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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
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		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 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 F Grove Furnace, Big Spring State Park, Cowans Gap State Park, Letort Spring and Gettysburg. These are 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 and advanced cable rigging. There is also a Workshop on the straight poop about composting. Take a car and stroll through historic Boiling Springs, Chambersburg, Ephrata Cloister, Old Bedford Village. Think you 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 717 253-5261.

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 Guests: City Officials
 Ken Jenkins, State of the Wilderness Address
 "The Voice of the Smokies" with Ken Voorhis and
 Jeanie Hilten
 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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 Zachry
 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 Hill
 Bob & Cathy McIntyre
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. • Stories from his book Lost - Dwight McCarr
 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. • Pioneer Days - Glenn Cardwell
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Black Bears In The Smokies - Frank Van M
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. State of the Park Address - Bob Miller
 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. Nesting With Eagles - Slide Presentation - Ken J

Workshops, Lectures and Slide Presentations

Music Road Hotel Convention Center

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Introduction to Common Wild Edible Food
 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. Don Linzey
 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. *"Rock Talk" for Kids - Robert Whittemore
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. *Mushrooms - Gabrielle Zieger
 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. *Leave No Trace - Babette Collavo
 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. *Wild Eatins - Slide Presentation - Bill Hoo
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. *Bears, Boars, Wolves & More - Joel & Kathy Z
 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. • "Reading Between the Lines": Hike Book W
 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. Grotto Falls - Moderate - 7 miles - Allyson
 8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Old Greenbrier - Moderate - 4 miles - John
 9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. West Prong Trail - Moderate - 3.9 miles - D
 William & Susan Morrow
 10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Walker Sisters 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

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Cades Cove: 2000 and Beyond - Steven McCoy
 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Preserving Wild Areas for Common East
 Tennessee Wildlife - Lynne McCoy & Phylis Rollins
- 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. • Appalachian Spring - Slide Presentation - Bill Hooks
 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel, Flame Azalea -
 Slide Presentation - Tom Harrington
 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. The Joy of Butterflying - Lecture/Slide
 Presentation - Don Holt
 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Mushrooms - Gabrielle Zieger
 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. • Wildflowers of the Smokies - Slide Presentation -
 Jerry Drown
 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. • Natural Arches of the Big South Fork National
 River & Recreation Area - Arthur McDade
 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. • America The Beautiful - Slide Presentation -
 Mack Prichard

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Music Road Hotel Convention Center

- 10:15 - 12:15 p.m. Fly Fishing The Smokies Workshop - Greg Ward
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Fly Casting for Beginners - Greg Ward
 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Wild Turkey In Tennessee - Jack Murrey
 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Air Quality Issues in Great Smoky Mountains
 National Park - Jim Renfro
 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Deer Management In Tennessee - John Mike
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Wild Hog Control in the Smokies - Rick Varner

Hikes

- 7:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Mt. Cammerer - Moderate to Strenuous - carpool
 - 11.2 miles - Charles Maynard
 7:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Old Settlers Trail #2 - Easy to Moderate - 6 miles -
 Lee Lewis & Mike Povia
 7:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Albright Grove - Moderate to Strenuous - 7 miles
 - Ken Voorhis
 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lead Cove/Bote Mt. - Moderate to Strenuous -
 10.5 miles - Don McGowan
 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • Courthouse Rock - Moderate - 3 miles -
 Dwight McCarter
 9:45 a.m. - Noon Old Elkmont Pictorial Walk - Easy - 1/2 mile -
 Glenn Cardwell
 10:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Alum Cave Bluffs - Easy to Moderate - 5 miles -
 Liz Domingue
 11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Old Settlers Trail - Easy - 2 miles - Erik & Vesna
 Plakanis Learn about natural foods & medicines
 while exploring an old homestead site on a forgotten
 wagon trail.

Field Trips

- 10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Nature Tracking at Tremont - Easy - Wanda DeWaard
 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Owl Prowl - To Be Announced
 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Owl Prowl - Easy - Ken Jenkins

Wednesday, January 10

Lectures and Slide Presentations Heartlander Country Star Resort

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. The South Bend Campaign - Randy Brown
 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Fall Creek Falls State Park & the Wonderful
 Cumberlands - Stuart Carroll
 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. • Appalachian Storytelling - Faye Wooden
 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. The Return of Elk to the Smokies - Kim Del
 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Giving Black Bears A Second Chance -
 Daryl Ratajczak
 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Obed Wild & Scenic River and the Big South
 Fork - Arthur McDade
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. • "Hard Times and Happy Days: Civilian
 Conservation Corps (CCC) In Great Smoky
 Mountains National Park, 1933-1942" -
 Harley Jolley
 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. • Plane Crashes In Great Smoky Mountains
 National Park - Slide Presentation - 56 plane
 crashes: 1916 to 1999 - Dwight McCarter

Workshops, Lectures and Slide Presentations

Music Road Hotel Convention Center

- 10:00 - Noon Fly Tying - Greg Ward
 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. • "Back of Beyond": Life & Times of Horace
 Kephart In The Smokies - Arthur McDade
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Advanced Fly Casting - Greg Ward
 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Brook Trout Restoration: Past, Present & Fut
 Steve Moore
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Educational Tour of Fisheries - Matt Kulp
 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Fabulous Fungi - An Introduction to Wild Ed
 Mushrooms - Erik & Vesna Plakanis

Hikes

- 7:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Old Settlers Trail #3 - Easy to Moderate - 6 m
 Lee Lewis & Mike Povia
 7:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. White Oak Sinks - Easy to Moderate - 4 mile
 Frank Carter
 7:45 a.m. - Noon Elkmont: Town Without Elk - Easy - Bill Ho
 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Injun Creek Trail - Moderate to Strenuous -
 5.5 miles - Bill Burr

Field Trips

- 9:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cades Cove Bus Tour - Bob Groat
 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Owl Prowl - Easy - Arthur McDade
 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Owl Prowl - Easy - Charles Maynard



Thursday, January 11

Lectures and Slide Presentations

Heartlander Country Star Resort

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Ole Smoky 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 Taft
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 Arneach

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

Hikes

- 7:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Old Settlers 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 Higgins, Bob & Cathy McIntyre
8:45 a.m. - Noon Injun Creek - Easy - 2 miles - Glenn Cardwell
11:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spruce Flats Falls - Easy to Moderate - 3 miles - Dr. William & Susan Morrow
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. "Smoky Mountain Birds" - Slide Presentation - Dr. Fred Alsop, 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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Music Road Hotel Convention Center

- 9:00 - Noon Orienteering - Map & Compass - Terry Edgington
Noon - 1:00 p.m. *Nature Games for kids - Brad Jones
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. *"Parks As Classroom" for kids - Mike Maslow
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Project Wild Workshop - Part I - Allen Ricks
2:15 - 3:00 p.m. • *Myths and Legends of the Cherokee - Storytelling - Lloyd Arneach
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. • Spence/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 Plakanis
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 -
Jerry Wear & Veta King
3:15 - 4:15 p.m. From the Isles to Appalachia Musical Presentation -
Ted Olson
4:30 - 5:15 p.m. *Rehabilitation of Birds of Prey - Katie Cottrell &
Kathy Strunk
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. *Rise Up On Wings Of Eagles - Bob Hatcher
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. • *Birds of Prey - National Foundation To Protect
America's Eagles
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. • *Myths & Legends of the Cherokee Indians Thru 16
years of The Heartland Series - Bill Landry

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- 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Project Wet Workshop - Laurina 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 - 6:15 p.m. • Nature Photography Workshop - Kendall Chiles,
Tom & Pat Cory and Harold Stinnette

Hikes

- 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Llama Trek/Finley Cove - Moderate - 7.1 miles -
Dr. Laura Higgins, Bob & Cathy McIntyre
7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Chestnut Top/Schoolhouse Gap - Moderate - 6.3 miles -
Joel & Kathy Zachry
9:45 a.m. - 4:00 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 -
Doug Mills
7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Birding For Everyone - Dr. Fred Alsop III
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Birding For Beginners - Dr. Fred Alsop III

Sunday, January 14



Lectures and Slide Presentations

Heartland 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 - Laurina Lyle & Heidi Semrau -
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11th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Wee

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

Hike Notice - A.T., Va. 603 to Stone Mountain and return - January 27, 2001

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 trail 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 can 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. between 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 the rescue 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 north to Mt. Elbert (14,433 feet, highest in Colorado, 2nd highest in the lower 48). This would take about 4 or 5 days starting 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 Face Nelson 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, and not be too early for hard snow. We will pick the exact time later. Mt. Elbert has several trails of about 6 miles long 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 to loosely organize the trip with people doing their own thing but having enough for mutual support, particularly on high trails. The trip will 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 more 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 grass installed on it. We tried to discourage hikers from using this section with some blockage at each end. Also 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.