

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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SEEKING NOMINATIONS

TTA is seeking nominations for awards to be presented at the annual meeting in October. We annually present the Tennessee Trails Award and the Bill Stutz Awards. **The Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award** is awarded periodically to those with a lifetime of leadership and extraordinary contributions.

Please send written nominations for the TTA awards to a member of the awards committee: Joan Hartvigsen, Garnett Rush, or Carolyn Miller. Alternately, please send the written nomination to one of the chapter chairs or to one of the TTA officers. Nominations should include contact information for the person making the nomination, a full name and address of the nominee and a paragraph stating why the person should be nominated for the award.

Tennessee Trails Award. This award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee.

Bill Stutz Award. The Association gives this award in honor of the late Bill Stutz, past TTA member and beloved hiker. Any chapter (or voting member) can make a nomination to the Board for the recipient of this award. The award is to be presented to an active hiker for his or her individual contribution to the Association or one its chapters.

Bob Brown Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board of Directors of the Association established this award to honor the extraordinary lifetime leadership and personal contributions of Bob Brown to hiking and conservation in the State of Tennessee. The Board may give a Bob Brown Award from time to time to others for lifetime leadership and contributions that it finds equally extraordinary.

TTA Annual Meeting October 13-15, 2017

Dubose Conference Center
Monteagle, Tennessee

Hosted by the Columbia/Franklin, Highland Rim
and Murfreesboro Chapters

Hike Details, Schedule and Registration Form Inside

Early Registration Ends September 29 to save \$10!

TTA Annual Meeting Flat River Band

Our entertainment Friday evening at the annual meeting will be the Flat River Band. The Flat River Band's members are lead singer, guitarist and songwriter Chad Sitze. His brother Dennijo plays the mandolin, harmonica and electric guitar. Their other brother Andy plays the electric and upright bass and harmony vocals. The Flat River Band has played venues such as Dollywood, Jim Oliver's Smokehouse in Monteagle, and numerous festivals and fairs.

To learn more about the group, visit their website at <https://www.flatriverband.com/>.





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Trail building opportunities:

CTC's annual Spring "Big Dig" will be from May 3rd to June 10th. Join the trail crew Wednesdays through Saturdays from 7:30 am – 4 pm CT to build the Cumberland Trail in the Crab Orchard area. Everyone is welcome to volunteer and lodging is available. No experience is necessary; come learn from our knowledgeable team and help further the goal of completing the trail by 2019!

If you won't be able to join the Spring Big Dig, then consider joining the crew during the **Fall Big Dig: Sep 13 – Oct 21.** Work days are Wednesday – Saturday.

As always, CTC is grateful to all the volunteers. If you aren't able to join one of the advertised trail building programs, but still want to build trail, the crew welcomes volunteers during the regular work week. Please contact the CTC office for more information and to register for working with the trail crew.

The Spring Breakaway program (Alternative Spring Break) was a great success. A total of 10, 813 feet were added to the trail during the Spring Alternative Spring Break program from February 25 – March 31. For those of you who prefer this in miles, that is 1.86 miles added to the trail.

ASB Eden Ridge Camp, Crab Orchard: (Feb 25-March 2) Wartburg College completed 2,025 feet of trail in Keyes-Harrison WMA in Cumberland County.

ASB Fort Bluff Camp: Weeks 1-3 - 4,840 feet of completed trail below Fort Bluff approaching Hwy 30 in the Graysville Mountain Section of the Cumberland Trail. We hosted students from Michigan State University, University of Pittsburgh, Boston University, The University of South Florida, Winthrop University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Hamilton College plus volunteers from Whole Foods Market.

ASB Fort Bluff Camp: Week 3 -524 feet; Week 4 - 2,900 feet, total 3,424 of completed trail at McGill Creek. Students from The University of Delaware and the University of Colorado at Boulder assisted this week.

Please be thinking ahead and plan to join the 2018 Spring Break program. We need volunteers to work with the students. Working with the college students to build the trail is a rewarding experience that you will not soon forget.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
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Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/clarksville>

- Jun 3 - National Trails Day.** Project to be announced.
- Jun 10 - Black Mountain to Windless Cave and back, 4 miles. moderate and Black Mountain Loop Trail, 1.7 miles, moderate.** Next we will drive 9 miles to Ozone Falls SNA. There is a short easy hike to the falls. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 162 miles to trailhead.
- Jun 17 - LBL, Hematite Lake Trail, 2.2 miles and Honker Lake Trail, 4.3 miles. Moderate.** Sandy Janus 931-551-8523. Meet 8:00 am CT, Kroger parking area, Dover Crossing Road, Clarksville. 69 miles to trailhead.
- Jun 20 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.**
- Jun 24 - Annual Picnic** (bring a dish). Dunbar Cave State Natural Area, Dunbar Cave Road, Clarksville. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. 4:00 pm CT until dusk.

Each month TTA offers opportunities to volunteer – be it leading hikes, organizing events, fundraising, leadership on the Board – if you've never volunteered to help before, how about it in 2017?

Officers are elected annually by the members in attendance at the general membership meeting. The term of office is from January through December. The TTA officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director. If you want to serve on the TTA board, please consider serving as an officer or chapter chair.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Super China Buffet, 5228 Main St., #B1, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Socializing and dinner at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Please check the TTA website for updates on our hikes.

Jun 6 – Chapter Meeting. We will again meet at the Barnabas Center behind St. Paul Episcopal Church in Franklin. We will have a great program from Ellen Clark and Lou Laratta concerning their trip to Antarctica. They will present a slide show and some interesting insights into the Southern Hemisphere. Food will be provided if you wish to come between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 pm.

Jun 24 – Cumberland Caverns. Daily Walking Tours. Knowledgeable guides lead leisurely walking tours every hour on the hour. These 1½ mile walking tours feature incredible formations, an historic 1812 saltpeter mine, a beautiful waterfall and gleaming pools. **Difficulty Level: Moderate. Time: 1.5 Hours.** What To Expect: You need to arrive at least 15 minutes early to purchase tickets and visit the restroom. The cave is a constant and pleasant 56°, a light jacket may be needed. Highlights: View stalagmites and stalactites. The cave surface is dirt and rock, there are steps and slopes to walk up and down, Discover Tennessee's largest show cave with the whole family. We will meet at 8:00 at Tollgate Medical Plaza, on Hwy 31 (Columbia Pike), just north of 840, drive to Cumberland Caverns (about one and 1/2 hours). Bring picnic lunch (or if group desires we can eat out after the cave tour), water, etc. The cost of the cave walking trip is \$21 per person payable to the cave. Trails are moderate. Please call or email Cindy Whitt if you plan to join us. Phone 615-202-5761, email: *Cindy.whitt@comcast.net*. Please include a contact telephone number.

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Jun 17 - Rainbow Falls Trail. 5.6 miles round trip. Moderate. One of the trails that leads to Mt. LeConte. 1600 foot elevation gain. Views and falls. Hike leaders are Karen Towle and Robby Paul. Meet at 9:00 am ET in Maryville on Hwy. 321 at Brown's Creek Shopping Center, down from Blount Memorial Hospital, near the Food Lion end close to the road. Register with Robby Paul at *robby paul@hotmail.com* or 865-983-6926. Bring a snack, water, hiking poles, and plan to stop for a meal afterwards.

Jun 18 - Gregory Bald hike. This hike will be on Sunday because the loop road is closed until 10:00 am ET on Saturdays making the start too late, leaving too little time at the top to enjoy the scenery. Parsons Branch Road is open so we can hike Gregory Bald Trail, which is one mile shorter and 800 fewer feet to climb than the Gregory Ridge Trail. The hike is moderately difficult to difficult, gaining about 2200 feet in about 4.5 miles (9 miles round trip). This hike is famous for its "Flaming Azaleas". Don't forget your snacks, water, appropriate footwear and \$\$\$ for carpooling. Contact hike leader Tom Cressler at *cressler@utk.edu* for meeting times and places.

Jun 24 - Gabes Mountain. Moderate. This shuttle hike will take us through a forest of large trees and we'll stop at one of the popular waterfalls along the way. Many former homesteads were in this area and are now piles of rocks. At 2.1 miles, we come to the spur trail that takes us to Hen Wallow Falls which is a great spot for a break. At 4.8 miles, we arrive at campsite #34 where we'll take another break. The next two creeks are rock hoppers, so pack water shoes just in case the water is high. At 6.6 miles, we come to an intersection of trails, and will turn right to walk the final mile to our car. Wear sturdy boots; bring water, lunch and money for carpooling. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 615-210-0660 or e-mail *rushga01@yahoo.com*.

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(Coffee and Franklin Counties)

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MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Monday at 7:00 pm CT at the D. W. Wilson Community Ctr., 501 N. Collins St., Tullahoma.

Jun 3 – National Trails Day. Dedication of Bobo Creek Bridge, Short Springs State Natural Area, Tullahoma, TN. Meet at 9:45 am in Short Springs parking lot for the 10:00 am event. Ceremony followed by hike led by Sam King, TDEC-Natural Areas Program. For more information contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811.

Jun 4- Tennessee River Gorge Paddle, Nickajack Lake, west of Chattanooga in Marion County. Sunday morning we will paddle through the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge from Suck Creek to Raccoon Mountain, 9 miles. The paddle is through Prentice Cooper State Forest. Bring a lot of water, snacks, lunch, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, binoculars and cameras. We will see Osprey and perhaps a Bald Eagle. A river otter swam alongside my kayak during a previous paddle! Plan to wear your PFD. We will meet at 8:00 am CT (9:00 am ET) at the Suck Creek Boat Ramp to arrange a shuttle. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811 to register.

Jun 9-12 - Great Smoky Mountains National Park Camping and Hiking Weekend. Joint activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Camping in Big Creek Campground June 9, 10 and June 11, Group Campsite GP01. Friday: Hike to Mouse Creek Falls on Big Creek Trail. 4 miles total out and back. 530 ft. elevation change. Easy. Saturday: Hike to Mount Sterling via Mount Sterling Gap on the Mount Sterling Trail. Return to Big Creek Campground via Baxter Creek Trail. 8.5 miles total. Elevation gain of 1,950 ft. up to Mount Sterling Fire Tower. Mount Sterling's summit is 5,842 ft. above sea level. Elevation loss of 4,100 ft. down Baxter Creek Trail to our campsite in Big Creek Campground. Moderately strenuous. Great 360-degree views on Mount Sterling Fire Tower of the Smokies and the meadow of Max Patch. Old-growth forest on Baxter Creek Trail. Shuttle required to retrieve vehicles parked at Mount Sterling Gap. Sunday: Hike the Cataloochee Divide Trail to Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center. Parking is very limited at trailhead so we will carpool using the Suburban (six hikers) and two other vehicles which can each transport five hikers. We will leave our remaining vehicles at our Big Creek Campsite. GP01.

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Checkout is Monday June 12, 12 pm ET. The Science Center is located on 530 acres on a mountain top which provides a 360 degree view of surrounding mountains and valley. 8.4 miles round trip. 970 ft. elevation change. Moderate. Monday hikers can hike to Mount Cammerer using the Chestnut Branch Trail and the Appalachian Trail, 12 miles RT, strenuous. Friday evening after our hike we will share a potluck dinner at Group Campsite GP01. Saturday we might eat at the campground. Each camper responsible for her own Saturday meal. Or, we can drive to Ruby Tuesday or Monterrey Mexican Restaurant located at Exit 435, Interstate 40. Big Creek Campground is three miles from Interstate 40. Total driving time to the Newport restaurants is thirty minutes. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811 to learn if there is available space. The Group Campsite may be full. Options include camping in nearby individual Big Creek campsites or waiting list for our Group Campsite. Individual Big Creek Campsites cannot be reserved in advance and are only available on a first come, first served basis.

Jun 17 – Elk River Paddle. Tims Ford Dam to Farris Creek Bridge. Easy in, easy out. Meet us at 8:00 am CT at Sample's Restaurant, 204 S. Main Street (Hwy 41A), Estill Springs, TN for breakfast. Or meet at 9:30 am at the put in below Tims Ford Dam off Hwy 50 to arrange a shuttle. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811 to register.

Jun 24 - Greeter Falls/Boardtree Falls Hike and Friends of South Cumberland State Park Picnic, Stone Door Picnic Shelter. Meet Ranger Aaron Reed at 8:30 am at the Greeter Falls parking lot for a hike to Greeter Falls and Boardtree Falls. Friends of South Cumberland State Park picnic is 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Stone Door Picnic Shelter. A main course, probably chicken and/or barbecue, drinks and a cake will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert. Rock Climbing Demonstration and "Try It Out" at Stone Door from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Contact Joan Hartvigsen *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811 for carpool information and to register for the picnic so the Friends know how many people might be coming for lunch.

Jun 26 – Chapter Meeting. Dinner at 5:00 pm at One22West, 122 W. Lincoln Street, Tullahoma. Meeting at 7:00 pm D. W. Wilson Community Center. Program: Dr. Michael Bradley's book "Death in the Great Smoky Mountains. Stories of Accidents and Foolhardiness in the Most Popular Park." Dr. Bradley has taught United States History at Motlow College since 1970. He has hiked and camped in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for more than 45 years.

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Planning Ahead:

Jul 7-9 - Camping at Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park, 404 Spring Creek Road, Delano, TN.

Campsite G6, Gee Creek Campground. Friday afternoon we will float the Hiwassee River from Reliance Bridge to Hiwassee/Ocoee State Park, 5 miles. Saturday morning we will float the lower Ocoee River. We will put in at Sugarloaf Mountain Park Boat launch below Ocoee Dam #1 (Parksville Lake Dam). Sugarloaf Mountain Park is located on US Hwy 64 near the junction of Hwy 64 and Hwy 314. The take-out ramp is the Dentville Road Bridge on the Hiwassee River a few hundred yards upstream of the confluence of the Ocoee and Hiwassee Rivers on our left (river right), 12 miles. Sunday we will paddle on beautiful Parksville Lake (Lake Ocoee) against the backdrop of forested rolling hills in Cherokee National Forest. We will use our own kayaks or canoes for all three activities. Contact Joan Hartvigsen jhartvigs@comcast.net or 931-962-0811 early to reserve your space in the Group Campsite G6. Friday evening we will share a potluck dinner at our campsite. Saturday evening we will eat dinner at a restaurant.

TTA Annual Meeting Dubose Conference Center Monteagle, Tennessee

Dubose Conference Center is Tennessee's historic conference center located in beautiful Monteagle between Chattanooga and Nashville. Originally build in 1872, Dubose is on the National Register of Historic Places. This is an ideal location for the TTA annual meeting since the mountain setting offers some of the most beautiful hiking trails in the Southeast.

See On-Site Lodging Descriptions & Pricing Information Sheet for more information

Registration and payment for rooms, cabins, and camping must be made directly with Dubose Conference Center.

To make a reservation:
dubose.wufoo.com/forms/tennessee-trails-association/
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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Perkins Restaurant, Vann Drive, Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts at 6:00 pm CT; meeting starts 6:45 pm

Jun 3-4 - Window Cliffs State Natural Area & Cummins Falls. Moderate. Both these sites are near Cookeville, and lodging overnight in the area is recommended. Saturday's hike to Window Cliffs is 8 miles. Cummins Falls on Sunday is 1.5 miles. We will be walking through knee high water to cross several streams, so wear shoes & pants suitable to getting wet. Hike leader is Glen Rognstad, glenrognstad@gmail.com or 731-217-5966.

Sep 5- Chapter Meeting. Planning for annual fall picnic and fall schedule of hikes.

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No hikes planned for June, July or August. Please check out hikes from other chapters and we'll see you in September!

TTA Annual Meeting Special Guests

Our special guests for the annual meeting are Tennessee State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath and Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park.

Friday evening Randy Hedgepath will present a program "My Favorite Places on the South Cumberland Plateau." With more than 32 years of experience with Tennessee State Parks, Randy Hedgepath has served as a Ranger Naturalist at South Cumberland and Radnor Lake State Parks. He was appointed State Naturalist for Tennessee State Parks in 2007. Randy's work ethic, commitment, and boundless energy have made him the most sought after State Naturalist. He's also leading three hikes at the annual meeting.

Saturday evening after the TTA Membership Meeting Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park, will present a program "Update on the Cumberland Trail". In 1999, Bobby joined the staff of Cumberland Trail State Park, where he now serves as park manager. It's the state's only linear park, and the only park in the world with its own record label, Sandrock Recordings, which draws extensively from Bobby's field recordings. He also created a radio show called "Music of the Cumberland Trail" that is broadcast weekly on station WDVX in Knoxville. The Cumberland Trail is an ambitious hiking trail project under development in East Tennessee. When completed, the Cumberland Trail (CT) will extend more than 300 miles from its northern terminus in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (TN/KY) to its southern terminus at the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park located on Signal Mountain just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee. As of November 2016 over 210 miles of the trail are open for hiking.

Attention: Hike Coordinators (aka Hike Leaders)

A TTA **Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement** form (aka "Liability Waiver") must be signed by everyone before you start your hike or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our website: www.tennesseetrails.org/release.php

TTA Annual Meeting Schedule of Events All times are Central Daylight Time

FRIDAY

12 Noon Registration and Room Check-In Open, Drop off Baked Goods & Auction Items
1:00 pm Randy Hedgepath's Fall Color Hike on Fiery Gizzard Trail from Foster Falls to Laurel Gorge
1:30 pm Sycamore Falls Hike, Fiery Gizzard Trail
1:30 pm Shakerag Hollow and Piney Point, Sewanee Perimeter Trail
3:00 pm Silent Auction Bidding, White Elephant and Bake Sale Begins
5:30 -7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Program - Randy Hedgepath, Tennessee State Naturalist, My Favorite Places on the South Cumberland Plateau"
8:00 pm Flat River Band

SATURDAY

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast
7:00 am Pre-ordered sack lunches can be picked up
7:30-9:00 am Depart for Hikes
Noon-7:00 pm Silent Auction (Bidding closes at 7:00 pm)
Shop White Elephant Sale
5:30-7:00 pm Dinner
7:00-8:00 pm TTA Annual Membership Meeting
8:00 pm Program - Bobby Fulcher, Manager of Cumberland Trail State Park, "Update on the Cumberland Trail"
9:00 pm Bonfire

SUNDAY

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast
7:00 am Pre-ordered sack lunches can be picked up
Room and camp check out
7:30-9:00 am Depart for Hikes
9:00 am TTA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT, Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station, 697 Veterans Parkway, Murfreesboro

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/murfreesoroboro

Jun 3 – National Trails Day, Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro. Come join us for trail maintenance at this beautiful park from 8:00 am until 11:00 am CT. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes, a snack and water. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Jun 9-11 –Great Smoky Mountains National Park Camping and Hiking Weekend. Joint activity with the Highland Rim Chapter. Please see hike information listed under the Highland Rim Chapter. To reserve a campsite in the group campsite, contact Joan Hartvigsen at 931-962-0811 or jhartvigs@comcast.net. Sara Pollard will coordinate a carpool from Murfreesboro and contact her at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Jun 13 - Chapter Picnic. Pavilion #5. Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro 6:00 pm CT. No business will be held and open to all TTA members, families and guests. There are picnic tables under the shelter and the chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, utensils, napkins and ice. Lindsey and Hazel will be grilling for us again this year. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please register, along with how many are coming when you RSVP to Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com. We want to make sure enough supplies are provided. Picnic is rain or shine.

Jun 17 – Paddling the Elk River. Joint activity with the Highland Rim chapter. Meet at 9:30 am at the put in below Tims Ford Dam on Highway 50 to organize a shuttle. We will paddle from Tims Ford Dam to the Farris Creek Bridge. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard at 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Jun 24 – Window Cliffs State Natural Area. Located in Putnam County, southwest of Cookeville. 8 miles rated difficult because of the elevation change and a number of crossings over Cane Creek. There is a bluff that separates the upstream and downstream parts of the creek. The bluff has eroded from both sides causing an opening to develop, which is how the name “Window Cliffs” came about. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For more information or to sign up, contact Tony Jones at 615-397-4463 or tonjon1968@gmail.com.

2017 TTA Annual Meeting Hikes

Self Guided Strolls

Meadow Trail. 2 miles. Easy
The University of The South Campus Walk. Easy.

FRIDAY

Fiery Gizzard Fall Color Hike. 6 miles. Easy
Shakerag Hollow and Piney Point Hike. 4 miles. Easy
Sycamore Falls Hike. 2.6 miles Moderate

SATURDAY

Collins Gulf Overlook Hike. 6 miles. Easy
Savage Day Loop and South Rim Trail to Savage Falls. 5.2 miles Easy
Grundy Forest Day Loop. 2 miles. Easy
Stone Door Trail, Big Creek Rim Trail, Laurel Trail Loop Hike. 7 miles. Flat, easy terrain
Cloudland Canyon State Park. Overlook Trail, Waterfalls Trail, West Rm Trail 7 miles. Moderate
Big Creek Gulf Trail, Ranger Creek Falls, Alum Gap, Big Creek Rim Trail. 7.2 miles. Moderate to strenuous.
Walls of Jericho State Natural Area. 7.5 miles. Strenuous
Sewanee Perimeter Trail. Memorial Cross to Bridal Veil Falls and Campus. 6+ miles. Moderate
Rock Creek Section of the Cumberland Trail. 8 miles. Moderate
Raven Point, Anderson Falls, Showcase of Fiery Gizzard Reroute. 4 miles. Strenuous.
Lost Cove Cave Hike. (Buggytop) 4.5 miles. Strenuous.

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Greeter Falls, Alum Gap Hike. 5 miles. Easy
Chickamauga Battlefield Civil War Hike. 4 miles. Easy
Horsepound Falls Hike. 5 miles. Moderate.
Short Springs State Natural Area. Machine Falls & Rutledge Falls. 3 miles. Moderate
Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park. 4 miles. Moderate
Denny Cove, Denny Falls, Foster Falls Overlook. 3 miles. Strenuous

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MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT in the REI
Community Room, 261 Franklin Road, Brentwood. For
directions, visit: www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php

BLOG: www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/nashville

Jun 3 - Collins Gulf Loop Trail, Gruetli-Laager, TN. 12 plus miles. Difficult due to the distance, terrain, and elevation changes. For experienced hikers only. We hike along the west rim of Collins Gulf and down the Old Stagecoach Road to Sawmill campground, then back up the east side, passing Horsepound Falls and Suter Falls back to the start. Be sure to bring lunch, water, good hiking boots, and clothing appropriate to the weather. Contact Doug Burroughs at dougburroughs@tennessee.usa.com or 615-587-0085 for more information and to register. Meeting Place: I-24 exit 59, former Target Parking lot (next to Universal Kia Hickory Hollow). Meeting Time: 7:00 am. Should be at trailhead around 9:00 am.

Jun 7- Cummins Falls State Park-390 Cummins Falls Lane, Cookeville, TN 38501. 2 miles. Difficult for rock scrambling. Cummins Falls is a 75 foot waterfall, located near on the Blackburn Fork State Scenic River. There is a one mile hike down the Downstream Trail to the gorge. Bring sturdy hiking boots, water shoes etc. for swimming, drinking water, lunch & snacks. Meet at FedEx/Kinkos on Donelson Pike at 8:30 for the hour and a half ride to the waterfall. Register for the hike with Linda Latter at 615-419-4845.

Jun 14 - Kayak/canoe trip down the Harpeth River. 4.7 miles from Hwy 100 put in, to Coley Davis (Metro Park). We would need to car shuttle back to Hwy 100. Bring or rent kayak, water, sunscreen, water shoes, lunch & snacks. Meet at Linda's house in Bellevue at 8:30. Register with Linda Latter at 615-419-4845.

Jun 17-19 - Standing Stone State Park, Hillman TN (near Livingston). Camping and hiking weekend. 4.7 miles. Moderate. Arrive Friday afternoon or evening if you are interested in camping. We will hike the Lake Trail which winds around beautiful Standing Stone Lake, on Saturday. We will camp Saturday night, and depart early Sunday morning. Standing Stone has more than eight miles of day-use hiking trails, providing access to some of the park's loveliest areas. Trails range from easy to strenuous and pass into virgin woods through vivid wildflowers and over-flowing streams. If you are not interested in camping you may meet us for Saturday's hike at the Visitor's Center at 9:00 CT. For more information and to register (a must for campers), contact: Nancy Juodenas at njj1011@gmail.com or 615-319-8811.

Nashville Chapter – con't.

Jun 21 - Burgess Falls State Park-Sparta, TN. There are four waterfalls that cascade over 250 feet in elevation. The 1.5 mile round trip River Trail/Service Road Loop is a moderately strenuous hike going past waterfalls and into the gorge. Bring sturdy hiking boots, water shoes etc. for swimming, drinking water, lunch & snacks. Meet at FedEx/Kinkos on Donelson Pike at 8:30 for the hour and a half ride to the waterfalls. Register for the hike with Linda Latter at 615-419-4845.

Jun 27 - Chapter Meeting. Window Cliffs is Tennessee's newest state natural area. With 18 stream crossings and spectacular geological features, it packs a lot of adventure into 275 acres close to Burgess Falls. Who better to bring us the full story than our State Naturalist, Randy Hedgepath? He will also fill us in on other recent developments with Tennessee state parks. Be sure to come, and bring a friend.

Jun 28 - Vanderbilt University Campus, Nashville. An easy urban walk around the tree-shaded campus. Route flexible. We will meet at 6 pm in the parking lot near Ted's Montana Grill and Maggie Moo's Ice Cream, 2817 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203. Please contact Dianna Richter to register at 615-587-9633.

Carpool Etiquette

Gasoline prices have continued to roller coaster up and down. Please be considerate and take your turn as a carpool driver. If you are a rider, always contribute to the cost of gasoline (i.e. bring small bills, it'll save time and prevent the inconvenience of having to stop to locate change).

Your driver is not a chauffeur. Assist him or her by reading the map and/or directions to the trailhead. Help your driver remain alert on the drive home by staying awake and conversing.

All passengers must wear seat belts to minimize the risk of injury in case of an accident !!! *The drive to and from a trailhead is generally the most dangerous part of any hiking trip.*

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There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information contact Bruce Whitehead at trailwalker80@gmail.com or 941-716-3620, or visit the Plateau Chapter Blog.

Jun 3 – National Trails Day, Cumberland Trail, Morgan County. Daddy's Creek South Trailhead on Firetower Road at Devils Breakfast Table. There is parking for about 15 cars. Trail is in the Catoosa Wildlife Mgmt Area so it is recommended hikers wear orange shirt, vest or hat. From the parking lot, cross the one lane bridge walking up the road about 200 ft. The trail is off to the left. The trail consists of a lot of rock stairs, stream crossings, waterfall, small stone door, and overlook. The overlook is at 1.2 miles, the stream at 2.4 miles will eventually have a bridge but we will retrace our steps from here for a total of 4.8 miles. We will depart the Crossville Outlet Center West parking lot on Interstate Drive in Crossville at 7:30 am and meet the hikers in Fairfield Glade at 7:45 am at the 4-way stop parking area in Fairfield Glade Resort. For more information and to register contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

There is no Chapter meeting in June.

Jun 17 – Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg. This is a moderate 6.4 mile hike on the South and North Old Mac Trails. We will have a 1,000 ft elevation change on Old Mac Mountain. Features include a thick walled building used to store explosives during the construction of trails in the 30's, an overlook, Panther Gap Rockhouse, sandstone bluffs with fossils. We will depart at 7:30 am CT from the Crossville Outlet Center West parking lot on Interstate Drive in Crossville. For more information and to register contact Cheryl Heckler at thehecklers@charter.net or 931-200-7436.

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

Jun 3 - National Trails Day. Greenway Farms. Meet at Log Cabin in Greenway Farms at 8:00 am. Hike leader: Jean Smith 423-596-7681.

Jun 6 - Harrison Bay State Park. Approximately 4-1/2 miles. Easy. Meet at Target parking lot on Hwy 153 at 8 am. Hike leader: Donna Pyers 423-344-9271.

Jun 13 - Signal Mountain to Middle Bridge and back. Approximately 5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am. Hike leader: Boodie Fox 423-842-1178.

Jun 17 - Roaring Creek. Approximately 8 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am. Hike leader: John Politte 423-304-8327.

Jun 20 - Upper Leggett to Lower Leggett. Approximately 3.5 miles. Moderate. Meet at Durham Street parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am. Hike leader: Renee Grace 423-593-8128.

Jun 24 - North Chick to Stevens Branch and back. Approximately 9 miles. Strenuous. Meet at Walmart parking lot in Soddy Daisy at 8 am. Hike leader: John Politte 423-304-8327.

Jun 27 - Cravens House Approximately 4 miles. Meet at Food City parking lot in Red Bank at 8 am. Hike leader: Patricia Appleton 423-332-6517.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

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Jun 3 - National Trails Day. Hendersonville Mayor Jamie Clary will lead Sumner Trails Chapter and the public on Warrior Trail, near Whitten Elementary. Meet at 9 am CT at the trailhead. For more information contact Chapter Chair, Lynn Takacs, *lynntakacs@comcast.net*.

Jun 17 - Springfield Greenway. The scenic Springfield Greenway meanders along a lush tree-lined creek in northern Springfield, just a half hour north of Nashville. The pathway is paved, flat and smooth, making for easy walking or riding, and has only one street crossing. Meet for carpooling at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville at 9 am CT. Contact Hike Leader, Shirley Hall, *shall958@bellsouth.net* for further information.

Planning Ahead:

Aug 26 - Peeler Park, Madison. The Peeler Park Greenway is a short, multi-use trail that runs along the river through the wooded Peeler Park. You may also catch a glimpse of a remote-controlled plane or two being piloted from the R/C Airfield within the park. Meet for carpooling at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville at 9 am CT. Contact Hike Leader, Shirley Hall, *shall958@bellsouth.net* for further information.

Joining TTA as a New Member? Membership Up For Renewal? Your Generosity Benefits All !

When you join or renew your Tennessee Trails membership, you have the opportunity to become a Supporting Member by donating a little (or a lot) above the regular dues.

In the past, Supporting Member donations in excess of the regular dues were allocated to TTA's general operating fund. During the 2001 Annual Meeting, TTA's Board of Directors voted to allocate Supporting Member donations to the Evan Means Small Grants Fund. Your tax-deductible Supporting Member donations will now directly benefit trail projects throughout the state of Tennessee. We thank you all for your support of TTA at any membership level, but we hope you will enrich Tennessee's trail system by joining or renewing as a Supporting Member.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER

(Sparta / Cookeville)

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Jun 10 - Trillium Gap, Great Smoky Mountains. Strenuous. We will begin our hike at the Trillium Gap access trail and take it to Trillium Gap Trail (mile 0.15). At the junction, we will continue on to Grotto Falls (mile 1.3), the only waterfall in the park that a person can walk behind. From here we will continue on to the Brushy Mountain Trail junction (mile 2.9). Those who are interested can take short hike to the top of Brushy Mountain. From the trail junction, we will remain on Trillium Gap Trail for another 3.6 miles until we reach Mt. LeConte Lodge (mile 6.6). We will return via the same trail for a total of 13.2 miles. Those interested in a shorter hike may want to stop and have lunch on Brushy Mountain before returning to the trailhead via Trillium Gap, for a hike of just over 6 miles. Bring hiking boots, snacks, water, and lunch. The hike leader will be traveling from Oak Ridge, so please register to be informed of possible changes or cancellations. You can meet us in the JC Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 5:30 am CT. For information and to register, contact Jeff Graves at *jagraves21@students.tntech.edu*.

Jun 24 - Gregory Bald, Great Smoky Mountains. Strenuous. Gregory Bald is a 10-acre grassy meadow famous for the flame azaleas that bloom atop the summit in mid-to-late June. We will begin our hike at the Gregory Ridge Trailhead (not the Gregory Bald Trail). We will cross three footbridges before reaching Backcountry Campsite 12, approximately 2 miles from the trailhead. At this point, the trail will climb roughly 2000 feet for the next 3 miles until we reach the Gregory Bald Trail junction. From here we will continue on to Gregory Bald Trail heading west for approximately 1.2 miles to the summit. We will have lunch at the summit, and return via the same trail for a total of 12.4 miles. Bring hiking boots, snacks, water, and lunch. The hike leader will be traveling from Oak Ridge, so please register to be informed of possible changes or cancellations. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 5:30 am CT. For information and to register, contact Jeff Graves at *jagraves21@students.tntech.edu*.

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The next hiking milestone for the year is National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3. If you have not made plans to celebrate National Trails Day by joining a hike or trail project, there are still a few days prior to the event. There is even time for you to lead a hike!! In the past, Tennessee has been in the top 5 states for the number of events and as members of the hiking community we should continue to support National Trails Day.

Don't miss the opportunity to #FindYourTrail and experience the great trails in Tennessee and across the country.

For more info, visit the American Hiking Society webpage and explore the National Trails Day link.

Summary of activity during the 2nd Quarter TTA Board Meeting on April 29.

Membership: Discussion about Membership Survey by membership director, Cheryl Heckler. We are seeking input from our members and ask that you participate in the survey when it arrives in your e-mail box. The board approved funding to have access to SurveyMonkey for the survey.

Bylaws Revision: The bylaws committee (Bruce Whitehead, Carolyn Miller, Jim Poteet and Bob Chairs) and chaired by TTA Vice-President, Bruce Whitehead has been busy revising the bylaws. A summary of changes was presented to the board at the April 29th board meeting. If approved by the board at the August 5 board meeting, the proposed new bylaws will be posted on the website and printed in the September newsletter to allow for a 30 day notice prior to the October general membership meeting. The current bylaws require that any change in bylaws be voted upon at the annual membership meeting. This year, the annual membership meeting will be on Saturday evening, October 14 at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle

New website: The website committee is still seeking proposals for a major revision to the website.

Approved funding to update and renew the TTA display. This display was purchased in 2005 with funds from a REI grant to assist TTA with promotional equipment. The framework is still in good shape and Linda Latter has offered to update the display material.

Go find your trail and celebrate the beginning of summer.

Happy Trails,

Carolyn Miller
TTA President

Newsletter Deadlines:

Deadlines for Chapter announcements and articles of special interest are due on the 10th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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

Please note: Newsletter submissions to the "editor" address are automatically copied to the webmaster for inclusion on the TTA website.

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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 partner organization (CTC) and associate organization (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 any/all TTA/CTC/TRAC functions.