

TERC HIKING CLUB

NOVEMBER, 1984 NEWSLETTER



***** TRIP NOTICES*****

(M) HIKE NOTICE - Unaka Mountain to Iron Mountain Gap Leader - John Thompson
(Scheduled Thursday, November 1, 1984) 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 AT is essentially downhill and should provide some outstanding views plus fall color. Bring lunch, water, and clothes suitable for possible cold and rain. We will meet at the Eastman Employee Center (NW side) at 8:00 a.m. and should be home by 5:00 p.m.. If you have questions call John W. Thompson at 245-1455.

(E) HIKE NOTICE - AT, Watauga Dam Rd. - U.S. 321 Leader - Dick Clark
(Scheduled Thursday, November 8, 1984) Meet at parking area in rear of Employee Center (Bldg. 310) for 8:30 a.m. departure. This is a short and easy hike and will give opportunity to hike this AT section which is not familiar to many. With leaves mostly gone from trees, the views of Watauga Lake should be good. Contact Dick Clark at 246-6007 to arrange alternate meeting place or for any additional information.

(D) HIKE NOTICE - Rattlin Hole Cave Hike Leader - Greg Kramer
(Scheduled Saturday, November 19, 1984) This hike is rated difficult because prior experience in repelling and climbing are needed. Contact the trip leader prior to the trip if you plan to go. Rattlin Hole is a very pretty cave, probably the most colorful cave in East Tennessee. We will meet in the Building 215 parking lot for an 8:00 a.m. departure. For further information or to register, call Greg Kramer at 239-7667.

MEETING NOTICE - Fall Dinner Meeting Leader - Gordon Newland
(Scheduled Sunday, November 11, 1984) The fall dinner meeting will be held at the Eastman Cabin on Sunday, November 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Doug Lowman will tell us about the summer's backpack trip to Montana. Dinner will be catered by Eastman Cafeteria. Menu: Roast Beef and dressing, tossed salad and chess pie (\$4.55 per person). Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Cold drinks will be available to quench the thirsty hikers. Two hikes will be available: (1) Leaving from Eastman Cabin at 5:00 p.m. to the observation tower in Bays Mountain Park and return, (2) leaving at 5:30 p.m. from Eastman Cabin to cover the 1.6 miles of trail in the Recreation Area.

Dinner Reservations: November 11, 1984 6:30 p.m.

Mail to G. C. Newland, Building 150B or 1917 E. Sevier Avenue, Kingsport, TN 37664

NAME: _____ \$4.55

_____ Guests at \$4.55 each _____

Total _____

Make checks payable to TEC Cafeteria. Reservations must be made by noon, Nov. 8, 1984

(M) HIKE NOTICE Little Tumbling Creek, Saltville, VA Leader - Gordon Newland
(Scheduled Saturday, November 17, 1984) This hike is along the border of Clinch Mt. Recreation Area. It will involve some bushwhacking. We will go in on the Saltville side, climb Red Rock Mt., and come out Little Tumbling Creek. Total hiking distance is about 6 miles. Wear brushproof clothing, dress warmly, bring lunch and water. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Expect a 6:00 p.m. return. For further information call Gordon Newland at 246-8845.

(M) HIKE NOTICE INN to INN in Vermont Leader - Gordon Newland
(Scheduled July 12-21, 1985) Recently 10 members of the Hiking Club had an opportunity to spend a night at a Vermont inn while doing our annual hike on the AT. We found the experience so enjoyable that a trip was scheduled for 1985, INN to INN. In this case we will hike 65 miles of the Long Trail in 6 days and spend 7 nights in so many inns located in the foothills of the Green Mountains. It is necessary to organize the trip early in order to assure reservations at each inn on the desired night. Transportation will be by rental van from Kingsport, and return. Each person will pay a proportionate share. The capacity of the inns limits the participants to 14. Reservations will be accepted on a first applied basis and a waiting list will be maintained to replace any who must cancel.

COST (per person)

Inn lodging, double occupancy, 7 nights, includes dinner, breakfast, and trail lunch (children under 13 in same room as parents, ½ rate).....\$425.00
Transportation to and from Vermont, approx. 2,000 miles.....\$100.00
Lodging in-transit\$ 70.00
Food in-transit.....\$ 60.00
Miscellaneous costs (guides, maps, etc.).....\$ 3.00

Total \$658.00

A \$140 per person deposit is required at the time the reservation is made, the remainder 30 days before arrival.

Please note that the hiking will be with day pack and each night will be spent in an inn with hot bath, good meal, and soft bed. It is not required that each participant hike, they may just move from inn to inn and wait for the weary hikers. Send the completed reservation form to Gordon Newland with deposit of \$140 per person.

Reservation Form: INN TO INN July 12-21, 1985

<u>Name</u>	<u>Indicate Adult or Child</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
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Make checks payable to: G. C. Newland. Send reservation to 1917 E. Sevier Avenue, Kingsport, TN 37664 Deadline for reservations is December 10, 1984.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****
NOTICE TO HIKING CLUB MEMBERS We would like to schedule more activities so that shift workers can be more involved with the Club. Shift workers can help in this effort by letting us know who you are and what shift you are on. An attempt will be made to schedule hikes on your off days. Help us to help you be more involved in your Hiking Club. Send your name, address, phone number, and the shift you are on to Doug Lowman, Building 150. This is also another chance to suggest a hike you would like to have made available in next year's schedule.

NOTICE Tennessee Conservationist Magazine

The Tennessee Conservationist is now available at discount rates to any group of 25 or more subscriptions. The rates are:

	<u>Normal Subscription</u>	<u>Group Rates</u>
1 year	\$ 7.50	1 year \$ 5.00
2 year	\$13.50	2 year \$ 9.00
3 year	\$17.50	3 year \$13.00

If you would like to receive this magazine, send your check, along with your name and mailing address, to Kathy Denney, Employee Center, Building 310. Make checks payable to TERC. If 25 or more subscriptions are not received, your money will be returned to you. We must have at least 25 subscriptions to be eligible for the reduced rates.

*****FUTURE HIKES*****

December 1 (Saturday) Virginia Creeper Trail Hike (E) Leader - Paul Worsham

December 8 (Saturday) Gilley Cave Hike (M) Leader - Greg Kramer

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

Western Montana Backpack Trip - August 3-12, 1984

Reporting - Doug Lowman

Powell Foster, John Kiefer, Doug Lowman, Judy McClanahan, R. B. Miller, and David Nickels traveled to Montana to backpack in the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wildernesses and to tour Glacier National Park. While in the wilderness areas, the group hiked 68.8 miles in a "figure 8" route. The backpacking trip took the group through the Sun River country, along about 7 miles of the Chinese Wall, into the White River country, over White River Pass, up Shoun Creek, past Hoodley Reef, and down Hoodley Creek back to our van at the Benchmark Trail head. In Glacier National Park, we stayed at Many Glacier Lodge on Swift Current Lake Friday evening, then toured the Going-to-the-Sun Highway as far as Logan Pass on Saturday. A little day hiking was done out of Logan Pass also on Saturday. Deer came into camp practically everyday. One herd of elk was seen. Judy walked up on an adult black bear on the trail. Wildflowers were in abundance. The weather was favorable for all of the trip except Monday morning when we had overcast sky and a small amount of rain.

Whitetop Mountain - AT Hike - August 6, 1984

Reporting - Doug Lowman

Four hikers joined the leader for a pleasant hike from Elk Garden to U.S. 58 near Summit Cut along the AT across Whitetop Mt. The day was overcast, so the views from the open bald were minimal. All the hikers enjoyed the easy grade from Elk Garden to the top and found the trail down to U.S. 58 to be just as enjoyable, except for the nettles. Part of the trail leading off the bald was very narrow and appeared to be a new trail. Those on this hike were Mary Ellen Ress, Rodney Gray, and Mary and Bruce Cunningham. Since the hike only took about 3 hours, excluding lunch, this would make an excellent Sunday afternoon hike.

Hiwassee River Canoe Trip - September 8, 1984

Reporting - Warren McLain

With perfect weather for canoeing, 17 people in 8 various water craft paddled the Hiwassee River from Appalachia Power House to Hiwassee Outfitters at Reliance. The Hiwassee is a State scenic river and is administered as a State park. It is well deserving to be called scenic and there was enough white water to make it interesting. It was worth the long drive. The TERC paddlers were joined by a group from Oak Ridge. Participants were: Tom Pridgen, Kay Newell, John and Cathy Faust, Tom Dassen, Royal Spees, Mike Herring (K-1), Warren McLain (C-1-0). From Oak Ridge: Bill and Brian Tankersley, Dick McLain, Kiki Gissell, and rafters, Mr. and Mrs. Gissell, Diane Gresham, and Linda Tankersley.

Nantahala River - September 15 & 16, 1984

Reporting - Dave Ingram

Twenty-three people enjoyed a great weekend on the Nantahala River. The weather on Saturday was on the cool side, however, on Sunday it was much warmer. As always, the river was quite crowded, especially through the falls (Lesser Wesser). Paul Gillenwater will readily attest to that. This was Paul's first run through the falls and without a single dissention. He was awarded the most impressive performance by a solo paddler. On entering the falls area he was startled to see a raft and three people overboard being churned around in the keeper immediately above the falls. Avoiding them was impossible. Paddling over the raft Paul picked up a passenger. One of the people caught in the hydrolic grabbed the bow of his boat, however, he managed to drop through the falls upright with his passenger still clinging to the bow. Several other "interesting" runs through the falls were performed by our group. A note of thanks to Kay Brown and Paul Gillenwater for helping with the shuttle and Charlie LeBlanc for running sweep. Participants were Earl, Kay, Raymond, and Valerie Brown, Warren and Dick McLain, Kiki Gissell, Charles, Linda, Yonce, and Scott Shelton, Paul and Phil Gillenwater, Charlie and Charles H. LeBlanc, Ernie Botts, Anne Vacca, Dave and Paula Domermuth, Sam Gustafson, Dave, Shelby, and Jonathan Ingram.

AT - Hanover, NH to Peru, VT - September 8-15

TERC Hiking Club's annual long AT hike this year covered the northern most two-thirds of the trail in Vermont, 87 miles from Route 11 to Hanover, New Hampshire. The group split into two sections with five persons going north and five going south.

NORTHBOUND- Collins Chew - The weather was delightful for a week in the woods of Vermont. Almost all the rain fell while we were inside a lodge or cabin. Most of the trail was really trail, not roots, rocks, or mud as is most of the trail further north. The fall flowers were out in profusion while the trees were just beginning to turn. The first half of the trip was due north along the main ridges of the Green Mountains which are similar to the Blue Ridge Mountains in many ways. In the middle was a delightful stop at an inn, with meals, beds, showers, and a visit with the southbound group. The last half was a hike due east across low ridges separated by valleys with quaint New England painted wood farmhouses, fields bordered by old stone walls, graveyards with headstones primarily proclaiming "Soldier of the Revolution", and generally delightful scenery. Blackberries were plentiful with a few raspberries and other fruits and nuts occasionally available. We had interesting company with others: the "Lost Wave", six through hikers very late in the season, Alby Pokrob on his third through hike and taking pictures for the ATN, two ladies from Pennsylvania, one of whom, Katherine Shade, remembered a hike I led at the 1975 Boone, NC ATC meeting, William Stevens, proprietor of the Mountain Meadows Lodge who called us "Turks" as his pronunciation of TERC Hiking Club, and Bill and Bernie, a friendly Vermont couple. All in all, it was a most pleasant trip. The northbound hikers were Carl and Mike Ray, Jack Crowder, Doug Lowman, and Collins Chew.

SOUTHBOUND- Gordon Newland - The southbound team consisted of Gordon Newland, Darrol Nickels, Frank Williams, Garry Luttrell, and Linda Henderson. We left Hanover on Sunday morning and arrived at Route 11 about noon the following Saturday, having covered slightly over 95 miles. The weather was mostly clear and sunny, especially on Mountains Pico and Killington. Killington is the second highest peak in Vermont and Mountains Lafayette and Washington in New Hampshire were easily visible. The highlight of the trip was the night spent at Mountain Meadows Inn. It was so comfortable that an inn to inn trip is planned for next year.