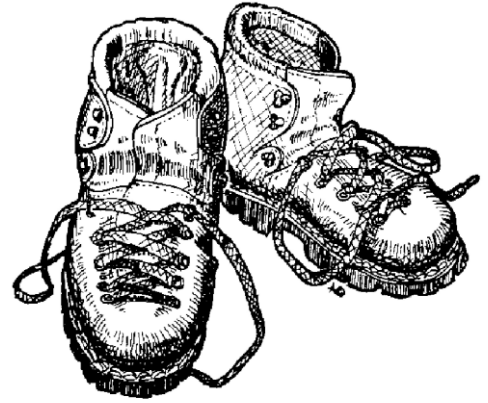


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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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Annual Meeting—We Need Your Help!

Plans for the Annual Meeting are on schedule. We at the Clarksville Chapter are working hard to make this, our 50th Anniversary meeting, a success. **But**, we need your help.

First, we need your presence. Without a good crowd, everything will flop. So get your registrations in so we can plan accordingly.

Secondly, we need your **baked goods, White Elephant items, and some quality Silent Auction items.** Remember, the Live Auction is a thing of the past, and the Silent Auction has become a significant event.

Third, we encourage you to bring your Chapter's picture board so that attendees can get acquainted with your happenings and members.

Last, we need your thoughts on how to make this 50th Celebration (and other annual Meetings) better. New minds bring new ideas to the table.

And for your information, we are having some really neat 50th Anniversary tee-shirts (in blue, green and gray—various sizes), with a pretty logo on the upper left part of the shirt, for sale. Supplies are limited, so when you check in, get your tee-shirt at that time. Only \$10.00!

Please refer to the July and August TTA Newsletters for full information about the Annual Meeting. Also, Friday night's entertainment will feature Susan "Ski" Witzofski, an early day ranger at Brandon Springs. Ski is an accomplished speaker and has a great offering of stories. Plus, The Friendship Band will play a selection of oldies that will bring back memories of other days. **We're counting on you!**

President's report

The next hiking milestone for the year is National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 22.

The first National Public Lands Day was in 1994 and has been an annual event on the fourth Saturday in September since that time. While Nationals Trails Day held on the first Saturday of June focuses on Trails, National Public Lands Day held on the 4th Saturday of September, focuses on public lands. Both celebrations encourage visiting public lands and volunteer activities.

This year is the 25th anniversary of National Public Lands Day as well as the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System and National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. It is also TTA's 50th anniversary.

Besides giving back to our public lands, on this day, admission to national parks is free. If you are interested in visiting a National Park, check with them to see if they have service projects or educational programs planned for September 22.

Additional volunteer events, such as river clean-up and park restoration projects are listed on the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) website.

Go find your trail and celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of the fall hiking season.

Happy Trails,

Carolyn Miller
TTA President



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Volunteers! Ever want to help build a wilderness hiking trail? Then consider joining our planned trail building programs.

The Cumberland Trails Conference was awarded a contract to construct trail along Soak Creek a tributary of the Piney River in Spring City and trail construction began April 2. If you want to join the trail crew and build this section of the trail, please contact the CTC office to register and receive information about where to meet the CTC trail crew. We have a new e-mail address for volunteer questions and registration for programs: VolunteeratCTC@gmail.com.

Trail Building Assistant (Crew) – seeking applicants for open positions. Apply now!!

Work Hours: Part time, flexible; average 2 to 4 days per week, including some weekends. Work days vary with weather, season and scheduled construction projects.

Current Location: Southern Crew working near Graysville, Tennessee.

Qualifications: Community members who love to build trail. Previous trail building preferred but not necessary. We will train you. If interested, contact the CTC office to schedule an interview.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm CT,
Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.

Sep 8 - Burgess Falls State Park. 2 trails 1.5 total miles. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 116 miles to trailhead.

Sep 15 - Mousetail Landing State Park. 7.6 miles. Moderate. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 7:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot near McDonalds. 90 miles to trailhead.

Sep 18 - Monthly Chapter Meeting.

Sep 22 - Stones River Greenway from Wave Country Trailhead to Kohl's Trailhead. 4.9 miles. Easy. Add 0.5 miles if you want to walk across the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge. Paul Schwab 931-801-9484. Meet 8:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 42 miles to trailhead.

Sep 29 - Springfield Greenway, Travis Price Park, Springfield, TN. 6 miles out and back. Easy. Eat at a Depot Restaurant In Springfield after the hike. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849. Meet 9:00 am CT, I 24 Exit 11 commuter parking lot. 25 miles to trailhead.

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MEETS QUARTERLY: Meets quarterly at the Barnabas Center at
506 Fair Street, Franklin, TN 37064. The Barnabas
Center is located behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
Social hour from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Please check the TTA website for updates on our hikes.

Sep 11 – Chapter Meeting. Dr. Joan Hartvigsen will discuss the kayak trip she is leading on Ghost River on September 15. This would be a multi-chapter outing for the Columbia/Franklin chapter. Discussion also for future hikes for the Columbia/Franklin chapter. Contact Lou Laratta (*loularatta@gmail.com*) or Jane Coffey (*jecoffey0644@gmail.com*).

Sep 15 - Kayak trip on Ghost River. Multi Chapter outing. See listing under Highland Rim Chapter for details. The final plans for meeting and carpooling have not been finalized at the present time. Contact Lou Laratta at *loularatta@gmail.com* for more information.

Sep 30 - Devil's Backbone, Hohenwald, TN. 3 miles. Moderately strenuous loop with about 200 feet of elevation change. Devil's Backbone is a 950-acre natural area in Lewis County. Devil's Backbone offers a visitor the opportunity for a quiet hike adjacent to the Natchez Trace Parkway. The trail follows the ridges of Tennessee's Highland Rim and drops down along a creek into a hollow and back again along the ridge. This inviting walk provides time for enjoying nature and quiet reflection. Devil's Backbone has a diversity of community types that are representative of the Western Highland Rim. Examples of these include: 1) White Oak-Northern Red Oak-Hickory Forest 2) Chestnut Oak Forest 3) Chestnut Oak-Black Oak-Hickory Forest 4) Beech-Tuliptree-White Oak-Sugar Maple Forest 5) Chestnut Oak-Shortleaf Pine Forest 6) White Oak-Northern Red Oak-Tuliptree Forest 7) Scarlet Oak-Southern Red Oak-Mockernut Hickory Forest and 8) Sycamore-Tuliptree-Beech Forest. Plan to meet at the trail head at 1:00 pm. Directions:**From Nashville**, head southwest on the Natchez Trace Parkway to mile marker 394 where a large sign points to the parking area. **From Highway 412**, head northeast on the Natchez Trace for about 3 miles, the entrance is on the left. To register, contact Ray Edge at *edgewoodray0514@gmail.com*.

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Sep 22 - Sinking Creek Trail, Tellico Lake. 5.5 miles. Easy. The hike will start at the Sinking Creek trailhead parking lot. The trail basically follows the shoreline of Tellico Lake. The trail is relatively flat, a few hills but nothing difficult. At the end of the trail we will have to walk a little more than one mile back to the parking lot. Along the way we may stop at the Axley Chapel Cemetery. We recommend shoes to wear to and from the hike plus sturdy hiking shoes, other weather appropriate clothing, a snack, a drink and a camera. We will meet in the Central Baptist Church of Bearden parking lot for car-pooling and leave at 8:30 am ET, stopping at the Walmart parking lot in Lenoir City, 911, TN 321 N, nearest the Murphy Gas Station. We will leave there at 9:00 am ET. We should be at the trailhead at 9:45 am ET. Please bring \$\$\$ for car-pooling. After the hike plan on stopping at Gondolier in Lenoir City on the way back for a meal and refreshments. For specific information about the hike, please call Tom before the 21st at 865-974-4422 or leave a message at 865-588-5622 or send an email to *cressler@utk.edu*.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING HIKE INFORMATION

When submitting monthly hike listings, please include the following information:

Date, trail name, location (Park, City, State), mileage, rating (easy, moderate, etc), hike description (what you may expect to see, elevation changes, obstacles that affect the hike rating), what to wear or bring, meeting time and location, and hike leader's contact information. Please identify any hikes that are multi-chapter events. Please DO NOT format the submissions (avoid bold, italics, underlining or colored text), as this slows the editorial process.

Hike descriptions are strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. A good hike description can encourage members (and prospective members) to try a new hike, but also alerts prospective hikers to outings that may be unsuitable for their level of expertise or fitness.

All submissions should be made by e-mail to *editor@tennesseetrails.org*. This e-mail address is automatically copied to our webmaster. All submissions MUST be received by the 10th of the month PRIOR to the hikes (I.e. February hike listings must be submitted by January 10) in order to be included in the newsletter. Late submissions will be updated on the TTA website, but have no guarantee of inclusion in the newsletter.

We will also be glad to print any hike reports, general chapter news and hike or event photographs as space permits.

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(contact Joan & volunteer to lead an outing)

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

Sep 7-9 – Little Island Camping and Kayaking Tims Ford Lake and Hiking Evans Loop Trail. Winchester, TN. Joint Activity with the Murfreesboro Chapter. Little Island is near the Tims Ford Dam boat ramp. Space is limited on the island so reserve your spot soon by contacting Joan Hartvigsen at *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811. Friday evening we will paddle around, visiting Big Island and the shoreline of Tims Ford State Park and golf course. Bring white lights to fasten to your kayak. Saturday's expedition is a paddle to Ray Branch Peninsula. We will disembark at the tip of Ray Branch Peninsula for lunch then take a short hike on the Evans Loop Trail and check out Tims Ford State Park backcountry campsite. Bring along walking shoes in your kayak. Water shoes will not be adequate for the hike on Evans Loop Trail. Early Sunday morning we will enjoy a short paddle in the Beech Hill area. Bring a lot of drinking water for three days. Bring food for two breakfasts, Friday dinner and three lunches. Saturday evening we will drive to the new Twin Creeks Marina and Resort, 1260 Lynchburg Road (Hwy 50), Winchester for dinner.

Sep 14 -16 - Ghost River Paddle Adventure. Multi-Chapter outing. Camping in Big Hill Pond State Park, Pocahtonias, TN. Paddling in the Ghost River State Natural Area, near La Grange, TN on Saturday. Ghost River State Natural Area is a 2,200 acre section of the Wolf River in Fayette County. The Ghost River section of the Wolf River meanders through bottomland hardwood forests of large oaks, cypress-tupelo swamps, and open marshes. The Ghost River provides excellent unique opportunities for observing birds including Snowy Egrets and other wildlife. The paddle is 9 miles and should take about 6 hours. The Ghost River Section of the Wolf River received its name from the loss of river current as the water "flows" through open marshes and bald cypress-water tupelo swamps. Some paddlers have seen ghosts in the gloomy, spooky swamp. The marked canoe trail follows the river from Yager Road Bridge in LaGrange to Bateman Road Bridge. Friday afternoon and Sunday morning we will explore the hiking trails in Big Hill Pond State Park. Park highlights include the 70 foot observation tower that offers panoramic views of Travis McNatt Lake and surrounding area and the long boardwalk that winds through Dismal Swamp. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net*, early to get a space in one of the 6 sites we have reserved. Also contact Joan if you plan to just join us for the paddle. We will share community evening meals Friday and Saturday evenings at our campsites.

Highland Rim Chapter – con't.

Sep 21-23 – Camping at Pickett CCC Memorial State Park, Jamestown, TN and Hiking. Joint activity with Nashville Chapter. We have reserved three campsites in Pickett CCC Campground. Contact Marietta Poteet at *nannietta@blomand.net* or 931-924-7666 if interested in staying in one of the campsites and to register for the hikes. **Saturday: Honey Creek Connector (Leatherwood Ford to Honey Creek Trailhead). 7 miles. Strenuous. Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.** We will hike 2+ miles from Leatherwood Ford to the O&W Bridge and then about 3 more miles on the relatively new section of the John Muir Trail which connects to the Honey Creek Loop. We will finish by hiking half of the Honey Creek Loop to the HC trailhead. This hike is rated strenuous due to distance and terrain. Bring water, snacks/lunch, waterproof boots with ankle support and clothing appropriate for the weather that day. **Sunday. Pogue Creek Canyon near Pickett State Park. 4.5 miles. Strenuous but short.** The trail starts at the main entrance to Pogue Creek State Natural Area on Highway 154, just west of the entrance to Pickett State Park. There will be a short shuttle to/from the trailhead around the corner on Blackhouse Mountain Road. The trail is strenuous due to elevation changes, but it will take us through some spectacular terrain. Bring water, snacks/lunch, waterproof boots with ankle support and clothing appropriate for the weather that day. Contact Doug Burroughs at *dougburroughs@tennessee.usa.com* or leave a message at 615-587-0085 for more information and to register.

Sep 24 – Chapter Meeting. Dinner at 5:00 pm at Applebee's Restaurant, 1957 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma. Meeting is 7:00 pm. Mary Jane Miller from Wartrace will be our speaker. Her book is entitled "Life Lessons from the Bee."

Sep 29 – Short Springs State Natural Area Work Day. Meet at 9:00 am at Short Springs parking lot, 2250 Sharp Springs Road, Tullahoma. Contact Joan Hartvigsen, *jhartvigs@comcast.net* or 931-962-0811. Bring water and work gloves. Several tasks are planned. The jobs include replacing the rotten sign post on the Connector Sign, adding more stepping stones across the creek on the Machine Falls Loop Trail tracking right, sawing stobs out of the trails, replacing caps on bridge posts of Bobo Creek Bridge.

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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

Sep 4 – Chapter Meeting

Sep 9 - Annual picnic and "family friendly" hike. Meet at Chickasaw State Park at 3:00 pm. We can hike the Lake Shore trail 1.5 miles, rated easy with a natural surface and/or the Lake Lajoie Trail which is 1.3 miles, rated easy with a natural surface. Glen and Darren will prepare kabobs and Steve is bringing soft drinks. Everybody else will need to bring side dishes and desserts. Anne will purchase the plates, napkins, forks, etc. Please let Glenn (731-217-5966) know by Sep 5 if you plan to attend so we can prepare an adequate number of kabobs. Feel free to invite newbies and bring kids so we can promote hiking to them.

Sep 14-16 - Ghost River Adventure. Multi-chapter outing. See Highland Rim Chapter for details. Glenn and Sarah plan to go. Let Glenn know if you plan to go. 731-217-5966.

Sep 20 - Nathan Bedford Forest. 8 miles. Moderate. Susan Woods will lead the hike beginning at the park headquarters. Meet at Panera Bread at 8:00 am in Jackson to carpool or meet at the park headquarters at 9:30 am. Call Susan at 731-441-8066 for more information.

Sep 22 - Mousetail State Park, east of Parsons, TN. 8 miles. Moderate. Terry McCoy will lead the hike. Meet at 8:00 at Panera Bread in Jackson to carpool or meet at the park headquarters at 9:30 am. Call Terry for more information 831-535-0625.

Planning Ahead:

Oct 20 - Big Hill Pond near Pocahtonas, TN. Meet at 8:00 am at Panera Bread in Jackson to carpool or park headquarters at 9:30. Howard Ropp will lead the hike. Call him for more information at 731-693-4248.

Oct 26-28 - TTA Annual Conference at Paris Landing/Dover. 50th anniversary of TTA. Please see newsletter for full hiking schedule. If you have photos from previous hikes, please arrange to share with Melinda so we can have a Jackson chapter board.

NOTE: All hike dates are subject to change if the weather is unfavorable or unforeseen circumstances occur.

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Sep 29 - Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR. Start off the fall hiking season with a hike at Village Creek, near Wynne, Arkansas. This is a moderate 5-mile hike along the Old Wagon Road west and the Trail of Tears with several hills. Meet at the park visitor center at 9:45 am. Bring lunch or snacks, water, wear hiking boots. We will eat lunch at the campground after the hike. Carpool available from the Tennessee Welcome Center on Riverside Drive at 8:00 am. If you want to carpool you must register with Freddi. Questions and to register for carpool call Freddi Felt at 901-288-5581. Rain cancels hike.

Seeking candidates to serve as board members for 2019

As per the bylaws, board members will be elected at the TTA annual membership meeting on Saturday evening, October 27. We have 8 open positions for the 2019 board. We have candidates for 4 of these positions.

The positions for which we are seeking candidates include: West Tennessee Regional Representative, a Board member willing to serve as Secretary for 2019, and three other board positions.

Members of the nominating committee are Jim Poteet, TTA board member, Joan Hartvigsen, Middle Tennessee Regional Representative and Garnett Rush, East Tennessee Regional Representative.

If you are interested in serving on the TTA board in 2019 or if you have a name to suggest, please contact a member of the nominating committee or one of the TTA officers.

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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/murfreesboro

Sep 7-9 – Tims Ford Lake Camping and Kayaking. Joint activity with the Highland Rim chapter. Little Island is near the Tims Ford Dam boat ramp. Friday evening we will paddle to Big Island and the shoreline of Tims Ford State Park and golf course. Bring white lights to fasten to your kayak. Saturday we will paddle to Ray Branch Peninsula for lunch and take a short hike on the Evans Loop Trail and check out the Tims Ford State Park backcountry campsite. Make sure to pack walking shoes in your kayak. For Saturday dinner we will drive to the new Twin Creeks Marina and Resort. Early Sunday morning we will enjoy a short paddle in the Beech Hill area. Pack plenty of drinking water, food for Friday dinner, breakfasts and lunches. Space is limited on the island, so reserve your spot soon. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara Pollard 615-714-3610 or sarabpollard@gmail.com.

Sep 11 – Chapter Meeting. Professor Andrew V. Z. Brower of the Evolution and Ecology Group will be our guest speaker for the wonderful program described below: Andy Brower is a professor of biology at MTSU. He earned his PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from Cornell University, studying the evolution of mimicry in Neotropical Heliconius butterflies. He has always had a fondness for the local lepidopteran fauna, and has been collecting moths at the porch lights of his house for several years. Our program will cover some of the highlights of local moth diversity, and we will have some lights set up in the woods and maybe some trees with bait painted on them, to see if we can observe any living specimens in the environs of the Nature Center.

Murfreesboro Chapter – con't.

Sep 14-16 – Ghost River Paddle Adventure/Camping in Big Hill Pond State Park. Pocahtontas, TN. Multi-Chapter outing. Contact Joan Hartvigsen (Highland Rim) at jhartvigs@comcast.net early to secure space in one of the six sites we have reserved. Tony Jones is the local Murfreesboro contact for carpool information only. Please contact Joan for reservations. PLEASE SEE THE FULL DESCRIPTION IN THE HIGHLAND RIM LISTING.

Sep 29 – Volunteer work at Barfield Crescent Park. Barfield has been letting us use the Wilderness Station free for years for our meetings in exchange for trail work around the park. They currently have a need for painting some signs around the campground. Volunteers are needed. Further details to be announced. If you can volunteer, please contact Valerie Gallan at 615-516-6441.

Trail Friends Fall Season

Trail Friends are volunteers from the Friends of South Cumberland State Park, a nonprofit support organization headquartered in Sewanee, TN. Trail Friends, offering a cheery welcome and much-needed information about the Park, the natural surroundings, and the specifics of the trails, staff five of the busiest trailheads in the South Cumberland State Park. Trail Friends also walk their assigned trails and their help is very much appreciated. The group is accepting new members and on-line training is available now. The Fall Season begins September 1 and extends on weekends through November 18. Literally thousands of people have been helped by this small group of enthusiastic outdoor lovers. Our Kickoff Meet and Greet takes place September 9, 3:00pm, at the South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center Pavilion. To find out more about this dynamic group, follow this link: <https://www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org/trail-friends.html>.



Annual Meeting Hikes

Friday, October 26

Brandon Springs Red Trail, 4 miles, Moderate
Brandon Springs White Trail, 2.5 Miles, Moderate

Saturday, October 27

A Section of Canal Loop Trail, 8.8 miles, Moderate
Clarksville Downtown and Ft. Defiance, 7 miles, moderate
Honker Lake and Hematite Lake Trails, 7.7 miles, moderate
Eggners Ferry Bridge and Western Half of the Central Hardwoods Trail, 6 miles, moderate
Ft. Donelson Trail, 5.5 miles, moderate
Bear Creek Loop Trail, 6.6 miles, moderate
Brandon Springs Blue Trail, 5 miles, moderate

Sunday, October 28

Big Sandy Wildlife Refuge Museum and two trails, 4 miles, moderate
Liberty Park, Clarksville, (see Pat Head Summit's Statue), 3.5 miles, easy
Picket Loop Trail, 4.5 miles, moderate
Brandon Springs Birding Hike, no definite length, easy

Other Venues

1850s Working Farm and Living History Museum (10am-5pm; Ages 13 and up, \$5)
Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory (10am-5pm, \$6.00 per person)
Elk & Bison Loop, Road Drive (\$5.00 per car)
Woodlands Nature Station (10am-5pm, Ages 13 and up, \$5)
Grand Rivers, Ky: Barkley and Kentucky Dams, Marinas on Barkley and Kentucky Lakes, Shops and Restaurants.

(Please note: Hikes are subject to change as circumstances warrant.)

2018 Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

(Central Time)

Friday, October 26

3:00 PM	Check in; Registration; Receive silent auction items and baked goods
3:30	Hikes in local area—(see Hike Schedule)
4:00	Cash Bar and Bake Sale opens (Bake Sale runs until 8:30 Sunday)
5:00	Silent Auction opens
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Program by Susan Witzofski and Entertainment by Friendship Band
8:30 (about)	Bonfire

Saturday, October 27

6:00 AM	Coffee for early risers (Cafeteria)
7:00	Breakfast
8:00	Hikes start, departing at 15 minute intervals. See Hike Schedule
3:00 PM	Cash Bar opens
4-5:00	State-wide Outings Slide Show
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Silent Auction closes
7:15	Annual Membership Meeting
8:00 (about)	Special live auction of Vera's Candy Corn Shorts and selected items
8:15 (about)	Jim Poteet presents a Memorial Slide Show to commemorate TTA's 50 th Anniversary, followed by the 50 th Anniversary Celebration (cake and punch)

Sunday, October 28

6:00 AM	Coffee for early risers (Cafeteria)
7:00	Breakfast
8:30	Check out and hikes commence (All cabins must be vacated before leaving on hikes)
9:00	TTA Board Meeting

Please note: The itinerary is subject to change if circumstances so warrant. We hope you have a fun-filled meaningful time! IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED ASSISTANCE, ASK ANYONE IN AN ORANGE TEE-SHIRT OR WEARING AN ORANGE ARM BAND.

Individual Registration Form for Annual Meeting October 26 – 28, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Registration: _____ @ \$25.00 each Total _____

Lodging in Cabins (Men's and Women's; Cabins are clean, air conditioned, partially partitioned for some privacy, have sitting areas and showers. Bring own linens.)

Friday night _____ \$29.00 per person _____

Saturday night _____ \$29.00 per person _____

Camping: \$15.00 flat rate per person for the weekend. (Showers available in the Pool House) _____

Meals:

Friday dinner _____ \$13.00 _____

Saturday breakfast _____ \$9.00 _____

Saturday sack lunch _____ \$9.00 _____

(Choice of turkey, or peanut butter/jelly sandwich—please circle choice)

Saturday dinner _____ \$13.00 _____

Sunday breakfast _____ \$9.00 _____

Please check if you prefer vegetarian meals for Friday and Saturday dinners. _____

Total Enclosed _____

Due to scheduling requirements at Brandon Springs, Registration Deadline is October 5, 2018. NO REFUNDS after that date. (Consider it your contribution to TTA.)

Make checks payable to TTA and mail this form with remittance to J.R. Tate, 4713 Chester Harris Road, Woodlawn, TN 37191.

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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

Sep 15 - Hidden Lake, Pegram TN. 2 miles. Easy. Hidden Lake is part of Harpeth River State Park. This hike is rated easy, with only one scramble. If you hike all the trails, it amounts to about 2 miles. In addition there is at least one geocache in the park, and we can do that if the groups wants. Meet at the trailhead at 9:00 am. To get there take I-40 West to Exit 192. Go north on McCrory Lane for about 3/4 mile. The parking area is just after crossing the Harpeth River on the left. Expect to spend about 2 hours. No water or rest rooms. This is one of the tickier places I know, so bring insect spray! Hike goes rain or shine. Please let me know you are coming. email: jimjohnsonjr@gmail.com, 615-300-3002

Maps: <http://tnstateparks.com/assets/pdf/additional-content/park-maps/harpeth-river-trailandaccess-map.pdf>,

<http://www.cloudhiking.com/assets/images/maps/hiddenLake.pdf>.

Sep 21-23 - Camping at Pickett CCC Memorial State Park, Jamestown, TN. Joint hiking and camping activity with Highland Rim Chapter. We have reserved three campsites in Pickett CCC Campground. Contact Marietta Poteet at nannietta@blomand.net or 931-924-7666 if interested in staying in one of the campsites and to register for the hikes. **Saturday: Honey Creek Connector (Leatherwood Ford to Honey Creek Trailhead). 7 miles. Strenuous. Big South Fork NRR.** We will hike 2+ miles from Leatherwood Ford to the O&W Bridge and then about 3 more miles on the relatively new section of the John Muir Trail that connects to the Honey Creek loop. We will finish by hiking half of the Honey Creek loop to the HC trailhead. This hike is rated strenuous due to distance and terrain. Bring water, snacks/lunch, waterproof boots with ankle support, and clothing appropriate for the weather that day.

Sunday: Pogue Creek Canyon near Pickett State Park. 4.5 miles. Strenuous but short. The trail starts at the main entrance to Pogue Creek State Natural Area on Highway 154, just west of the entrance to Pickett State Park. There will be a short shuttle to/from the trailhead around the corner on Blackhouse Mountain Road. The trail is strenuous due to elevation changes, but it will take us through some spectacular terrain. Bring water, snacks/lunch, waterproof boots with ankle support, and clothing appropriate for the weather that day. Contact Doug Burroughs at dougburroughs@tennessee.usa.com or leave a message at 615-587-0085 for more information and to register.

Nashville Chapter – con't.

Sep 25 - Monthly Program Meeting. Hiking and Birding Kauai by Kevin Bowden and Danny Shelton. Known as the Garden Isle, Kauai is a gem in the Hawaiian Island chain, about the same size as Davidson County. From the wild North Shore to Waimea Canyon (the Grand Canyon of the Pacific) to the South Shore and the National Tropical Botanical Garden, follow TTA members Danny Shelton and Kevin Bowden as they hike, bird, and whale-watch in this Paradise. Bring friends - this will be a fine opportunity to hear and see some special places.

Sep 29 - Nashville Urban Hike. 5-6 miles. Easy terrain, but hard pavement. We will walk across a section of downtown SoBro and Music Row, then back. Park at Rolling Mill Hill area in the parking lots near Pinewood Social at 9:00 am (rendezvous point) which may make a nice lunch spot afterwards. Generally east to west, we will walk up Lea – Rutledge – 2nd Ave - Ash Streets and across the Division Street Connector Bridge beyond the north end of the Gulch to the roundabout where the Musica sculpture is located. Some distinctive views of downtown are offered along the way. Thence up 16th Avenue residential & commercial music areas (Music Square East) until reaching Belmont University, across Wedgewood Avenue. A short walk through the beautiful campus will be the half-way mark. Back into Music Row via 17th Avenue (Music Square West) enjoying the shady trees and eclectic bungalow homes. At the roundabout we take Demonbreun Street into downtown and pass the brand new JW Marriott. We'll continue east past Music City Center and to the river, joining the Cumberland River Greenway near Ascend Amphitheater and reaching our beginning point. Hike leader: Tom Vickstrom tomzinger55@gmail.com or 615-405-6713.

Sep 29 - Laurel-Snow State Natural Area, part of the Cumberland Trail. Dayton, TN. 10.5 miles. Moderate to difficult because of distance and stream crossings. We will follow the main trail along Richland Creek then proceed on to Snow Falls. The hike has a beautiful beginning section along Richland Creek, which is a large creek featuring cascades and huge boulders along with that musical sound of falling water. We will need to cross Laurel Creek since there is no bridge at this time. This could mean rock hopping or stream fording, depending on the water level, so all hikers need to come prepared with water shoes and trekking poles for balance. An impressive suspension bridge spans Richland Creek a little further on. Expect some moderate climbs. Come prepared with plenty of water for an all day hike, hearty snacks and/or lunch. Hiking boots, trekking poles and water shoes are a must. Contact Karl Dupre: 615-2017-2250 or karld@comcast.net to register or for more information.

PLATEAU CHAPTER

(Crossville)

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There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information or to register for any of our hikes, contact the hike coordinator, Deb Westervelt, via email plateauhikes@tennesseetrails.org or text/call 931-267-2243. For a list of monthly hikes, visit the Plateau Chapter. **Check the blog one hour prior to hike time for cancellation or for any other updates/changes to our schedule before hiking.**

Sep 5 – Cumberland Trail Catoosa Section South, Hebbettsburg, TN. Hike from the bridge at Devils Breakfast Table going South to waterfall, overlook, to the end of the trail, and back for 7 - 8 moderate sometimes strenuous miles. SHORT option: Hikers wanting a shorter hike can turn around at the waterfall or the first overlook for 2-3 strenuous miles. Pack water, snacks and lunch. Carpool cost is \$2. Non-Fairfield Glade hikers will depart and carpool from the Crossville Outlet Mall west parking lot at 7:30 am CT to the Catholic Church two blocks past Peavine/Stonehenge Roads 4-way stop to meet up with the Fairfield resident hikers. We will depart for the hike at 7:45 am CT.

Sep 8 - Smokies - Madron Bald/Albright Grove Loop Trail, Cosby, TN. 7.3 miles. Moderate with a 1500 elevation change. Features include giant tulip, beech, hemlock and silverbells trees, Buckeye Creek, Willis Baxter cabin built in 1889, and Cole Creek. Depart from Vanity Fair west parking lot at 7:30 am CT. Carpool cost is \$10. Pack water, snacks and lunch

Sep 12 - Obed Wild and Scenic Lilly Bridge Section, Lancing, TN. New Hike to Jack Rock Falls. We'll hike along the North side of Clear Creek to the falls and back for 1.5 miles on uneven rocky terrain, then we will hike the 3.8 miles easy Point Trail and 0.6 miles Overlook Trail for a total of 5.9 miles. Depart 7:30 am CT from the Crossville Outlet Mall west parking lot. Carpool cost is \$5. Pack water, snacks. We will eat lunch at nearby Lilly Pad Hopyard Brewery and Sauced Frog.

Sep 13 - Chapter Fall Picnic at Meadow Park Lake. Hike Soldier Beach Trail at 4 pm with picnic starting at 5 pm at the marina pavilion. The grill will be hot and ready to grill your favorite meat or veggies. Also bring a dish to share and BYOB. Plates, plasticware and napkins will be provided. Contact Carol Q if you have any questions at 787-9083.

Plateau Chapter – con't.

Sep 19 - Bird Mountain, Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. We'll hike 7.6 moderate sometimes strenuous miles with 1000' elevation change making a loop on Lookout Tower West, North Bird Mountain and Bird Mountain Trails. <https://tnstateparks.com/assets/pdf/additional-content/park-maps/09-frozen-head.jpg>. Depart 7:30 am CT from the Crossville Outlet Mall west parking lot. Carpool cost is \$7. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

Sep 26 - Big South Fork Twin Arches, Jamestown, TN. We start from the Sawmill Trailhead to Slave Falls to Jake's Place then onto the Arches and return for 8 moderate miles. Depart 7:30 am from Cracker Barrel HY 127 N at I-40. Carpool cost is \$6. Bring water, lunch and snacks.

Sep 29 - Cumberland Trail Lawson Mtn Section - Cave Branch Trailhead, Caryville, TN. This will be a 6.6 mile moderate to strenuous hike with approx 1400 ft elevation change. We'll follow Cave Branch Creek with small bluffs, seasonal cascades and waterfall, then to an overlook and 25 ft high stacked rocks. Depart 7:30 am CT from the Crossville Outlet Mall west parking lot. Carpool cost is \$7. Pack water, snacks and lunch.

50th Anniversary of TTA

2018 is the 50th anniversary of TTA. We plan to celebrate at the annual meeting at Brandon Springs Group Center in Dover October 26 – 28. The Clarksville Chapter will be hosting the meeting.

If you have ideas for the 50th anniversary celebration, please share with your chapter chairs, a member of the board of directors or the Clarksville Chapter.

All chapters are encouraged to consider compiling chapter histories (pictures are always welcome) to commemorate the past.

AGENDA

TTA Fourth Quarter 2018 Board of Directors Meeting & Special Organizational Meeting to Elect Officers for 2019 and Establish Committees

Brandon Springs Group Camp
336 Brandon Spring Rd
Dover, TN
Sunday, October 28
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions – Carolyn Miller
Secretary's Report – Jackie York

- Approval of the Minutes of the August 2018 Board meeting

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Woods
Membership Report – Cheryl Heckler
Old Business

- 2018 Annual Meeting Update – J R Tate

Adjourn

Reconvene: Special Organizational Meeting – as per the bylaws.

Officers: The Officers of the Association are its President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. As soon as practical after its election at a Membership meeting, a new Board shall have a Special Organizational Meeting to elect officers from the Board and organize committees.

The outgoing President shall chair this Special Organizational Meeting until a new President is elected. The new President shall then chair the meeting during the election of the remaining Officers, the naming of members and chair for Standing Committees, and the establishment of any special committees. Officers shall serve a one calendar year term or until a successor is duly elected and qualified. No other action may be taken at this Special Organizational Meeting.

To add items to this agenda, please contact TTA President, Carolyn Miller, TTA Vice President, Linda Latter or one of the TTA board members or chapter chairs.

All board meetings are open to any TTA member and the public. Only board members are eligible to vote on motions before the board.

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6:00 pm ET at Burk's United Methodist Church, 6433
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Additional information may be seen at our web site:
<http://www.tennesseetrails.org/blog/soddydaisy>

Planning Ahead:

Nov 6-8 - Fall Trip to Standing Indian staying at the Hinton Center in Haysville, NC

Annual Meeting—Let's Have Some Fun!

Okay, a challenge! Dig out your old TTA tee-shirts that are dated. For example, Carolyn Miller has one with the year for the 35th Annual Meeting Anniversary. (Or so a little bird told me.) Bring'em and wear'em on Friday night. We are working on a REAL Contest and the winner (and maybe the loser) will get a prize(s)—of sorts. Stay tuned for the TTA October Newsletter for more details. And don't forget, we will have the 50th Anniversary tee-shirts for sale at check in.

SUMNER TRAILS CHAPTER

CHAPTER CHAIR: Lynn Takacs 615-479-7702
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Sep 6 - Bledsoe Creek State Park. High Ridge and Shoreline Trails loop. 2.4 miles. Moderate. We will start at the Visitor Center/Park Office. If interested, we will hike a second loop. Trail surface includes gravel, dirt, and rocks. Please bring water! Recommended hiking shoes, hiking poles, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Meet: Bledsoe Creek State Park, 400 Ziegler Fort, Gallatin TN 37066. Contact: Hike Leader, Les Cleveland *lescleve@gmail.com* 615-719-0031 cell.

Sep 13 – See Sep 6 listing for hike details

Sep 20 – See Sep 6 listing for hike details

Sep 27 - See Sep 6 listing for hike details

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.

Supporting Member donations support 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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Sep 8 - Cumberland County. Each year Cumberland County promotes hiking by sponsoring the Cumberland County Hiking Marathon for which 26.2 miles of trail within Cumberland County are designated to be hiked within the month of September. We will hike a selection of these designated trails choosing hikes within the 1 or 2 mile length and one hike over 3 miles. Trails for the marathon have not yet been designated and I will choose exact trails after they are. Further information will be available on the TTA website and via email. Trails within the marathon are rated easy to moderate. We will meet at Penny's in Cookeville at 8:00 am. For information and to register contact Lillian Ey at 615 478-7461 or *eyintn@hotmail.com*.

Sep 15 - Lookout Mountain Bluff Trail, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park. 8.6 miles, Moderate. We will take the Incline Railroad (\$15.00 roundtrip) to the top of the mountain. We will walk to the Military Park (entrance fee \$7.00 per person or folk over 65 with a Golden age/Senior pass can get 4 adults in free per pass. Once inside the park there are great views of Chattanooga, we will descend to the Craven House and take the trail to Sunset Rock. We could see folks rock climbing along the way. Also we will stop at Sunset Rock for lunch. After the hike we will stop at Sticky Fingers in Chattanooga for an evening meal. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. We will leave J.C. Penny's parking in Cookeville at 7:00 am CT and from U.S. Bank, across from McDonalds, in Sparta at 7:30 am CT. Should arrive at Incline at 9:15 CT. For information and to register contact: Pete Broehl at 931 738-3551 or *pabroehl@blomand.net* or Eugene Cummings at *eugenelions@yahoo.com*.

Sep 29 - Stone Door, Big Creek Rim, Greeter, and Laurel Trails, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN. 9.5 miles. Easy. We will hike to the Stone Door, follow the Big Creek Rim Trail to Alum Gap, and then use the Greeter Trail to reach Upper and Lower Boardtree Falls and Upper and Lower Greeter Falls. After returning to Alum Gap we will use the Laurel Trail to return to the beginning. There are options for a shorter hike. Bring hiking boots, snacks, water, and lunch. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00 am CT or at the US Bank in Sparta across from McDonald's at 8:30. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or *savage_richard@hotmail.com*.

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Board Positions for 2018

We currently have three open board positions for 2018: West Tennessee Regional Director, and two members to serve on the board. If 2018 is your year to serve, please contact one of the officers or regional directors to submit your name for further consideration by the nominating committee and the entire board of directors.

We still have some committee positions open to members. These positions were created as part of the bylaws revision in October 2017 in an effort to engage members who wanted to serve the organization but not have responsibility as a board member. Open committee positions are noted below.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating committee is responsible for the long term development of leadership within the organization, and to provide a slate of qualified candidates for election to the board at each Annual Membership Meeting, and to recommend qualified replacements for any vacancies that may occur. 2 positions open for members and a member willing to serve as the West Tennessee Regional Director

Audit Committee. The duties of the Audit Committee shall be to oversee policy compliance, conflicts of interest, ethics, and program integrity. They shall select, retain, oversee, and interact with the auditors for the Association. The Auditors shall report directly to the Board. Audit Committee - two board positions and several positions for members are available on this committee.

Awards Committee. This committee shall recommend to the Board candidates for the various recognition awards provided by these bylaws. The chair of this committee shall be the Vice President. two board positions and several positions for members.

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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___ Soddy Daisy
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___ At Large

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As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend any/all TTA hikes or functions.
Not a member yet? Please check out one of our hikes or meetings soon!