

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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THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO PLANNED THE ANNUAL MEETING, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO LED THE HIKES, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED DURING THE WEEKEND TO MAKE IT GO SMOOTHLY, TO THE 4H CENTER FOR WORKING TO SUPPLY OUR NEEDS, TO THE PERSONS WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR THE LIVE AUCTION, THE SILENT AUCTION, THE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE, AND THE BAKE SALE, AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST TO ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

A more complete report and thank you to volunteers will follow in the December issue

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\$6100.00

That's the amount raised (donated) at the live and not –so-silent auction. Additional monies will come from the bake sale (thanks to the bakers) and the White Elephant Sale (thanks to all the white elephants). The Cumberland Trail Conference thanks you for your support of the future plans for completing the trail.

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Cumberland Trail Update

December 7-8, 2007: (due to scheduling event dates have been changed), Volunteer Appreciation Weekend, Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville, TN. December 8, Saturday, we will have a day hike on Black and Brady Mountains, a dinner and awards ceremony to follow. This is a weekend for all CTC volunteers, so come and join us. For volunteers coming from out of town, a cabin will be provided; space is limited, first come first served.

The CTC would also like to thank all TTA members for their volunteerism, a special thanks to the Plateau Chapter, as they accumulated the most volunteers hours. CTC has prepared a plaque in their honor for 2007.

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November 24. Middle Creek Loop Trail, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Jamestown TN. This is our traditional post-Thanksgiving hike with Tim and Lynn Takacs. Meet at the Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 1:00 p.m. EST to car pool, or meet at the Middle Creek Trailhead at 2:00 EST. Follow TN 154 1.8 miles north from TN 297, turn right and follow Division Road .7 mile to the trail head. The loop is 3.5 miles, rated moderate, and descends below the bluff line for a close look at several rock shelters. Following the hike, we'll stop by "Callie's Cabin" for refreshments. For information and to register, contact Tim at ttakacs@comcast.net or Lynn at lynntakacs@comcast.net before the Thanksgiving holidays.

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Nov 5 Monthly Meeting will be held at the Lafollette Recreation Center 201 S. 9th. St. at 6p.m. For more information call Richard at 423-562-1110.

Nov 10 Meet at 8a.m. at the Eagle Martket. Patricia Bolton will be leading a hike in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. For information contact Patricia at 423-566-1828.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm CTGrand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)
Nov. 6 Monthly Meeting Grand Buffet Spring Hill, TN One of our members, Rick Lausten will present the program at 7P.M. He will share details of an August hike he made at Isle Royale in Michigan. Come for dinner at 6 P.M.
Nov. 10 Marvin Caine will lead a hike on the Cumberland Trail. The 10 mile Possum Creek Segment features several waterfalls including Imodium Falls, one of the highlights of the Cumberland Trail. The hike is rated moderate. Meet at A&D Market, 1883 Lewisburg Pike (Hwy 431), Franklin. Register with Marvin at MLCaine@aol.com or call 931-486-1632.

Nov. 17 Brenda Callahan will lead the Honey Creek Trail hike through some of the most beautiful terrain in the Big South Fork area. Meet at A&D Market at 7A.M. We plan to stop for breakfast at Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby. Register with Brenda, bkc4398@yahoo.com or call 931-987-0678.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin/Weakley County)

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The Northwest chapter had its semi-annual planning meeting on Sept. 11, at Brandy's restaurant in Martin, TN. Attendees were invited to bring their calendars to minimize conflicts during the fall semester. The (almost) monthly hike schedule is: Sept. 24, Fort Pillow State Park and the Chickasaw Bluff Trail; Oct 27, Hawks Cave and Happy Hollow loop trail at Ferne Clyffe State Park, Goreville, IL; Bear Creek Loop Trail, LBL, Dec. 1, and the annual North-South Trail segment at LBL on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 21. This year we will be hiking from where the NS Trail crosses the Trace near Cedar Pond to Wild Rose Branch.

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tullahoma Area)

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restaurant in Tullahoma

Nov 3 - Hike into Walls of Jericho. Joette Carter will lead this hike on land once owned by the Carter family. Round trip about 8 miles but involves some elevation change. If you haven't been into this unique area you need to plan to make this trip. Moderate (931) 968-0073 jlc3333@juno.com

Nov 6 - Monthly meeting at Crockett's in Tullahoma. Dinner at 6:00 followed by a program on the new CPR guidelines. Do not leave home without them let alone hike without knowing how to save your hiking buddy. Marilyn Alexander of Harton Hospital Education will be bringing several manikins for practice. While we are scheduled for a non certified presentation it is possible to obtain certification. Please contact Tom Bentley (931) 273-6344 or htbentley@charter.net for further information.

Nov 10 - Jim and Marietta Poteet will lead a hike to the Sipsey Wilderness in Bankhead National Forest in North Alabama. It will be an 8 mile loop and is rated moderate due to trail conditions and some elevation changes. There will be several stream crossings. The hike will be Nov. 10. Please call Marietta at 931-924-7666 or email at nannietta@blomand.net to find out more information.

Nov 17 Third Sat Eat-Hike-Eat These hikes are as much social events as they are hikes. We try to move slowly enough so that we get to know each other and enjoy the trails and views. Gate 11 to Audubon Lake Kings Farm, Firebreak trail to Gate 10 4-5 Miles - Start 9:00 (or earlier) Blue Chair in Sewanee for breakfast and a cup of coffee. <http://www.thebluechair.com/index.htm> - Tom Bentley 455-5849 htbentley@charter.net

Nov. 23 (Friday) - Annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Hike, Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park, Manchester, TN, 3 to 4 miles. The Old Stone Fort is a 2000 year-old American Indian ceremonial site. It consists of 50 acres of hilly terrain, mounds and walls that combine with cliffs and rivers to form an enclosure measuring 1-1/4 miles around. Settlers tended to name such enclosures "forts". There's a small but interesting museum to browse. Bring drinking water, snacks, money for lunch after the hike in a local restaurant, and to chip in on gasoline. Contact Highland Rim Chapter Tom Bentley htbentley@charter.net 931 273-6344 cell. Murfreesboro contacts Fount & Anna Bertram, abertram@dtccom.net or 615-765-5357

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Nov. 11 Let's do Big Creek!! We'll meet 8:30 am Cracker Barrel Straw Plains Exit off I-40 east or at 10:00 am Big Creek Primitive Campground Parking Area. This is an easy to moderate scenic hike with waterfalls, gigantic gray boulders and deep blue clear water. For the meek and mild, this is a 5 mile hike and for the more adventurous hikers, this could be a 10 mile adventure. For more info. call Rosemary Marshall 865-548-6171 or rosemary_L@hotmail.com

Dec 1 GSMNP - Spruce Flats Falls Manway/Lumber Ridge Trail 8 miles, moderate. This hike will start behind the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont and follow a narrow, rocky, well worn path for about 0.5 miles before ending at Spruce Flats Falls. We will then ford Spruce Flats Branch and follow an old manway/railroad for about 3 miles (there will be several small creek crossings). The manway ends at Buckhorn Gap, where Lumber Ridge, Meigs Creek, and Meigs Mtn. Trails meet. We'll turn left and follow the Lumber Ridge Trail for 4 miles back to Tremont. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots, and dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at 10 a.m. ET at the Townsend 'Y' entrance to the Park to car pool to Tremont. For further information or to pre-register contact Keith Mertz at 865-982-7368 or e-mail keithmertz@hotmail.com If Spruce Flats Branch is impassable another area hike will be planned.

JACKSON CHAPTER

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Nov 3 Big Hill Pond State Park, Pocahtontas, 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. For information regarding time and carpooling call Sara Hakim @ 206-553-9334 hakim@lambuth.edu

Nov 8-Monthly Meeting- Socializing and meal starts at 6:00 meeting starts at 7:00pm CT. If you have suggestions for new places to hike, bring maps, brochures, guidebooks, etc. Help plan the hiking schedule for the first half of 2008.

Nov 10- Radnor Lake and eat in Nashville-We will have a nice hike and afterwards eat in Nashville. For all the information call Anne Goodson 731-664-1556.

Nov 17- Tishomingo State Park, Mississippi-Join us for a 7-10 mile hike winding along rocky bridges with spectacular views, through shallow, fern-filled canyons, and across the Bear Creek swinging bridge constructed in the 1930's. Bring lunch and water. Registration required for carpool information and to register contact Sara Hakin 206-553-9334 hakim@lambuth.edu Directions: Hwy 45S to Corinth, then 72 toward Alabama to Hwy 25S.

Take 25S through Tishomingo then look for state park sign. Approximately 2 miles south turn left into Tishomingo State Park. Best place to meet is at the tollgate. There is a parking lot to the right just before entering the park. There is a small fee to enter the park.

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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

Nov. 3- Fall Foliage Hike & Potluck Lunch, Monterey, TN, 4.5 miles, moderate. Join us for our 6th Hike & Potluck at the Bowling Farm. This 3 hour hike is rated moderate for several big hills and a creek crossing. We will be hiking some new trail and some trails we have enjoyed in the past. Bring a covered dish to share. If you are not up to the hike please come anyway, you can sit on the covered porch, socialize and enjoy the fall colors. Meet at the Food Lion on Rutherford and Tennessee Blvds., we will depart promptly at 8am. For more info or to sign up contact Tony & Millette Jones at 615-397-4463 or awj68@comcast.net

Nov. 10- Cardwell Mountain Trail, McMinnville, TN, 5.5 miles, moderate. As part of the Cumberland Plateau, this mountain offers beautiful scenery, rock formations, and also sits above Cumberland Caverns, Tennessee's largest cave network. Bring water and snacks for this loop trail which is rated moderate due to some rocky and uneven terrain. We will have lunch at a restaurant in McMinnville after the hike. For information and to register contact Nabil Wakid at 615-893-7942 or at nwakid@bellsouth.net

Nov. 10-11- Big South Fork Backpacking, John Litton Farm Area, moderate. Explore the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area over what should be a beautiful autumn weekend. Contact Edie cFarlin for more info and to sign up, 615-896-1344.

Nov. 13- Monthly Meeting, Barfield-Crescent Park, Wilderness Center, 6:00 PM. Finger Food Supper & 6 Months Hike Planning: We'll meet 1 hour earlier to give us more time to eat and plan hikes for February through July. Bring easy-to-eat foods to share, your calendars, planners, and ideas. Please come prepared to actively participate in the discussion and planning.

Nov. 17- Devil's Backbone, Natchez Trace Parkway, 3 miles, moderate. Located in the Devil's Backbone State Natural Area this quiet loop trail takes you from the paved Natchez Trace along a ridge of the Highland Rim, down to a creek, and back again. Total elevation change is 200ft. The most ecologically significant element here is the mix of vegetation, you will see many varieties of Oak, Hickory, Tuliptree, Beech, Pine, Sycamore, and Maple in these second and third growth forests. To sign up or for more information contact Sara Pollard at spollard@mtsu.edu or 615-896-9589.

Nov. 23 (Friday)- Day-After-Thanksgiving Hike, Old Stone Fort, Manchester, TN, 3-4 miles, easy. We will be joined by the Highland Rim Chapter for this annual hike at Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park; the hike is easy but for many exposed roots along the trail.

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The Old Stone Fort is a 2,000-year-old American Indian ceremonial site. It consists of 50 acres of hilly terrain, mounds and walls that combine with cliffs and rivers to form an enclosure measuring 1-1/4 miles around. Settlers tended to name such enclosures "forts". There's a small but interesting museum to browse. Bring drinking water, snacks, money for lunch after the hike in a local restaurant, and to help on gasoline. Contact Fount & Anna Bertram, abertram@dtccom.net or 615-765-5357.

Nov. 24- Piney Point Trail, Sewanee, TN, 4 miles, moderate. Part of the Perimeter Trail at The University of the South this 2-mile "there and back" trail starts from the parking lot at Green's View, descends down Shakerag Hollow and then winds up to Piney Point for a breathtaking view of the valley. After the hike we will have lunch at a restaurant in Monteagle. Wear sturdy footwear, bring water and snacks. For information and to register contact Nabil Wakid at 615-893-7942 or at nwakid@bellsouth.net

Planning Ahead

Dec 1 - Lost Sinks, Keel Mountain Nature Preserve, Huntsville, AL, 5 miles, easy/moderate. Sandra Parker & Bob Goodwin, camel@earthlink.net or 256-564-8417

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Nov 3 Cedars of Lebanon, 5 miles, moderate; Suva Bastin, 931-645-2849

Nov 10 TTA participation in Veterans Day Parade, Clarksville, TN; Merri Hinton, 270-726-3141

Nov 17-18 Overnight backpacking trip, Fiery Gizzard, 12 miles, difficult; J.R. Tate 931-920-2692

Nov 17 Alternate Hike: Dunbar Cave Trail, 2 miles, easy; Pam Gadsey 931-552-2325

Nov 24 After-Thanksgiving Hike, Rotary Park, Clarksville; 3 miles, easy; Lucy Weikel 931-358-5794

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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Nov 3, Shiloh National Military Park near Counce, TN -- Registration Required --This is a flat and easy 8-9 miles hike through the battlefield. Meet at Ed Shaw's Café located of TN Hwy. 22 at 10:00 a.m. Carpoolers meet at 7:45 a.m. at Target 9235 Hwy 72 (Village Shops of Forest Hill Irene). Target is east of intersection US Hwy 72 and Forest Hill Irene Road. Bring lunch and water. To registration and for information call Freddi Felt at 901-685-9915.

Nov 10, Meeman-Shelby Forest Join us for one of the BEST hikes in West Tennessee. We will hike Woodland Trail or the Chickasaw Bluff Trail. Meet at the Park's Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. and bring water and snack/lunch. New hikers welcome! For information, call Francis Ruffin at 901-396-1108. Directions: From I-40, take Exit 2-A, turn right, go past 6 traffic lights to Watkins Road, turn left and continue until the road dead ends. Turn left, drive 1 mile to a four-way stop and General Store then turn right, continue 1 mile, turn left into the park. www.tnstateparks.com
Nov 15, Monthly Meeting - 2008 Schedule Planning Meeting Our outings for 2008 will be set at this meeting. If you have suggestions for new places to hike, bring maps, brochures, guidebooks, etc. If you are unable to attend the meeting, email trails you would like to add to the schedule and I will share with the group.

Nov 17, Chickasaw State Park (lunch after hike) For information and carpooling call Deena Spuryer at 901-266-7181. We will meet at the park visitor center (watch for meeting time in email notice). Bring water and snack. After hiking we will eat lunch at the park's restaurant which offers excellent Southern cuisine in a restful atmosphere. The park is located 18 miles south of Jackson on State Hwy. 100. <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/Chickasaw>

Nov 18, Collierville Greenway Walk a section of the Collierville Greenway. It meanders along creeks and between backyards. Total distance about 4 miles. Surface: flat, all paved (sneakers adequate). Meet at 12:00 noon in the rear parking lot of Tara Oaks Elementary, 600 Harpers Ferry Drive. This is the extreme eastern side of Collierville. From Poplar Ave., proceed north on Collierville-Arlington Road about 1.5 mile. Turn right onto Harpers Ferry Dr. School will be on left about 1/4 mile. For information call Walter Cygan at 901-753-6916 <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/recreation>

Nov 24, Ft. Pillow State Park, Henning, TN Join us for an 8-mile hike rated moderate over hilly terrain and through hardwood forests. New hikers welcome! Meet at Park Interpretative Center at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in carpooling or more information call Jerry Lenski at 901-213-0604.

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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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 Harris at (931) 484-9152 or Jim McCullough at sue1290@frontiernet.net. Rain cancels.

Nov. 8. Chapter meeting. 6:30 PM CST. Art Circle Public Library Community Room. Speakers: Frank and Peggy Cregor, Highland Rim Chapter members. They recently had the privilege of a unique visit to the Canadian Rockies in Alberta. They were flown by helicopter to a comfortable lodge in the mountains and each day were flown from the lodge to a different spot where they hiked for a while before flying to yet another beautiful location to hike. Come hear about their hikes to pristine locations with no "trails" and where very few people have been.

The annual meeting is over. What a great time we had! We need a short wrap-up meeting to make sure that everyone is properly thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

Nov. 10. Cumberland Trail, near Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg. Join us for a hike on a newly completed and recently maintained portion of the Cumberland Trail at Frozen Head. The hike begins with a 2 1/2 mile trek up an old coal mining road just outside of the boundary of Frozen Head. Once at the top, we'll intersect with the Cumberland Trail and follow the ridge line with no significant elevation gain for about 2 miles as we head towards Frozen Head. Then, we descend on the Bird Mountain Trail, with switchbacks for about 1 1/2 miles. The hike ends in the campground at Frozen Head where we will shuttle cars back to the starting point. The total distance is about 8 miles. The hike up the old coal mining road (known as Ross Gap) will be the toughest part. The descent will be easy except for those with weak knees. As we will be on a ridge after the leaves have fallen, there should be some nice vistas of the surrounding valleys and mountains. Wear boots; bring lunch, snacks and water. Meet in the parking lot of the Vanity Fair Outlet Mall at 8:00 AM CST where we will consolidate to car pool. Each rider should reimburse their driver \$5. For more information and to register for the hike, contact Gary Ruetenik at 931/484-0824 or at druetenik@frontiernet.net.

Nov. 24. After-Thanksgiving Hike. Pioneer Loop, Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville. This is about a 5 mile hike around Byrd Creek. The hike is rated easy due to the flat terrain, but there are a couple of creek crossings. The hike makes a loop that goes up one side of Byrd Creek crosses an old stone bridge and then comes down the other side of the creek. Meet at 9:00 AM CST at the boat dock parking lot. For more information, contact Carolyn Miller at 931/456-4465 or cardan@frontiernet.net.

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MEETS MONTHLY:

HIKING HOTLINE: 615-367-7045

Nov 27 Monthly Program Meeting Save for a few stubborn oaks, most of the leaves have fallen, returning Middle Tennessee to a wintry landscape. Still, there's life in those limbs! Our presenter this month is Susan Bradfield, a naturalist with the Warner Park Nature Center in Nashville. Susan will show and tell us about the birds who stay over through Tennessee winters, and which birds we're likely to see on our winter hikes. 7PM at the TWRA Headquarters building on the Ellington Agricultural Center campus, on Edmondson Pike.

Nov. 3, Trailbuilding Workdays at Beaman Park, Nashville. Mark your calendar and consider joining us at the Creekside Trailhead 9 AM to noon, CT. We are trying to finish the connector trail between the new bridge and the nature center site. We will provide the tools, work gloves, drinks and snacks. You bring the strong back and pleasant disposition. Bring a friend. All are welcome. For info contact, *nancydorman@yahoo.com*, or 615-202-5891.

Nov.10, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Ride the incline railway (\$15 charge) to the summit, where the Civil War Battle above the Clouds took place, and hike 9 easy miles on the Craven House Loop and Bluff Trails. Wear sturdy boots; bring water, lunch and money for carpooling. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or e-mail *rushga01@yahoo.com*

Nov. 17, Meriwether Lewis Loop/Devil's Backbone, Natchez Trace Parkway, TN. Travel down the Natchez Trace to Meriwether Lewis State Park. The loop trail is 3.5 miles, rated moderate and covers some historic parts of the old Natchez Trace, including where Meriwether Lewis met his untimely end. Bring water, snacks, lunch and hiking boots for uneven terrain. We will eat lunch before we begin the second loop. If there is interest, the Devil's Backbone is a beginner's hike with a 2.7-mile moderate loop that traverses one of Tennessee's newer State Natural Areas. This loop goes through a seldom traveled preserve of hardwood forest. We will join the Murfreesboro chapter in this hike. For carpooling information, and meeting times in Nashville, call Libby Francis, 615-889-5718, or e-mail *libbyslibbys@comcast.net*.

Nov 23 (Fri) After Thanksgiving Day Hike, Warner Park, Nashville, TN. Had a little too much turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie yesterday? Well, here's your chance to walk some of it off. We will hike the Mossy Ridge and Warner Woods trails in the Percy Warner side of Warner Park. The hike is 7.5 miles and rated moderate for the numerous rolling hills we will ascend and descend. Bring snacks (leftovers are good), lunch (leftovers will work) and water. Sturdy hiking shoes/boots are recommended for this terrain – it is uneven with rocky spots. We'll meet at the flagpole just

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inside the entrance to the park at end of Belle Meade Boulevard. To register, and obtain meeting time, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

Nov 24 Hike, Socialize, Eat, Socialize and Shop. Smithville area of TN. We'll hike a little in Edgar Evins State Park on the Highland Rim Nature Trail, which is only 1.5 miles but has quite a bit of rolling terrain. Comfortable hiking shoes are recommended since the trail tread is uneven. After the hike, we're heading to the Appalachian Center for Craft in Smithville for their 2007 Holiday Festival. Here we'll eat lunch in their café (bring \$\$\$ to buy your lunch), then view the Craft Center artist's exhibits, as well as demonstrations through the day representing fine crafts in clay, fibers, glass, metals and wood. We'll meet to carpool from the Kinko's on Donelson Pike (exit 216-C off of I-40), or if you live closer to Edgar Evins SP, you are welcome to meet us at the park's Visitors Center. To register, and obtain meeting time, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777

Evan Means Small Grants Program

The TTA board of directors voted in February 1999 to honor Evan Means, one of the founders of TTA, by establishing a Grants Program in his name. This program annually funds trail-related projects across the state and is open to TTA chapters, as well as to other non-profit, volunteer-based organizations.

Grant amounts are normally given in the range of \$300-\$600, but larger requests will be considered. Applications for the 2008 Grants Program should be received by **December 31, 2007** for grants awarded in February 2008. Grant criteria and applications may be downloaded by going to <http://www.tennesseetrails.org/> and clicking on "Grants".

Please remember: **Supporting Members Support the Grants Programs.** When TTA members join TTA or renew their memberships, they have the option to become "Supporting Members" by contributing extra money beyond the normal dues. These tax deductible donations are allocated directly into the Evan Means Small Grants Program fund.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

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Nov 3 Across-the-Gulf!, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN. We will start at the Stone's Door Ranger Station and cross the gulf to Hobb's Cabin. We will then hike the length of the North Rim Trail and end our hike at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station. The North Rim Trail features more overlooks than any other trail in the South Cumberland Area. The trails vary between level, and steep and rocky. Sturdy hiking boots are required. The hike is 17 miles and rated strenuous. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us at 6:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 6:20. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

Nov 5 Standing Stone State Park Lake Trail, Hilham, TN. This hike is about 5 miles and rated easy to moderate. You can meet us at 9:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring snacks, water, lunch, and bring good hiking boots. For information and to register contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

Nov 10 Brady Mountain Segment of the Cumberland Trail, Crossville, TN. We will hike the length of the trail from the Jewitt Road trailhead to Highway 68. Highlights of the trail include spectacular views of Grassy Cove and the mountains to the east. On clear days the Smoky Mountains are visible. The hike is about 8 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous because of the elevation gain. Side trips to interesting rock formations and the site of an airplane crash are possible. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and wear sturdy hiking boots. You can meet us at 8:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

Nov 17 North Chickamauga Pocket Wilderness, Soddy-Daisy, TN. This hike features fine views of Chickamauga Gulch, waterfalls, and old coal mining structures. This hike is about 7 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous. We will eat lunch at the cable crossing. There is an option of hiking an additional mile by making the descent to Stevenson Branch, which is strenuous. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. You can meet us at 7:30am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:00. For information and to register contact Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or pabroehl@tnaccess.com.

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