

TERC HIKING CLUB

April Newsletter

**(M) Hike Notice Devil's Backbone Trail - April 7, 1984**

Leader - Butch McNally

This is one of the more challenging trails in Warrior's Path Park and also has some of the richest rewards. We will stop at the ridgetop overlooks and Fall Creek. Meet at Warrior's Path swimming pool parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Wear appropriate clothes, as weather is unpredictable this time of year. Also, pack your favorite lunch, as we will stop along the hike for a picnic. This is a good hike for children, but they should be supervised as overlooks are dangerous. Total out and back distance is five miles. Expected return time is 3:00 p.m. Call Butch McNally at 239-8648 for additional information. This hike is rated moderate (M).

(E) Hike Notice Daniel Boone Trail, Powell Mountain - April 8, 1984 Leader - Jean Brown

This trail is part of the original Daniel Boone trail. The trail is on an old wagon road winding up Powell Mountain from Thomas Villiage section of Duffield, about 32 miles from Kingsport. Wear tennis shoes or hiking shoes, Bring water, and raingear is suggested. About 3½ miles round trip, very easy, scenic hike. For more information call Jean Brown at 703-431-2139. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Hike rated easy (E).

Canoe Trip Elk and/or Doe River - April 8, 1985

Leader - Dave Ingram

Most TERC paddlers are familiar with the Elk and Doe Rivers. They are fast, rather technical streams consisting of Class II and Class III rapids. It is possible to run both rivers if no difficulties are encountered. Pre-registration is mandatory. Call Dave Ingram at 282-5856 (Johnson City). You will be notified if there is a change of plans. Plan to meet at McDonald's in Elizabethton at 9:00 a.m. Bring necessary equipment, lunch, and proper clothing. Trip rated Class II and Class III.

**(M) Hike Notice Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River (AT)
Saturday, April 14, 1984**

Leader - Steve Banks

This hike is rated moderate, with a distance of 8.4 miles, and almost all level or downhill. Bring a lunch, water, sturdy boots or shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather. Meet at the Eastman Personnel Building (B-215) on Lincoln Street in Kingsport at 8:00 a.m. Additional meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, Steve Banks, at 378-4101. This is a joint Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike.

Canoe Trip Notice Bluestone River - April 14-15, 1984

Leader - Terry Dougherty

Overnight Canoe Trip (the easy way). The Bluestone is a Class I-II river. We will canoe the section between I-77 and Bluestone Lake, stopping at Pipestem State Park and Resort to spend Saturday night. We have reservations for four rooms at Mountain Creek Lodge at a cost of \$34.65 per room. These rooms will be available on a first-come-first-served basis of the returned pre-regiatration form. The rooms have two double beds, and will accommodate four persons. If you want to share a room, please indicate your wishes on the pre-registration form. Camping is also available at Pipestem Park. The lodge is on the riverbank and is accesible only by cablecar or by river. There is a restaurant in the lodge that is adequate for hungry canoers. At this time of year

weather conditions can be good to very bad, so be prepared for rainy winter conditions. We should finish canoeing about 2p.m. Sunday. Meeting times, travel arrangements, and other plans will be communicated to those who register for the trip.

I plan to go on the Bluestone River trip. Name _____ Phone _____
Number of persons in my party _____.
____ I would like to share a room with someone. ____ I would like to have a room for my party.
____ I would prefer to stay at the campground.
Please return this form to: Terry Dougherty, Building 150, by April 9, 1984.

(M) Hike Notice Unaka Mountain to Iron Mountain Gap - April 19, 1984 Leader - John Thompson

This is another of the hikes scheduled in mid-week to allow participation by people with weekend conflicts. This 6.5 mile walk on the Appalachian Trail is essentially downhill and should provide some outstanding views if the weather cooperates. Bring lunch, water, and clothing suitable for changeable spring weather in the mountains. We will meet at TEC Employee Center, Building 310, 8 a.m., and should be home by 5 p.m. If you have questions call John W. Thompson at 245-1455.

(M) Hike Notice Allen Gap to Tanyard Gap - April 28, 1984 Leader - Kevin Edgar

We will hike a section of the AT north of the Smokies, along the forested ridge above Greenville. We should enjoy outstanding views of the Smokies and the Black Mountains, weather permitting, from the Rich Mountain firetower. The hike will be of moderate length at nine miles, and will involve about 2000 feet of climbing. We will meet at Building 215 at 8 a.m. for the ride to Allen Gap (the ride should take roughly 90 minutes each way). If it is convenient for anyone to be picked up near Greenville, this can easily be arranged. Bring good hiking shoes, lunch, water, and rain gear. We hope to return to Kingsport at approximately 6 p.m. Call Kevin Edgar, 239-5742, for further information or to arrange to be picked up enroute.

Canoe Trip North Toe River - April 28, 1984 Leader - Dave Ingram

The North Toe heads up in the vicinity of Newland, North Carolina. This is the upper section of the Toe and can be run only following rain. It is mostly Class II with two or three low class III rapids. The distance is about 8.5 miles. Pre-registration is mandatory. Call Dave Ingram, 282-5856 in Johnson City. Plan to meet at McDonald's in Elizabethton at 9:00 a.m. If the North Toe cannot be run, we will have an alternate trip. Bring necessary equipment, lunch, proper clothing, etc. Ben Becker is leading a Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association (TSRA) trip this same weekend. Big Laurel-French Broad - very technical Class III and IV on Saturday and Abrams Creek, Class II and III in the Smokies on Sunday. Some of us might be interested in paddling one of these rivers.

Trip Notice Natural Tunnel Wildflower Hike - April 29, 1984 Leader - Jean Brown

Edith Olinger, wildflower expert, will be along again this year to identify the flowers. Last year we identified about 25 wildflowers along the spectacular trail and tunnel. Located near Clinchport, Virginia on Highway 871, this hike is easy and about three miles round trip. Meet at Building 215 parking lot, 1:30. About thirty minutes from Kingsport. For more information call Jean Brown at 703-431-2139.

FUTURE HIKES	May 5	Sat.	1 Day	Backbone Rock to AT	M	K. Finch
	May 12	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Spivey Gap - Nolichucky River	M	S. Banks
	May 19	Sat.	1 Day	Beyond 6000 - Newfound Gap - Clingman's Dome	M	R. W. Miller
	May 19	Sat.	1 Day	Clinch Mtn. Recreation Area	E	G. Newland
	May 20	Sun.	1 Day	Slagle Hollow Natural Area	M	D. Fuller
	May 26-28	Sat.-Mon.	3 Days	AT, Newfound Gap - Davenport Gap	D	K. Edgar
FUTURE CANOEING	May 5	Sat.		Laurel Creek/South Fork, Holston River (Damascus, VA)	I-III	W. McLain
	May 12	Sat.		Big Laurel - French Broad	III-IV	K. Kauffman
	May 20	Sun.		Nolichucky Gorge	III-IV	G. Porter
	May 30	Wed.		Canoe School	I-II	T. Dougherty

HIKE NOTICE - CLINCH MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA
May 19, 1984

Leader: Gordon Newland

Clinch Mountain Recreation Area is the Tumbling Creek area at the upper end of Poor Valley (behind Saltville, Virginia). It should be a good time for wildflowers. Meet at B-215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch, canteen, rain gear, and clothing for the weather. The driving distance is about 80 miles each way. For further information, call Gordon Newland, 246-8845.

HIKE NOTICE - SLAGLE HOLLOW NATURAL AREA
Sunday, May 20, 1984

Leader: Dewey Fuller

Slagle Hollow is newly opened section of the Bristol, Tennessee, Steele Creek Park. The area has around 10 miles of finished hiking trails with potential for additional trails. This hike will cover about 5 miles including some fairly steep ups and downs. Meet at Ingles Supermarket parking lot in Colonial Heights at 12:30 p.m. For additional information and/or additional meeting plans contact Dewey Fuller, 764-1658 (Bristol).

CANOE TRIP - Nolichucky Gorge Class (III-IV)
Sunday, May 20, 1984

The gorge section of the Nolichucky from Poplar, North Carolina, to Unaka Springs, Tennessee, is the most difficult section of the river and one of the most beautiful. The 8-mile trip is through a narrow 2,000-foot gorge with a river gradient that averages about 40-feet per mile. This run is usually considered a "big water" trip with powerful currents and large holes, although at lower water levels the trip becomes more technical. This section of the river presents hazards to both equipment and people, and those electing to make this trip should be intermediate to advanced paddlers, knowledgeable in both self-rescue and rescue of others, and have people safety equipment (including a Coast Guard approved life vest, spare paddle, and throw rope). Helmets are mandatory and extra floatation for the canoe is recommended. Meet at McDonalds, Colonial Heights, at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, May 20, 1984. Bring extra clothing, lunch, etc. Be prepared for cool/cold weather conditions. The driving time is about 1 hour each way. Pre-register with Gordon Porter, B-284. Send your name, telephone number, and canoeing experience. List similar rivers which you have paddled.

(D) HIKE NOTICE - SMOKY MOUNTAIN BACKPACK TRIP
May 26-28, 1984

Leader: Kevin Edgar

This will be a beautiful, rewarding, but difficult 3-day backpack on the A.T. along the ridgecrest of the eastern Smokies. The hike is long (about 30 miles); and although there is a net elevation loss, there are numerous ups and downs in the section. We will leave Kingsport quite early Saturday morning in order to place cars and get an early start. We should return to Kingsport by early Monday evening. The number of participants will be limited due to limited shelter capacity in the Smokies. Participants will need backpacking gear (not tents), backpack, sleeping bag, rain gear, etc. Contact the leader for more information on what to bring. It is likely that we will cook two evening meals and two breakfasts together, and possible that we will break up into two groups hiking in opposite directions if the number of participants warrants. If you intend to go on the trip, it is essential that you contact Kevin Edgar (239-5742) as soon as possible, but no later than April 20 so that I have time to make the necessary backcountry reservations.

CANOE SCHOOL - May 30-June 2-3, 1984

Leader: Terry Dougherty

The 1984 TERC Hiking and Canoeing Club Canoe School will begin Wednesday, May 30, 1984, at 7-9 p.m. in Room 115 of the Employee Center and Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3 on the river. The course will teach the basic skills at an elementary level for safe whitewater river canoeing. Students must supply their own equipment, including a canoe, paddles,

and lifejacket. Other equipment needs will be discussed at the Wednesday night class. The cost of the course is \$2.00 per person and \$4.00 per book for the textbook. For additional information call Terry Dougherty, 323-2647.

If you want to participate, return this form to Terry Dougherty, Building 150, before May 23, 1984.

Name _____ Phone _____
Partner's Name _____ Phone _____

☐ I want to purchase the textbook for the course, Basic River Canoeing (\$4.00)

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

NOTICE: The Conference Room in Building 70 is available for noon hour recreational meetings. Its' use is encouraged and arrangements for the room can be made by calling 4646. The room will comfortably hold a dozen people.

FUTURE HIKE: MASSEY GAP TO ELK GARDEN Leader: Doug Lowman
 Saturday, June 30, 1984

This hike has been postponed one week from Saturday, June 23, 1984. Please note this on your calendar. Details will appear in the June newsletter.

FUTURE	Jun. 2	Sat.	1 Day	Beyond 6000 — Craggy Dome	M	R. W. Miller
HIKES	Jun. 9	Sat.	1 Day	Hensley Settlement	M	J. McClanahan
	Jun. 16	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Sams Gap — Spivey Gap	D	S. Banks
	Jun. 23	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Massie Gap — Elk Garden	M	D. Lowman

FUTURE	Jun. 2-3	Sat.-Sun.			I-II	G. Morie
	Jun. 9-10	Sat.-Sun.		New River	II-III	E. Brown
	Jun. 16	Sat.		Toe River	II-III	R. Phelps
CANOEING	Jun. 23-24	Sat.-Sun.		Nantahala River		

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BAYS MOUNTAIN GEOLOGY HIKE, March 3, 1984 Reporting - Collins Chew

The delightful, cool, spring day and the attractions of Bays Mountain brought out 37 hikers to enjoy the walk. Most had the pleasure of meeting new hiking friends on this trip jointly sponsored by TERC Hiking Club and Bays Mountain Park Association. The fossils, folds, faults, volcanic ash, etc., were shown as advertised. Ed Shell added a bonus by identifying phoebes building nests and black vultures at close range. Most of us would probably have thought the vultures to be crows since they look quite different from the more common turkey vulture. The folks are now looking forward to the appearance of the spring flowers and will be ready to go again.

HIKE LEADER'S SEMINAR - March 15, 1984 Reporting - F. L. Williams

Only 13 people attended this seminar and 6 of them were speakers. Those who did not attend missed an opportunity to obtain much valuable information about trip organization, leadership, and first aid.