

TERC HIKING CLUB

MAY NEWSLETTER

TRIP NOTICES

(M) HIKE NOTICE - BEYOND 6000 HIKE
Saturday, April 21, 1984

Leader: Bob Miller

Note: This hike was originally scheduled for May 19, but because of a conflict in the leader's schedule, it has been changed.

Rated as moderate, this Beyond 6000 hike will include two peaks - Clingman's Dome (6643) and Mt. Collins (6188). The hiking distance is 7.5 miles and the change in elevation about 1,600 feet. The entire hike will be along the Appalachian Trail. Departure will be from the parking lot in front of B-215 at 8:00 a.m. Driving distance is 125 miles each way. We expect to hit the trail by about 10:30 a.m. and be off of it by 4:00 p.m. Those who choose to drive straight back to Kingsport should expect to get home by 6:30-7:00 p.m. If some elect to visit in Gatlinburg, the return time will be later. Bring warm clothing (preferably layered), rain gear, sturdy shoes or boots, water, and lunch. If you like, you may wish to include a camera, binoculars, and a trail snack. Car pooling is planned and riders should collectively reimburse their driver about \$0.12 per mile. Reservations are not required; but if you plan to go, I'd appreciate knowing. For further details, call Bob Miller (288-2572).

(M) HIKE NOTICE - BACKBONE ROCK (Near Damascus, Virginia) to AT
Saturday, May 5, 1984

Leader: Kirk Finch

This is an easy to moderate hike - easy because it is a good trail, moderate because we will gradually ascend 1,200 feet and back down again. If you haven't been to Backbone Rock it is worth the trip even if you don't want to hike up to the AT. The Rock is a rock outcrop just above the creek and road. It is 50-100 feet high, several hundred yards long with widths from 3 feet to 20 feet. For the light-headed, where it is 3 feet wide there are handrails. There is a picnic ground for those who just want to relax by the creek. The hike will take about 4 hours; driving time from Kingsport is 1 1/4 hour. Bring rain gear, water, and lunch. We will leave B-215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and should be back in Kingsport by 4:30 p.m. If anyone wants to eat before returning to Kingsport, some of us will go to Troutdale or the Hardware Restaurant in Abingdon. For rides or further information, call Kirk Finch, 288-5739.

CANOE TRIP - Laurel Creek, S. Fork Holston River
Saturday, May 5, 1984

Leader: Gerald Tustin

Class I-II (III) - This is a real "fun run" requiring waters from spring rains to fill the small streams. It is almost continuous Class II, with occasional Class I places and one Class III rapids. Put-in is on very small Laurel Creek about 2 miles above Damascus, Virginia, and ends on considerably larger South Fork Holston River, after two pontages and much splashing. Numerous other creeks add to the flow enroute. We will leave B-215 parking lot at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 5, 1984. Usual gear is required; lunch and beverage (in water bag), life jacket, spare paddle, bailers, sponge, and appropriate clothing (consider both the air and water temperatures). Distance to the put-in is about 60 miles - expect to be away from Kingsport for 6-7 hours. Please notify one of the following if you plan to attend. Warren McLain, Home Phone - 288-5762; Gerald Tustin, Home Phone - 246-8918.

(M) HIKE NOTICE - SPIVEY GAP TO NOLICHUCKY RIVER (AT)
Saturday, May 12, 1984

Leader: Steve Banks

This hike is rated moderate with a distance of 10.2 miles and approximately 1,500 feet of climbing. Bring a lunch, water, sturdy boots or shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather. Meet at the Tennessee Eastman Personnel Building, Building 215, on Lincoln Street in Kingsport at 8:00 a.m., or at the main Post Office in Johnson City at 8:40 a.m. Additional meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, Steve Banks at 288-3570. This is a joint Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike.

CANOE NOTICE - Big Laurel - French Broad
Saturday, May 12, 1984

Leader: Kurt Kauffman

The Big Laurel is a very scenic stream in Western North Carolina with Class III-IV difficulty. After floating (swimming) four miles of the Big Laurel, we will reach the confluence with the French Broad River. The trip will proceed on the French Broad through two major rapids (III-IV) to the take-out at Hot Springs, North Carolina. Bring necessary safety equipment including throw rope and helmet. We will meet at Burger King, Colonial Heights, at 8:00 a.m., May 12. For registration and information, contact Kurt Kauffman at 245-6483.

NOTICE!!!

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING DINNER MEETING!!!

May 13, 1984

Since our annual dinner meetings have been so enjoyable, the Hiking Club Management has decided to have a Spring Dinner Meeting, and maybe a summer and fall, as well. The First Annual Spring Dinner Meeting will be from 1:00 p.m. until closing on Sunday, May 13, 1984. Several hikes of varying difficulty will be offered:

- Short hike on west trail of TEC Recreation Area (1/4 mile). Start at 4:30 p.m.
- Longer hike (1 mile) on the east trail of TEC Recreation Area. Start at 3:30 p.m.
- Longer and harder hike (2 miles) to Bays Mountain Park Observation Tower. Start at 1:15 p.m.
- Hardest hike (2 miles) to highest point on Bays Mountain. This hike involves some bushwacking. Leaves at 1:15 p.m.

All hikes will leave from Eastman Cabin.

DINNER

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and will feature Eastman Cafeteria roast beef, buttered broccoli, and cherry pie. The hors d'oeuvres table will open at 5:00 p.m. Cooling drinks will be available on a cash basis.

PROGRAM

During the winter of '82-'83, Herrick and Myrtle Brown (of Mt. leConte fame) visited South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and the off-shore islands. Herrick will show his slides and comment on the trip.

Cut along dotted line and return with check to G. C. Newland (B-150B),
1917 East Seyler Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee 37664.

Name Collins Chew
Charlotte Guest @ \$5.55 each
Total

\$ 5.55
\$ 5.55
\$ 11.10

Dinner cost is \$5.55 each. Sorry no children's plate. Please make checks payable to:
TEC Cafeteria. Reservations Must be received by May 1, 1984.

NOLICHUCKY RIVER CANOE TRIP - March 17, 1984

Reporting - R. Tustin

The water conditions were near perfect for this trip on the Nolichucky River. The river was running 1,580 cfs and we canoed the section from below Unaka Springs to Big Rock. Even though we stopped for lunch, the volume of water was so high that we completed the whole trip in less than four hours. The standing waves in the cliff rapid were about three feet high and the rocks at Big Rock were almost totally submerged. Although there were some stiff breezes for about a half hour, it didn't start to rain until we were in our cars and on the way home. Paddling solo were Earl Brown, Charles Leblanc, Dave Ingram, Bruce Chamberlin, Kurt Kauffman, and Warren McLain. Jamie Herman, Bruce Bartlett, Anne-Marie Tustin, and Gerry Tustin paddled tandem.

Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap (AT) - March 17, 1984

Reporting - Steve Banks

We had reasonably warm weather for this early spring hike. Due to snow and ice on the Forest Service road connecting Indian Grave Gap and TN 107, we got off to a late start at Iron Mountain Gap. After having lunch at Cherry Gap Shelter, we made our way up Unaka Mountain and across to Beauty Spot. Views were limited due to clouds and light rain. Good fellowship along the trail was enjoyed by all. Those participating were Rod Gray, Jack Young, Revel Smith, Karen Watkins, Owen Holbrook, Paul Holbrook, Taylor Pickard, Wendy Neidecker, and Steve Banks.

ATC Southern Regional Management Meeting - March 17, 1984

Reporting - G. C. Newland

TEHC was represented at the ATC Southern Regional Management Meeting on March 17, 1984, at Greensboro, North Carolina, by Ray Hunt, Doug Lowman, Frank Williams, Collins Chew, Darrol Nickels, and Gordon Newland. The meeting which lasted from 9 a.m.-5 a.m. gave reports and resolutions dealing with Trail Protection Update, Optimal Location Review, Delegation of Management Responsibility by NPS, Local Management Plans, Corridor Monitoring, 1984 Konnarock Program, Wilderness Legislation, Report on Cold Mountain Program, and Sam's Gap Highway Proposal.

In general, TEHC is well advanced in our duties to the trail section and responses to ATC and Forest Service. Our next big task is to get our maintenance done and coordinate our trail building efforts with the Konnarock Group when they work in our section this summer. The next Konnarock activity is the opening of the camp (at Konnarock, VA) on the weekend of May 19. Food and lodging will be available in return for general clean-up and fix-up of the camp. The camp is still accepting volunteers for the summer trail construction activity. (See G. Newland for application form.) Our club is a supporter of the Konnarock Group, and we should do all we can to help them in the construction of the relocation over Hump Mountain. The dates that they will be in our section will be given later. Watch for it!

REQUEST FOR HIKE AND CANOE TRIP SUGGESTIONS
JULY - DECEMBER 1983

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Now that Spring is here, hiking and canoeing activities are in full swing. It is also time to start thinking about hikes and canoe trips that you would like to lead or that you would like to see scheduled during the last half of 1984.

Send hike and social suggestions to Paul Worsham, B-231. Send canoe suggestions to Gerald Tustin, B-150B. All suggestions should be in by April 30, 1984.

Also include information on extended trips planned for 1985 so that they can be included on the July-December 1984 schedule. Please include the following information:

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may surprise around

HIKE and SOCIAL Suggestions	Date	Approx. Distance	Difficulty	Will you lead?
1. Andrews Bald - Smokies	10/6-20	5 miles	E	Yes
2. Multiclub - Smokies	9/1-3	varies	E-D	prefer not
3. Hanover NH - Peru VT. AT	9/8-16	82 miles	D	Yes
4. Kannonack Crew - work on Hump	7/12-16	2	M	no
5. "	7/25-31	2	M	no
6. "	8/2-7	2	M	no
7. December Hike if you need one				Yes
1985 8. ATC Conference - Green Mtn College - Poultney VT.	7/27-8/2/85		E-D	Yes
9. includes day hike (or back pack) - Southern Vermont AT				
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Name Collins Chew Telephone 229-3317 239-6237

CANOE Suggestions	Date	Approx. Distance	Difficulty	Will you lead?
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Name _____ Telephone _____

Extended trips _____

Spence Field/Russell Field Overnighter

A 2 day/1 night backpacking trip from Cades Cove to Spence Field and Russell Field and back to Cades Cove is set for May 12 and 13. Shelters at Spence Field and Russell Field will be utilized and the number of hikers will be limited to 12. This would be a good checkout hike for the 3 day Davenport Gap/Newfound Gap hike set for May 26, 27, and 28. Total round-trip distance is 12.5 miles (15 miles if Mt. Thunderhead is included). Call Butch McNally for more information.