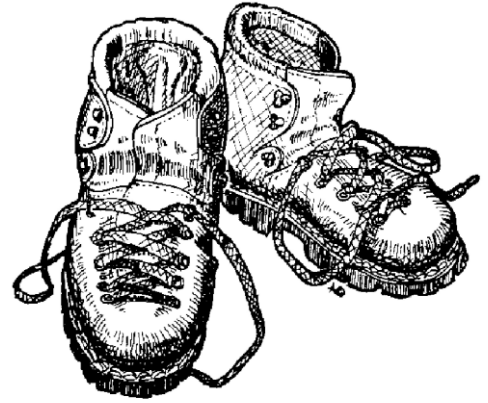


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CHAMPION TREES: CROWNING OF THE KINGS

What do you think of when you hear the words "Champion Tree"? Do visions of Giant Sequoias loom before you, or a massive white oak that you may have noticed on a Sunday hike? We all enjoy the beauty of large spreading trees, and marvel as we try to guess its age or size. Yet not many of us know that there is a national registry that makes it their job to search out the largest tree specimens for most tree species. It's part of a program undertaken by the American Forests organization to seek out those trees that are considered to be "**Champion Trees.**"

This program (updated regularly) is based on a point system given for measurements taken from nominated trees, including its girth, height, and crown. These numbers are used to establish an overall point value to determine which tree will wear the Champion crown for that species. An interesting fact to consider is that the title can go to a tree with as many as 1300 points (a giant Sequoia in California) or as few as 22 points (a velvetseed in Florida.) Once a tree has been awarded its mega tree status, it is often a precarious perch at best. Many factors come into play that can challenge any champion. If another tree doesn't depose it, it can be lost to nature's whims such as tornados, fire, and hurricanes. Of course, there are also losses due to human intervention and expansion.

Tennessee is one of the great places to enjoy these gentle giants. Tennessee's Champion Tree Program was developed in the mid seventies to identify the largest specimens of native trees in east Tennessee. Since then the program has expanded statewide and includes 263 species that are native or common to Tennessee. The Smoky Mountains National Park contains some of the largest tracts of old-growth forest in the east, and has many trees on the national registry. Tennessee also maintains a list of state champion trees (by species and by county), and can be found on the Internet at: www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/champions/

We should all enjoy these unique trees while we can. Big trees are rallying points that provide the opportunity to celebrate the many benefits provided by our forests. They harbor history, beauty and awe. Let us take a moment to marvel at these majestic specimens, and consider the living history around us.

By Lynne Lucas, Administrative Specialist

UT Forest Resources, Research and Education Center

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The CTC wants to thank all of the TTA members that have helped with the Cumberland Trail project. It is because of the TTA that the project exists today. Because of funding issues, new trail construction programs have to be curtailed. However, there are 175 miles of trail within the CT corridor that will need to be maintained. This has been one of the traditional roles of the TTA. Throughout the rest of 2010, the CTC will be scheduling various volunteer trail maintenance events. The goal of these events will be to cut back vegetation, remove fallen trees, and refresh blazing, basically, making sure the trails stay open for hiking. Please consider volunteering and giving a hand. Information about the events can be found by visiting the CTC website at www.cumberlandtrail.org.



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Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.

*Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>*

There will be no monthly meeting in July.

Jul 10 - "Hikers Choice". Pick a hike with another chapter.

Jul 17 - Caney Fork Canoe and Kayak Float, DeKalb County; John Sneed 931.920.382. Meet at 7:30 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot.

Jul 24 - Annual Picnic (bring a dish); Dunbar Cave State Natural Area, Dunbar Cave Road, Clarksville; Lili Ball 931.552.2773; from 4:00 pm CT till dusk.

Jul 31 – Choice of Two Activities: Trail maintenance at Rotary Park, US 41A Bypass, Clarksville. Meet first shelter on left after entering park; bring loppers, "weed-eaters" and garbage bag. We will work from 7:00 am CT until 10:00 am. J.R.Tate 931.920.2692. OR "Cooling at the Cave" Dunbar Cave State Natural Area, Dunbar Cave Road, Clarksville; Music, Fellowship, Refreshments 4:00 pm till dusk.

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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.

There are no hikes scheduled for July.

Jul 6 - Chapter Meeting. We will plan hikes for the remainder of the year. Everyone should come to the meeting with the hike they plan to lead.

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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Jul 6 - We will meet 6:00 pm ET at Cove Lake State Park shelter 1 to share ideas of upcoming hikes. Everyone is welcome to come and share ideas. For more information contact Richard Helm 423-562-1110.

Jul 10 – Mt. LeConte. 13 miles. Very strenuous. Meet at 5:30 am ET at the Jacksboro Middle School. Be sure to pack as much water as you can pack. For more information contact Richard Helm 423-562-1110.

Jul 31 – Mammoth Cave Tour. Easy. Meet at 6:00 am ET at the Jacksboro Middle School. This is an exciting tour. Everyone is welcome. It is an easy hike. For more information contact Jerry Phillips 423-563-0867.

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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

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Jul 17 - Mt. LeConte - Boulevard to Alum Cave – Great Smokey Mountains National Park. 13.1 miles. Strenuous. This will be a shuttle hike between Alum Cave trailhead parking lot and Newfound Gap parking lot. This hike will be rated strenuous due to the length and elevation gain. This hike will take all day. Length 13.1 miles and approximately 2,000 elevation gain. Expect a range of weather due to the drastic change in elevation. Please be sure to dress properly - even though it is 80 and sunny in the valley it may still be cool and raining along the ridge. We will meet at Alum Cave at 8:15 am ET, get in the shuttle cars and drive to Newfound Gap by 8:45 am where we will start the hike at 9 am. The first 2.7 mile we will follow the Appalachian trail north - this section can be quite rocky at times gaining 1,000ft by the time we come to the juncture with the Boulevard Trail. We will start to descend for about 500 ft as we start the first leg of this trail and will gradually climb close to 1000ft to Mt. LeConte. We'll plan on lunching at the lodge area and can then head down the Alum Cave trail (descent close to 2500 feet). You can order a hot or cold lunch at the lodge however you will have to do this 48 hours in advance so they can bring the supplies up and pre-payment is required. To place your order, visit the lodge's website at www.leconte-lodge.com/dayhikerservices.html. If you are interested in this hike, please contact Elise Eustace at 201-5806 or eliseeus@hotmail.com. Since a shuttle is involved pre-registration is required.

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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.

Jul 3 - Annual Independence Day float trip on the Elk River. From Shiloh to Dicky Bridge, followed by a get together at the home of Gary Fergus. Contact Barbie Taylor (telephone & email above) to get more information and directions, and to register.

Jul 6 – Chapter Meeting. Our guest speaker is Ken Stewart, who will offer a powerpoint presentation about hiking and other adventures in Australia as part of a tour group called Active Australia. Some folks will meet for dinner prior to the meeting at 5:30 at La Fuente, 109 West Lauderdale, 931-563-8007. (Directions: when driving north on Jackson Street, turn right onto Lauderdale across from the post office).

Jul 10 - Stone Door Ranger Station to Greeter Falls Shuttle Hike. 5 miles. Easy to moderate. We'll try to get in a swim either at the Falls or the Blue Hole. The trail distance will be just a bit more than 5 miles, plus another couple if we do visit the Blue Hole. The trail is generally considered easy, with a moderate climb out of the bowl at the Falls. Call Marietta or Jim Poteet at 931-924-7666 or email nannietta@blomand.net to register and to get meeting times and locations.

Jul 17 - Eat-Float-Eat outing on the Elk River, starting just below Tims Ford dam. Contact Tom Bentley at 931-273-6344 or htbentley@lighttube.net for more details.

Jul 24 - Savage Day Loop Trail, with a side trip to the pool of Savage Falls. 5 miles. Easy. The hike starts at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station, north of Greutli-Laager, in the South Cumberland State Park. Bring water and lunch, and dress for the weather. Highlights of the trip include beautiful overlooks of Savage Falls and Rattlesnake Point, hiking along Savage Creek, and cooling off in the pool of Savage Falls. (Consider swimwear and water shoes.) Contact Joan Hartvigsen at 931-962-0811 for more information and to register.

Jul 31 - Every time we have a month with a fifth Saturday, our chapter tries to schedule a trail work day. This month, we'll be working at Short Springs State Natural Area in Tullahoma, and working on the unfinished projects from the June work day. Once again, Wally Bigbee will be coordinating these efforts. Please register with Wally at 931-473-5968 or at bigb@blomand.net.

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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

There are no chapter meetings scheduled for the months of July and August.

Jul 17 - Buffalo River Canoe Trip, Linden, TN: The Buffalo River offers the perfect outdoor getaway. The clean, clear water of the Buffalo River sets the pace for a day next to nature. We are currently planning on the 10-mile float from Bell Bridge to Slink Shoals which takes an average of 4-6 hours. The canoe rental company will provide round trip transportation to and from the river, a 17-foot canoe, paddles, and life vests. Recommended items include a hat, sun screen, shoes and plenty of water and snacks. For additional information and to register, please contact Glen Rognstad at 731-217-5966 or *Glenrognstad@gmail.com*

We will begin hiking again in August.

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep – May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm CT at Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd.

It's vacation time! No chapter meetings or hikes scheduled during the months of July and August. In the meantime, check out other TTA chapters hike listings in the TTA Newsletter or *www.tennesseetrails.org* and join a hike!

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

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

Jul 3 - Long Hunter State Park Volunteer Trail. 4 miles. Easy. This is a beginner and newcomer hike for those who want to begin hiking or freshen up their hiking skills. To register, contact Valerie Galan at 615-586-2882.

Jul 10- Duck River Kayak/Canoe Float from Cortner Mill to Three Forks. For information or to sign up contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or *awj68@comcast.net*.

Jul 13 - Chapter Meeting. Come join us for a presentation on Glacier National Park!

Jul 17- Caney Fork River Kayak/Canoe Float. This is a joint activity with the Clarksville Chapter. Murfreesboro members who are planning to attend please contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or *awj68@comcast.net*.

Jul 24-25 - Walls of Jericho Backpack. 12 miles. Moderate. This is an overnight backpack that will be led by Sara Pollard. To register or for more information contact Sara at *spollard@mtsu.edu* or 615-714-3610.

Planning Ahead:

Aug 7- Radnor Lake Beginner/Newcomer Hike, 4 miles. Valerie Galan.

Aug 10 - Chapter Meeting.

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Community Room, 261 Franklin Road, Brentwood. For directions, visit: www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php

Jul 10 - Bowie Nature Park, Fairview, TN. 5.5 miles.

Easy. Join us for a hike through rolling forestland with trees of differing ages, cut by clear creeks forming small valleys. It's a nice, shady cool walk for a hot, summer day. Wear sturdy hiking boots or trail shoes; bring snacks and water. Meet at Kroger on Hwy. 100 (across from Chaffin's Barn) at 9:00 am CT. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or e-mail *rushga01@yahoo.com*.

Jul 11 - Warner Parks, Nashville, TN. 5.8 miles.

Moderate. Soft-shoe walk on Main Road. Pull out your soft-soled shoes; trail worthy footwear is not required. We'll be walking a 5.8-mile paved road through the Percy Warner side of Warner Parks. Although the surface below our feet will be flat, the road is not. The walk will be rated moderate due to the July heat (to be expected) as well as the multiple ascents and descents we will make while the road twists and winds our way through the hollers 'n hills. A bonus is the shade we will have the entire way from the multiple variety of hardwoods found in this wonderful metro park. Along the way we will see the usual ground critters and hear birds singing. We may even see a deer or two and possible a snake. You will need to bring plenty to drink and some snacks to munch on. We will meet at 7:00 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/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.

Jul 24 - Fiery Gizzard, Monteagle TN. 3 miles.

Moderate. Bring lunch, wear bathing suits, swim in Sycamore Falls. You will need sturdy hiking boots and lots of water. The hike will take you between a bluff on the left and Little Fiery Gizzard Creek on the right. About a mile into the hike Little Fiery Gizzard Creek and Big Fiery Gizzard Creek meet, making a waterfall as they pass through a sandstone slit known as Black Canyon. Fiery Gizzard Trail then follows Big Fiery Gizzard Creek past small waterfalls, cascades, a large rock formation known as Chimney Falls, and a spur trail to Sycamore near Falls. Call Nancy 615-319-8811 or e-mail *njudenas@hotmail.com* for time and meeting place.

Nashville Chapter - continued

Jul 27:- Chapter Meeting. Take a vicarious trip with Libby Francis and Elizabeth Gerlock as they soak up the sights and sounds of Maine - Acadia, puffins, Katahdin, and the distinctive rocky coastline. We'll meet at 7 for a brief business meeting and announcements; after the program stay with us for refreshments and time to meet and greet. Bring a friend! Bring several! For more info contact Libby Francis (*libbyslibbys@comcast.net*) or Nora Beck (*nora_beck@comcast.net*).

Jul 31 – Twin Arches Loop, Big South Fork National River & Recreational Area. 5 miles. Moderately difficult.

The last mile is a steep ascent – we'll take that nice and slow. Majestic stone arches await—the North Arch has a span of 93 feet and a clearance of 5 feet; the South Arch spans 135 feet and a clearance of 70 feet. Along the way we may see the rare Cumberland sandwort, and we'll certainly see some interesting plant communities that have adapted to dry, shallow-soil conditions. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes and to bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks. The great vistas will make you want your camera! And be sure to bring some money to compensate the driver(s) of the car pool. We'll plan on a stop for the evening meal on the way back. To register and for more information contact Nora Beck at *nora_beck@comcast.net*, or at 615-517-6486.

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.

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 17-12 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 (Location TBA) hosted by
Jackson & Memphis Chapters
Nov 14-17 American Trails National Symposium
(Chattanooga, TN)

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No hikes planned for July.

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154 East 1st Street, Crossville

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/plateau

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 visit the Plateau Chapter Blog at www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/plateau. Rain cancels.

No chapter meeting in July.

Jul 10 - Hidden Passage Short Loop, Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN. 6 miles. Moderate (due to the length). This loop trail features numerous rock houses, small arches, creeks, large rhododendrons and the delicate two-tiered Crystal Falls. Meet at the rear parking lot of Cracker Barrel for an 8:00 am CT departure. For more information and to register, contact Karla Miller at 931-707-5502 or karla2957@gmail.com.

Jul 24 – Pickett Palooza, Pickett State Park, TN. 5 miles. Moderate. This hike connects several short hikes into one loop. The trail is very scenic, follows the lake, along a stream, and along bluffs with a few nice rock houses and natural rock bridges. Little elevation change. Meet behind Cracker Barrel (Hwy 127 at I 40) at 7:45 AM CDT. For more information and to register, contact Linda Barclay at linbarc@yahoo.com or 931-456-2857.

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6:00 pm in Soddy Daisy's Municipal Building

Jul 10 - Honey Creek Loop trail, Big South Fork NRR. 5.5 miles. STRENUOUS. Due to the rugged terrain, including numerous creek crossings, boulder fields, and stairs, this trail is not recommended for children. NO PETS ALLOWED ON THIS HIKE. Water shoes are recommended for this hike, since you will be walking in the creek at times. Allow for one mile of travel per hour, as this is the most rugged trail in Big South Fork. Meet at Lowe's on Hwy 27 in Dayton, TN at 7:00 am ET. To register for this hike contact Lora Smith: l.smith@tencate.com or 423-618-0089.

Jul 12 - Quarterly Chapter Meeting at Soddy Daisy Municipal Bldg. 6:00 pm ET.

Jul 24 - Chickamauga Battlefield. 8.4 miles. EASY. Very little change in elevation. This hike can also be shortened, if needed. We will be hiking on the eastern side of park and heading south making a loop back to parking area. Great family hike. Meet at Target parking lot on HWY 153 at 8:20 am ET. We will leave at 8:30 am. Register for this hike by contacting George Bonneau at grbonneau@comcast.net or (423)842-3619.

Chapter Announcements:

Many thanks to the 14 members who helped organize and participated in making National Trails Day a success. A special thank you goes to NanceJo Ogozalek for all of her hard work promoting the event, providing the shade tent, and much more.

If you would like to lead a hike, please submit details to chapter chair Brandy Selman at chatttowngrrl@gmail.com. Hikes must be submitted a month in advance to appear in the TTA newsletter.

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No hike information available at press time.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Jul 31 - Mt. LeConte, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN. 13 miles. Strenuous. We will hike a section of the Appalachian Trail to the Boulevard Trail, which makes a gradual ascent of Mt. LeConte along a crooked ridge connecting the mountain to the main Appalachian chain. As the elevation never drops below 5000 feet on the way to the summit, temperatures should be pleasant. We will descend by way of the spectacular Alum Cave Bluff Trail. There are many excellent viewpoints along the Boulevard and Alum Cave Trails. Bring snacks, water, lunch, and hiking boots. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or *savage_richard@hotmail.com*.

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- Please do not list my e-mail address in the TTA Annual Membership Directory
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Please list me with the following chapter:

- ___ Clarksville
- ___ Columbia/Franklin
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- ___ Dyer County
- ___ East TN(Oak Ridge/Knoxville)
- ___ Highland Rim(Coffee & Franklin Counties)
- ___ Jackson
- ___ Memphis
- ___ Murfreesboro
- ___ Nashville
- ___ Northwest(UT at Martin/Weakley)
- ___ Plateau(Crossville)
- ___ Soddy Daisy
- ___ Sumner Trails
- ___ Upper Cumberland(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 - CTC and TRAC. (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, our annual meeting is held in the fall at one of Tennessee's many parks for a weekend of hiking, camaraderie, and programs, in addition to learning about the progress and plans of the organization.

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