Chapel on the campus of The University of the South. We'll have to get in line by 3:00 p.m. for the 5:00 p.m. service. After the service, we'll stop by one of the restaurants in Monteagle/Sewanee and have dinner together. Buggy Top is a 4 mile loop that is rated difficult because of a steep descent to the creek that flows out of Lost Cave. We will leave from the A&D Market (1883 Lewisburg Pike, Hwy 431) at 8:30 a.m. We'll hike, then clean up, have lunch and get in line for the service. If you would like more information or want to register, contact Rick Lausten at 615-373-0029 or email saturncar1@aol.com

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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

No hikes scheduled at this time. In the meantime, check out other TTA chapter hike listings and join a hike!

EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

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TREASURER: Harold Draper, h.m.draper@att.net

Oct 8 Lone Mountain in Lone Mountain State Forest near Wartburg. Rated moderate due to distance (6 1/2 miles round trip) but strenuous due to 1,571 foot elevation change in two and a half miles. We will eat lunch at Coyote Point, a rock ledge with a beautiful view, on top of Lone Mountain. Meet at 9:00 am in the Food City parking lot on South Illinois Avenue off Oak Ridge Turnpike in Oak Ridge. Contact Melanie Harmon to register at 865-376-1337 or at ddiversified@hotmail.com.

Oct 22 Unicoi Turnpike. 7 miles and rated easy for experienced hikers and moderate for beginners. Travel with us on one of the oldest trails in America through an old CCC camp. This trail is part of the "Trail of Tears". Fall foliage should be beautiful. Possible additional mileage depending on group vote. To register, call Robert and Patty Paul at 865-983-1985. Meet at the Bi-lo on Hwy 411 in Maryville at 9:00 a.m. to carpool.

Oct 29 Frozen Head State Park, Bird Mountain Loop. We'll begin by hiking up the 4 mile segment of the Cumberland Trail that begins just above the campground and runs along Bird Mountain past Castle Rock. From there we'll descend on the Lookout Tower Trail to form a loop of about 7.5 miles. The hike is rated moderate due to distance and an elevation gain of over 1700/ft up Bird Mountain. Be prepared with the usual essentials; sturdy hiking boots, lunch, snacks and plenty of water. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Food City located at 115 S. Illinois Ave. in Oak Ridge. Contact Bob Uhren at 865-748-9227 or snowcap34@charter.net for info.

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tullahoma Area)

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MEETING: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm CT

MONTHLY MEETING The Highland Rim chapter will not conduct a chapter meeting in October since the annual meeting is just prior to our normal meeting date. Our next chapter meeting will be November 15.

JACKSON CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Gary Cooper
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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.

Oct 1-2 Pumpkin Festival Weekend at Allardt, TN near Jamestown. This is a Multi-Chapter Annual Event. Camping and cabins at Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN (Park Office 931-879-5821; Cabin Reservations 1-877-260-0010.) Contact Roy Corley, 731-668-5070, roycorley@aeanes.net

Oct 14-16 TTA Annual Meeting at Monteagle- Plan to attend there are lots to hike and all levels of hikes -something for everyone.

Oct 29 Big Hill Pond State Park, Pocahtonat TN -This 8-mile loop trail is a unique area with an abundance of wildlife. A 0.8-mile boardwalk crosses Dismal Swamp. This hike is rated moderate for the uneven terrain and distance hiked. Hiking boots are strongly recommended. Bring lunch and water. We will meet at the boat dock in the park at 9:30 am CT. For information and to register or to arrange carpooling call Gary Cooper, 731-695-6342. gcooper52@yahoo.com

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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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.

Oct 1 Social Walk, Germantown Greenway Meet us at 9:00 a.m. at the Chick-Fil-A on Germantown Pkwy and the corner of Wolf River Blvd. This is an easy 4-mile walk through a portion of the Germantown Greenway. New Hikers Welcome! For information call Woody Pierce at 901-755-5635.

Oct 8 Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park. **NOTE:** Event Cancelled

Oct 14-16 TTA Annual Meeting, DuBose Conference Center at Monteagle, TN Join the fun... a weekend of spectacular hikes, good food, and meeting other hikers. Trails include the Walls of Jericho, probably one of the most beautiful sites in the southeast. Questions call Jerry Lenski at 901-213-0604.

www.tennesseetrails.org check out 2005 Annual Meeting, Hiking

Oct 20 MONTHLY MEETING Meet new friends and hear about past and upcoming hiking trips. New Hikers Welcome! Meet at the Cordova Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

Nov 5 Buffalo National River Hike, Jasper, AR Join Woody and Carolyn Pierce for a look at the Ozarks' highest river bluffs, some reaching as high as 440 feet. Towering over the Buffalo National River these multi-colored cliffs have been sculptured over the centuries by erosion. We'll hike along some river trails near Jasper and venture into the Ponca Wilderness to Hawksbill Crag, one of Carolyn's favorite places as well as the most photographed place in the natural state.

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(cont') Oct 20 Hikes will be between 3 and 6 miles and range from easy to moderate based on elevation gain.

Exact hiking venues will be determined by makeup of hikers. Pre-registration required. Contact Carolyn at 755-5635 if you wish to go. Hotel reservations should be made asap. Recommended motels are Little Switzerland, Cliff House, and Arkansas B&B. To get to Jasper, follow I-40 to Russellville AR and turning north on Scenic 7. We will meet in Jasper on Saturday morning at 8:30 in front of Coco's Den on Scenic 7. Rain will cancel hike.

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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OUTINGS COORDINATOR:

(Call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Ron Dunn

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MEETING: Monthly - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station
697 Barfield Rd., Murfreesboro

Note: Our member, Tony Hook, will be hiking the Appalachian Trail from Unicoi Gap to Amacalola, GA on Oct. 8-14. We certainly will be walking along side of him in our thoughts! Looking forward to hearing about your experiences, Tony!

Sep 30 – Oct 2 Pumpkin Festival Weekend, Allardt, TN near Jamestown. This is an Annual Multi-Chapter Event. As usual we'll enter a pickup truck "float" in the parade, enter community contests, shop for crafts, day hike, and more. Bring lots of individually wrapped candies to toss to the children on the parade route. Camping and cabins at Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN (Park Office: 931-879-5821; Cabin Reservations: 1-877-260-0010) Contact Fount Bertram fwbertram@heartoftn.net or 615-765-5357 for details and to signup.

Oct 11 MONTHLY MEETING Ron Dunn, Coordinator of Hikes and Outings for the Murfreesboro Chapter, will present a PowerPoint of people and places he's photographed on our hikes. Are you one of the stars on the screen? Come see for yourself.

Oct 14-16 Annual Meeting at DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN. Fun, Food, Fellowship . . . and Foot Trails starting Friday afternoon. Over 14 scheduled hikes, entertainment, displays, auctions, and socializing, all in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Since we are a Host Chapter there are also many opportunities to help with this important event. Contact Anna Bertram for more information or to volunteer your help. Email abertram@heartoftn.net or phone 615-765-5357

PLANNING AHEAD

Nov 5 Day Hike on the Bowling Farm, Putnam Co., TN, 3-4 miles, moderate. Contact Millette and Tony Jones, Tonjon2903@aol.com or 615-233-7008

Nov 12 Day Hike the Sewanee Perimeter Trail. Contact Maryedith McFarlin at 615-896-1344

Nov 19-20 Back Pack Mullin's Cove on the C.T., 11 miles. Contact Charlotte Broyles broylescha@hotmail.com or 615-890-6308

Nov 25 Annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Hike at Old Stone Fort, 3 miles, easy. Contact Jeanne' Hoechst-Ronner hoaxie@comcast.net or 615-890-9084

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Jim Johnson

615.356.6246, jimjohnsonjr@gmail.com

OUTINGS COORDINATOR:

(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Nancy Juodenas, njuodenas@hotmail.com

Sue Waldrop

MEETING: Monthly - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at Ellington Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike**

HIKING HOTLINE - 615-367-7045

FYI Oct 1 Beaman Park First Saturday Hike 9-noon Age level: Adults, 8+ Registration opens August 19. Don't miss this opportunity to take a guided hike with one of the many knowledgeable Friends of Beaman Park volunteers and explore the still new Beaman Park – it's 1,500 acres of forest on the Highland Rim and a natural treasure! Leader: Friends of Beaman Park call Warner Park Nature Center 615-352-6299 for reservations and directions.

Oct 2 Sewanee Perimeter Trail (sections) along with other trails, as well as sidewalks on the University of the South campus. We will start at the Greens View trailhead and do a loop hike of about 9 miles. We will have bluff views in several directions and waterfalls, and the wildflowers will be in bloom. Rated Moderate due to the distance. Be sure to bring snacks, and appropriate boots and clothing. Call Brian Dion at 615-210-7876.

Oct 8 Radnor Lake Newcomer's Hike. This is a moderate hike that encompasses part of the Lake Trail, the Ganier Ridge Loop and the South Lake Loop for a total of approximately 4.5 miles. There are wooded hills and valleys and wildflowers should be in bloom. Meet in the Parking lot next to the Visitor Center on Otter Creek Road off Granny White Pike at 8:00 am. Bring water, snacks and \$3.00 parking fee (if you don't have a pass). For more information and to register call Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or e-mail rushga01@yahoo.com

Oct 15 Mill Creek Greenway South and Mill Creek Floodplain A Two-fers in one day! Walk an easy 5 miles on a beautiful well-kept secret. Meet 2:00 at the Antioch Community Center on Blue Hole Road 1/4 mile north of Bell Road. Directions: From I-24 East exit 59 and turn right on Bell road. Go about 1 mile to Blue Hole (Family Golf Center on corner) and turn right to community center on left. From Brentwood, go east about 6 miles to Blue Hole Road and turn left and go 1/4 mile. We will walk the greenway (3 miles) and then drive about 1 mile to Mill Creek floodplain at my home (Honey Brook Subdivision) and walk another 2 miles. Enjoy some cool refreshments after at the home of Lee Harris. Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes. Most of the trail will be paved. Call Lee Harris 315-0440 or email ephaut@juno.com to sign up.

Oct 22 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. An underground stream that emerges from a cave drops over a 110-foot cliff and goes back into a cave at the bottom forms Virgin Falls. The 8-mile hike is beautiful in all seasons. Sturdy boots are a must due to rocks and elevation loss and gain. Bring lunch, water, and dress in layers for the season. Contact Brian Dion at 615-210-7876.

Oct 23 Bearwaller Gap Trail at the Cordell Hull Reservoir, near Carthage. This trail follows the edge of the bluffs that overlook the Cumberland River just upstream from the Cordell Hull Dam.

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(cont') Oct 23 The trail crosses the ridges between several stream drainages. It is rated moderate to difficult due to several elevation changes along the trail. If interested, call Jim or Marietta Poteet at 824-7286 or email at mattheml@bellsouth.net or jpoteet@genesco.com.

Oct 25 MONTHLY MEETING This month it's the return of "Big Game Daryl." That's right. TWRA's Big Game Program Coordinator Daryl Ratajczak, who presented a show on bears earlier in the year, is returning to our stage. This time, the subject is elk in Tennessee. Elk were recently reintroduced to the state. How's the project doing? Come and find out at 7:00 pm! We meet at TWRA's Region 2 headquarters building on the campus of Ellington Agricultural Center on Edmondson Pike.

Oct 29 Percy Warner Park, Mossy Ridge Trail – 4.5 miles, rated moderate due to elevation changes. Wear sturdy boots; bring water and snacks. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Deep Well parking area (stone arch entrance into the park on Hwy. 100, about 1.5 miles from the Hwy. 70/100 split). For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or e-mail rushga01@yahoo.com

Oct 29 Annual Potluck and Bonfire at Rotary Park in Clarksville. The Clarksville chapter has graciously invited us to join them for this fun annual event. It begins around 4:00 with a hike at Rotary Park, followed by a potluck dinner and bonfire. Please look under Clarksville Chapter hikes for this month for more details and contact information.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Jim Clark

731-587-2225, jlark@utm.edu

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

WEBSITE: www.utm.edu/~jlark/trails/

Oct 29 Bell Smith Springs, Shawnee National Forest. The best hike within 150 miles! Rocky streambed worn smooth through time, bluffs overlooking Bay Creek, lunch on top of a natural bridge! Be prepared for 4 stream crossings that can be as much as a foot deep after rains.

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Terry Brophy

931-707-7234, tpbrophy@multipro.com

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Myra Holloway

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

No scheduled meeting in October. Next meeting is the Christmas party on Dec 8, 2005.

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 for details. Rain cancels.

Oct 1 Greeter Falls to the Stone Door in the Savage Gulf area. We will shuttle cars between Greeter Falls and the Stone Door parking lot. The hike features some nice overlooks and the 50 foot tall Greeter Falls. The hike is 6 miles and rated as moderate. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water, lunch and snacks.

(cont') PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

(cont') Oct 1 Meet at the Tractor Supply Center at 8:00 AM CDT. For more information and to register, contact Jim or Dawn at 931/277-5154 or jchardy@peoplepc.com.

Oct 29 Virgin Falls, Sparta, TN. This is a moderately difficult to difficult 8 mile roundtrip hike to the 110 foot tall Virgin Falls. Along the way, we will pass a 30-foot waterfall, Big Laurel Falls. Due to the many rocks, wear sturdy hiking boots and bring water, lunch and snacks. Meet at 8:00 am CT in front of the Tractor Supply store. For more information and to register, contact Carolyn Miller at 931/456-4465 or at cardan@frontiernet.net.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Richard Savage

931-526-2035, savage_richard@hotmail.com

Oct 1 Snake Den Ridge - Low Gap loop, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cosby, TN. We will hike the Low Gap Trail from Cosby Campground to its junction with the Appalachian Trail which we will follow to its junction with the Snake Den Ridge Trail which then descends back to Cosby Campground. Highlights: varied forests such as beautiful deciduous forests at the lower elevations and spruces and firs in the higher elevations. The hike is 13 miles and is rated very strenuous because of the length and the elevation changes. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

Oct 8 Walls of Jericho Wilderness and Recreation Area, Winchester, TN - Jackson Co., AL. The Walls of Jericho is a massive unique natural geological rock formation featuring 150-200 foot vertical limestone walls at the closed end of a half mile long narrow wooded canyon. The hike is about 7 miles total and is mostly downhill going into the gorge so the return trip is mostly uphill. The trail is often muddy after rains. There is a tricky descent from the trail to the stream, which can be hazardous, several streams need to be crossed. The hike is rated strenuous. Bring hiking shoes, snacks, water, and lunch. For information and to register, contact Mary Jane Ware at 931-738-4500 or mjhike@blomand.net or Cindy Walinski at 931-394-3413 or cwalinski@blomand.net.

Oct 15 TTA Annual Meeting

Oct 22 Old Stone Fort - Short Springs Natural Area, Manchester, TN. The trail is about 1 1/4 miles and is rated easy. You can see the earthen wall that made up the defense for the Indians. There is also a small museum and 2 miles of additional trails. After lunch at Jiffy Burger, we will go to Short Springs. The highlight is Machine Falls. You have to go either through the creek or along a very narrow ledge. The trail down to the creek is steep, but not long. This trail is rated easy to moderate because of the steep drop off. Bring water and snacks. The park has about 3 1/2 miles of trails. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 7:30 am CT or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:00 am. For information and to register contact Cindy Walinski at 931-394-3413 or cwalinski@blomand.net.

Oct 29 Piney River Segment of the Cumberland Trail, Spring City, TN. The trail winds along streams for much of its length. There are impressive cascades. The hike is about 10 miles and is rated easy for the terrain and moderate for the distance. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. You can meet us at 8:00am in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register, contact Marnell Cothran at 931-738-5874 or leron@blomand.net.

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 In the interim, you are welcome to attend other chapters (13 to choose from) **outings, events and meetings.**

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Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 16

6:45 am – Early Risers Coffee in Lobby (with Bake Sale Goodies!)

7:30 am - Breakfast buffet open until 8:30 am.; pick up *sack meals

7:30 am - Early checkout begins for hikers

8:00 am – Hikes begin according to posted times

9:00 am – Fourth Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

1:30 pm – Checkout time ends and all displays removed

* Sack meals (breakfast and lunch) are only available to those who pre-ordered them on the registration form.

All Times are approximate and subject to change.

Are You Ready for the Annual Meeting 2005?

Chapter Check List:

*5 (or more) quality items for the auction

*Other items for the Silent Auction?

Tabletop display of Chapter activities

TTA Logo merchandise (If cleared with Annual Meeting Planning Committee)

*Have you pre-registered your auction items with the Auction Coordinator?

Member Check List:

Registration Form sent

Musical instrument for campfire?

Ghost story to tell?

White Elephant items for rummage sale

*Other items for the silent auction?

Baked goods and other homemade goodies

Hiking boots or shoes

Back pack or fanny pack

Checkbook and/or cash for auctions, bake sale, white elephant sale

***NOTE: Please help by pre-registering auction items via email to the Auction Coordinator, Jaye Kiblinger jayekib1@comcast.net or phoning her at 615-898-1291.** All that is needed for each item is a brief description (i.e. Kelty hydration pack), the estimated dollar value, name of contributor, and the name and Chapter of the TTA member.

TTA NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

We are losing our newsletter editor at the end of the year and need to have a replacement locked in by that time. Tina Dean has done a wonderful job for us and I know you all appreciate the professional manner in which our newsletter has been produced and delivered to us each month. Tina has other obligations and responsibilities to look after and we will need someone to take over when she leaves.

If you have ever dreamed of editing a dynamic, meaningful publication...now is your chance! We have a search committee in place and they will be reviewing and analyzing applicants for this extremely important position. You will need to have good computer skills, be able to lay out a paper and edit content and be able to work several hours each month to have it ready for the printer by an established deadline.

If you are interested, send your name and qualifications to Anne Wesley at tahiker@msn.com or call her at 615-851-1052

Announcement

Our Morgan County Historian has passed away. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. For those who knew him, he was a true southern gentleman. Rest well old friend.....

TODD, DONALD E. — age 87 of Wartburg, passed away Monday, August 29, 2005. He was born in Elgin, TN, graduated Robbins High School, UT Martin and UT Knoxville. He was a First Lieutenant in the 13th Army Air Corps, serving as a Bombardier during World War II in the Pacific Theatre until his discharge in 1994. He worked for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Soil Conservation Service and was a retired Morgan County Teacher and member of the Retired Teacher's Association. He was a Boy Scout Leader and Sunday School Teacher in First Baptist Church of Wartburg. He was a charter member of the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society and served as Morgan County Historian until his death. Mr. Todd was very active in environmental and conservation issues until his death and received numerous awards. As a part of his environmental efforts, he hosted a radio talk show, led wildflower hikes in Frozen Head State Park and appeared on the Heartland television series. He was a founder and Past President of the Tennessee Trails Association with a prime role in passing the bill that created Tennessee's Scenic Trail System. He was also a founder and served three terms as President of Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning. Mr. Todd was instrumental in the establishment of the Obed River as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System. He led efforts for the establishment of Frozen Head State Park and later efforts to expand the protection of the Flat Fork Valley adjacent to the park. For these efforts, he was the first Tennessean to be presented with the prestigious Gulf Oil Award in 1985. Mr. Todd also received the 2000 Lifetime Achievement Award in Morgan County. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Elgiva; brothers, Charles and Collins. He is survived by: sons, Donald Jr. and Stephen; daughter, Janet; seven grandchildren; sisters, June Ogilvie, Vivian Gateley, Betty Cable, Virginia Watts, Jacquetta Summer.

Note: Some friends of Donald, Jr. at the Oak Ridge Nuclear Laboratory have started a memorial fund through TTA to benefit our grants program. Those wishing to donate in Don's memory may send it to the

Donald E Todd Memorial Fund
Tennessee Trails Association
P.O. Box 41446
Nashville, TN 37204-1446

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 YESTERDAY ● TODAY ● TOMORROW

2005 TTA Annual Meeting Registration Form
 October 14 – 16, 2005
 DuBose Conference Center
 Monteagle, Tennessee
DUE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

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

Name: _____ (Sex: M F) Name: _____ (Sex: M F)

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____
 (_____) Email: _____

Chapter: _____

LODGING – The following accommodations are available. **Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. It is to your benefit to register as soon as possible.**

BISHOP'S HALL: This facility offers 32 motel-style rooms, each with private bath, double bed(s) and individually controlled heat and air conditioning. It adjoins the main building center.

Sold out! Single Occupancy.....	\$44.00/per person	# of nights _____	Total \$ _____
*Double Occupancy.....	\$30.00/per person	# of nights _____	Total \$ _____
*Rooming with: _____			

CLAIBORNE HALL: Historic main building includes 43 individually decorated dorm-style rooms, each with one or two single beds. Rooms are located on second and third floor; and are served by bathrooms in the hall of each building.

Single Occupancy.....	\$30.00/per person	# of nights _____	Total \$ _____
*Double Occupancy.....	\$21.00/per person	# of nights _____	Total \$ _____
*Rooming with: _____			

NEW CABINS: Two new cabins; each accommodates 24 people in two large sleeping rooms with bunk style beds.

Per Person, Per Night.....	\$15.00/per person	# of nights _____	Total \$ _____
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TENT CAMPING: \$5.00/per night/per person. No electrical and water hook-ups available. Campers will use the facilities in the New Cabins.

# of nights _____	Total \$ _____
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MEALS – (Friday Dinner, Saturday and Sunday Breakfast will be served buffet style)

FRIDAY	Dinner	# of People _____	x	\$ 14.00	Total \$ _____
SATURDAY	Breakfast	# of People _____	x	\$ 6.50	Total \$ _____
	Sack Lunch	# of People _____	x	\$ 8.50	Total \$ _____
	Dinner	# of People _____	x	\$ 14.00	Total \$ _____
SUNDAY	Breakfast	# of People _____	x	\$ 6.50	Total \$ _____
	*Sack Breakfast	# of People _____	x	\$ 4.00	Total \$ _____
	*Sack Lunch	# of People _____	x	\$ 8.50	Total \$ _____

* These will be for those that plan on hiking and will need to leave early on Sunday.

_____ Check here if vegetarian meals are required.

REGISTRATION FEE	# of People _____	x	\$ 15.00	Total \$ _____
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(This registration fee is not refundable and cannot be pro-rated. The full amount is required of each applicant, regardless of the number of days attending.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

*** List any additional names on the back of the form and please list sex of each person. This will aid us when assigning rooms.

Please complete this Registration Form and mail it with a check for your lodging, registration fee and meals made payable to:

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Newsletter Deadlines

Deadlines for Chapter announcements
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Oct 5 Nov 1
 Nov 5 Dec 1
 Dec 5 Jan 1

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 and will be included as space permits.

Please send all submissions to:
editor@tennesseetrails.org

ADOPT-A-TRAIL NEWS

ADOPT-A-TRAIL OFFICER:

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

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.

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.

TENNESSEE RAILS-TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRAC)

website: www.TNRailsTrails.org

TRAC is in the process of being reorganized. Stay tuned for further information.

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

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Oct 05

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| ___ Cove Lake | ___ Jackson | ___ Northwest (UT at Martin/Weakley) | (Sparta/Cookeville) |
| | | | ___ At Large |

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.

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Leonard,

Mr. Henderson (Chief Wagee) will be handling the printed copies – and would like to pick them up Friday morning. We realize that this is a short notice – please contact Mr. Henderson with any conflicts or concerns. Thank you! Tina Dean 865-660-2495.