

TERC HIKING CLUB

JULY, 1983



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DATE			HIKE TRIPS	RATING	LEADER
July 16	Sat.	1 Day	Bitter End to Dennis Cove - AT	M	Steve Banks
July 23	Sat.	1 Day	AT - from 19E to High Point Church	E	Gordon Newland
July 30-31	Sat.-Sun.	2 Days	Mt. LeConte (2 trips)	M-D (Creek)	Stan Murray
			CANOE TRIPS		Steve Felling
July 9	Sat.	1 Day	Hiwassee River	I-II(III)	Phil Farrow
July 16	Sat.	1 Day	French Broad River(Barnard to Hot Springs)	I-II-III (IV)	Jerry Lukach
July 23	Sat.	1 Day	Watauga River (below Wilbur Dam)	I-II+	Warren McLain
July 30,31	Sat.-Sun.	2 Days	Chattooga River(Section III)	III-IV	Kurt Kauffman

Time and place of departure is announced in the notice of each individual trip. Unless otherwise stated, meeting point will be the parking lot at Building 215, TEC. A volunteer leader is in charge of each trip and should be contacted for all details. Participants are expected to abide by the instructions of the leader to ensure everyone's safety. Passengers are encouraged to share operating expenses with the driver when traveling to and from club activities.

Canoe Rescue Rope

We have experienced considerable difficulty in keeping track of the canoe rescue rope. To solve this problem the rescue rope must be checked out at the stores office in the Eastman Employee's Center. There will be no charge for the use of the rope, but the normal \$1.00 per day will be charged for late returns. The borrower will set the return date so select a deadline you will be able to meet.

Dues and Fees for 1984

In order to maintain the current level of club activities it has become necessary to increase the fees and dues. Starting in 1984 the fee for people on the outside mailing list will be \$3.00 and the dues for Club members will be \$2.00. This is an increase of \$1.00 in both cases. The fiscal year for the Hiking and Canoe Club is from January 1 to December 31 and because of the small amount, fees and dues are not prorated.

Konnarock Volunteer Work Camp

The Konnarock Volunteer Work Camp sponsored by ATC and the Forest Service is official. Volunteers to work on the southern region of the AT for the summer, a week or a week-end are needed. Volunteers will receive food and lodging for the period of their stay. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this program have them contact Frank Williams at 245-8414. We have also been asked to support this effort financially. As you know the Hiking and Canoe Club has no money which is not already budgeted. Anyone who would like to make a personal contribution to this worthwhile effort can do so by sending their contributions to: F. L. Williams, 2346 Inglewood Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664.

During July, volunteer work crews from Konnarock will be on our section of trail two more times. They are seeking help from the local club when in a particular area. To facilitate this effort, the Konnarock crews will work from Thursday through Monday. If you can help one day or both days over the weekend or wish to help on a weekday, your help will be appreciated. The schedule for work crews on our section of the AT in July is listed below:

July 14-18: Complete the volunteer program's effort on the Hump Mountain relocation.

July 21-25: Rework the steps ascending Round Bald from Carver's Gap.

Club work crews will be going up to help on these projects. The Konnarock crews do not necessarily plan to complete a project, but they do plan to do enough work so that the local club can finish the project in short order. We hope to have a large amount of support for these efforts from our club. Contact Frank Williams (245-8414) or Doug Lowman (239-9701) to make arrangements to help on these projects. We may also plan to camp near the project on Saturday evening. Come out and spend an enjoyable weekend or day working on the trail and in fellowship with other club members.

TRIP NOTICES

HIWASSEE RIVER CANOE TRIP, I-II - July 9, 1983

This will be the first trip for TEC paddlers on the Hiwassee, a state scenic river. The Hiwassee flows through 90% forested areas which accounts for its purity and clarity. The section we will paddle is wide and nearly all class I with about three class II rapids. It is suitable for beginners yet interesting for the more experienced paddler. We will canoe a 5 mile section located in the Cherokee National Forest about 20 miles east of Cleveland, TN. Pre-registration is requested because of the slight possibility that TVA will not be generating. Driving time is about 3 1/2 hours each way. If there is enough interest some may spend Friday night at Twin Springs or Gee Creek campground near the river. Please send your name, telephone number, if you can drive, car capacity, and if you are interested in camping on Friday night, to Phil Farrow or call him at 288-2055.

BITTER END to DENNIS COVE - AT, (M), Saturday, July 16, 1983

This hike will cover the section of the AT from Bitter End to Dennis Cove, a total distance of about 10 miles. We will climb about 1600', so the hike should be rated moderate. There should be good views of Roan Mountain and other surrounding peaks. Bring a lunch and water, rain gear, and sturdy boots or shoes. Meet at B-215 at 8:00a.m. This is a joint TEHC/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike. Additional information can be obtained and/or additional meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, Steve Banks, at 349-6420.

AT-From 19E to HIGH POINT CHURCH, (E) - Saturday, July 23, 1983

This is part of the relocated section north of US 19E. It is fairly open so the views should be good. It is a relatively easy hike of about 5-6 miles, with some ups and downs. Meet at B-215 at 8:00 a.m. with lunch, water and rain gear. We should be back in mid-afternoon. For further information call Gordon Newland.

WATAUGA RIVER (below Wilbur Dam), I-II(+) - Saturday, July 23, 1983

We will paddle the Watauga River somewhere below Wilbur Dam. We can have our choice of several put-ins depending on the wishes of the group; anywhere from Wilbur Dam to Elizabethton. Take-out will be at the town of Watauga. The water is usually COLD! We must depend on TVA's generating schedule, so be sure and contact the leader for any last-minute changes. Minimum equipment is life jacket, lunch, and spare paddle for each canoe. Meet at McDonald's in Colonial Heights at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise notified. Leader is Warren McLain, 288-5762.

CHATTOOGA III CANOE TRIP, II-IV, July 30,31, 1983

The Chattooga is a national wild and scenic river with exceptional water quality and scenery. Section III is 13 miles of mainly class II-III rapids with one class IV at the takeout. The drive to Clayton, Ga. is about 4 hours and we will leave Kingsport on Saturday, July 30, at 8:00 a.m. from B-215. This will put us on the river in early afternoon and we should miss most of the traffic on the river. Camping is available at local campgrounds Saturday night or motels are in Clayton. We will get an early start on the river Sunday for the rest of section III. For more information and registration (Registration is required) contact Kurt Kauffman at 245-6483.

1983 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MULTI-CLUB WEEKEND - LABOR DAY

The 1983 Labor Day weekend Multi-Club meeting will be held at the Apple Tree Group Camp in the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina. Dates for the meeting include Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5, 1983. The entire campground is reserved for this meeting. Bring your tent or trailer and enjoy a weekend full of activities. Saturday night campfire will present storyteller Bill Hart of Arden, N.C., to talk about the Great Smokies - an interesting combination of story telling, history, science, and personal experiences in the area. Sunday evening campfire will include slides from the participating clubs, so bring your favorite slides. Bring your hiking boots and enjoy three full days of hiking and fellowship. More information is available by contacting Frank Williams (245-8414) or Collins Chew (239-6237).

FOR THE RECORD

NOLICHUCKY RIVER CANOE TRIP - March 15, 1983 - Earl Brown

This trip started at Unaka Springs and ran to Big Rock with a very good water level (3.1 feet on the marker at Embreeville). From put-in to take-out required less than 4 hours including a stop for lunch. Paddlers were Jim Steffen, Keith Smith, Ralph and Bob Tilghman, Charlie LeBlanc, and Earl Brown.

WILDFLOWER HIKE - Natural Tunnel State Park - April 17, 1983 - Jean Brown

The weather was cool, but perfect for the 21 hikers who enjoyed the wildflower hike at Natural Tunnel. Of the many wildflowers, 25 or more were identified - Bishops Cap, Columbine (a whole clifside of it), Larkspur, Great Trillium, Wake Robin, Dutchman's Britches, Geranium, and five violets including birdfoot. Glad all of you could make it and hope your pictures were exceptional.

ELK RIVER CANOE TRIP - April 18, 1983 - J. A. Lukach

Nine hardy paddlers met on a sunny but cold morning for the Elk River Trip. Ben Becker, Bruce Chamberlin, Dave Ingram, Kurt Kaufman, Jerry Lukach, and Keith Smith paddled solo canoes, Jerry and Anne Marie Tustin paddled tandem and Warren Clark paddled a kayak. Water level was about two inches below the zero on the Elk Mill bridge, which made for a good trip and enjoyable rapids. Wet suits were the order of the day and were particularly appreciated by swimmers Bruce Chamberlin and Jerry Lukach. The latter demonstrated the "instant solo rescue" technique, much to the delight of the onlookers at the bridge. A strong, gusty wind added significantly to the difficulty of the maneuvers later in the day and forced cancellation of the second half of the trip on the Doe River.

ANDREWS BALD - April 23, 1983 - Collins Chew

The road to Clingman's Dome was still closed for snow and ice. The trip had to be cancelled. If any of you hikers are interested in making this trip at a later date contact Collins Chew.

LAUREL CREEK/SOUTH FORK HOLSTON RIVER CANOE TRIP - April 23, 1983 - D. Paul Folk

Due to drizzle and threat of thunder showers, only three of the twelve people signed up were present, Warren McLain, Kurt Kauffman and Paul Folk decided canoeing was a wet sport, so a little rain wouldn't hurt. The water level was excellent and with wet suits and rain gear, the drizzle didn't dampen the fun.

BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD TO HIGHWAY 19E - April 28, 1983 - John W. Thompson

This five mile hike was taken on Thursday, primarily for the benefit of people who can't participate on weekends. Five of us enjoyed a pleasant, sunny day, which afforded spectacular views of far away mountains, including Grandfather, Roan, Unicoi and Holston. We saw pockets of snow on nearby Hump and Beech. The hikers were Dick Clark, Carl Ray, Reuel Smith, Jack Young, and John Thompson.

NOLICHUCKY RIVER CANOE TRIP (D. Crockett Dam to U.S. 411) - April 30, 1983 - Gerald Tustin

On Saturday, April 30, 1983, five of us canoed the Nolichucky River from below Davy Crockett Dam to U.S. Hwy. 411. Nature was very good to us that day. We had 70°F weather with slightly overcast skies - but what made the trip particularly enjoyable was the water flow rate of 2600 cfs. We saw many forms of wildlife including ducks, geese, turkey buzzards and various fish. Many trees were in bloom and one section of the river was lined with a native form of bamboo. Those canoeing were Warren McLain, Jamie Herman, Bruce Bartlett, Anne-Marie Tustin and Jerry Tustin.

A.T. - YELLOW MOUNTAIN GAP TO U.S. 19E - May 1, 1983 - Tom Pridgen

Those who "chickened-out" because of overcast skies and patchy drizzle in the morning missed a beautiful sunny day on the A.T. The hike was breezy and a little cool from Yellow Mountain Gap to the summit of Hump Mountain, but from Doll Flats on down to 19E we were out of the wind and somewhat warm. Wildflowers identified were Spring Beauty, Blue Violet and Dogtooth Violet (Trout Lily). Service berry was also blooming. Birds seen were Rufous-sided Towhee and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Our lunch break at Doll Flats was marred only slightly by having to listen to trail bikes. We saw several other hikers - some headed for Maine. Those participating were Shelton Thompson (brother of Hugh), George Coley, Mike Coley, Mike Graham, Rick Culbertson, Kay Newell, Tom Pridgen, "Magic" (1/2 Brittany Spaniel/ 1/2 English Setter) and "Sam" and "Bean" (Pit Bulldogs).

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING with the FOREST SERVICE to Discuss AT - May 4, 1983 - Ray Hunt

The annual spring meeting with the Forest Service to discuss Appalachian Trail matters was held on May 4 in Elizabethton. There were eight members of the Club's A.T. committee present: Ray Hunt, Jeff Sirola, Gordon Newland, Darrol Nickels, Warren McLain, Collins Chew, Stan Murray and Julian Lewis. There were eight USFS people there as well as one person representing the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy and one member of the staff of the Appalachian Trail Conference.

Status and plans for a number of items were discussed: 1. Permanent location review. TEHC is one of two clubs selected for a pilot program. 2. Land acquisition. General policies and five specific purchases were discussed. 3. Relocations. Plans were made for possible relocations on Hump Mountain and Pond Mountain. 4. Clearing for power lines. Problems near Bear Branch Road were discussed. 5. Special construction work. Status and plans on six projects were discussed. 6. Roan Mountain impact survey. Involvement by TEHC and USFS was discussed. 7. USFS lumbering plans. General policies and a road crossing near Cherry Gap were discussed.

Beyond 6000 Hike That Wasn't - CREGGY DOME - May 7, 1983 - Bob Miller

Saturday, May 7, was a perfect day for hiking - a cloudless sky, a sparkling sun, and cool, gentle breezes. The group got off at 8:30 a.m. and drove to Craggy Garden Visitors Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway over what must be one of the crookedest road in the world - N.C.80 between Red Hill and Micaville. On checking with the park ranger about paths to the top of Craggy Dome, our 6080 foot objective, we were told that it is in the Asheville water shed, is closed to the public, and that there is a \$500 fine for violations! Not having this amount of change handy, we hiked instead down to a falls below the center. Spring there was 4-6 weeks behind Kingsport. There were no leaves on the trees but we did identify 13 varieties of wild flowers, only some of which were in bloom, particularly spring beauty, wake robin, squirrel corn, and Dutchman's britches. En route home, we took a side trip to the top of Mt. Mitchell where we observed 18-inch snowdrifts under the evergreens. At Burnsville, we dined at the famous Nu-Wray Inn - had a family style country ham meal. Enjoying the hike were Janice Ownby, Helen Heath, Dan Sand, Linda Clawson, Kevin Williams, Bill Crawford, Beth Crawford, Bette Fuzek, John Fuzek, Doris Miller, and Bob Miller.