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Dec 9	Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness	M	T. Malone

HIKING

IN THE PATH OF THE GRIZZLY - SLIDE PRESENTATION

(Scheduled: Tues, 7 Nov 95)

Leader: Ted Cross

Rating: FUN

A slide presentation entitled "In The Path Of The Grizzly" will be presented by Ted Cross at Mahoneys Outfitters Nov 7th at 8 PM. This show covers a recent backpacking trip into the remote backcountry of the Canadian Rockies where the grizzly reigns as king. Alpine meadows decked out in fall colors, glacier clad mountains and a host of alpine residents such as elk, bighorns and even porcupines all combine to make this adventure, which ends up in British Columbia, a real wilderness experience.

1995 TEHCC FALL DINNER MEETING

(Scheduled: Sat, 11 Nov 95)

Leader: Garry Luttrell

Rating: FUN

The 1995 Fall Dinner Meeting will be held at the Eastman Recreation Area Cabin on Saturday, November 11, 1995.

Phyllis Cairnes will present a slide program relating her June 1994 walk across England with her husband. Wainwright's, "Coast to Coast Walk", route leads 192 miles from St. Bee's Head on the Irish Sea to Robin Hood's Bay on the North Sea. The 14-day journey passed through three national parks: the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors. Terrain varies from the steep craggy barren mountains of the Lakes which jut sharply skyward from little more than sea level to the green windswept moors and undulating pasture land reminiscent of James Herriott's books. Even the smallest villages offered bed and breakfast accommodations, although even the largest towns had no Laundromat. Overall the walk offered hiking, spectacular natural beauty, a welcome absence of commercialism and the cozy comfort of pub meals and homey accommodations.

Rocky Top Trail Shop will provide the vendor display and door prizes. This company opened their Kingsport Store at 1001 E. Stone Drive in April 1995. The display will be brought by owner and Appalachian Trail Through-Hiker Bruce Douglas.

A social time will begin at 5:45 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. The caterer this year

will be Wright's Country Cousin, and the menu will consist of:
SMOKIES DAYHIKE (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FROM 6 MONTH SCHEDULE)

(Scheduled: Sat, 18 Nov 95)

Leader: Kevin Edgar

Rating: Moderate

The last several years we have enjoyed a dayhike in November in the Smokies. The weather is cool, the leaves are down so the views are good, and there is no danger of being mistaken for Bambi. At this point the intention is to hike in the general area of Cosby in the northeast corner of the park; at this writing many trails in the park are closed due to hurricane damage, so it's hard to be more specific. Weather permitting, we will enjoy a scenic dayhike in one of the most beautiful and diverse national parks in the east. Call the leader early in the week of the 18th for more details, by which time we should know what trails have been cleared.

PADDLING

No trips scheduled.

FOR THE RECORD

BACKPACKING IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

4-14 Sept 95

(G. S. Luttrell reporting)

It just keeps getting better...even after last year's Moose trip. Three of us flew into Calgary, Alberta, then drove to Canmore in a rented van. (Arrival time at motel - 2 AM. We were delayed in Salt Lake City over an hour, due to technical difficulties). But, next day, after a hearty breakfast, we were anxious to get started. After paying the \$32 entrance fee to the Park, we got our stove gas in Banff, and headed up the Icefields Parkway. Along the way we made frequent stops for pictures, even seeing some Bighorn sheep in the woods. We finally arrived at the Ranger Station at the Columbia Icefield, and paid our fees for the first night car camp at Wilcox Pass (\$10 per night) and our planned 5-day backpack - Nigel Pass, Brazeau Lake, Jonas Shoulder Pass, Jonas Pass, then back across Nigel Pass (\$5 per person per night). We set up our tents, then dayhiked to Wilcox Pass the first afternoon. The good part - we saw a herd of Bighorn sheep, got real close to them, and got lots of great pictures. The bad part - it started raining, got windy, and when we returned to the camp, we found that rain had gotten into Arvell's tent and his and my sleeping bags were wet, and remained damp for several days.

Next morning, it was still raining, and it looked like the start of a dismal trip, spirits were low. After breakfast, we had to decide whether or not to delay our 5-day backpack trip, since the forecast indicated rain continuing throughout the day. But, then the rain got into the mode of off then on. We figured the weather forecasters here in the Rocky Mountains probably couldn't do any better than East Tennessee forecasters, with all the variables, so we decided to proceed as planned. Good move - after that first day we had warm, sunny days, and freezing nights for the rest of our trip. We camped at Four Point Campsite, Brazeau Lake, Jonas Shoulder, Boulder Creek, then out. Arvell had trouble getting the straps adjusted for his Dana pack with the heavy load, so he decided to return to Brazeau River Campsite then meet Ted and me at Boulder Creek, thus avoiding three rigorous pass ascents, and the 14 mile return hike to Boulder Creek. We saw evidence of Grizzly - scat in the trail and areas where they dug for ground squirrels. And, we had a fat porcupine visit us at Jonas campsite. This Jonas Pass loop was described as the most scenic backpack trip in Jasper National Park, and I couldn't dispute that. Then, we drove into the town of Jasper, tried to get a motel room, but there were lots of no-vacancy signs, except for the high-priced suites. As we were looking for a room, we saw a bull elk and several cows wandering around in the woods near Jasper.....more pictures. So, we checked into a private campground, showered, and got a little R & R time by feasting on pizza, some kind of squid appetizer, beverage of choice, and later, ice cream.

Next day, we drove into British Columbia to begin a three day backpack trip to Mt. Robson, the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies. This involved a climb of 2600 feet and 11 mile hike, to a campsite at Berg Lake, after passing by Kinney Lake, Valley of

1000 falls, White Falls, Emperor Falls, and Mt. Robson Glacier. At the campsite Ted said he heard thunder, so we thought about the dismal possibility of rain again and not being able to see and photograph the beautiful peak of Mt. Robson. We were told that the peak had been hidden in clouds most of the summer. But, as fate would have it, the thunder sound was actually the sound of massive chunks of ice breaking away from the glaciers. We spent the next day hiking from our base camp, taking many pictures, visiting another glacier and ice field on the far end of Berg Lake, and relaxing on the porch of the campsite's cabin building all afternoon photographing the changing views of Berg Lake and snow covered Mt. Robson. This log cabin was totally enclosed, and contained a wood burning stove and picnic tables...real nice, and hard to leave. Late in the afternoon, the clouds completely disappeared from the peak (it makes it's own clouds), and we were able to take some outstanding pictures. During this three day trip, we met many Asian, German, English, and other foreign hikers; in fact, the foreign hikers far outnumbered the American hikers.

The last day, we hiked out the same way we hiked in, showered in the campground, and spent the rest of the day driving back down the Icefield Parkway to Banff, then on to Calgary to a motel. Three of us took 37 rolls of pictures, so be careful when asking one of us to see pictures, it may take a while. The three with regrets for having to end such a trip - Ted Cross, Dr. Arvell Luttrell, and Garry Luttrell.

WATAUGA DAM ROAD

30 Sept 95

(Cris Moorehouse Reporting)

After meeting we decided to reverse the original order of the hike. We dropped a car off at U.S. 321 and drove to Watauga Dam Road to begin our hike. It was a beautiful day for hiking and we appreciated all the hard work that went into the relocation at the start of our hike. The trail was in good shape except for a couple of blow downs we could step across. Our only misadventure of the day were two Copperheads we saw just before we reached U.S. 321. One was about 3 to 5 inches in diameter, curled just beside the trail, while the other was about 2 feet long hiding under a rock and eager to get out of our way. Joining Theona and I for the hike were Paula Bullick, Becky Floyd, Tessa Simons, and Mary Jane Mattern.

ROGERS RIDGE

7 Oct 95

(Joe DeLoach reporting)

We had not only beautiful scenery but also beautiful weather for the Rogers Ridge hike on October 7. The only problem was that the lower part of the trail had been rerouted and there was no indication of this at the trailhead. While the book that describes this hike (Wilderness Trails of the Cherokee National Forest) says that the trail begins at the back of the parking area, the new trail leaves on the left side. The reroute only crosses the creek once, on a foot log, while the old trail fords the creek three times (although it is only one creek - all I said was that we had to cross the creek!). Also, it climbs the ridge much more gently. After we got through that stretch, we had smooth sailing on up the ridge onto the balds near the top. Views were great, with some distant haze that backpackers A. and G. Luttrell reported to clear in the evening. No one else was hiking the trail although we did see some hunters who had driven up the ridge; much of this hike is on old roads. However, it is a great hike that any avid area hiker ought to do. Hikers on this trip included Joe DeLoach, Emmett Dougherty, Arvell Luttrell, Garry Luttrell, Taylor Pickard, Frank Williams, Wade Willen, and Steve Woody.

RODGERS RIDGE, PART 2, BACKPACK

7-8 Oct 95

(G. S. Luttrell reporting)

Joe DeLoach led a dayhike to Rogers Ridge on October 7, but Dr. Arvell Luttrell and I wanted to go on a backpack trip this weekend. Arvell had never been to Rogers Ridge and wanted to go there too, so we decided to tag along following the day hikers and do both. We set up camp on Forest Service land just across from the not-used cabin on top of Glenn Bald, elevation 4980'. We relaxed all afternoon, listening to the UT - Arkansas football game, enjoying the splendid view, and taking a picture now and then. We experienced a gorgeous sunset, and finally the sun disappeared behind Eastman in the distance. On Sunday, we again had splendid views this time with the fog hanging in the valleys. We again relaxed all morning, visited the

Tricorner site, and finally hiked off the mountain after lunch. Our intent was to do a loop by hiking back through Haw Gap and Cut Laurel Gap, but locked gates and plenty of No-trespassing signs forced us to return via Rogers Ridge.

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