

TERC HIKING CLUB

AUGUST, 1985
NEWSLETTER

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

HIKE NOTICE - BUMPUS COVE HIKE

LEADER: REUEL SMITH

(Scheduled: Sat. August 3, 1985) This will be a moderate hike of about 9 miles. It will start and end in the general area of the Bumpus Cove Landfill. Bring lunch, sturdy shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather. Meet at the B-215 parking lot for a 8:00 a.m. departure. Additional meeting places and more information can be obtained from Reuel Smith (239-9974).

WORK TRIP - DENNIS COVE, LAUREL FORK

LEADER: JUDY Mc CLANAHAN

(Scheduled: August 8-12, 1985) The Konnarock Crew will be working on this section of the A.T. during this period, and we need some volunteers from our club to assist. You will need lunch, water, and a pair of work gloves. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8 a.m. or at the main Johnson City Post Office at 8:30 a.m. Additional meeting places can be arranged by calling Judy McClanahan at 246-3787. Be sure to contact Judy McClanahan if you can help on any one of these days.

HIKE NOTICE - CARTER COUNTY SALTPETER CAVE HIKE

LEADER: GREG KRAMER

(Scheduled: Sat. August 10, 1985) This is a very easy cave hike. The cave is also a local cave so there is not much traveling involved. Bring lunch, water, and a change of clothes. A hard hat and helmet mounted light are also required, but can be supplied by the trip leader. Meet at the B-215 parking lot for a 9:00 a.m. departure. Contact Greg Kramer at 239-7667 if you have questions or need the hard hat or helmet mounted light.

WORK TRIP - KONNAROCK CREW ON ROUND BALD

LEADER: KEVIN EDGAR

(Scheduled: August 15-19, 1985) The Konnarock crew of summer volunteers will be in our area from Thursday, August 15 through Monday, August 19. They will be helping us with some much-needed erosion control work on the AT on Round Bald, near Carvers Gap. We can get a great deal accomplished and show our appreciation for their excellent efforts by turning out in force to help the Konnarock Crew. Whether you have one Saturday you're willing to donate, or wish to work with them for several days, your assistance is very important and appreciated. Please send me a note or give me a call at 239-5742 by August 9 if you want to help improve our trail, so that I can make arrangements for transportation and other details. This is a good chance for all of us to learn new techniques and get a lot done in a beautiful setting.

HIKE NOTICE - AT, TANYARD GAP TO HOT SPRINGS

LEADER: STEVE BANKS

(Scheduled: Sat. August 17, 1985) This 5.7 mile hike will go from Tanyard Gap, N.C. on US 25-70 over Mill Ridge to Pump Gap and then to Hot Springs, N.C. The hike is rated moderate. Bring water, lunch, and rain gear. Meet at the Tennessee Eastman Personnel Building (B-215) at 7:45 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. departure. Additional meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, Steve Banks, at 288-3570.

CANOE TRIP - NANTAHALA RIVER

LEADER: DAVE INGRAM

(Scheduled: Sat. & Sun. August 10&11, 1985) The Nantahala is familiar to most paddlers. It is a clear, fast moving stream flowing through a scenic gorge alongside US19. There are two class III rapids, one near the put-in and one at the take-out, that can be portaged. Driving time from the Tri-Cities area is 3 to 3.5 hours. Plan to meet at the Nantahala Outdoor Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 10. Pre-register with Dave Ingram (246-7171 or 282-5856) and you will be advised of any changes.

CANOE/HIKE NOTICE - NOLICHUCKY RIVER LEADER: JUDY McCLANAHAN
(Scheduled: Sat. & Sun., August 17-18, 1985) Saturday will be spent day hiking a moderate 8 to 9 miles in the Nolichucky River area. The group will camp with comfortable conveniences on Saturday night at Nolichucky Expeditions. On Sunday, we will be whitewater rafting with Nolichucky Expeditions. Cost of the raft trip is \$35 (includes all gear, lunch, guides). Preregistration is required by August 7. To requester or get further details, call Judy McClanahan at 246-3787.

CANOE TRIP - NOLICHUCKY RIVER BELOW UNAKA SPRINGS LEADER: G. TUSTIN
(Scheduled: Sun. August 25, 1985) Rating: Class II. We will canoe the section of the Nolichucky River below Unaka Springs. This is a very popular section of the river and is excellent for novice paddlers who have the desire to advance from Class I to Class II whitewater. Bring proper safety equipment, lunch, and beverage. Plan to meet at the Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Due to variable water levels, preregistration is required. Contact Gerald Tustin, Building 150B, TEC, or phone 246-8918.

TRIP NOTICE - MULTICLUB MEETING
(Scheduled: August 30 - Sept. 2, 1985) Rating: Easy to Difficult. The Multiclub Meeting this year will be held at Boy Scout Camp Shenandoah near Staunton, Virginia. Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club will host the meeting, certain to be a lively affair with that creative and fun loving group. Campsites, showers, a lake, campfire ring, and a large shelter for meetings are advertised facilities. Join with hikers from all over the South for a camping weekend of hiking, fellowship, and entertainment (including the Southern Regional Management Committee Meeting). Call Collins Chew at 239-6237 for maps to the camp and other information.

***** FUTURE ACTIVITIES *****

DATE	TRIP	LEADER
Sept. 7	Watagua River Below Elizabethon	W. McClain
Sept. 8	Summer Picnic	G. Tustin & J. McClanahan
Sept. 14	Hiking for Beginners - Virginia Creeper Trail	S. Cook
Sept. 15	Rattlin Hole Cave Hike	G. Kramer
Sept. 21&22	AT, Max Patch Road to Hot Springs	S. Banks
Sept. 28	AT, Great Valley to Brushy Mts.	K. Edgar
Sept. 29	Trail of Lonesome Pine - Flat Gap to Big War Gap	G. Newland

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

LITTLE STONEY CREEK - May 11, 1985 Darrol Nickels
Eleven hikers climbed the gently graded trail paralleling Little Stoney Creek to Bear Rock in the Jefferson National Forest near Dungannon, Virginia. We saw

a good waterfall on a side stream as well as the two large falls on the main stream. In bloom, there was more Foam Flower than all other species combined. The Catawba Rhododendron on Bear Rock apparently had been damaged by the severe weather of last winter as there were only a few small buds. Enjoying the sunny day were Carl Fritz, Nathen Guinn, Richard Jones, David Lyon, Thomas Lyon, Ed Oliver, Carl Rhea, Helen Rhea, Reuel Smith, Frank Williams, and Darrol Nickels.

BRUMLEY MOUNTAIN Gordon Newland

It was a beautiful day but too hazy for long distance viewing. Never-the-less, sixteen hikers enjoyed the stroll from Hayter Gap to Middle Knob lookout tower. The grade was not steep enough to limit conversation so the group had a good visit. Enjoying this hike were Monty Keel, Griff Johnson, Bill Little, Priscilla Crawford, Joop Hubbeling, Mikael Wetterhalm, Kavid Hung, Judy Davidson, Susan Dockery, Katy Dyer, Jean Brown, Nickie Brown, Emmett Dougherty, Judy McClanahan, Les Wright, and Gordon Newland.

WHITEWATER CANOE SCHOOL - May 29 & June 1&2, 1985 J.T. Dougherty

Fifteen adventuresome people attended the evening session which consisted of equipment, safety, river intelligence, and films. Thirteen of these newcomers dared to brave paddling the lower Nolichucky River on Saturday and Sunday. Showing remarkable improvement in their skills by Sunday afternoon were Howard Cherry, Tom Dosser, Paul and Phil Gillenwater, Rodney Gray, Wayne Lemmon, Judy McClanahan, Dana and Stewart Reid, Royal Speers and Bob, Bobby, and Steve Taylor. Terry Dougherty, assisted by Teresa Dougherty, Warren McLain, Rick Phelps, and Gordon Porter, conducted the sessions.

NANTAHALA RIVER CANOE TRIP - June 8 & 9, 1985 Earl Brown

Although only three paddlers journeyed to Wesser, N.C. to canoe the Nantahala River, a good time was had by all. Lesser Wesser presented its normal challenge, but that did not compare with the problems of keeping up with car keys and wallets, and raising Warren McLain's two story, two room tent. Beside Warren, also attending were Raymond and Earl Brown.

DEVIL FORK GAP TO ALLEN GAP BACKPACK Steve Banks

Due to the fact that a very small number of people pre-registered for the hike, it was decided to postpone it until later in the year.

OBEY CREEK CAVE HIKE - June 16, 1985 Greg Kramer

The purpose of this trip was to check out some leads in the cave. On a previous trip some unexplored cave was found. This trip was to finish checking the leads out. As it usually turns out, what was found on the last trip was the extent of the new passage. This trip confirmed that all going leads were dead ends. Trip participants were Greg Kramer, Linda Moses and Mary Thomas.

NOLICHUCKY GORGE CANOE TRIP - June 22, 1985 Paul Folk

The river was running approximately 600 cfs and the weather and water temperature were superb. Five solo canoeist and a four man raft survived the trip. The highlight of the trip was probably Earl Brown's demonstration of a canoe roll.

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