

# HIKE WITH US!



## 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.

*Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail*

Tennessee Trails Association  
P. O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204-1446



### MEMBERSHIP FORM

**YES, I want to join Tennessee Trails Association.**

*(Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.)*

_____ Student (Full Time)	\$15.00	_____ Supporting	\$50.00, \$100.00 or more
_____ Individual	\$25.00	_____ Life - Individual	\$500.00
_____ Family	\$35.00	_____ Life - Family	\$750.00

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Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Membership Form to: Membership Director ♦ P.O. Box 41446 ♦ Nashville, TN 37204-1446

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO HIKE !!!

We are the Tennessee Trails Association (TTA), and this is what we offer:

- opportunities to explore Tennessee's great outdoors on foot
- opportunities to meet interesting people
- opportunities to volunteer your time and energy on projects that do something positive for the environment

### IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE EXPERIENCE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US !!!

The Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization established in 1968 for the purpose of developing, maintaining, and promoting hiking trails in Tennessee. We work to keep trails in good condition, build new trails where feasible, encourage and educate the public on responsible trail use.

Within the TTA structure, there are two *Associate Organizations* which are focused on very specific missions. The **Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC)** was established to complete a 280-mile linear trail from Cumberland Gap to Chattanooga. Projected completion date is 2011. The **Tennessee Rails-To-Trails Advisory Council (TRAC)** promotes the preservation and conversion of abandoned railroad-rights-of-way into trails for walking, hiking and other foot-powered recreational uses.

## BUT MOSTLY, WE JUST LIKE TO HIKE!

There are TTA outings scheduled every month of the year throughout Tennessee. The majority of these are day trips, meaning they begin after sunrise and end before sunset on the same day. For variety, occasionally we offer other types of activities, such as backpacking, "car camping," canoeing and whitewater rafting.

Most of our outings take place in State Parks and wilderness areas. We schedule hikes of varying lengths and levels of difficulty so that everyone can participate. All hikes are led by experienced TTA hikers. There is no cost to you, except the gasoline to get you there. Carpooling is usually available.

TTA has chapters in cities throughout Tennessee, so no matter where you live in the state, chances are there's a local group within your vicinity. Each chapter schedules and conducts its own outings and holds regularly scheduled meetings. Each autumn, all of the chapters come together for a big annual meeting, attended by enthusiastic hikers from all over Tennessee.

TTA members keep in touch through a monthly newsletter, **Tennessee Trails**, which contains articles about current events, hiking tips, hiker safety, hike reports, volunteer opportunities and a calendar of upcoming outings. Each outing listed contains detailed descriptions of when, where and who to contact to be included in the outing.



Although our members come from all walks of life, we do have at least one thing in common: an appreciation for the beauty of Tennessee's natural areas. Many of us are active conservationists who work to preserve these places and the trails in them, not only for our own enjoyment, but for the benefit of future generations.

We believe there's no better way to appreciate the natural world than to take a walk through it. As a member of the Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. you'll be able to do this in the company of like-minded individuals. And, thanks in part to the efforts of TTA, there are now hundreds of miles of trails across the state of Tennessee awaiting your footsteps!

## COME HIKE WITH US!

For a complimentary newsletter,  
call toll free:

**888-HIKE-TTA**

(888-445-3882)

Or, visit our website at:

**[www.tennesseetrails.org](http://www.tennesseetrails.org)**