

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

July - December, 1979

Date			Trip	Hike Rating	Leader
July 7	Sat.	1 day	Jennings Creek	M-D	Frank Oglesby
July 8	Sun.	1 day	Buckeye Falls	M	Darrol Nickels
July 22	Sun.	1 day	Nolichucky Gorge — Hike and Float Combination	E-M	K. Fimen & T. Dougherty
Aug. 10-14	Fri.-Tues.	5 days	AT Conference — Carrabassett, Maine		Stan Murray
Aug. 14-15	Tues.-Wed.	2 days	AT Maine	D	Ray Hunt
Aug. 18	Sat.	1 day	Laurel Fork Gorge — Pond Mountain	M	Donald Shaffer
Aug. 25	Sat.	1 day	Unaka Mountain — Dick Creek	M-D	Donald Shaffer
Sept. 1-2	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. LeConte Lodge	M	Bill Simmons
Sept. 1, 2, 3	Sat.-Mon.	3 days	Multiclub Meet		
Sept. 16	Sun.	1 day	Big Laurel Branch	M-D	Darrol Nickels
Sept. 23	Sun.	1 day	Linville Gorge	M	Terry Dougherty
Sept. 29	Sat.	1 day	Mt. Mitchell — From Carolina Hemlocks (Beyond 6,000)	D	Collins Chew
Oct. 6-7	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Beginner Backpacking	E-M	Lewis Carson
Oct. 13	Sat.	1 day	Rogers Ridge — Piney Knob	M-D	Donald Shaffer
Oct. 20	Sat.	1 day	Clinch Mt. — Trail of Lonesome Pine	M	Gordon Newland
Oct. 27	Sat.	1 day	Jennings Creek — Bullen Hollow	M-D	Donald Shaffer
Oct. 28	Sun.	½ day	Dinner Meeting — Cabin	FUN	—
Nov. 10	Sat.	1 day	Clinch Mt. — Trail of Lonesome Pine	M	Gordon Newland
Nov. 17	Sat.	1 day	Big Butt — Horse Creek	M	Donald Shaffer
Nov. 22	Thurs.	1 day	Thanksgiving Dinner at Curt Trompe's Cabin — Hikes on Fodder Stack	E	Ray Hunt
Dec. 1	Sat.	1 day	Clinch Mt. from Moccasin Gap	D	Collins Chew
Dec. 15	Sat.	1 day	Jennings Creek — Davis Creek	M	Donald Shaffer

CANOE SCHEDULE

July - December, 1979

Date			Trip	Class Water*	Leader
July 8	Sun.	1 day	Nolichucky Gorge	II-IV	Richard Sparks
July 22	Sun.	1 day	Nolichucky Gorge — Float and Hike	II-IV	T. Dougherty & K. Finch
Aug. 11-12	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	New River Gorge	II-IV	Terry Dougherty
Aug. 18	Sat.	1 day	Watauga River	I-III	Dave Ingram
Aug. 26	Sun.	1 day	French Broad River	I-IV	Charles Williams
Sept. 29-30	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Chattooga River Sec. 3 and 4	II-IV	Terry Dougherty
Oct. 13-14	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Big South Fork	II-III	Rick Phelps

*Class of Difficulty explained on back of this folder.

TRIP NOTICE

JENNINGS CREEK (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SATURDAY, July 7, 1979

This is an easy hike up the creek which gave its name to the largest proposed wilderness area in the Cherokee National Forest, to one of the fine waterfalls in that area, on Coldspring Mountain near Greeneville. Jennings Creek Falls is a lovely cascade facing a cliff in a small ravine. Total distance is only 4 miles, with a total climb of 800 feet. An extension of this short hike through more of the proposed Jennings Creek (or Coldspring Mountain) wilderness area is possible for any who want it.

Bring lunch, water, and camera. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at either Building 215 or the Johnson City post office. For further information, call Frank Oglesby, 245-5447.

Jennings Creek, Cherokee National Forest, July 7, 1979 - Frank Oglesby

Twenty-one individuals, confident of the weatherman's prediction of no rain until Sunday, converged on the appointed starting point at Old Forge Campground. (Several umbrellas among the group showed that there were some skeptics). Well, with eighteen creek crossings underfoot who minds a little (more) water from above! At least Jennings Creek was at a respectable level, possible eighteen inches lower than on the Scouting data in early June. (We couldn't even scout then). We made the falls in a constant downpour- which ended when we returned to our cars. The only dissenting voice was that of fourteen months old Stephen Banks riding piggy backpack, who admonished his father about the low branches which had a way of clearing his father's head only to smack him in the face. He walked most of the way back out and was all smiles at the last. Jennings Creek is in a very beautiful part of the proposed Wilderness Area of the Cherokee National Forest. Making the hike were: Ellyn Lyle, Arthur Smith, Michael Haddad, Mary Speiker, Kenneth Carter, Bill Snyder, Tandy and Brannon (Memphis), Gary Bass, Larry and Ed Schell, Blake and Thomas Lawson, Ruth Lisanby, Steve, Steven and Mary Banks, Cathy Hudson, Frank Oglesby, Jr. and Sr., and Donald Shaffer.

This was a joint hike with the State of Franklin Sierra Group.

Nolichucky River Gorge Canoe Trip - July 7, 1979 - R. S. Sparks

A group of three TERC Canoers joined with two people from Indiana, one from North Carolina and one from Washington D.C. to run the Nolichucky Gorge. We came down the river without stopping to scout or eat lunch because a light rain was falling. The trip took about three hours. The people who joined us that had not seen the gorge before were very impressed with it.

FOR THE RECORD

TRIP NOTICE

BUCKEYE FALLS
SUNDAY, July 8, 1979

This is a moderate hike up Clark Creek to the base of Buckeye Falls in a proposed addition to the proposed Jennings Creek (or Coldspring Mountain) wilderness area, and a steep climb a little way up the small ridge at their base to a great view of the falls. This seasonal waterfall takes a spectacular, nearly vertical 476-foot plunge off the north side of Wilson Knob. The falls are dry much of the time but are awesome after a rain. They are in the steep, rugged upper end of the gorge of Clark Creek. Total distance is 6 miles, with a total climb of 1200 feet.

Bring water, snacks, and camera. Wear long pants and heavy shoes, since the steep climb is brushy and has no trail. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 1:00 p.m., or at Crossroads Country Store (formerly Wiseman's store) at the junction of Tenn. 81 and Tenn. 107 at 2:00 p.m.

For further information, Call Darrol Nickels, 247-7043.

FOR THE RECORD

Buckeye Falls, July 8, 1979 - Tom Dosser

Nineteen people enjoyed this moderate hike to a beautiful area that has been proposed as an addition to the Jennings Creek (Cold-Spring Mountain) Wilderness Area. From the Crossroads Grocery at the junction at Tenn. 81 and 107 we rode in a pickup truck and a Jeep Wagoneer. After negotiating the seven rough fords of Clark Creek we hiked on the old railroad bed paralleling the stream to where the falls branch joins Clark Creek. We climbed the rocky spine of an unusually narrow ridge to a beautiful view at the back lighted falls with a drop of 476 feet.

Participants were: Arlette Akekee, Gary Bass, Bob Casper, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Bill Dickason, Ann Guise, Jon Horton, Kevin Horton, Owen Horton, Blake Lawson, Thomas Lawson, Don Nelan, Donald Shaffer, Ray Vachon, Mira Wilhelm, Van Wilhelm and Tom Dosser.



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TRIP NOTICE

BOULEVARD BRANCH TO MT. LECONTE

JULY 14-15, 1979

We have reservations for 21 persons at LeConte Lodge for July 14 (the 3-bedroom lodge and two cabins). This is primarily a creek trip in the tradition of similar trips held in the area in recent years. First preference will be given to those people who wish to take the creek route. However, as there is space left over reservations will be accepted for any who wish to go by trail.

Boulevard Branch is one of the prettiest of the creeks on the northwest slope of Mt. LeConte. As LeConte creeks go, this is one of the easier ones. Nevertheless we will be ascending without benefit of trail over rocks, fallen logs and occasionally through rhododendron. If the water should be high it may be necessary to do considerable wading at the lower elevations.

To hold our reservations I need a \$12.00 deposit from each person. An additional \$8.00 will be collected some time next year. Send your checks to Stan Murray, Building 244 or to P. O. Box 3356, Kingsport, Tennessee 37664 by December 12, 1978.

The first 21 names to be submitted with checks will be accepted. Unfilled places will be cancelled. The trip is rated difficult.

FOR THE RECORD



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TRIP NOTICE

NOLICHUCKY RIVER GORGE HIKE AND FLOAT

SUNDAY, July 22, 1979

On this trip you will have the option of walking or riding (sometimes swimming). Both groups will start at Poplar, N.C. and will travel downstream to Erwin. The hikers will walk on the railroad bed and the floaters will be on the river (sometimes under). The canoeists will ferry hikers across the river so that they will not have to cross the trestle at Poplar unless they want to. Both groups will stop to enjoy lunch together and swimming as desired. After lunch both groups will proceed at their own pace.

Floaters may choose to float in a canoe, raft, innertube, or whatever. However, if you have never floated the Nolichucky gorge, you need to know that the river has powerful rapids and big souse holes. Canoers and rafters can expect to be swamped and tubers can expect to be flipped out of their tubes. Lifejackets must be worn on this trip. We will not float at water flows above 2000 CFS, but will go rain or shine on the hike.

We will meet at Bldg. 215 at 8 A.M. to consolidate cars and boats, then depart immediately. I am willing (against my better judgement) to pull the TEC canoe trailer if there is sufficient demand. Each person should bring lunch and other equipment needed for an eight mile hike or float.

The trip leader for the hike is Kirk Finch and the float leader is Terry Dougherty. If you plan to attend please complete the form below and return it to Terry Dougherty, B-150, TEC.

If you forget to send in the form and show-up at the appointed time you will be welcome to go on the trip.

To(Terry Dougherty, B-150)

I plan to float the Nolichucky in a ☐ canoe; ☐ raft; ☐ tube; or ☐ whatever.

I plan to hike and enjoy the river, the mountains and floaters being wiped-out. ☐

I would like to have my canoe transported on the canoe trailer. ☐

Name(s) _____

Plant Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Nolichucky River Gorge Hike and Float - July 22, 1979 - Kirk Finch and

Terry Dougherty

This trip was to have been a float and hike combination in the Nolichucky Gorge, however heavy rain the day before put too much water (4000CFS) in the river to be safe for floaters. Even the commercial rafters were not running that day. Fourteen hikers showed-up to hike through the gorge on an overcast and not too hot but very humid day. Many of the streams that come down the walls of the gorge that are normally only a trickle were roaring full of water creating numerous small water falls. Near the end of the hike a pistol-packing snake hunter was encountered. He said that he had only seen two copperheads in the 1/2 mile he had been walking. Those making the 10 mile hike were Jim and John Finney, Dick Burow, Patrick and Terry Dougherty, Gerald Tustin, Barbara and Kirk Finch, Janet and Jack Dezwaan, Bob Casper, Arlette Ahkiki, Mary Speiker and Jim VonBramer.

FOR THE RECORD

Appalachian Trail Conference, 1979 - Ray Hunt

The 1979 meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference was held on August 11, 12, and 13 at Carrabassett, Maine. Over 700 people attended, representing the hiking clubs from Maine to Georgia which maintain the Appalachian Trail. Attending from Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club were Stan Murray, Tom Gatti, Ray Hunt, Gordon Newland, Collins Chew, and Don Nelan.

During the business meetings, there were speeches and reports on various aspects of the Trail and Conference matters. There were also over 40 workshops and discussion groups telling how to do all manner of things related to the A. T. Many topics dealt with the relationships between maintaining hiking clubs, the Conference, and government agencies. There was a strong emphasis on the importance of the volunteer effort.

Ray Hunt was elected to the Board of Managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference. As such he will be one of the 25 people to represent the Conference membership. Stan Murray remains as Consultant to the Board, as the result of his having previously been Chairman of the Board.

Collins Chew reported for our club on the condition of our section of the Trail, as part of the traditional calling of the roll on that subject. Collins is also representative on the southern regional committee that was formed at the Carrabassett meeting.

Besides all this, many personal contacts were made with members of the Forest Service, National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Conference staff, ATC Board of Managers, the Tennessee Department of Conservation, and TVA. These contacts will be most valuable in future hiking club business related to the A. T.

The next meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference will be held in Blacksburg, Virginia. It will be sponsored jointly by the eight A. T. maintaining hiking clubs in southern Virginia. This will be close to Kingsport so it should be easy for us to have a good contingent going to it.

Following the meeting, four of our hiking club group went backpacking nearby on the A. T. Ray Hunt, Gordon Newland, Collins Chew and Don Nelan hiked for 2 1/2 days, going the 38 miles from Carrabassett to the Kennebec River. It was a typical mixture of Maine country, with one day steep and rocky, the other flat and boggy. Much of the time the weather was cloudy with some rain and much wind on exposed peaks of the Bigelow range. At the same time, it was cool, which made for good hiking.

We saw lots of hikers on the Trail and at shelters, perhaps 30 per day, mostly young people on long-distance trips. At some shelters, the Maine Appalachian Trail Club has stationed caretakers to regulate where people camp and to keep the area in good condition. Other notable features of the trip were a lodge at East Carry Pond where we ate breakfast, and crossing the Kennebec River by rowboat.

Next fall there will be another backpacking trip on the A. T. in Maine. In one week, we will go from Carrabassett southward to near the Maine-New Hampshire line. If you are interested in making this trip, save your money and vacation time, and contact Ray Hunt or Don Nelan for details.



TERC HIKING CLUB

CANOE TRIP

Saturday, August 18, 1979

A canoe trip is planned for August 18, 1979 on the generated section of the Watauga River below Little Wilbur Dam. Take out will be at the old steam plant near the town of Watauga. This is mostly class II (one class III) water and very cold. It should make for a nice run on a hot August day.

They have started generating at 10 a.m. for the past several Saturday's. However, this is subject to change at very short notice. Plan to meet at Building 215 parking lot, at 9:00 a.m.

For more information call Dave Ingram, work 246-7171, ext. 20, home 926-0843 - Johnson City.

If you plan to attend, complete the pre-registration form below and return to Gordon Porter Building 54 D. You will be notified if there is a cancellation or change in generating schedule.

I plan to canoe the Watauga River on August 18, 1979.

Name _____

Telephone: Work _____

Home _____

FROM THE RECORD

Watauga River Float - August 18, 1979 - Dave Ingram

A group of eleven people canoed and kayaked the generated section of the Watauga River. Although most of the area along the river is developed, there are some very scenic cliffs and rock formations between Elizabethton and the town of Watauga. There was more than an adequate amount of ice cold water from the bottom of Watauga Lake to make an enjoyable run. Those making the float were: Warren McClain, Ben Thompson, Bill Crawford, Tony Harrison, Bruce Haney, Leslie Bright, Bruce and Steve Chamberlin, Paul and Mary Darling and Dave Ingram.

TRIP NOTICE

POND MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area) - SUNDAY

August 19, 1979

On Sunday we will hike over Pond Mtn., south of Watagua Lake, on the newer section of the Appalachian Trail and a short way out the new Pond Mtn. Trail. This is a moderate hike of about 7 miles, with a total climb of about 2300 ft. The trail passes through a little virgin forest at the head of Rat Branch.

Pre-registration is a must to coordinate meeting spots and/or overnight camping in conjunction with the hike through Laurel Fork Gorge on Sat., Aug. 18, 1979. Make reservations with Dan Dillon, 357-7922 or Donald Shaffer, 928-4854. Bring lunch, water, camera.

Laurel Fork Gorge - Pond Mtn. - August 18, 1979 - Dan Dillon
On Saturday, Aug. 18, 1979, Reuel Smith, Bob Casper, Linnie McFall, Janet Guttric, Debbie Mooney, Barbara Taylor, Zexa Burnes, Georgia Caudle, Delores McFall, Susan Wodica, and Dan Dillon enjoyed beautiful weather for a hike through the Laurel Fork Gorge. Many late summer flowers were in bloom, including Carolina lily, Southern bluebell, Smooth Gerandia and Rattlesnake Plantain. In addition, a early spring flower - Bleeding Hearts - were in bloom; very late in the season. A few late blackberries and blueberries were still around to give the hikers a small taste. Near the end of the trail several hikers took advantage of the sandy beach next to Buckled Rock Cliff and took their boots off and waded the stream.

TRIP NOTICE

UNAKA MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SATURDAY, August 25, 1979

This is a fairly easy hike to the three lovely waterfalls on Dick Creek in the proposed Unaka Mountain wilderness area. By stooping, a person can walk all the way across behind Middle Dick Creek Falls, and the pool at its base is just big and deep enough to allow a bit of swimming. Total distance is 6 miles, with a gentle ascent which totals only 1000 feet. However, we must wade one wide creek. Any who care to could camp overnight in Rock Creek Recreation Area near Erwin and participate in the Unaka Mountain Scenic Area hike on Sunday, August 26.

Bring swimsuit, lunch, water, and camera. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m., or at 9:45 a.m. at the north end of Wiseman's Store parking lot, south of Johnson City (west side of U.S. 23; 3.2 miles south of end of Tenn. 137 expressway, or 1 mile south of junction of Tenn. 67-A). For further information, call Gene Smith, 929-8949, or Dan Dillon, 357-7922.

FOR THE RECORD

Unaka Mountain- Dick Creek Hike - August 25, 1979 - Gene Smith

This was a very enjoyable hike. Six children were present plus one dog. Several people swam in the pool at the foot of Middle Falls. The falls were very cold. We also did some easy rock climbing above middle falls up to upper falls. We searched for the illusive Big Tooth Aspen (rare plant of the proposed wilderness area) along the trail, but could not find it.....A \$2.00 reward was offered as an incentive. Still no luck! Those going on this hike were: Gene Smith, Chuch & Nancy Inman, Don, Chris, Melanie, Alison, Ruth, & Rachel Kreh, Mary Spieker, Doug Lowman, Edward Schell, Janet McGettrick, Donald Shaffer, and Glen, Peggy, Meg, & Katfe Smith.

Canoe Trip Notice

FRENCH BROAD GORGE - CANOE TRIP - August 26 - SUNDAY

A Canoe trip is planned on the French Broad Gorge this Sunday, August 26, 1979. This section of the French Broad River is Class II-IV rapids and should provide lots of fun... All interested paddlers meet in the B-215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. We will put in at Bernard and take out at Hot Springs. Bring the usual required equipment for canoeing including a snack/lunch.

For further information call Charlie Williams , 357-3203.

TRIP NOTICE

UNAKA MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SUNDAY, August 26, 1979

On Sunday we will take an easy 3 mile hike in the Unaka Mountain Scenic Area and atop Horseback Ridge. The open, rocky crest of the ridge provides grand views of Tennessee and Virginia mountains and of the valleys as far as Johnson City and Kingsport. The hike begins at Pleasant Garden, with its panoramic views of North Carolina mountains, including Mt. Mitchell. Leaving a forest of tall old growth red spruces, it passes through a virgin forest that includes some enormous hemlocks. Total climb is only about 700 ft. Some of the trail is grown over, so wear long pants.

Bring lunch, water, and camera. Meet at 9:15 a.m. at the entrance to Rock Creek Recreation Area near Erwin. For further information, call Gene Smith, 929-8949, or Dan Dillon, 357-7922.

Unaka Mountain Scenic Area Hike - August 26, 1979 - Gene Smith

This hike is along a rarely used trail across the upper drainage of Dick Creek. Some of the largest red spruce in the eastern U.S. were observed along this trail as well as some huge hemlocks. The view from the open area on Horseback Ridge presented a panorama grading from burnt over land at the mountain top, to virgin forest (thru which we had just passed) to land below "Rim Rock" which had been logged but recovering nicely. The three enjoying this hike were Gene Smith, Donald Shaffer and Dan Dillon.

TRIP NOTICE

Mount Le Conte - September 1 and 2, 1979

There are spaces available for the Mt. LeConte hike with overnight accommodations at the lodge. If interested call Bill Simmons at 239-9978.

Mt. LeConte, Sept. 1-2, 1979 - Bill Simmons

A group of ten braved the fog and misty air by way of the Boulevard Trail to reach Mt. LeConte. The fog and rain prevailed and prevented any views from Myrtle Point or Cliff Top. In spite of the limited visibility the chow hounds found their way to the Lodge dining hall, (popular attraction). The return trip was by Alum Cave Trail. Those making the trip were Lynn and Paulette Byrd, Bill Crawford and daughter Beth, Alan Henderson and daughter Lisa, Bill Simmons and daughter Lynne and sons Cris and Duane.

September is not the best time to reserve the lodge on Mt. LeConte for a fall outing!

Trail Maintenance, Abingdon Gap to Damascus - September, 1979 - Julian Lewis
Blazes were repainted from Abingdon Gap to Damascus. Four signs were added in Damascus. A neat bit of primitive hydraulic engineering by Bill Mundeck converted one of the marked springs from a mud puddle to a stream of clear water. We cut out one bad blowdown. Those participating were Adain and Bill Mundeck and Julian Lewis.

1979 Multi-Club Meeting

September 1-3, 1979 are the dates for the 1979 Multi Club Meeting hosted by the Piedmont A.T. Hikes and the Virginia Tech. Outing Club. The Multi Club Meeting will be held at Boy Scout Camp Roland in Blans County Virginia. A large meadow is available for camping. But no hook ups are available for trailers. Deer Trail Park, about 17 miles from the scout camp is available for trailer camping.

Hikers will be introduced to the proposed sections of the 44 mile Garden Mountain Relocation. This A. T. relocation replaces the monomous ridge walking along Big Walker Mountain; with much more senic, varied terrain, which in places skirts the borders of Rare II proposed wilderness areas.

Evening socials & activites will include a regional meeting, introduction of new representatives, information on the history, geology, fauna & flora of the Barks Garden/Garden Mountain Area. A panel discussion on trail management problems will be held, with representatives from ATC, US Forest Service, National Park Service, and landowners participating. All clubs are encouraged to show slides depicting their A.T. activites.

For additional information, directions, car pooling information or whatever - please contact Larry Bernard (288-4139).

Annual A. T. Multiclub Meet - September 1-3, 1979 - Ray Hunt

The Annual Multiclub Meet was held on Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3. This year it was at Boy Scout Camp Roland, near Bland, Virginia, north of Wytheville. The meet was hosted by the Piedmont Appalachian Trail Club.

There were about 80 people there, representing most of the 13 A. T. Maintaining clubs in Southern Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia. This was fewer than in recent years, possibly due to gasolene problems. Attending from out club were seven: Collins, Charlotte and Karen Chew, Ray Hunt, Stan Murray, Gordon Newland and Jack Young.

A main feature of the meet, as always, was good hiking on nearby trails. This was mostly on the Appalachian Trail, on trail soon to be abandoned on Big Walker Mtn., and on soon-to be used A. T. near Burke's Garden. The hikes were well organized, as were the other arrangements at the Meet.

On Saturday evening the program was a simulated A. T. Land Acquisition Problem. On Sunday evening we heard reports on the A.T.C. Meeting at Carrabassett, Maine and the status of land acquisition for the trail. Collins Chew showed slides of our club's recent trips to Maine and Great Britain. Ray Hunt presented Gordon Newland his "Beyond 6000" certificate and patch. On Sunday morning there was a breakfast meeting of the newly formed Southern Regional Committee which will co-originate club and A.T.C. Trail work. Collins Chew is our representative on this committee, and Ray Hunt is our liaison with the A.T.C. as the result of his being on the Board of Managers.

TRIP NOTICE

Big Laurel Branch, Sunday, September 16, 1979 - Hike

From Watauga Dam Road to near Turkey pen Gap the Appalachian Trail runs through an area that has been proposed for wilderness designation. This hike along the AT will give us an opportunity to examine the crest zone of that area. We will follow the AT as it climbs from Watauga Dam Road to Vandeventer shelter. Along the way we may explore massive rock formations that afford impressive views across Watauga Lake. And, we should be able to enjoy the color fruit of several wild flowers. The total distance is 10 miles and the hike is rated moderate.

Meet at TEC Bldg. 215 for an 8:00 a.m. departure. We will stop at the Camara Inn in Elizabethton where hikers from that area can join us.

Bring lunch, rain gear, and drinking water.

For additional information contact Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

FOR THE RECORD

Big Laurel Branch; Sunday, September 16, 1979 - Darrol Nickels

Thirteen hikers climbed north from Watauga Dam Road along the crest of Iron Mountain; we were following the Appalachian Trail through Big Laurel Branch, a parcel of Cherokee National Forest which has been recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness System. Several times we left the trail to scramble over stone outcrops to see what views could be had over the valley to the south. We enjoyed the colorful beauty of the fruit of several wildflowers: Jack-in-the Pulpit, Indian cucumber root, Flase Solomon's seal, Canada May flower, Solomon's Seal, Blue Cohosh, and Nodding Mandarin.

By noon we reached Vandeventer shelter where we ate lunch and had a long rest in the sun as we sat on the cliff behind the shelter and looked across Watauga Lake to Pond Mountain. The haze obscured Roan Mountain and other prominent peaks to the south. Our trip back to our cars was rather quick, and we were back in Kingsport by five o'clock.

We had a most enjoyable day and our trip was especially rewarding because we had found Pale *Corydalis*, *Corydalis Sempervirens* (an uncommon wildflower), another reason to give Big Laurel Branch the protection of wilderness designation.

Those making the trip were Allen Byrd; Bruce and Mary Cunningham; John Early; Linda Jewel; Doug Lowman; Tom and Phyllis Setzer; Donald Shaffer; Reuel Smith; Frank Williams; Jack Young; and Darrol Nickels.



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TRIP NOTICE

LINVILLE GORGE WILDERNESS HIKE, Sunday, September 23, 1979

This hike will be on the west side of Linville River gorge. We will descend approximately 1200 ft. into the gorge via Babel Tower trail then follow the river downstream about 3 miles and then ascend via Conley Cove trail. The hike will be limited to ten (10) people by Forest Service Wilderness regulations and each hiker must have a permit with him on the hike. The permits that I have will be distributed on a first-come-first-served- basis.

We will meet at Bldg. 215 at 8:00 a.m., on Sunday, Sept. 23. You will need to bring lunch, water, rain gear and a swimsuit if it turns out to be a hot day and you want to cool-off in the river.

On the return trip I plan to stop by the Daniel Boone Inn for supper and I would welcome other hikers to join me.

please complete the form below and sent it to TERRY DOUGHERTY, Bldg. 150, TEC.

To: Terry Dougherty, Bldg. 150

Name(s) _____

Home phone _____ Plant phone _____

Address to send permits _____

Number of Permits Needed _____

Do you plan to eat at Daniel Boone Inn _____

A.T. High Point, N. J. to Eckville, Pa. - Sept. 27-Oct. 5, 1979 - John W. Thompson.
I backpacked this 105 mile section - alone, since the usual Fall trip group had used vacations for England and Maine hikes. I flew to Newark, went by Short Lines bus from the N. Y. Port Authority to Port Jervis, N. Y., four miles from where the trail passed their High Point State Park (the bus schedule from Kingsport to Port authority is good for hikes in N.J., N.Y., Conn.: lv. 7:30pm - arr. 10:30 next a.m.). I spent four nights in 1-man tent, two nights in A.T. shelters and two nights in hotels when I really needed them due to rain (one, the Mountain House in Delaware Water Gap is a must for hikers - on the trail - built in 1870 by the grandfather of the current 83 yr. old manager - \$8.50/night. I was lucky - it closed for the winter the next day). My hike was characterized by two things: rocks and rain. The rocks I expected, but not rain (hard for five out of nine days.) Guess I did pick the right week, for next Wed. a foot of snow fell in the area mountains. I caught a ride in Eckville (rain-drenched) with a young Scout executive, changed to dry clothes in a church where he had a meeting, rode with him to Reading, Pa. where I took the bus via Washington back home. I was pleasantly surprised by the attractions and remoteness of this A.T. section, only 40 miles from New York.

MT. MITCHELL FROM COLBERT CREEK

Saturday, Sept. 29, 1979

Beyond 6000

This hike will include five of the peaks listed for "Beyond 6000" credit. For 3 miles it remains continuously above 6000 feet on the highest ridge in eastern America. We will leave early and spot a car at Mt. Mitchell, then return to start the 4 mile hike up the Colbert Creek Trail to Deep Gap. Past Deep Gap we soon reach 6000 feet and cross the peaks of Potato Hill 6475', Cattail Peak 6583', Balsam Cove, 6611', Mt. Craig 6647' and Mt. Mitchell 6684'. We also cross Big Tow 6593'.

Bring water, raingear and lunch. Also boots and clothing for the season. Temperature on Mt. Mitchell should be 18°F lower than Kingsport.

The hike is difficult because of the 5000 feet of climbing required. We will probably eat supper on the way home.

Starting time - 7:30 a.m.
Starting Place - Parking lot, Bldg. 215 TEC
Driving distance round trip - 200 miles
Hiking Distance - 7 miles
Climb - 5000 feet
Estimated return time to Bldg. 215 - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call Collins Chew , 239-6237!

FOR THE RECORD

Mt. Mitchell from Colbert Ridge, September 29, 1979 - Collins Chew

Seven hikers enjoyed the climb up Colbert Ridge to Deep Gap and along the high ridge to Mt. Mitchell. There was just enough rain to make us appreciate the fact that most of the time it waan't raining. The clouds teased us all afternoon by giving us occasional fine peeks and distant ridges and valleys. There were still a few rasberries and blackberries to eat. I used to think the Black Mountain ridge trail was unique, but now I realize the alternating deep black muck and steep rocky-rooty pitches make the trail much like the Appalachian Trail in the Southern half of Maine. Everyone climbed the "Beyond 6000" peaks of Potato Hill, Crttail Peak, Balsam Cone, Mt. Craig, and Mt. Mitchell.

Hikers were: Bob Miller, Bob Wicker, Kenneth Hatfield, Jeff Vanderbilt, Fred and Nancy Barlow and Collins Chew.

OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING TRIP FOR NOVICES

October 6 & 7, Bays Mountain Park

Easy 4-mile round trip

Have you always wanted to try backpacking, but been hesitant to do so-- or just never got around to it? Here's your chance to spend a night out in our "back yard" wilderness, Bays Mountain Park, at a back-country campsite.

Under the guidance of Doris and Lewis Carson the group will hike to the back hollow (Feagin's Gap) of the Park on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6, and return on Sunday to cars parked at the Nature Center. The distance is about 2 miles to the campsite, which has been reserved for the TERC Hiking Club backpackers, and is a protected and secure location with a good water supply.

We will pitch tents, cook supper and breakfast, sit around the fire after dark, and spend the night just a ridge away from Kingsport. If you're interested in backpacking, this is an excellent opportunity to find out if it's for you.

For information about equipment, clothing, food, etc., call Doris and Lewis at 246-4880; participation will be by reservation only.

TRIP NOTICE

Bays Mtn. Park Beginners Backpacking

October 6-7, 1979

Mark this date on your calendar if you are interested in a beginners backpacking weekend. Bays Mountain Park on the weekend of October 6-7, 1979. A reminder notice will be issued some time in September. Contact Lewis Carson if you are interested or have questions.

Bays Mountain Beginning Backpacking Weekend - Oct. 6, 1979 - Lewis Carson was cancelled due to lack of participation.

FOR THE RECORD

Santeetlah Loop Trail - October 6, 7, 8, 9, 1979 - Gordon Newland

On October 6,7,8,9, three club members hiked the Santeetlah Loop Trail south of the Smokies. The 47.7 mile trail was designed and opened by the Wenoca Group of the Seirra Club. Copies of the guide may be obtained by sending \$1.50 to the club (Route 6, Box 123, Hendersonville, NC 28739). The loop runs from Santeetlah Lake along Cheoah Mountain to Wanchecha Bald where it joins the AT, then follows the AT north to the cut off to Fontana Dam. The loop then continues along Yellow Creek Mountain (along the old AT route) to Topaco. It then follows the Little Tennessee River along Calderwood Lake for about a 1/2 mile and up through Yellowhammer Gap to Slickrock Creek, then by Big Fat Gap to Haeo Bald and along the rim of Joyce Kilmer to Naked Ground, thru Joyce Kilmer to Harse Cove Camp Ground and down the road to Santlutlah Lake.

We found the trail in need of maintenance in places and in need of some improvements in markings at others. All the bridges are out on Slickrock creek which required 8 fordings. The climb from Calderwood Lake (1080') to Haeo Bald (5249') is strenuous. The three hikers making this trip were: Darrol Nickels, Jack Crowder and Gordon Newland.

Rogers Ridge - Piney Knob, October 13, 1979 - Donald Shaffer

Only two showed up because it was raining and very chilly. So it was agreed to change the route of the hike. Instead of hiking to Rogers Ridge via Piney Knob Ridge, Hugh Thompson led the hike from Burnt School Cemetery in North Carolina up to the balds and along them on the Tennessee state line to the "North Carolina Corner," and back down the same route.

Trip Notice

Trail of Lonesome Pine - Oct. 20, 1979

Much of the trail is completed and could be opened except for some right-of-way problems. We will hike one of the completed sections between Tn Route 70 and Tn Route 66. Only Terry Daugherty knows the mileage but it is somewhere around 8-9 miles. Since the hike will involve a car shuttle we need to get an early start (7:45 a.m.). Meet at B-215 parking lot. Bring the necessary clothing and supplies to sustain one all day. There is no water available along this route. For further information contact Gordon Newland, 246-8845 or Terry Daugherty.

Trail of Lonesome Pine, Clinch Mt. - October 20, 1979 - Gordon C. Newland

On October 20 members of the club hiked the section of the TLP from Route 66 to Route 70. The mileage on this trail has never been measured and only two club members had hiked it previously. Now five more know how far it is! Estimates of the mileage range from 8 1/2 to 20. Water requirements are directly proportional to the temperature. Ed Oliver, Judy Green, Linda Jewel, Mary Speaking and Gordon Newland participated.

COLDSRING MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SATURDAY, October 27, 1979

This is an extremely easy hike (3 miles round trip, 300 ft. climb) on the Appalachian Trail near Camp Creek Bald to Blackstack and Whiterock Cliffs, one of the most outstanding parts of the proposed bistate Coldspring Mountain wilderness area (Jennings Creek and Big Creek Areas). Both cliffs are impressively high and command spectacular views into Tennessee and North Carolina and into both proposed wilderness areas. Bring lunch, water, and camera. Dress for the weather on exposed clifftops at 4800 ft. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m. For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854.

COLDSRING MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)
SATURDAY-SUNDAY, October 27-28, 1979

This is a fairly difficult backpack in one of the most outstanding parts of the proposed bistate Coldspring Mountain wilderness area (Jennings Creek and Big Creek Areas). After the day hike to Blackstack and Whiterock Cliffs on Saturday, we will explore Baxter Cliff in North Carolina, then descend the Tennessee side via Phillips Hollow to see a beautiful waterfall, a gorge, more cliffs, and the Cathedral Rock formation, before reascending on Sunday via Bullen Hollow. Total distance 12 1/2 miles (3060 ft. climb). Please preregister with Donald Shaffer, 928-4854.

Jennings Creek - Bullen Hollow Hike - October 27, 1979 - Donald Shaffer
Nine people enjoyed a backpack in a splendid part of the proposed Coldspring Mountain wilderness area in beautiful sunny fall weather on the weekend of October 27 and 28. The Coldspring Mountain area comprises the Jennings Creek and Big Creek RARE II areas, in Tennessee and North Carolina, respectively, and a couple of additions proposed by people who have explored both sides of the mountain.

First we oriented ourselves to where we were going by taking in the view from Camp Creek Bald firetower. It was clear enough that we could see peaks all the way from Grandfather Mountain to Clingmans Dome, including Roan, Unaka, Big Bald, Mt. Mitchell, and Mt. Pisgah, as well as Holston, Buffalo, Bays, and Chimney Top in Tennessee. Then we hiked east on the Appalachian Trail and enjoyed the impressive views of the face of Whiterock Cliff. An old trail down the Tennessee side brought us to a lovely campsite beside a crystal clear, tumbling stream with some small cliffs on its other side.

On Sunday we enjoyed towering Cathedral Rock and lovely Marguerite Falls, and glimpses of the enormous cliffs high above the falls, before beginning our strenuous climb up the Bullen Hollow Trail to our starting point. Participants were Bill, Judy, Cindy, and Debra Tindall and their faithful dog Molly, Kevin Trimble, Garry Luttrell, Donald Shaffer, Tom Akin from Knoxville, and Rich Maggi from Cedar Mountain, N.C. Two students from Milligan College, Joni Rigsby and Ross Brodfuhrer, joined us for the Saturday part of the hike.

FOR THE RECORD

Trail Relocation - Beauty Spot Gap - October 27, 1979 - Darrol Nickels

On Saturday, October 27, four persons moved the Appalachian Trail off the road through Beauty Spot Gap. We constructed a 0.35 mile trail through pleasant open woods on the southeast slope of the ridge, then blue-blazed trails to a spring at each end of the gap. It was a cool, sunny day and when the work was finished we enjoyed the views from Beauty Spot. The air was so clear we could see Chimney top and Bays Mountain across the valley. Participants were Sunny Chaney, Russel Justice, Doug Lawman and Darrol Nickels.

Hiking Club Fall Dinner Meeting - Bays Mt. Cabin - October 28, 1979 - Lewis Carson
Thanks to M/M Julian Lewis and M/M Phil Farrow a superb steak dinner was served. There was much fellowship spent around the hor D'Oervres table before hand.

Gordon Newland showed a few slides and commented on the TEC Hiking Club group that hiked a section of the AT in Maine. Collins Chew explained how maintenance of the 120 miles of the AT thru our area is done by the work crews. Lewis Carson challenged the group to the Beyond 6000 by explaining the location of the 40 mountains. Tribute was paid to the 7 club members who have completed it including the most resent - Gordon Newland.

Ray Hunt told of the happenings at the AT Conference in Carrabassett, Maine. As a member of the AT Board of Managers he was able to up date us on the status of the AT. He stated the 5 year objectives of the AT and the Federal Government as to the acquisition and maintenance of the 2100 miles of the trail. Ray introduced Rema Farmer, AT Regional Representative, who spoke of her work with the volunteer clubs from Virginia to Georgia.

The evening ended with a delightful hike by slides and commentary by Bob Miller of hiking in England and Scotland. The pictures took the group thru the beautiful and rugged areas of England not seen or known by the American tourist. The 22 member hiking group saw and did what is missed from the bus window.

FALL DINNER MEETING

Date: October 28, 1979, SUNDAY

Place: Eastman Cabin, Bays Mountain

Time: 6:00 Hor D'Oeuvres

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Program

The cabin will be open at 5:00 p.m. and hot and cold refreshments available to those who would like to hike in Bays Mountain Park before the meeting.

Ray Hunt will report on the AT Conference held in Carrabassett, Maine last summer, with emphasis on the future of the trail. Ray may have some effect on the future of the trail since he was elected to the Board of Managers at this meeting.

Gordon Newland will show slides and comment on recent hiking adventures on the AT in Maine.

Collins Chew will tell us what is new in trail maintenance.

Lewis Carson will describe the challenge of BEYOND 6000.

Bob Miller will show and tell about the group that spent two weeks in England and what ever hikers do when not hiking.

There will be available at "move-it-out" prices some surplus hiking club rental equipment.

Lewis Carson has promised that the program will be over by 9:00 p.m.

Dinner Menue

Dinner Menue

(1) 8 oz. strip steak, baked potato, salad, apple or pumpkin pie, etc. \$6.50

(2) Hamburger, baked potato, salad, apple or pumpkin pie, etc. \$4.85

For Dinner Reservations send this form and a check to Julian Lewis B-66, TEC or 501 Lakewood Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660. Make check payable to Julian Lewis. Deadline for reservations is October 23rd. Send your reservation early, guest are welcome; you are going to like it.

Mail to: Julian Lewis, B-66, TEC or 501 Lakewood Rd., Kingsport TN, 37660

Your name _____

_____ Dinners (Steak) at \$6.50 _____

_____ Dinners (Hamburger) at \$4.85 _____

TOTAL _____

Trip Notice

TRAIL OF LONESOME PINE, NOV. 10, 1979

On October 20 several members hiked the section of the Trail of Lonesome Pine between Routes 66 and 70 successfully. This encourages us to try another section further east. This time we will do the section from Looney's Gap to Piney Grove Crossing. Since this section is pretty rocky I'd suggest wearing gloves to protect the hands. It will take all day, probably, so bring clothes and food to sustain one. Bring 1/2 gal. of water. Since the rocks will be too slippery if they are wet, the trip will be cancelled if it is raining.

Contact Gordon Newland, 246-8845.

Clinch Mountain - Trail Lonesome Pine scheduled for November 10, 1979 -- Gordon Newland
This hike was cancelled due to bad weather.

Watauga Lake section of the Appalachian Trail maintenance - November 17, 1979 - Ray Hunt

On Nov. 17, Jack Young and Ray Hunt eliminated a problem area on the Appalachian Trail along Watauga Lake, with the help of two Eagle Scout candidates, Anthony Walley and Scott Ward. Near where the Trail rounds the southwest corner of Watauga Lake, hikers often became lost where the Trail crossed several lake access roads. Because of trees filled in the original Trail, a temporary relocation had been made which inadvertently went below lake high water level. Some hikers protested blazes on trees under water, and were not reassured by suggestions that they did not have to follow them under water. A few hours of work cleared up both problems.

On the same trip, we accomplished several other things useful on the Trail. We looked at two white pine stands that the Forest Service is thinning, and approved what they are doing. We inspected a gate that they had put up to keep vehicles off the Trail, and found it still accomplishing its purpose. We found a good place for a future shelter. We inspected for a possible relocation to bypass a knoll just north of Watauga Lake. We concluded that one was possible, but would be a lot of work.

TRIP NOTICE

ROAN MOUNTAIN - BIG YELLOW MOUNTAIN

SATURDAY, November 17, 1979

The hike which I had originally scheduled for this date--to Big Butt via Squibb Creek and Horse Creek in the proposed Jennings Creek wilderness area--has to be changed. This is the second time this year that a TERC hike has been messed up after I scheduled it by bulldozing and road construction on top of the trail I intended to take. Scratch two more hiking trails! All this is a graphic illustration of what is happening to our mountain forests because not even our choicest natural areas have statutory protection.

Hugh Thompson suggested to me that we and the Sierra Club join forces for a hike on this date over the splendid and always popular balds of Roan Mountain from Carvers Gap east to Big Yellow Mountain. Sounds like a winner.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the main Johnson City post office. Bring lunch, water, and warm clothes, including gloves and head protection, for possible icy winds and freezing temperatures on exposed balds up to 6,200 ft. For further information, call either of us: Donald Shaffer, 928-4854 or Hugh Thompson, 928-0472.

Roan Mountain - Saturday, November 17, 1979 - Donald Shaffer
Seven people enjoyed the vistas from the balds of the eastern peaks of Roan Mountain in fantastically clear weather with a warm sun but at times a bracing wind. We took the Appalachian Trail east from Carvers Gap and left it to reach the summits of Alder Bald (Grassy Ridge Bald) and of Bald Mountain just beyond it. It was so clear that we could see not only Johnson City, Elizabethton, and Watauga Lake, but also Mt. Rogers and Whitetop Mtn. in Virginia; Snake, Beech, Grandfather, Hawksbill, Tablerock, and Humpback Mountains in North Carolina and ranges behind them beyond Lake James, and even NASA's new wind machine on Howard's Knob above Boone, N.C.; Mt. Mitchell and the Blacks, the Great Craggies, and ranges far to their west in North Carolina.

Participants were Nancy Inman, Reuel Smith, Steve Banks, Dan Dillon, Joe McDowell, and Donald Shaffer. Four of us topped off the day by bushwhacking out to Eagle Cliff.



TRIP NOTICE

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1979

This year the Hiking Club will have a Thanksgiving dinner at Curt Trompe's cabin on Ray Hunt's farm in Greene County. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. I will get Eastman to cook us a turkey or two or three, and those who are coming will furnish the rest as they prefer: Vegetables, salads and desserts. Costs will be shared.

For those who are interested, we will organize hiking on nearby Fodderstack and Stone Mountains. I promise to be a better leader than this March, when we almost got lost.

Since hiking is optional, this can be a family affair for those that want it to be. It could be like the Thanksgiving dinners we used to have years ago at P. D. Henderickson's cabin in Dennis Cove. Because of space available, the total number will be limited to 15. If you want to be included, call Ray Hunt at 288-5182. Deadline date for reservations is November 19, 1979.

Ray Hunt

I'm sorry to report that there was not enough interest in the Thanksgiving Dinner and Hike to merit having it - Canceled - November 22, 1979 - Ray Hunt

Clinch Mountain
Moccasin Gap to Hiltons, Va.

December 8, 1979 (note change from schedule)

Clinch Mountain forms the impressive skyline ridge north of Kingsport. For years I have looked at it and wondered what the ridgeline was like up close. You are invited to join me in exploring the ridge. We will enter Wilcox Wilderness Girl Scout Camp and climb the southeast side of the ridge from there we will then wander northeast on the ridge to about the Hiltons firetower and return.

There will be some bushwacking and you may wish to carry handclippers for sawbriars.

There will be some steep hiking and the hike should be rated moderately difficult. The round trip hike should be 7 to 9 miles depending on our enthusiasm. The total climb will be 3000 to 4500 feet. The high point is 3200 ft. With the leaves off the trees, we should have some views of Kingsport and also down the steep northwest side of the ridge. The trip will be postponed if the roads are icy. Bring warm sturdy clothing, lunch, raingear, and water. Driving distance round trip is 20 miles. Hike distance is 8 miles (more or less). Starting time is 8:00 a.m. at the Building 215 parking lot, TEC. Estimated time of return is 4:00 p.m. The orig. date was changed to avoid deer hunting season.

For more information, call Collins Chew at 239-6237.

Clinch Mountain - Moccasin Gap to Hiltons Fire Tower - Dec. 10, 1979 - Collins Chew
The hike on Clinch Mountain was on a truly remarkably clear, cool, pleasant day. The Girl Scouts graciously allowed us access to the mountain through their Wilcox Wilderness Camp. After climbing to the ridge, we went west to the large rocks overlooking Moccasin Gap. There was a small fracture cave to explore. Then we walked east up and down the bumps along the ridge and enjoyed the crags overhanging the north side of the Mountain. We ate lunch at the top of a large slab of rock while we picked out the roads and buildings of Kingsport and many distant mountains. Then we went on to the Firetower where the view was spectacular. The view stretched from Mt. Rogers - 50 miles to the East all the way to Thunderhead Mtn. over 100 miles to the southwest in the Smokies. By Appalachian Trail it is 300 miles from Thunderhead to Mt. Rogers and we could see most of the large peaks in between. The major peaks we picked out in order from the south were Thunderhead, LeConte, Guyot, Chimney Top, Plott Balsams (Waterrock Knob), Camp Creek Bald, Big Bald, Mt. Mitchell, Celo, Unaka, Roan, Grassy Ridge, Hump, Grandfather, Holston, White Top, and Mt. Ridders. To the North were High Knob, and Black Mtn., Ky. We even got back on schedule at 4:00 p.m.

Hikers were Gordon Newland, Tom Meredith, Bob Miller, Reuel Smith and Collins Chew.

TEEC HIKEING CLUB

Trip Notice

ABRAMS FALLS

SUNDAY, December 16, 1979

This is a change in date and place from the hike I had scheduled up Davis Creek in the Hennings Creek area. Instead, we will take a very short, easy Sunday afternoon walk to an old favorite, the beautiful Abrams Falls in Virginia -- near Bristol. One of the few falls in our area which is a vertical drop from an overhanging lip of rock, Abrams is particularly lovely.

Meet at 1:00 p.m. at Building 215 parking lot. Dress for the weather. For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854.

FOR THE RECORD

Abrams Falls, Va. - December 16, 1979 - Donald Shaffer

It was a dull, overcast, but mild day with an occasional hint of rain in the air. Donald Shaffer and Hugh Thompson used it to refresh their memories of where Abrams Falls, Virginia, is, and, in the process, to lead 19 other souls on a pilgrimage to this gem, a couple of whom were also refreshing their memories. This hike wasn't completely leaderless, but neither or the two leaders nor anyone else on the trip had refreshed his memory in more than ten years, and one of the leaders drove off on the wrong road as he left U.S. 58 while the other one, unsure but dubious that that was the right route, held back. Four other cars waited with him till the first two cars came back. Oh, well! It pays to scout a hike in advance, but in these days of soaring gasoline costs some of us gamble now and then. When we got our act back together, all went well, even though we were still feeling our way.

None of us had quite remembered what a splendidly high and beautiful waterfall Abrams is, nor how impressive the cliffs just downstream from it are, especially when the trees are bare. One or two tried to inject some excitement into the short, leisurely trip by slipping nearly into Abrams Creek on the way to the falls, but one of a pair of lively local youths who beat us to the falls outdid them by administering himself a nasty cut, bleeding profusely, and thus testing the adequacy of our first-aid supplies--which nearly failed the test.

Participating were Mary Spieker, Tom, Amy, and Dolly Meredith, Powell Foster, Steve and Julie Falling, David Kashdan, Connie VanDeventer, Simon, Pauline, and Kathy Walli, Reuel Smith, Dolores McFall, Ray, Virginia, and Michelle Rector, Georgia Caudle, and Howard Shaffer, plus Hugh Thompson and Donald Shaffer.



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

Laurel Run Gorge, Sunday, February 10, 1980

You've had the chance to read about Laurel Run Gorge. In recent months the local newspaper has carried many stories about the efforts of some local citizens to have Laurel Run Gorge incorporated into a state park in conjunction with Bays Mountain Park. Here is your chance to see this rugged area about which so much has been written.

Laurel Run gathers slowly in two long, narrow valleys between Bays Mountain and Holston River Mountain, then it drops over 400 feet, over several falls and cascades, in its mile-and-a-half plunge through Laurel Run Gorge on its way to the Holston River.

This is an easy afternoon stroll of less than four miles.

Meet at the Eastman Employee Center (Bldg. 310) on Tenn. 93-B, Wilcox Drive (NOTE CHANGE FROM USUAL MEETING PLACE), at 12:45 p.m. for a one o'clock departure. Note: Meet at parking lot entrance nearest Wilcox Drive. Expect to return by five o'clock, in time to make it to the Hiking Club dinner.

Clothing should include sturdy shoes and foul-weather gear.

For additional information call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

Don't forget to join the TERC Hiking Club for 1980.

Why not introduce a friend to the Hiking Club.