

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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IN REMEMBRANCE OF BOB BARNETT

Bob Barnett passed away on January 16, at the age of 58. I first met Bob at the 1994 annual meeting at Happy Hills Acres camp near Clarksville, when he was serving as Vice-President during Rob Weber's first year as President. I was immediately impressed with Bob's dedication and passion for all things environmental. He particularly relished keeping track of the things that were happening on the political scene that could affect both TTA and Tennessee's trails, as well as following what other like-minded individuals and organizations were doing. Bob was very dedicated to TTA, having already served TTA in several leadership positions, first as the vice president in 1986, then as president in 1988, again as vice president in 1991, and then again as president in 1992 and 1993. Bob also served as the auctioneer at several years' worth of annual auctions, back when revenues were measured in a few hundred bucks and when the annual meeting Friday night dinner was pot-luck.

Although Bob had been in poor health in recent years, he maintained his interest and enthusiasm in TTA and our mission. He tried very hard to make it to the last couple of annual meetings, but just couldn't. However, he was there in spirit, as he managed to round up several auction items for others to bring. He also completed an article on the Short Springs State Natural Area that should be published sometime this year in the *Tennessee Conservationist*.

Bob always signed his cards and letters with a phrase that sounds simple, but has a lot of meaning to all of us in TTA. So, I'll borrow from him and say ... **"Happy Trails!"** ... to you, Bob.

— Jim Poteet



ROAD TO NOWHERE IS NO MORE

On February 2, 2010, Congressman Heath Shuler announced that he had been able to negotiate an agreement with Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior on payment of the \$52 million North Shore Road Settlement previously approved by congress. The new agreement provides for an initial \$4 million installment to be deposited in the Swain County Trust Fund, an additional \$8.8 million to be deposited 120 days after the new agreement is signed, and the remainder to be deposited annually over the next 10 years.

An outdoor ceremony was held for the signing of this historic agreement Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010. With the signing of the new agreement, the infamous "1943 Agreement" has been ended forever!

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club (SMHC) has worked long and hard to preserve the integrity of this area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Their current Conservation Committee Chairman, Ray Payne, deserves especial thanks for his tireless efforts working toward this end ever since the 1966 "Save-Our-Smokies Wilderness" Hike.

Past SMHC members Harvey Broome, Ernie Dickerman, Leroy Fox, and numerous other past and present members also deserve praise for their efforts in this cause.

SAVE THE DATE

The Jackson and Memphis chapters are hosting the 2010 annual meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park from November 12 - 14, 2010. Plan for a week-end of hikes, camaraderie, interesting programs, and the opportunity to raise funds to support the Cumberland Trail Conference! Stay tuned for more details.

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In April 2010, the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) is beginning the campaign to complete the New River segment of the Cumberland Trail. This trail building effort will be called "Making the Connection, Frozen Head to Cove Lake". This segment will connect Frozen Head and Cove Lake State Parks with a 38-mile section of trail. To complete the trail construction, several volunteer trail building opportunities will be scheduled in 2010 and 2011.

The goal of the first trail building event will be to finish the trail between Bowling Branch and Cave Branch in the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area, Scott County, Tennessee. From April 8th to 25th, 2010, volunteers are needed to help construct this 3.5-mile section of trail. This will be a camping outing, with volunteers supplying their own camping gear. CTC will supply food that will be prepared by the volunteers. Vehicles can be driven to the primitive, base campsite. To register for this event, please contact the CTC office at 931-456-6259, or at cumberlandtrail@rocketmail.com.

Other trail building events for this segment will be scheduled for 2010, details to be announced.

BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

Chapter currently inactive

SUPPORTING AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Even though we appreciate all of our TTA members, we are truly grateful to those who support our state's trail system by making an extra financial contribution. Your tax-deductible donation of \$25, \$50, or more over and above the membership fee is applied to our Evan Means Small Grants Program which provides support for trail projects across the state. Previous projects funded through this program have included boardwalk improvements at Big Hill Pond State Park, improved signage at Rotary Park in Clarksville and Barfield-Crescent Park in Murfreesboro, tree identification labels on the Laurel Branch trail, building materials and signage for trails being constructed at Tellico Lake in Loudon County, the Cumberland Trail Conference's Spring Volunteer Programs, improvements at the entrance of LaFollette Nature Trail and an Eagle Scout project on the Cumberland Trail.

We would like to recognize and thank these *Supporting Members*: **Ray & JoAnn Garrett, Paul F. Smith, Estie Sheahan, Chris Everett, Ronnie Bogard, and Jan Richey**. In addition, we would like to extend a big thank-you to **Garnett Rush** for her additional financial gift this year.

Thanks to you all!

Ron Dunn
Membership Director

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT at Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.
Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>

Mar 6 - Rails to Trails, Clarksville, TN 5.6 miles. Moderate. Lili Ball, 931.552-2773. Meet at 8:30 am CT, Big Lots parking area, Riverside Drive, Clarksville, TN.

Mar 13 - Collins Gulf Trail, South Cumberland State Recreation Area. 11.5 miles. Difficult. Merri Hinton; 270.726.3141. Meet at 6:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot.

Mar 16 - Monthly Meeting

Mar 20 - Shakerag- Beckwith's Point- Piney Point Trails, University of the South Domain, Sewanee, TN. 5.5 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931.645-9068; Meet at 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot.

Mar 27 - Cub Creek Lake - Fern Trail Loop, Natchez Trace State Forest, Lexington, TN. 4.5 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931.645-9068; Meet at 7:00 am CT, Big Lots parking area, Riverside Drive, Clarksville, TN

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Grand Buffet (Hwy 31 north side of Spring Hill). Socializing and dinner at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Mar 3 - Monthly Meeting. Our speaker is Andrea (Pandy) English, Wildlife Diversity Coordinator for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Pandy has a Master's Degree in biology from Austin Peay State University. She has worked for over 20 years as an interpretive naturalist at places such as The Woodlands Nature Center at TVA's Land Between the Lakes, Dunbar Cave Natural Area and Warner Parks. Pandy will speak to us on bats and caves in Tennessee.

Mar 13 - Old Stone Fort, Manchester, TN. 3.5 mile. Easy. This is a loop hike between the forks of the Duck River, circling around a 2,000-year-old stone wall built by ancient American natives. Other features include several large waterfalls, rock bluffs, and remnants of mill dams. An interpretive guide and state park museum enhance the experience. After leaving the museum, this hike circles an American Indian ceremonial enclosure marked by a stone wall. Pass along Step Falls and the bluffs of the Little Duck River before dropping into the "Moat", an abandoned river channel. Climb along the narrow rocky ridge of the "Backbone" before dropping back down to the water's edge to again meet the Little Duck. Follow it to the confluence with the main Duck River. Climb past more of the stone wall and waterfalls of the Duck, along with old mills before completing the loop. We will leave from A&D Market, 1883 Lewisburg Pike, Franklin at 9:00 am CT. Bring water and lunch for the trail. We do not plan to stop to eat on the way home. Register with Russell Smith at *carving082334@aol.com* or 615-790-1833.

Mar 20 - Work Day - Stillhouse Hollow Falls. Meet at 9 am CT at Stillhouse Trail Head. Our main objective is to improve the creek crossing so wear waterproof boots if you have them. Other work will be trash pickup, trimming back the brush and work on the trail where it has washed out. Tools will be provided but you should bring work gloves. Also bring water and lunch. We should be finished by 3 pm. If it rains we will reschedule. Register with Bobby Hardeman at *puttr22@aol.com* or 615-430-0638.

Mar 27 - Piney River Trail segment of Cumberland Trail in Bowater Pocket Wilderness, Spring City, TN. 9-10 miles. Moderate. This is a point to point hike, so a car shuttle is needed. The hike follows Duskin Creek and Piney River, and crosses them several times. We will hike going downstream, but there will be some ups and downs as we work ourselves along various ridge lines. Total elevation loss will be about 250'. There are 5 suspension bridges that vary in length from 20 to 100 feet. We will see several waterfalls, cascades and deep pools. There are also short spur trails that lead to other points of interest: mining camps, waterfalls, bluffs, etc. We will leave from the back lot of McDonald's at 4908 Main Street (Hwy 31) on the north end of Spring Hill at 6:45 am CT. The trailhead is about 160 miles (3 hours) from there. Bring water, lunch for the trail and hiking poles. Wear sturdy boots and bring water shoes, as we may have one wet creek crossing that is not bridged. We plan to stop for dinner on the way home, so our return time could be as late at 9:00 pm. Register with Rick Lausten at *saturncar1@aol.com* or 615-373-0029.

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Mar 1 - Monthly Meeting. We will meet 6:00 pm ET at LaFollette Recreation Center to discuss upcoming hikes. More information or contact Richard Helm 423-562-1110. Everyone is welcome to attend

Mar 6 - Big South Fork Angel Falls. Moderate to Difficult. Meet 9:00 am ET at Jacksboro Middle School. More information or contact Lester 865-494-9231

Mar 21 - Norris Dam State Park. Easy. Meet 1:30 pm ET at Jacksboro Middle School. More information or contact Richard Helm 423-562-1110

Mar 27 - Savage Gardens. Easy. Meet 1:30 pm ET at Jacksboro Middle School. More information or contact Richard Helm 423-562-1110

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep-Jun) 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm CT at Dyersburg Main Street Office, 111 Market Street on the south side of the square in downtown Dyersburg

Mar 6 - Dyersburg River Park. 3.8 miles. Moderate. Hike the existing river trail and then bushwhack the next loop to be improved and make plans for that project. Good walking shoes or boots, water and snacks all good and a dutch lunch will follow. Meet at the Farmers Market by the river at 9:00 am. CT Contact Jim Stark for additional info. 731-589-1776

Mar 13 - Moss Island Wildlife Refuge at the intersection of the Forked Deer and the Obion Rivers. 5.3 miles. Moderate. This will be another trail planning hike as we connect two existing trails and several points of interest in this historic forest in cooperation with the TWRA wildlife officers. Navigation will be by GPS and perhaps Compass/Map if an instructor can be found. Boots, water, snacks and lunch will all be useful. Rain or high water could cancel this hike. Meet at the Refuge entrance on Great River Road, 35° 57' 15"N 89° 38' 10"W (12 miles south of I-155 or three miles north of Hwy. 88). Contact Jim Stark for additional info. 731-589-1776

Mar 27 - Monthly Meeting

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March 27-Wesley Woods, Townsend, TN. 5 miles. Moderate. We will hike approximately 5 miles in this church camp. We'll start on the Chesnut Trail and ascend to the unfinished section of the Foothills Parkway where we'll walk to an overlook and then descend back down the Chesnut Trail to the Falls and then back to the camp. Meet at Brown's Creek Shopping Center (Sonic end) Hwy 321 in Maryville at 9:00 am ET. To pre-register e-mail Robby Paul and Karen Towle at *robbypaul@hotmail.com* or call 865-850-1503.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W.
Wilson Community Ctr., 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Mar 2 - Monthly Meeting. Chris Padgett from Tim's Ford State Park will update us on the status of new trails at the park, plus tell us about their plans for a "blueway" canoe/kayak trail. Some folks will be getting together before the meeting for dinner at Ruby Tuesdays at 5 pm.

Mar 6 - Big Creek Gulf and Rim Trails in the Savage Gulf SNA of the South Cumberland State Park. 10.3 miles. Difficult. Weather permitting, Nora Henn will lead this loop hike from the Stone Door Ranger Station near Beersheba through the Stone Door onto the Big Creek Gulf Trail, with a side trip to Ranger Falls, then out of the gulf at Alum Gap, and returning to the beginning along the Big Creek Rim Trail. We'll also hike the short Laurel Trail either at the beginning or end of the Big Creek Loop. Since this is a difficult hike due to length and elevation change, please call Nora at 931-668-1870 to pre-register and to get meeting time and location.

Mar 13 - Shuttle Hike Savage Gulf, South Cumberland State Recreation Area. 7 miles. Moderate. Dave Anderson celebrates his birthday by leading us on a hike in the South Cumberland State Park's Savage Gulf SNA. This is a shuttle hike which begins at the Greeter Falls parking area and ends at the Stone Door Ranger Station. We begin with a short side trip to the Blue Hole and back, then take the Greeter Falls Loop Trail to Boardtree Falls, where we connect with the trail to Alum Gap. At Alum Gap, we take the Laurel Trail to the Ranger Station. This hike is considered moderate, with a distance of 7 miles and little elevation change. Call Dave at 931-273-0733 or contact by email at *jdanders1@charter.net* for meeting time and place.

Mar 20 - Lost Cove, University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Cindy Crysdale is the leader for this month's Eat-Hike-Eat outing. We will hike from the Sherwood Road (Highway 56) saddle down into Lost Cove, newly acquired by the University of the South, where the Big Sink drains Lost Cove. Then we'll make our way over and around the Lost Cove saddle, past the Peter Cave entrance, to reach the very impressive Buggytop Cave entrance, where the Big Sink water re-surfaces. We'll complete the hike at the Carter Caves SNA parking area on Highway 56. Meet at the Blue Chair before the hike to have a cup of coffee or breakfast, and to work out the shuttle and carpooling. We're planning on leaving the Blue Chair by 9:30 am CT and returning about 2. Contact Cindy by phone at 931-598-9492 or by email at *cindysslist@yahoo.com*.

Highland Rim - con't.

Mar 26-28 - Backpacking Trip. Moderate to Strenuous. Kathleen Close, a TTA life member and long-time Highland Rim chapter member, is a ridge-runner on the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, and is responsible for a section of the trail which she hikes on a monthly cycle. She has invited us to join her on the trail for a three day backpacking outing. We'll start at Hogpen Gap, spend the first night at Whitley Gap Shelter, then on to Neels Gap to spend the second night at the first-come, first-served hikers' hostel. We'll finish the trip by hiking up and around Blood Mountain to the Byron Reese parking area. The trip should be considered moderate to strenuous. Tom Bentley, *htbentley@lighttube.net* or 931-273-6344, is the local coordinator for this trip. Contact Tom about the possibility of hiking with Kathleen on additional dates

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY OFFERS DISCOUNTS ON TENNESSEE A.T. LICENSE PLATES THROUGH EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY FOUNDATION GRANT

A grant from the Eastman Chemical Company Foundation is allowing the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) to underwrite discounts on the fees for the next 500 people to apply for an Appalachian Trail license plate in Tennessee. Once 1,000 applications are received and the state begins producing tags, ATC's share of the renewal fees will serve as a permanent funding source for the organization's work to protect and maintain the 280 miles of the Appalachian Trail in the state. As a result of the grant, the Appalachian Trail license plates are now available for \$15 instead of the usual \$35 annual fee. Renewals will be at the standard \$35 annual fee. ATC is offering its own incentive as well, thanking people who sign up for the license plate with a one-time annual membership to the national nonprofit. Existing ATC members may give someone else the membership as a gift.

Each plate will generate \$15.56 annually for ATC, supporting management of such programs as land conservation, volunteer-based trail and facilities maintenance, natural-resources management, and programs that introduce children and teachers to the Appalachian Trail in Tennessee.

For more information and an application to take advantage of this offer, call ATC at (828) 254-3708 or go on line to www.appalachiantrail.org/tnlicenseplate.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Monday at Perkins Restaurant, 999 Vann Drive in Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts 7:00 pm

Mar 6 - Natchez Trace State Park - Cub Lake. 4-6 miles.

This hike meanders through the forest and along the Cub Lake shores of Natchez Park. We'll begin at the historic lodge located on Cub Lake and follow the lake to the dam where we'll stop for lunch. We'll then retrace our steps back to the lodge. Bring lunch/snack, plenty of water and sturdy hiking boots. Portions of this trail can be slick if it's rained recently. To register, please contact Gary Cooper at 731-424-5375 or *gcooper52@yahoo.com*.

Mar 8 - Monthly Meeting: Meet at Perkin's Restaurant on Vann Drive. We will eat at 6:00 pm CT and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. For additional information, please contact Glen Rognstad at 731-217-5966 or *Glenrognstad@gmail.com*

Mar 20 - Fort Pillow State Historical Park. 8 miles. Moderate to Difficult. Fort Pillow State Historic Park has been designated as a Wildlife Observation Area by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Interpretive signs identify certain species and their habitat. The park provides sanctuary for deer, turkey, and is frequented by bird watchers. This hike is rated moderate to difficult because of the terrain. Please bring lunch/snack, plenty of water and sturdy hiking boots are recommended. We will meet at the park visitor center. To register and get carpool information, please contact James Avery at (731) 695-3385 or *chiggs_3@yahoo.com*

Mar 27 - Land Between the Lakes - Shuttle Hike. 6 miles. Easy. We will see Spring coming to LBL as we walk through several biological zones from the South Entrance Station to Fort Henry. The basic distance will be a little over 6 miles, rated easy+, and a longer moderate hike of about 9 miles between the two points also is available. Please bring lunch and water. Hiking boots are recommended. To register and get carpool information, contact Donald Dresser at 731-668-4190 or *donald_dresser@usit.net*.

Planning Ahead:

Apr 10 - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Porters Creek: This will be an overnight trip for the Jackson Chapter and our annual wildflower hike. This is a 7 ½ mile round trip hike rated moderate. This trail has 30-40 species of wildflowers and offers something for everyone. For additional information, see next month's newsletter or contact Glen Rognstad at 731-217-5966 or *glenrognstad@gmail.com* for additional information.

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Mar 6 - Horse Trail near Poplar Tree Lake Meeman-Shelby Forest. 6 miles. Easy to moderate. Linda will lead an easy to moderate 6-mile equestrian/hiker loop trail. Meet at the parking lot near the stables at 9:00 am CT. The stables are located on the north side of Poplar Tree Lake in the vicinity of the Nature Center. Follow signs directing to Horse Trail and drive slowly looking for a gated road leading down a hill. This will take you to the stables. Poplar Tree Lake is on the south end of Shelby Forrest. From Memphis, use south entrances to the park, such as the entrance off Benjestown Rd. Bring water and snacks. For additional information call Linda Coffield at 901-372-9028.

Mar 13 - Tour de Wolf Trail, Shelby Farms Park. 3-4 miles. Easy. Woody will lead a 3-4 mile easy hike along the Tour de Wolf "off road" bicycle course. This trail is not paved; so wear sturdy shoes or boots. We will meet at the Shelby Farms Visitor Center at 9:00 am CT sharp. For information call Woody Pierce at 901-755-5635.

Mar 18 - Monthly Meeting. Program to be announced later.

Mar 20 - Ft Pillow State Park, Henning, TN. 8 miles. Moderate. Join us for an 8-mile hike rated moderate over hilly terrain and through hardwood forests. Meet at Park Interpretative Center at 9:30 am CT. Please bring lunch or snack, plenty of water and sturdy hiking boots are recommended. For additional information call Jerry, 901-213-0604.

FYI - Our scheduled hike at Petit Jean Mountain was cancelled due to park remodeling lodge rooms.

Mar 27 - Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR - NEW Trail. 5 miles. Moderate. Meet at the park visitor center 9:30 am CT, or carpool from the Tennessee Welcome Center on Riverside Drive at 8:00 am CT. We will hike a 5-mile trail rated moderate with a few hills. Bring lunch and water. To register for carpool call Freddi Felt, 901-685-9915. Rain will cancel hike.

Mar 28 - River Bluff Walk, Memphis Downtown Social Walk. 2 miles. Meet at the I-40 Visitor Center, 119 N Riverside Drive & Jefferson Sunday at 2:00 pm CT. For additional information call John Martin at 901-386-3722.

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

BLOG: *www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesboro*

Mar 6 - Stone Door, Big Creek Gulf, Big Creek Rim. Beersheba Springs, TN. 9-10 miles. Moderate. Beginning on the Stone Door trail we will be treated to some of the best views going of the gulf area before beginning the rocky descent through the Great Stone Door into Big Creek Gulf. Along the way we will have the option of hiking an additional 1-mile (roundtrip) side trail to Ranger Falls if the creek level permits. The hike then begins the steep rocky ascent back out of the gulf to Alum Gap campground and the return trip via the Big Creek Rim trail. Contact Ron Dunn at (615) 867-3301 or *trekkingtn@comcast.net*.

Mar 9 - Monthly Meeting. Tennessee State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath will be our guest.

Mar 13 - McKay Hollow Trail, Monte Sano State Park, Huntsville, AL. 4.5 miles. Strenuous. Bob Goodwin and Sandra Parker will lead this hike which will include views of the Tennessee Valley, interesting rock formations and, depending on conditions, a waterfall. The trail is in good to fair condition, and very rocky and uneven in some places. There will be a 550 foot elevation drop over ¾ mile and a 600 foot gain in ¼ mile. There will be a park entrance fee of \$3 (\$1, if 62+ yrs.) After our hike we will have lunch at a local restaurant. We will leave from the Cracker Barrel on Church Street at Interstate 24, Exit 81 in Murfreesboro at 8:00 am CT. Distance from the meeting place to Monte Sano State Park is about 90 miles. For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at *CAMEL40@earthlink.net* or 256-564-8417.

Mar 13 - South Cumberland State Park's Savage Gulf SNA. 7 miles. Moderate. See hike details and registration information under the Highland Rim chapter listing.

Mar 20 - Adventure Trip: Annual Waterfall Tour, Sponsored by Friends of Edgar Evins State Park. Ride vans to selected area waterfalls. This may be a last chance to visit the endangered Cummings Falls which is now up for sale, and a couple more. We'll eat lunch at a restaurant about noon. There will be short walks on uneven terrain so wear appropriate footwear. Cost \$10 person, plus buy your own lunch. Advance reservations only! For reservations call the park office at 1-800-250-8619. For more information contact Fount Bertram at *fwbertram@dtccom.net* or 615-765-5357.

Mar 20-21 - Backpack to Hobbs Cabin, South Cumberland Recreation Area. 17 miles round trip. Moderate. We will go out and return by the North Rim Trail. There are a few rolling hills, but there is no major elevation change. This hike has some of the best overlooks in the SCSRA. Contact Charlotte Broyles at 615-890-6308 or *broylescha@hotmail.com*

Murfreesboro – con't.

Mar 27 - Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. 7 miles. Moderate. We will hike the North Old Mac trail to the Tower Road then stop for lunch at the tower overlook. We will then take South Old Mac trail back down. The trail is rated moderate due to elevation gains. To register or for more information contact Millette Jones at 615-397-9588 or *millette.jones@comcast.net*

Planning Ahead-

April 10 - EESP Celebration of Spring. Fount & Anna Bertram
April 10 -Cane Creek Preserve, Huntsville. Bob Goodwin
April 13 - Monthly Meeting - Bob Goodwin will have a presentation on the second part of his trip out west

IMPROVING OUR NEWSLETTER

TTA's Board of Directors is exploring ways to make our newsletter better while at the same time reducing the cost of printing and delivery to our members. There are two parts to this endeavor. The first will be to make the newsletter available to members online; initially it will be a downloadable version of the current newsletter. The second, longer term project will be to expand the online version to encompass more contributions from members and outside sources in addition to the current content.

If you like the current printed version, do not worry. We are not planning to phase it out. However, we do ask you to consider whether you would like to begin receiving an online copy of our newsletter.

It is expensive to publish a newsletter. Printing and delivery costs together take up nearly half of TTA's budget. It also is time consuming to fold, seal and address the newsletter. That cost does not appear in the budget, but it is a real cost, borne by the many volunteers who come to our monthly newsletter parties. As the association has grown, this cost likewise has grown, and it might be better to put this volunteer effort to other uses. In addition, a printed newsletter consumes natural resources that are used to produce paper and energy.

As members elect to receive online versions of the newsletter, and cease receiving printed versions, money will be freed up to pursue TTA's mission in other ways. While it will be up to the board to decide TTA's budget each year, we can expect that monies that are saved will be used to increase funds available for TTA's small grant program and to make more money available for TTA's trail building projects such as the Cumberland Trail. We also may use some of the savings to expand TTA's membership and improve the online newsletter.

If you wish to begin receiving the online version of the newsletter each month, please let me know by writing to *president@tennesseetrails.org* After a few months of testing our ability to deliver an online version, we will ask those who are receiving the online newsletter if they would like to try receiving only that version. We will, of course, allow members to change their mind at any time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Donald Dresser
President

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Libby Francis

*nashvillehikes@tennesseetrails.org**(email Libby & volunteer to lead an outing)***MEETS MONTHLY:** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT in the REICommunity Room, 261 Franklin Road, Brentwood. For directions, visit: www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php

Mar 6 - Hidden Lakes State Park, near Pegram, TN. 2-3 miles. Easy. Just west of Nashville, a stones throw from Bellevue, is a treasure known only to a few. These 100 beautiful acres of undeveloped State Park property are just waiting to be explored. The two lakes, set in bowls of limestone, have been quarried in bluffs adjacent to the Harpeth River. The area is unique and offers several scenic vistas. Glenn Turner and Jim Johnson will lead a 2-3 mile, fairly easy hike. Time permitting, we'll continue the hike at Narrows of the Harpeth. A short scramble will be required, so please wear good footwear. Come explore the newest park in Middle Tennessee. Please preregister by calling Jim at 615.356.6246 or Glenn at 615.352.1907.

Mar 19, 20 and 21 - Boardwalk Blitz at Beaman Park, near Nashville. 9:00 am till 4:00 pm each day. Join us for a half day or a full day on this Boardwalk Blitz weekend at Beaman Park. All tools, training, food and drinks will be provided. We just need you to make it happen! Join us as we continue construction on a 350 foot, ADA accessible boardwalk. Call the Beaman Park Nature Center (615-862-8580) for information and directions.

Mar 23 - Monthly Meeting. Walk (or hike) like an Egyptian into our monthly meeting! Dorothy and Jim Lesch will describe their travels to the land of the Pharaohs - the Valley of the Kings and the ancient site of the city of Petra are among the sights they'll share with us. Our brief business meeting and vicarious trek to Egypt will be followed by refreshments and time to socialize. Bring a friend!

Mar 27 Short Springs State Natural Area near Tullahoma. Wildflower Hike with the Sumner Trails Chapter. 4 miles. Moderate. We'll see if early spring wildflowers are making an appearance. Short Springs is one of the best wildflower havens in Middle TN. It also has a fabulous waterfall - "Machine Falls." Meet at 8:30 am CT at the Hickory Hollow Target on Bell Road off I-24 at 8:30. Our exact hiking route will depend on what wildflowers are blooming, but you can anticipate about 4 miles. Most of the terrain is flat, but there are a few steep (but short) ascents/descents. The optional path to see Machine Falls can be wet and slippery. Generally hiking boots and walking sticks are advisable. Please bring a lunch to eat on the trail. FYI - wildflower hikes are intentionally slow-paced so we can all view and identify the flowers. Questions? Contact Libby Francis at *libbyslibbys@comcast.net* or 615-889-5718.

Nashville – con't.

Mar 28 Mossy Ridge Trail, Warner Parks. West Nashville, TN. 4.5 miles. Moderate. Bloodroot, Spring Beauties, Cut-leaf Toothwort, Phacelia, OH MY! This must mean that it's wildflower time. And with wildflowers, it means that this will be a SLOW hike – can you say "tortoise?" Therefore, all of you rabbits need not consider going on this hike unless you can tolerate slow and informative; otherwise, you'll be bored to tears. Depending on where the winter into spring cycle is will determine which wildflowers will be visible. The Mossy Ridge Trail is 4.5 miles long, and rated moderate due to the uneven terrain and several ascents/descents we will encounter along the way; however, at a wildflower viewing pace, and if you have maintained a regular walking program, you should be fine. Bring water and snacks, and wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots. We will meet at 10:00 am CT in the "Deep Well" area of the park. To get to Deep Well from Nashville: head west on Hwy 70 (aka West End Ave). In Belle Meade (after you have crossed over Woodmont Blvd, passed Publix then Kroger on the right, and the Belle Meade Mansion on the left), Hwy 70 splits. Take the left side, which puts you on Hwy 100. Go approx 1.8 miles and turn left into the grey stone entrance, drive to the end which is a T-intersection (approx 1 mile) – you're in Deep Well. If on Hwy 100 and you reach Old Hickory Blvd, you've gone too far. For additional information, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

SURVEY SAYS.....

What is TTA doing well? How could it improve? What fabulous suggestions have you been itching to share? Here's your chance, happy hiker!

Your TTA board is genuinely interested in what's on your mind, and to that end will be releasing the online **2010 TTA Membership Survey** in the very near future. Not only will the survey offer the board an opportunity to see who our members are and how they're being served, it will also provide you with a voice in letting them know what's on your mind.

All responses are completely anonymous and the survey takes just minutes to complete. I urge each and every one to take advantage of this opportunity to let us hear from you. Watch for details in the next newsletter!

Ron Dunn
Membership Director



**Hey Knoxville, Oakridge & Maryville Members!
Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour
Coming to Maryville
March 29, 2010**

Want to watch some serious Eco-adventure films? Films that feature a broad cross-section of styles and themes; including BASE jumping, slacklining, skiing, snowboarding, noboarding, mountain biking, climbing, mountaineering, paddling, adventure travel, mountain culture and the environment? Banff Mountain Film Festival's World Tour is coming to Maryville on Monday, March 29, 2010. For thirty-four years the Banff Mountain Film Festival (BMFF) has been celebrating the spirit of adventure and the mountain environment.

Each November, the world's best films on mountain (and outdoors) themes draw an international audience to the town of Banff, Canada, located in the Canadian Rockies. Then around twenty-two years ago, BMFF began an outreach program to extend the festival to other communities and to people who cannot make the annual trek to the Canadian Rockies. Festival organizers wanted to showcase the efforts and talents of the world's finest mountain filmmakers. Today, the best films from each year's festival go on tour immediately following the three-day event in Banff.

The BMFF tour makes its only stop in Tennessee at the Clayton Center for the Arts on the Maryville College campus in Maryville on Monday, March 29 at 8:00 pm (ET). Tickets may be purchased now for \$10 per person at both Blue Ridge Mountain Sports locations in Knoxville (11537 Kingston Pike, 865-675-3010 and 4610 Kingston Pike, 865-588-2638). On the night of the show, expect to pay \$12 per person. Please note, seating is limited at the Clayton Center for the Arts and due to the popularity of this event it is wise to purchase the tickets ahead of time.

For directions and parking information, call the Clayton Center for the Arts at 865-981-8590 or visit them online: www.claytonartscenter.com/directions

Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Smokies.

This event is for everyone. Whether you are an experienced mountaineer or an armchair adventurer, you won't want to miss the best of mountain and outdoor adventure films on the big screen!

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TENNESSEE TRAILS WEBSITE

Several improvements have been made to the TTA website (www.tennesseetrails.org) in recent months.

- The biggest change is that you can now pay your memberships fees on-line, using the services of PayPal. While it's helpful, you do not have to have a PayPal account to use this service. Charges can be made to any major credit card. This service can be used for both new members and renewals.
- A new recruiting flyer is now available on-line under member services. This flyer has been available as part of the official TTA display for several years, and is now available for printing by individuals and local chapters.
- Each Chapter page now includes a calendar of their upcoming outings and programs. This calendar is a sub-set of the schedule information available in the complete TTA web calendar.
- You can now sign up to receive an email notification whenever the TTA Web Calendar is changed. This notification can help you keep track of any changes of hiking plans as they occur. There is a link to a sign up form at the top of the main calendar page, as well as on the individual chapter pages.
- Although not a new feature, it is possible for chapter personnel to update the TTA Web Calendar on-line. Changes are immediately applied, to reflect any schedule changes that happen between newsletter cycles.

Contact the web editor by email at webmaster@tennesseetrails.org if you have any questions or want to know more about chapter calendar updates.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT during the
academic year (Feb-Apr and Sep-Dec) on the UT
Campus in the Paul Meek Library, Rm 120, Media
Services B1

Mar 6 – Garden of the Gods, Shawnee National Forest, Southern IL. 6 miles. Easy to Moderate. Meet at 8 am CT in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on the UT Martin campus. For more information and to register, contact Scott Pun at *spun@utm.edu* or 731-881-7316.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm CT
Art Circle Public Library Community Room,
154 East 1st Street, Crossville

BLOG: *www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/plateau*

Mar 11 - Monthly Meeting. Wildflower Slide Show by Karla Miller

Mar 13 - Slave Falls and Middle Creek, Big South Fork. 7 miles. Moderate. We'll shuttle cars and depart from the Middle Creek trailhead, returning to the Slave Falls trailhead. Highlights include Slave Falls, Indian Rock house, Needle Arch, and numerous other rock formations. Hikers should bring lunch and plenty of water. As with all hikes this time of year, wear bright clothing in case there are hunters in the area. Meet at Cracker Barrel's rear lot at 8:00 am CT. For more information and to register, contact Karla Miller at 931-707-5502 or by e-mail at *karla2957@gmail.com*.

Mar 27 - Fiery Gizzard to Foster Falls, Tracy City. 13 miles. Difficult. This hike features numerous waterfalls and scenic overlooks above deep gorges. Due to the length and some strenuous climbs, the hike is rated difficult. The hike begins at the Fiery Gizzard parking lot and requires a rugged climb for the first 5 miles as we ascend to Raven Point, one of the most spectacular overlooks in the South Cumberland Recreation Area. The rest of the hike is fairly flat as we walk along the top of the Cumberland Plateau. At about 10 miles, there is a steep descent into the 200 foot deep Laurel Branch Gorge. Within 1/10 mile, we begin a steep ascent out of the gorge. Once out of the gorge, we have another 2.5 miles of fairly easy hiking that gets us to Foster Falls. The hike requires a car shuttle. Meet at 7:00 am CT at Trinity Tabernacle church on Highway 127 South (across from Homestead Place Gated Community). For more information and to register, contact Bill Harris at 931-484-9152.

SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER

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MEETS QUARTERLY: 1st Monday of Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct at
6:00 pm in Soddy Daisy's Municipal Building

SCHEDULE: See a comprehensive up-to-date schedule at
www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisycalendar

BLOG: *www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy*

Mar 20 - Pot Point Nature Trail near Prentice Cooper State Forest. 3.3 miles. Meet at Pot Point House on River Canyon Road at 10:00 am ET. Begin with a climb to Azalea Point for a fantastic winter view of Tennessee River Gorge. Along the way we will pass remnants of a moonshine still and remains of an old homestead. Complete loop by following the trail along Tennessee River back to Pot Point House. Contact Caroline Woerner at (423) 364-1131 or *cswoerner@bellsouth.net* for more info.

As a result of snow and ice, many trees are down across the Cumberland Trail and in some places causing impenetrable obstructions. With the exception of the Pot Point Nature Trail hike, Soddy Daisy Chapter will devote the entire month of March to trail maintenance which will include hiking the Cumberland Trail with chain saws and participation in Spring BreakAway at North Chickamauga where about 5 additional miles of trail are being constructed. Our schedule will be influenced by requests from Cumberland Trail maintenance crew and therefore has not yet been established. Activities will be posted on the Soddy Daisy Google calendar and TTA calendar as they become available. For more info contact Brandy Selman at (423) 544-9608 or *chattowngrri@gmail.com* or Don Deakins at (423) 842-3140 or *don.deakins@gmail.com*

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES



- Leave what you find.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts.
- Respect wildlife.
- Be considerate of other visitors.
- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Dispose of waster properly.



SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

CHAPTER CO-CHAIRS:

Thomas & Debra Obrock 615-826-7459
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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

First Presbyterian Church
172 West Main Street, Hendersonville

Mar 6 - Hendersonville Greenway. 2 miles. Easy. We will start at Lowe's on Gallatin Road., walk pastoral Callendar Lane and hop over the railroad tracks to the Greenway. We will the walk the greenway to the new library, walk the new sidewalk and then follow Scenic Stop Thirty Rd. on the pedestrian bridge back over the railroad tracks and continue alongside fairways of the Bluegrass Country Club. We will then arrive at Trinity Lutheran Church where we will have a car parked to take us back to Lowe's. Meet at Lowe's, 360 Johnny Cash Parkway at 10:00 am CT. Following the hike we will have lunch at Black-Eyed Pea.

Mar 27 - Wildflower Hike with Nashville Chapter. See Nashville Chapter listing for hike details. We will meet at 7:45 am CT at the Glenbrook Kroger in Hendersonville for departure at 8:00 am sharp. It will take approximately. 2 hours (one way) to arrive at the trailhead. To register or for carpool information, contact Debra and Tom Obrock 826-7459.

**ATTN: Experienced Backpackers
Backpacking Outing on the Art Loeb Trail
Western NC
Wed., Apr 28 – Sun., May 2**

The 34 mile Art Loeb Trail is one of the most popular 3-4 day backpacking trails in the Asheville area. The Art Loeb Trail has been described as "the highlights of the Appalachian Trail compressed into 34 miles." Some of the highlights along the trail include Shining Rock Ridge, Tennesse Mountain, Black Balsam Mountain, Pilot Mountain, and the rock face of Cedar rock.

Our trip begins in the Shining Rock Wilderness at Camp Daniel Boone and travels through the High Balsams of the Wilderness Area and drops into the forest covered lands along the last two thirds of the trip before ending at Davidson River Campground in Pisgah National Forest. Much of this trail is above 5,000 feet, and one can expect 1,500-2,000-foot, rugged and steep, ascents and descents at a time over terrain consisting of roots, rocks, ruts and mud; therefore, this trip is rated STRENUOUS – and FOR EXPERIENCED BACKPACKERS. Adding to the rugged terrain, there is the lack of water on the ridge tops and unmarked sections in Shining Rock Wilderness Area. Our rewards: grassy balds with spectacular 360-degree views, wildflowers in bloom at the various elevations, minimal amount of bugs and people, deep valleys and a wide variety of wildlife. Our daily mileage will range from 7.5 to 10 miles.

Everyone is responsible for her/his own gear (tent/tarp required) and food. The group size is limited to 6 people (sorry, no pets) and since this is a linear hike; not a loop, a shuttle service has been hired to transport the group to the start; therefore, a deposit is required and will also guarantee your spot. For further information and to register, contact Diane Manas 615-352-7777.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

CHAPTER CHAIR:

Louise Miniard 931-528-9115
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Mar 6 - Bridgestone-Firestone Wildlife Management Area, DeRosset, TN. 8-10 miles. Strenuous.

We will hike primarily on the hillsides of the Campoamor Tract (Welch's Point) adjacent to the Virgin Falls Natural Area. There are not yet established trails in this area. We will be following old highly eroded roadbeds and walking cross-country with some boulder scrambling. Highlights of the hike include hidden waterfalls, overlooks, doghole coal mine, the Caney Fork River, a view of Amber's Den, and a new route to a familiar destination. This hike is rated strenuous due to very uneven walking surfaces, boulder scrambling, stream crossings, and numerous elevation changes of up to 900 feet each. Wear hiking boots with good support; bring lunch, snacks, and water. Meet at 8:00 am CT at Penney's in Cookeville, 8:30 at US Bank in Sparta, or at 9:00 at the Polly's Branch trailhead at Bridgestone WMA. For information and to register contact Lillian Ey at 615-478-7461 or eyintn@hotmail.com.

Mar 13 - Cloudland Canyon, Rising Fawn, GA. 6.5 miles. Easy to Moderate.

There are spectacular views of Cloudland Canyon as well as Trenton, Georgia, and neighboring Sand Mountain. We will hike on the Waterfalls Trail down over 600 steps to two waterfalls, 60 and 90 feet high, and we will also hike 4.8 miles on the West Rim Trail for a total of about 6.5 miles. (In case of foggy weather we will do the Sittion Gulch Trail instead of the West Rim Trail) The hike is rated easy to moderate because of the number of steps. After the hike, the hike leader and those who want will go to Sticky Fingers in Chattanooga for some good barbeque). 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 Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or pabroehl@blomand.net.

Mar 20 - Pioneer, Byrd Lake and Creek Trails, Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville, TN. 9 miles. Easy.

We will hike the Pioneer Trail which circles Byrd Lake and is about 5 miles long. Then, we'll hike 3 to 4 miles on the Byrd Lake and Creek trails below the dam. Both trails are rated easy. You can meet us at 9:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For information and to register contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

Mar 27 - Honey Creek Trail, Big South Fork NRA, Jamestown, TN. 5.5 miles. Difficult.

This trail features waterfalls, rock houses, and gorge overlooks. The trail is rated difficult because of rock scrambles, stream crossings, and steep slopes. Bring snacks, water, lunch, and wear sturdy hiking boots. You can meet us at 8:00 am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Cindy Johnson at cjhikes@att.net or at 931-570-0122.

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Mar 10	Apr 1
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All submissions are subject to editing. Articles of general interest and non-hiking events will be included as space permits.

Please send all submissions to:
editor@tennesseetrails.org

TTA CALENDAR

The following dates in 2010 refer to statewide activities that TTA as a whole participates in. Please refer to this calendar often so that you

- will know when your volunteering interests are especially needed (such as during BreakAway, National Trail Days, etc.).
- will consider organizing or leading volunteers from your chapter/region for an event listed.
- can be sure to prevent scheduling conflicts with an activity you wish to plan.

FIRST QUARTER

- Feb 28-Mar 6 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 2 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
- Mar 7-13 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 3 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
- Mar 14-20 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 4 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
- Mar 21-27 CTC's Spring BreakAway, Week 5 in North Chickamauga Gorge (Soddy-Daisy)
- Mar 27 Earth Hour - 8:30 pm local time

SECOND QUARTER

- Apr 5-11 TDEC's Natural Areas Week (Statewide)
- Apr 8-25 CTC's "Making the Connection" Trail Building on the Cumberland Trail's New River segment (Wartburg)
- Apr 17 Earth Day Observances & Celebrations
- Apr 22 (Thursday) Earth Day 40th Anniversary
- May 8 Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting (Shelby Bottoms Nature Center, Nashville, TN)
- May 16-22 CTC's "Making the Connection" Trail Building on the Cumberland Trail's New River segment with American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacation (Wartburg)
- May 20-23 Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Conference (DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN)
- Jun (tbd) Trail Building on the Cumberland Trail
- Jun 5 National Trails Day (Statewide)

THIRD QUARTER

- Aug 7 Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting (Location TBA)
- Sep (tbd) Bike Ride Across Tennessee (B.R.A.T.) Proceeds Benefit the Cumberland Trail
- Sep 25 National Public Lands Day (Statewide)

FOURTH QUARTER

- Oct 17-23 CTC's "Making the Connection" Trail Building on the Cumberland Trail's New River segment with American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacation (Wartburg)
- Nov 12-14 Annual Meeting at Pickwick Landing State Park hosted by Jackson & Memphis Chapters
- Nov 14-17 American Trails National Symposium (Chattanooga, TN)

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As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend all TTA/CTC/TRAC functions.