

TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness March 19,20, 1983

Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness is located near Crossville, Tennessee. The drive is approximately 180 miles from Kingsport to the trail head.

This hike has at least 3 waterfalls. Virgin Falls comes out of a cave and drops 110 ft. into another cave. It is still a mystery where the water in the upper cave comes from and where it goes after entering the lower cave. For cave lovers the area is a dream; one cave is next to the trail and the upper cave at Virgin Falls is accessible if the water level is low. In addition, several wildflowers are out even at this early date.

The hike is 12 miles round trip with an elevation change of approximately 800 ft. It is rated moderate but don't let this scare anyone who hasn't hiked much.

Breakfast and supper will be group meals and provided. Cost and weight will be divided among the hikers. Car pooling is advisable and the cost will be split between the riders. Hikers will furnish their own snacks and lunch. We will stop in Crossville for lunch on Saturday. The usual items are required for an overnight trip. We will leave the B-215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m., March 19, and return late afternoon on Sunday, March 20.

For information call: Richard Hanks, Hike Leader or Doug Lowman 477-8954 239-9701

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Canoe Trip Notice

Copper Creek Sunday, March 27, 1983

We will meet at K-Mart parking lot on Stone Drive in Kingsport at 9:00 a.m. and should return by mid-afternoon. At the time this notice was written I had not scouted this section of the creek. I expect it to be very much like other portions which are mainly class I and II, lots of turtles, a narrow channel, cold water, some draging, a few snakes and barbed wire fences. We will start at Kilgore Fort just outside Nickelsville and proceed downstream 5-7 miles to an appropriate takeout. Please bring all needed equipment for your safety and comfort for a 4-6 hour canoe trip on an early spring day. This trip will depend on adequate water. Please return the attached form if you plan to go.

For more information call Terry Dougherty, 323-2647.

Return to: Terry Dougherty, B-150						
I plan to run Copper Creek on Sunday, March 27, 1983.						
Name	SoloTandem	rack capacity				
Telephone						

FOR THE RECORD

Brumley Mountain - Crevasses - February 19, 1983 - R. Young Unusually warm and clear weather made a nice setting for a hike along the northeast side of Brumley to a fire tower at about 4200 ft. About 1-2ft. of snow was encountered at the top and up to 3 ft. of snow was found inside the crevasses rock formation at the top. Those on the 7 mile hike were Jim Stafford, Kevin Bennett, Collins Chew, Darrol Nickels, and Ralph Young.

Hiking Club
Canoe Trip Notice - March 19, 1983
Doe River
Meet At B-215 Parking Lot - 9:00 a.m.

We will visit one of our smaller but twistier streams for this early spring trip. The Doe River is usually only runnable during the spring rains and if we get adequate precipitation, a fun trip will be in the offering. An alternate trip on the Elk or Watauga may be possible if the Doe is too low.

Either trip is mostly Class II with one or two Class III rapids. However, the early season and likelihood of cold air as well as water will make winter canoeing precautions necessary. Participants should be proficient Class III whitewater paddlers and should wear wet suits or long johns with water proof outer garments. Extra clothing in dry bags is mandatory as is a supply of hot coffee, tea, or chocolate to warm up the chilled innards during our lunch stop.

Preregistration with the leader is required so that changes in plan can be communicated if necessary.

Registration Form						
Return	to	Rick	Phelps,	B-54	TEC	
	or	Call	288-753	2		

Name(s)	Solo	Tandem
Rack Capacity	I'll help with	h the shuttle.

Trip Notice

Trail Maintenance, TLP, March 26, 1983

The Hiking Club is responsible for the maintenance of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine from the Va-Tn line to Tn Route 70 at Rogersville. We need to measure the distance, repaint the blazes and clear the blow-downs before the opening in the spring. I am scheduling a maintenance trip on the ten mile section from the Va-Tn line to Looney's Gap. We will start from the B-215 parking lot at 8 A.M. Saturday, March 26. Based on the report from Mike Dahl, state trails coordinator from East Tennessee, we are going to need all the help we can get to open our section before the state declares the trail officially open this spring, so you team participants are welcomed. Perhaps we can get enough people out to work both ends toward the middle. Bring gloves and lots of water for drinking!