

# TERC HIKING CLUB

JUNE 1984 NEWSLETTER



## \*\*\*\*\*TRIP NOTICES\*\*\*\*\*

(M) HIKE NOTICE - Craggy Dome - (Beyond 6,000 Dinner Hike) Leader - Bob Miller (scheduled Saturday, June 2, 1984) Last spring we were thwarted in climbing Craggy Dome (6,080 feet) because the ranger thought it was in the Asheville water shed and thus closed to hiking. We now have written confirmation that it may be climbed. This hike is rated as only moderately difficult because it will be mostly on trail. In order to meet the minimum distance requirement (5 miles), the hike will start at the Craggy Gardens Visitor Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway and come back past the Center at mid-hike so those who wish may hike for a much shorter distance. Total elevation change is estimated at 1,500 feet. There should be an abundance of wild flowers along our path. As a special finale for this outing, on the way back we plan to stop at the famous Nu-Wray Inn in Burnsville, North Carolina, for dinner. The meal is served family style and is widely noted for its quality and quantity. Cost is \$8.00 per person for adults and a lesser amount for children, depending on age. Plan to depart from the parking lot in front of B-215 at 8:30 a.m. Driving distance is approximately 100 miles each way. Expect to get back to Kingsport about 9:30 p.m., if you stay for dinner (6 p.m.). Bring rain gear, sturdy shoes, water, and lunch. Optional gear - camera, binoculars, and a trail snack. Car pooling is planned and riders should collectively reimburse their driver about 12¢ per mile. Reservations are required for the dinner, and payment must be in my hands by Friday, May 25. For further details, call Bob Miller (288-2572).

(M) HIKE NOTICE - Hensley Settlement Leader - Judy McClanahan (scheduled Saturday, June 9) This restored community is located on a plateau where Brush Mountain (Kentucky) meets Cumberland Mountain in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. The settlement existed in pioneer fashion from 1903 to 1951. Hike distance is 8 miles round trip, and drive distance is approximately 180 miles round trip. Meet at Eastman Personnel (B-215) at 8 a.m. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate clothing. Call trip leader at 615-246-3787 for additional information.

CANOE CAMPING NOTICE - New River Leader - Gerald Morie (scheduled Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10) Class I-II. South Fork of the New River, North Carolina, Highways 88 and 16 at Index, North Carolina to South of Mouth of Wilson, Virginia. The South Fork of the New River is part of the National Scenic Rivers System. It is a gently flowing river with some Class I water and easy Class II rapids. This trip is a repeat of a 1983 trip that is designed for beginners and families. We plan to take out at the New River State campground early Saturday afternoon so we can swim and relax before supper. We will leave Kingsport on Saturday, June 9, at 6:30 a.m. from the Colonial Heights McDonalds. The drive to Index takes about three hours. If you wish you may camp at the State Park Friday, June 8, and sleep later than the rest of us. We plan to return to Kingsport about 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 10. Participants should bring canoe, three paddles, personal camping gear, food for four meals, and cooking gear. You must notify Gerald Morie at 288-4748 or B-150B by June 4 if you plan to participate. Include your name, telephone number, canoe partner, and if you have one, a double canoe rack.

(M) HIKE NOTICE - Massie Gap to Elk Garden Leader - Doug Lowman  
(scheduled Saturday, June 3) This section of the AT goes along the side of Mt. Rogers with elevations ranging from 4400 to 5400 feet. Come prepared for a beautiful hike. Bring camera, lunch, water, comfortable hiking shoes, warm clothes (depending on the weather up there), and rain gear. Hiking distance is 7 miles, but the car shuttles will be time consuming. Meet at TEC personnel office (B-215) parking lot at 7:15 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. departure (note early departure time). For additional information contact Doug Lowman at 239-9701 or B-150.

CANOE TRIP - Nantahala River Leader - Rick Phelps  
(scheduled June 9-10 - note date change) Class II-III. Long a tradition with seekers of whitewater fun, the Nantahala River offers something for everyone. A fast-moving, clean, clear stream - the River of the Noonday Sun - has become a favorite with river runners from all over the southeastern U.S. Although there's plenty of action, only two rapids offer serious challenges and can easily be avoided, if one wishes. The Nantahala is a good river for practicing your canoe control and wave riding techniques - solo or tandem. Another feature is its unusual mobile obstacles (better known as rafts) which are usually found in abundance. Because of the lengthy drive, it is advisable to stay over and run the river on both Saturday and Sunday. Camping is available close by, as are other accommodations. Pre-registration with the leader is required before June 3. Send the following information to Rick Phelps (B-54) or call 288-7532: name, address, phone number, name and date of trip referenced.

(M) HIKE NOTICE - Sams Gap to Spivey Gap (AT) Leader - Steve Banks  
(scheduled Saturday, June 16) This hike is rated moderately difficult with a distance of 12.2 miles and approximately 2,400 feet of climbing. This hike goes over the open summit of Big Bald (5,516 feet). Bring a lunch, water, sturdy boots or shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather. Meet at the Tennessee Eastman Personnel Building, B-215, on Lincoln Street in Kingsport at 8 a.m. or at the main Johnson City post office at 8:30 a.m. Additional meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, Steve Banks, at 288-3570. This is a Tennessee Eastman Hike Club/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike.

CANOE TRIP - Toe River Leader - Earl Brown  
(scheduled Saturday, June 16) Class II-III. The 11.5 mile section of the Toe that we will canoe is a fun Class II-III. The take-out is at Red Hill, North Carolina, at the NC 197 bridge. Bring proper safety equipment, lunch, and beverage. This trip will require approximately 9-10 hours (depending on the water level) including travel. We will meet at the Colonial Heights Burger King and plan to leave that point at 8 a.m. We will try to start the shuttle prior to 8 a.m. in order to get an earlier start on the river. Pre-register by contacting Earl Brown, B-54D, or phone 239-6696.

HUMP MOUNTAIN RELOCATION - Volunteers Needed  
The Konnarock Volunteers will be working on the Hump Mountain relocation July 12-16, July 26-30, and August 2-6. Their week is from Thursday to Monday to make it possible for club members to join them on weekends. We would like to have as many members as possible on hand to help the volunteers this year. With a large turn out of club members it will be possible to finish this work this year. It is also a good opportunity to learn trail building techniques and to meet some interesting people. Also, it is an outstanding opportunity to show our support for this project and the A.T. Anyone interested in participating contact Gordon Newland (B-150) 246-8845, or Frank Williams (B-76) 245-8414.

\*\*\*\*\*FUTURE HIKES\*\*\*\*\*

July 14 and/or 15 Sat., Sun. 1, 2 days	Hump Mtn. Relocation Work	Difficult	F. Williams
July 28 and/or 29 Sat., Sun. 1, 2 days	Hump Mtn. Relocation Work	Difficult	G. Newland

\*\*\*\*\*FOR THE RECORD\*\*\*\*\*

BIG MOCCASIN CREEK CANOE TRIP - March 24, 1984

Reporting - Warren McLain

We had both perfect weather and water level on Big Moccasin Creek for this trip. Some of the paddlers classified the rapid as a Class V portage. We saw a Great Blue Heron and river banks covered with early wildflowers. The water was fast and turbulent and everyone had a good time. The seven paddlers were Charles Le Blanc, Art Mullins, Tom Pridgen, Kay Newell, Kathy and John Faust and Warren McLain.

(M) HIKE NOTICE - Massie Gap to Elk Garden

Leader - Doug Lowman

(scheduled Saturday, June 3) This section of the AT goes along the side of Mt. Rogers with elevations ranging from 4,400 feet to 5,400 feet. Come prepared for a beautiful hike. Bring camera, lunch, water, comfortable hiking shoes, warm clothes (depending on the weather up there), and rain gear. Hiking distance is 7 miles, but the car shuttles will be time consuming. Meet at TEC personnel office (B-215) parking lot at 7:15 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. departure (note early departure time). For additional information contact Doug Lowman at 239-9701 or B-150.

TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE - March 24, 1984

Reporting - Gordon Newland

Ten hikers enjoyed this scenic hike on Clinch Mountain. The hikers were Rodney Gray; Judy McClanahan; Jean Brown; Edith Oliver; Ed Schell; Rob, Joyce, Marty, and Todd Johnson; and Gordon Newland.

STONEY LUMP HIKE - March 25, 1984

Reporting - Herrick Brown

Seven members and guests enjoyed this early spring hike. Several varieties of spring wildflowers were seen and good views of the Bald Mountains across the valley, but no goats. Those enjoying the outing were Frank Williams, Gordon Newland, Steve and Terry Haynes, Judy Roach, Jamie Herman, and Herrick Brown.

HUMP MTN. TRAIL LOCATION REVIEW - March 31, 1984

Reporting - Doug Lowman

The Appalachian Trail Committee, S.A.H.C., A.T.C. and U.S.F.S.-Asheville office, Pisgah N.F., and Cherokee N.F. reviewed the route of the relocation over Hump Mountain on the Julian Tract. The Konnarock Volunteer Crew and T.E.H.C. are planning a major effort to complete the relocation this summer. Those in attendance were Collins Chew, Doug Lowman, Gordon Newland, Frank Williams, Tom Gatti (S.A.H.C.), Morgan Summerville (A.T.C.), Melinda Waldrop (U.S.F.S.-Asheville, North Carolina), Bob Carey (Ranger, Toecone District, Pisgah N.F.), and Jim Davidson (Unaka District, Cherokee, N.F.).

DEVIL'S BACKBONE - April 7, 1984

Reporting - Butch McNally

Ten smiling faces hiked the Devil's Backbone trail in Warrior's Path Park on Saturday, April 7. Bill Chase, Mark Chase, Mary Cunningham, Rodney Gray, Judy McClanahan, Butch McNally, Patrick McNally, Art Myers, Glen Smith, and Peggy Smith all hiked, explored, picnicked, and thoroughly enjoyed one of the brightest spring days this year. Highlights of the hike include: The story behind the name "Devil's Backbone"; the overlooks; the falls at Fall Creek; the briers; the spring house remains; Judy's chocolate chip cookies (with sifted flour!); more briers; the fish attractor; the "hill"; the picnic at Lone Cedar overlook; the add-on Lake Shore trail hike with Rodney, Patrick, and Mary; and, of course, the sunshiny weather. Let's do it again - soon!

DANIEL BOONE TRAIL-POWELL MTN. - April 8, 1984

Reporting - Jean Brown

Seven hikers enjoyed this pleasant Sunday afternoon walk. Those present were Dick and Marjorie Clark, Bruce and Mary Cunningham, Glen Smith, Danny Gayagoy, and Jean Brown.

GRINDSTAFF MONUMENT WORK TRIPS

Reporting - Ed Oliver

Work trips to the Grindstaff Monument on Iron Mountain were conducted on March 24, April 12, and April 15, 1984. On the first trip the gravestone which was broken into three pieces was carried back to Kingsport to be repaired. The gravestone was repaired by drilling matching holes in the three pieces. Steel pins were inserted in the holes to hold the three pieces together. The stone was also polished. On the second and third trips we carried about 200 pounds of material and one 64-pound piece of the gravestone to the monument site. Most of the repair work to the stone structure was completed. A footing and new foundation for the gravestone was constructed. Those participating in one or more of these trips were Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, Jeff Sirola, and Frank Williams. At least one more trip will be required to carry the other two pieces of the gravestone to the site, to set the gravestone in place, and to complete the repair of the stone structure. The total man-hours involved in these three trips is 61.5 hours.

INDIAN GRAVE GAP TO NOLICHUCKY RIVER (AT) - April 14, 1984

Reporting - Steve Banks

This little-known but beautiful section of the AT provided a nice setting for the hike. The trail is very well constructed in the section, contouring in and out of hollows and down along Jones Branch to the Nolichucky. Besides a brief afternoon thundershower, the day was reasonably warm and sunny. A minor "mutiny" occurred at the end of the hike when most of the group stopped at Nolichucky Expeditions for soft drinks and snacks. Enjoying the beautiful scenery were Taylor Pickard; Owen Holbrook; Leon and Colleen McGahee; Karen Watkins; Judy McClanahan; Rod Grey; Reuel Smith; Jack Young; Gether, Sarah, Luci, Beth, and Andy Irick; David and Joanna McPeak; Dana Eglinton; Karen Bennett; and Steve Banks.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Our monthly newsletter format has been working well. The long lead time required for trip notices gives some problems, especially when changes are required, or special arrangements must be made. If for some reason a registration date earlier than your outing is required, be sure your notice is in an early newsletter. If, for instance, you are to lead an early July trip, but need to know who will be going with you by June 15, your trip notice will need to be in the June newsletter. This means I should have your notice in my hands as I write this (April 17), a 10- to 12-week lead time.