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| January 13 | Laurel Fork Falls | E | Kent Wilson | 423-239-7554 |
| January 20-21 | Winter Backpack, Mt. Rogers | M | Garry Luttrell | 423-239-9854 |
| January 20 | Third Saturday Maintenance | B | Bill Stowell | 423-239-7697 |
| January 27 | A.T., Va. 603 to Stone Mountain | M | Mary Ellen Ress | 423-349-6536 |
| February 3 | White Rocks Mountain, Coon Den Falls | M | Neil Dotson | 423-245-6105 |
| February 10 | A.T. - Tanyard Gap to Hot Springs | M | Nancy Wilson | 423-239-7554 |
| February 17 | South Beyond 6000 Hike | D | Garry Luttrell | 423-239-9854 |

33rd Biennial Appalachian Trail Conference
Preserving Nature's Heritage
July 13-20, 2001 at Shippensburg University, Pennsylvania
The rhododendrons may still be in bloom during the 33rd Biennial Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference, July 13 to 20 at Shippensburg University, Pa. Located southwest of Harrisburg, the campus is nestled in the Cumberland Valley overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. White tailed deer will be in view as you hike along the Appalachian Trail, Tuscarora, and Holly Preserve Wetland Trails, and trails in Pine Grove Furnace, Big Spring State Park, Cowans Gap State Park, Letort Spring and Gettysburg. These are just a few of the fabulous places we will be hiking during the week. If hiking doesn't beckon you, we'd like to introduce you to rock climbing, astronomy, bird identification, Amish culture, stretching & massage for hikers and backpackers, orienteering, tools for trail work, ice climbing, butterfly identification, building a handicap trail and advanced cable rigging. There is also a Workshop on the straight poop about composting. Take a day and stroll through historic Boiling Springs, Chambersburg, Ephrata Cloister, Old Bedford Village. Think what it must have been like to be a coal miner deep inside the bowels of the earth. Like the Indians before us, canoe the Susquehanna River, or munch on chocolate in Hershey.
Enhancing the conference will be the keynote speaker, Edwin Bernbaum, environmentalist and an authority on mountain preservation. He is a renowned mountaineer, author, and lecturer. From the Himalayas to the S...
Nevada, people around the world look up to mountains as sources of renewal, wisdom, creativity and vision. As a member of the World Commission on Protected Areas of the World Conservation Union, Bernbaum is currently developing environmental programs that take into account the cultural significance of mountains. Volunteers from A.T. maintaining clubs have been working since last year to present hikes, excursions and workshops in a nature filled environment surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Appalachian Mountains. Check out the A.T. Website for more information, or request a Registration Package from , or call 717 258 5261.

Wilderness Wildlife Week

Here’s the schedule for the Wilderness Wildlife Week. All events occur or originate at the Heartlander Resort Hotel, located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, on the left, just before the Water Park. All events are free.
Programs, Hikes and Field Trips

Saturday, January 6
Opening Night Festivities
Heartlander Country Star Resort
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  Reception, Sunday & Monday Hike Sign-ups
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  Special Guest: City Officials
Ken Jenkins, State of the Wilderness Address
8:30 - 9:30 p.m.  "The Voice of the Smokies" with Ken Voorhis and Jeanie Hiltz
*Asterisks denote those activities that are designed for children or that may be of particular interest to children.* All schedules are subject to change.

Sunday, January 7
Lectures and Slide Presentations
Heartlander Country Star Resort
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Creating a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife - Steve Garr
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  How-To-Do A Wildlife Habitat Plan For Your Property - Thomas Patrick & Dr. James F. Harwell
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.  Blue Birds - Not Just For the Country - Steve Garr
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  *Birds of Prey: Form & Function - Michael Jones, DVM
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.  Attracting & Caring for Purple Martins - Steve Garr
5:45 - 6:45 p.m.  "Off The Edge": Photographs from the Blue Ridge Parkway - Nick Lanier
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  *Music In The Smokies - Bob Fulcher
8:15 - 9:15 p.m.  *The Earth Is Sacred - Slide Presentation - Ken Jenkins

Hikes
6:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Cove Mountain - Moderate to Strenuous - 12.5 miles - David Morris
7:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Copeland Creek - Moderate - 6 miles - Frank Carter
8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Porters Creek - Easy - 5 miles - Joel & Kathy Zachary
8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Little Greenbrier/Laurel Falls - Moderate to Strenuous - 7.4 miles - Norman Kallemeyn
11:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Bud Ogle/Twin Creek - Easy - 3.6 miles - Wilma Durpo

Field Trips
9:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Enjoying Wild Plants In Winter - Easy - 1 mile - carpool - Bob Fulcher
11:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Ride The Rails - Bus Tour - Bill Hooks
6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Owl Prowl - Easy - To Be Announced
6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Owl Prowl - Easy - Arthur McDade

Monday, January 8
Lectures and Slide Presentations
Heartlander Country Star Resort
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Bird Baths, Drippers & Misters - Steve Garr
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  Hiking With Llamas - Lecture - Dr. Laura Hiltz
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  Bob & Cathy McIntyre
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.  Stories from his book Lost - Dwight McCarron
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  Pioneer Days - Glenn Cardwell
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  Black Bears In the Smokies - Frank Van Name
8:15 - 9:15 p.m.  State of the Park Address - Bob Miller

Workshops, Lectures and Slide Presentations
Music Road Hotel Convention Center
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Introduction to Common Wild Edible Foods - Erik & Vesna Plakanis
9:00 - Noon  Photography Workshop - Don McGowan, Jim Thurston, and Chuck Summers
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  "Unusual Poisonous Plants & Animals of the Smokies" - Dr. Lon Linder
11:15 - 12:15 p.m.  "Rock Talk" for Kids - Robert Whittemore
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  *Mushrooms - Gabrielle Ziegler
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  *Leave No Trace - Babette Collavo
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.  *Wild Eatin's - Slide Presentation - Bill Hood
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  *Beans, Boars, Wolves & More - Joel & Kathy Zachary
7:00 - 9:15 p.m.  "Reading Between the Lines": Hike Book Ward Charles Maynard & David Morris

Hikes
7:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Old Settlers #1 - Easy to Moderate - 6 miles - Lewis & Mike Povia
7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  A Naturalist's Ramble to White Oak Sinks - Moderate - 6.5 miles - Liz Domingue
8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Greenbrier - Moderate - 7 miles - Alanson
8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  West Prong Trail - Moderate - 3.9 miles - Don & Linda Toeber
8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Old Greenbrier - Moderate - 4 miles - John & Sandy
10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  William & Susan Morrow
10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Walker Sisteen Cabin - Moderate - 4.2 miles - Arthur McDade

Field Trips
6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Owl Prowl - Easy - Arthur McDade
6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Owl Prowl - Easy - Lenore Collyer
**Tuesday, January 9**

Lectures and Slide Presentations
Heartlander Country Star Resort

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<td>9:00 - 10:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Cades Cove: 2000 and Beyond - Steven McCoy</td>
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<td>Preserving Wild Areas for Common East - Lyne McCay &amp; Phylis Rolins</td>
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<td>11:30 - 12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Appalachian Spring - Slide Presentation - Bill Hooks</td>
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<td>Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel, Flame Azalea - Tom Harrington</td>
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<td>The Joy of Butterflying - Lecture/Slide Presentation - Don Holt</td>
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<td>4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Mushrooms - Gabrielle Zieger</td>
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<td>5:45 - 6:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Wildflowers of the Smokies - Slide Presentation - Jerry Brown</td>
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<td>7:15 - 8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Natural Archs of the Big South Fork National River &amp; Recreation Area - Arthur McDade</td>
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<td>8:15 - 9:15 p.m.</td>
<td>America The Beautiful – Slide Presentation - Mack Pritchard</td>
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<td>Fly Fishing The Smokies Workshop - Greg Ward</td>
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<td>Fly Casting for Beginners - Greg Ward</td>
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<td>Wild Turkey In Tennessee - Jack Murray</td>
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<td>Air Quality Issues in Great Smoky Mountains - Jim Rentro</td>
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<td>3:15 - 4:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Deer Management In Tennessee - John Mike</td>
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<td>4:30 - 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Wild Hog Control in the Smokies - Rick Vernon</td>
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<td>Mt. Cammerer - Moderate to Strenuous - carpool - 11.2 miles - Charles Maynard</td>
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<td>Old Settlers Trail #3 - Easy to Moderate - 6 miles - Lee Lewis &amp; Mike Povia</td>
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<td>Albright Grove - Moderate to Strenuous - 7 miles - Ken Voorhis</td>
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<td>Lead Cove/Bot Mt. - Moderate to Strenuous - 10.5 miles - Don McGowan</td>
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<td>Courthouse Rock - Moderate - 3 miles - Dwight McCarter</td>
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<td>Old Elkmont Pictoral Walk - Easy - 1/2 mile - Glenn Cardwell</td>
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<td>Alum Cave Bluffs - Easy to Moderate - 5 miles - Liz Domingue</td>
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<td>Old Settlers Trail - Easy - 2 miles - Erik &amp; Vesna Plakakis</td>
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<td>Nature Tracking at Tremont - Easy - Wanda DeWaard</td>
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<td>Owl Prowl - Easy - Ken Jenkins</td>
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**Wednesday, January 10**

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<td>The South Bend Campaign - Randy Brown</td>
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<td>Fall Creek Falls State Park &amp; the Wonderful Cumberland - Stuart Carroll</td>
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<td>11:30 - 12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Appalachian Storytelling - Faye Wooden</td>
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<td>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>The Return of Elk to the Smokies - Kim Delacato</td>
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<td>2:45 - 3:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Giving Black Bears A Second Chance - Daryl Ratajczak</td>
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<td>4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Obel Wild &amp; Scenic River and the Big South Fork - Arthur McDade</td>
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<td>6:00 - 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>“Hard Times and Happy Days: Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) In Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 1933-1942” - Harley Jolley</td>
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<td>7:15 - 9:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Plane Crashes In Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Slide Presentation - 56 plane crashes: 1916 to 1999 - Dwight McCarter</td>
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<td>Fly Tying - Greg Ward</td>
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<td>11:30 - 12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>“Back of Beyond”: Life &amp; Times of Horace Kephart In The Smokies - Arthur McDade</td>
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<td>1:00 - 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Advanced Fly Casting - Greg Ward</td>
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<td>3:15 - 4:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Brook Trout Restoration: Past, Present &amp; Future - Steve Moore</td>
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<td>4:30 - 5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Educational Tour of Fisheries - Matt Kulp</td>
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<td>5:45 - 6:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Fabulous Fungi: An Introduction to Wild Edible Mushrooms - Erik &amp; Vesna Plakakis</td>
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**Hikes**

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<td>White Oak Sink - Easy to Moderate - 4 miles - Frank Carter</td>
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<td>7:45 a.m. - Noon</td>
<td>Elkmont: Town Without Elk - Easy - Bill Holliday</td>
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<td>8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Injun Creek Trail - Moderate to Strenuous - 5.5 miles - Bill Burr</td>
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<td>Cades Cove Bus Tour - Bob Groat</td>
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<td>Owl Prowl - Easy - Arthur McDade</td>
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<td>Owl Prowl - Easy - Charles Maynard</td>
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**Thursday, January 11**

**Lectures and Slide Presentations**
Heartlander Country Star Resort

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Ole Smokey Staff Stories - Joe Kelley

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  
Green Power - Alternate Fuel Supplies - Allen Robinson

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.  
*Some Snakes I'd Like To See* - Joe Taff

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
*America the Beautiful: A Visual Symphony* - Chuck Summers

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.  
Impact of Exotic Plants in the Smokies - Kristine Johnson

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.  
Experience Four Seasons in the Back Country of the Smokies - Slide Presentation - Tom Harrington

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
*Indian Petroglyphs In Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Slide Presentation - Dwight McCarter

8:30 - 9:15 p.m.  
*Stories, Myths and Legends of the Cherokee People* - Lloyd Arneck

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11:15 - 12:15 p.m.  
Look & See: Ways of Seeing Plants - Alan Heilman

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Wild Turkey Management in TN - Allen Ricks

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Old Ranger Skills: Map & Compass - Joe Kelley

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
*Appalachian Storytelling for Kids - Faye Wooden

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Fresh Water Mussels - Steve Abstredt

8:15 - 9:15 p.m.  
*Things You Don't Know About Predators* - Dr. Marcella Canford

**Hikes**

7:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Old Setlers Trail #4 - Easy to Moderate - 6 miles - Lee Lewis & Mike Povia

7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Ramsey Cascade - Strenuous - 8 miles - Allyson Hughes

7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Llama Trek/Sugarlands - Easy to Moderate - 7 miles - Dr. Laura Higgiss, Bob & Cathy McIntyre

8:45 a.m. - Noon  
Injun Creek - Easy - 2 miles - Glenn Cardwell

11:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Little Greenbrier - Moderate - 4.2 miles - Wilma Durpo

**Field Trips**

6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Owl Prowl - Easy - Arthur McDade

6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Owl Prowl - Easy - Lenore Collyer

**Friday, January 12**

**Lectures and Slide Presentations**
Heartlander Country Star Resort

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
Grey Wolf: Myth & Reality - David Taylor

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  
Highlights of Wildlife Shoots from the Heartland Series - Douglas Mills

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.  
Wildflowers of Tennessee - Slide Presentation - Jack Carman

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Songbirds - Bob & Martha Sargent

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.  
Nature Photography in the Southern Appalachians - Kendall Chiles

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
“Smokey Mountain Birds” - Slide Presentation - Dr. Fred Alspop, III

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.  
Appalachian Ballads & Songs - Ted Olson

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Southern Highlands: “Three Crown Jewels” - Chuck Summers

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9:00 - Noon  
Orienteering - Map & Compass - Terry Edgington

*Nature Games for kids* - Brad Jones

*“Parks As Classroom” for kids - Mike Maline

Project Wild Workshop - Part 1 - Allen Ricks

2:15 - 3:00 p.m.  
*Myths and Legends of the Cherokee* - Storyteller Lloyd Arneck

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.  
*White Water Safety* - Arthur McDade

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Wonders of Nature - Slide Presentation - Brad Jones

**Hikes**

7:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Old Sugarlands Trail - Moderate - 5 miles - Bill Burr

7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Brushy Mt./Cherokee - Strenuous - 12 miles - Tom Harrington

7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Spencer/Russell Fields - Moderate to Strenuous - 12.3 miles - Marty Silver

8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Alum Cave Bluffs - Moderate to Strenuous - 5 miles - Erik & Vesna Plakanski

9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Albright Grove - Moderate to Strenuous - 7 miles - Charles Maynard

10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Elijah Oliver/Cades Cove - Easy - 2 miles - Anna-Catherine Super
Saturday, January 13

Lectures and Slide Presentations
Heartlander Country Star Resort

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  *Understanding the Black Bear - Bill Lea
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  *Jungle John's Silly Safari Show
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.  *Hummingbirds - Bob & Martha Sargent
12:45 - 1:45 p.m.  Untold Heartland Tales - Bill Landry
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Our Search For The Past - Panel Discussion -
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.  From the Isles to Appalachia Musical Presentation -
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  *Rehabilitation of Birds of Prey - Katie Cottrell &
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  Rise Up On Wings Of Eagles - Bob Hatcher
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  *Bird of Prey - National Foundation To Protect
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  *Myths & Legends of the Cherokee Indiors Thru 16
                   years of The Heartland Series - Bill Landry

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9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Project Wet Workshop - Lauina Lyle & Heidi Semrau
9:00 - Noon  Project Wild Workshop - Part 2 - Alan Ricks
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  *Nature Games for kids - Brad Jones
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  Nature Photography Workshop - Kendall Chiles,
                   Tom & Pat Cory and Harold Stinnette

Hikes
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.  Llama Trek/Finley Cove - Moderate - 7.1 miles -
                       Dr. Laura Higgins, Bob & Cathy McIntyre
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.  Chestnut Top/Schoolhouse Gap - Moderate - 6.5 miles -
                       Joel & Kathy Zachry
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.  Hen Wallow Falls - Easy to Moderate - 4 miles -
                        David Morris

Field Trips
6:00 a.m. - Noon  In Search of the Sunrise Photo Shoot - carpool -
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.  Birding for Everyone - Dr. Fred Alop III
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  *Birding for Beginners - Dr. Fred Alop III

Sunday, January 14

Lectures and Slide Presentations
Heartlander Country Star Resort

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Medicinal & Edible Uses
                   of Native Plants from Middle TN to the Smokies -
                   LinnAnn Welch
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.  Geologic Formations in the Smokies - Harry Moore
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.  Seasons of the Smokies - Slide Presentation -
                       Tom & Pat Cory
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Black Bears from Great Smoky Mountains to
                   Big South Fork - Arthur McDade
9:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Project Wet - Lauina Lyle & Heidi Semrau -
                  Music Road Hotel

11th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week
Pigeon Forge, TN
January 6 - 14, 2001

For more information call (865) 429-7350
Canoeing News
Hmmm, no news. Don't worry, fellas, the ice will melt.

Special Activity and Trip Reports

Hike Report - Guest River Gorge, Dec. 2
Collins Chew reporting
We had a lovely, cool day to walk the almost level, old railroad grade from near Coeburn, Va. to the Clinch River, 5.8 miles each way. With the leaves off the trees, we had great views of the cascades and rocky stream bed of the Guest River as well as of the vertical to overhanging cliffs that line the gorge. Hikers were: Lee Neely, Kim Peters, Pat Whitfield, Nancy Wilson, and Collins Chew.
Hike Distance: 11.6 miles
Drive distance: 120 miles
Time away from Kingsport: 7 1/2 hours

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities

11th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week, January 6-14, 2001
G. S. Luttrell, 423-239-9854
The Heartlander Country Star Resort in Pigeon Forge will again be the headquarters for the week of free programs, hikes, workshops, and field trips. For more information, call 1-800-WINTERFEST.

Hike Notice - Laurel Fork Falls - January 13, 2001
Leader: Kent Wilson
Distance: 3 to 5 miles
Come join us for a New Year's hike to these beautiful falls. Hopefully, the falls will be partially frozen. We will meet in Colonial Heights at the parking lot between McDonald's and the State of Franklin Bank at 8:00 AM. We will decide at that time which route we will hike (either from U.S. 321 at Hampton or from Dennis Cove). For information contact Kent Wilson (423)239-7554.

Winter Backpack, Mt. Rogers - January 20 - 21, 2001
Leader: G. S. Luttrell, 423-239-9854
Rating: Moderate
We'll hike 3 miles from Massie Gap to Thomas Knob Shelter and camp. Then, next day, we'll hike 4 miles to Elk Garden / Highway 600. Equipment for wintry conditions on exposed ridges at 5,000 ft. elevations required. For more information, call the hike leader, or email

Leader: Mary Ann Ress
Distance: 10.2 miles
We'll leave from Colonial Heights at the regular place (next to the defunct Burger King) at 8:00 a.m. The hike leaves from the trailhead at Va. 603 (3,480 feet) and passes Old Orchard Shelter in 1.7 miles. We will reach the crest of Pine Mountain (5,000 feet) at 3.4 miles and then pass the Scales at 4.8 miles. The level crest of Stone Mountain is at 4,800 feet and has some good views if we're lucky. We'll return by the same route, so if anyone doesn't want to hike the whole distance, you can turn around early. If we are slowed by snow, the
leader may not go all the way to Stone Mountain either! Bring water, lunch, and wear warm clothes in layers. If there is any question about the weather, call the leader Mary Ellen Ress at 349-6536, but I plan to go if we get there (I don't have 4 wheel drive!).

Hike Notice - Coon Den Falls - February 3, 2001

Leader: Neil Dotson
Distance: 6 miles

Let's try this again. Three years ago, (just after the flood) I tried to lead this hike but it turned into a damp and cold trail maintenance excursion, battling fallen trees and rhododendrons heavy with wet snow. Perhaps it will be different this time! This hike is out of Dennis Cove and is around 6 miles long: a partial loop on the A.T. new and old. For some midwinter vistas, we will hike southwards on the A.T. to the White Rocks Mountain tower site (there is one nice view en route), and then come back via Coon Den Falls. Be warmly dressed and bring food and water. Current plans are to meet in Colonial Heights between McDonalds and the building formerly known as Burger King at 8:00 a.m., the standard departure time and place. Keep an eye on the weather; inclement weather or hazardous roads may be cause for postponement, cancellation, or a call to bring saws and do the trail maintenance thing one more time! For more information, call your hike leader, Neil Dotson, at 423-245-6105.

Mt. Elbert, Leadville, Colorado, August/Sept 2001

Leader: Collins Chew

Several have asked me to repeat a trip like the Mt. Whitney, California trip of 1990. This trip will include day hiking to acclimate to altitude around Leadville, Colorado (10,160 ft., highest city in the US) and hike up near Mt. Elbert (14,433 feet, highest in Colorado, 2nd highest in the lower 48). This would take about 4 or 5 days in Leadville (motel or San Isabel NF campground) with day hikes in the spectacular high country interspersed with other local sights/activities such as a scenic railroad, mining museums (home of "The Majestic Mine" of Baby Doe fame), an underground mine tour, shopping in nearby Aspen and Vail, and high, scenic road passes. In other words, this should even be attractive to non-hiking spouses although too late in the year for school children. The timing is to miss the crowds, let the snowfields melt, hopefully miss most of the summer thunderstorms but be too early for hard snow. We will pick the exact time later. Mt. Elbert has several trails of about 6 miles one way with a 4,000+ foot climb. It would be a day hike. Mt. Massive, next highest in the country and 12 feet lower, is just across the road and with a somewhat longer and more difficult trail. I plan a loosely organized trip with people doing their own thing but having enough for mutual support, particularly on high trails. The trip could be a part of a longer Western vacation. If interested, contact Collins Chew at 423/239-6237 or .

A.T. Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports

Monday, November 27, 2000 - Section 9 (U.S. 321 to Hampton Trailhead) - Trail Maintenance

Frank Williams reporting
Number of people: 2 (John Thompson, Frank Williams)
Total person hours: 2 X 7 = 14

John Thompson and Frank Williams worked on the trail from U.S. 321 to Pond Flats. We removed two minor blow downs and did some clipping. The trail is in good shape, but does need widening in a few places. We met three south bounders. Doc Martins and Straight A had started at Bear Mountain. Hill Topper started at Harpers Ferry and hiked north then returned to Harpers Ferry and hiked south.

Tuesday, December 5, 2000 - Section 5 (Dennis Cove Road to Bitter End) - Flag Relocations
Ed Oliver reporting
Number of people: 5 (Ed Oliver, Frank Williams, David Gibson, Ben Lawhon, Morgan Sommerville)
Total person-hours: $5 \times 9 = 45$
Ed Oliver, Frank Williams, David Gibson, Ben Lawhon, Morgan Sommerville met at Bitter End and flagged relocations going trail north for about 1.5 miles.

December 7 and 8, 2000 - Cutting and Peeling Locust Logs
David Gibson reporting
Total person hours: $1 \times 6 \text{ hours} = 6 \text{ hours}$
6 hours and 4 minutes were spent on Dec 7-8 cutting the tree and stripping the bark off the locust logs. The 4 minutes is for travel time to and from my back yard.

Saturday, December 9, 2000 - Section 14 (Hump Mountain to Carvers Gap) - Install Water Bars on Round Bald
Bill Stowell reporting
Number of people: 9 (Kim Peters, Ed Oliver, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, David Gibson, Ron Davidson, Joe DeLoach (5 hours), Craig DeLoach (5 hours), and Bill Stowell)
Total person-hours: $7 \times 8 + 2 \times 5 = 66$
Due to the holidays, we had third Saturday on second Saturday. Kim Peters, Ed Oliver, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, David Gibson, Ron Davidson, Joe DeLoach, Craig DeLoach, and Bill Stowell met at Carvers Gap to install log waterbars on the section of trail that was dug up this summer but did not get gravel installed on it. We tried to discourage hikers from using this section with some blockage at each end. Also we went up to Cloudland to carry in some locust steps for later construction on David Gibson's section. The logs were hidden until spring when the ground thaws. I would like to welcome Ron Davidson who has just joined the club, and this was his first maintenance trip with us.