

# THE TENNESSEE EASTMAN

## HIKING & PADDLING NEWS

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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
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Sept 11	New Kiner Hollow between Bays Mtn. and Laurel Run Parks	C/3/C	Vic Hasler	423-239-0388
Sept 11	S900M: Elkmont to Tremont (Smokies)	A/2/C	Garry Luttrell	423-239-9854
Sept 17-24	Backpack/Hike: Mt. Whitney and Death Valley, CA	AA/2/A	Larry Miller	423-239-6535
Oct 15-16	Titanium Chef 2004 Backcountry Cook-Off	Fun	Kristina Dean	865-774-1070
Oct 23-24	Big South Fork: Overnight Hike to Charit Creek Lodge	C/4/C	Steve Falling	423-239-5502

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).

**Multiclub Meet 2004**  
**Camp Wesley Woods; Walland, Tennessee**  
**September 3-6, 2004**

*Submitted by Steve Perri*



The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club is hosting the annual Multiclub Meet in 2004 at Camp Wesley Woods. The weekend consists of hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and surrounding areas, as well as excursions, slide shows and a dance. There will be plenty of time to spend with friends both old and new.

Located about 30 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee, Camp Wesley Woods is a beautiful 710-acre retreat 20 minutes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Streams, cliffs, mountain forest and river frontage provide stimulating settings for outdoor recreation. Many trails diverge in the woods, leading the inquisitive from valley to ridge tops abundant with wildflowers and wildlife. Look around their website at [www.campwesleywoods.com](http://www.campwesleywoods.com) to learn more about Camp Wesley Woods and the outdoor experience that they enjoy offering to you.

There will be accommodations in cabins or in your own tents. Two cabins at Wesley Woods have been reserved with a capacity of 12 people each. Spaces in the cabin rent for \$11 per person per night. Tent camping is available at various sites around the Wesley Woods compound. Tent sites cost \$5/person/night. Meals are served by the camp staff at Tipton Lodge. Wesley Woods does not provide supper on Fridays, but there are several restaurants within easy driving distance. Wesley Woods provides only cold meals on Sundays.

To download a registration form, visit the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club website at [www.smhc.org](http://www.smhc.org). For more information about Multiclub 2004, contact Dianne Gruber or Pete James at 865-977-0807 or .

**Call for Hikes: October  December 2004**



*Submitted by Neil Dotson (Phone: 423-224-0577 (days); e-mail: )*

It is time to get the hiking schedule together for the fourth quarter of the year. Autumn is a great time to hike: cooler temperatures and lower humidity mean clearer air, and expanding views as the leaves drop mean there is more and more to see as the season progresses. (And the snakes are getting a bit sleepier too.) So, to schedule a hike, send me a note or call me, letting me know:

- what hike you'd like to lead (where),
- what day you'd like to lead it (when), and
- the difficulty rating (if this is confusing, I will try to help).

I'd like any responses by Friday, September 10. Calling might be preferable—especially as that date approaches—so that I could tell you what Saturdays are without hikes.

As for where to hike, even for Saturday hikes people have gone to places as far-flung as the Smokies (even the western part of the park), Cumberland Gap, the Mt. Rogers area, Grandfather Mountain, and Linville Gorge—and places as close at hand as Bays Mountain or the Greenbelt. But people also post hikes on the calendar for week-long trips to the Rockies, etc., so if you would like to gather a group for that sort of trip, that can go on the calendar too.

## Opportunities for A.T. Outings During the Week



*Submitted by Carl Fritz*

If you are itching to get outdoors during the week and associate with a diverse group of folks, consider coming out on some A.T. maintenance trips. Almost every week a group goes out to accomplish some tasks along our 130 miles of the A.T. Many who come now are retired or have work schedules that allow them to participate. One hundred miles geographically separate the regular attendees. Often we have students or hikers participating with us. So we have ages from about 20 to 90 of both genders. During peak season we cut blowdowns and weeds. But the majority of our outings are spent building or rehabbing trail or structures like bridges and shelters. Most of the tools are supplied by TEHCC. No previous experience or skills are required. You will learn some new skills and meet people from all over the United States and sometimes the world. If you want to enjoy the fresh air, sights, and companionship contact Carl Fritz (423-477-4669 or ) to be put on an e-mail list to be notified of these weekly opportunities.

## Titanium Chef 2004 Backcountry Cook-off October 15–16, 2004

*Submitted by Terry Oldfield*



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Titanium Chef Backcountry Cook-off will be held October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Heritage Trails Festival. The Cook-off will take place in the same location as last year—in Martin's Fork of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. Contestants must be able to hike 7.5 miles to Martin's Fork, and then can use any method, skill and equipment to cook anything. The entry fee is \$20. Judging begins at 4:00 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit contact Kristina M. Dean at 865-774-1070 or .

## Putnam Mine Permit Revoked for the Last Time!



*Submitted by Steve Perri*

On August 14, 2004, the NC Supreme Court denied Clark Stone's request for a review of the NC Court of Appeals (unanimous) decision in favor of revocation of the mining permit for the Putnam Mine near Cranberry, NC. That leaves the Court of Appeals ruling to stand and we win. The vista from Hump Mountain will at least be free of the potential scar in the landscape from the proposed mining operation looking into NC. The case is now closed and Clark Stone does not have a permit to operate the Putnam Mine. The decision cannot be appealed.

Jay Leutze—a resident on Yellow Mountain in North Carolina and our greatest asset and advocate—was the prime voice and steward in garnering the support for the mine opposition. Below is an excerpt of a note Jay sent out to many of those who have been involved in this arduous task after the announced decision by the NC Supreme Court.

I want to thank everyone who has helped in this effort—financially, emotionally, and through the letter-writing campaign. It took four years, but we were right from the very first day. I especially want to thank the attorneys and staff at the Southern Environmental Law Center. First for taking the case, which gave us legitimacy and a powerful legal advocate, and mostly for being expert at what they do. They took considerable risk in taking the case. Had we lost, state authority in critical areas of environmental protection would have been compromised. Dan Hirschman rooted through mountains of paper with me for a couple of years and I am not alone in saying that Trip Van Noppen is the best environmental lawyer in the South. We were also fortunate to have Forrest Ferrell and Ron Howell writing briefs and pleading our case in courtrooms across the state. You really ought to meet them. We would not have won without our co-plaintiffs: Appalachian Trail Conference and the National Parks Conservation Association. Morgan, many thanks. Don Barger is a true believer and told me early on that we could do this. Ollie Cox, Ashley Cook, Freddie, and Curley; and Faye and Grady Williams stood to lose their homes if we had lost, and their unique standing as Adjoining Landowners was the hook that got us into court in the first place. They have endured nearly five years of hell living next to Paul Brown's crusher, and for them I am so pleased about this outcome. Jim Gulick at the Attorney General's office lawyered powerfully for the right side. Witt Langstaff's brilliant photographs swung every doubter our way. (And he and Beth fed me good red wine to keep me settled.) And finally, the state may not have acted had not Dan Bruce (aka Wingfoot) shut down the computer system at the Attorney General's office with his Trailplace email campaign.

He is an inspiration and the best friend a hiker ever had. Did I mention that Southern Environmental Law Center saved us tens of thousands of dollars, and that they are a non-profit public interest law firm and that they work for free? (I have begun making annual gifts in appreciation of all the work they do. They are currently seeking major donors. Contact me if you have an interest here, or call Annie O'Leary at 919-967-1450.)

There are dozens of others who lent their time, influence and assistance. Special thanks to Josh Stein, Senator Edwards, Pam Underhill, Steve Perri and the Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoe Club, Joe DeLoach, Judy Murray, Molly Diggins, Jim Beasley, Ginna McGee Richards, David Knight, Bill Cocke, Bill Lowndes, Governor Hunt, Governor Easley, Hampton Dellinger, Richard Whisnant, Erskine and Crandall Bowles, Leslie Boney, Jonathan Howes, Bill Holman, Hugh Morton, William Friday, the YMR folks, John and Jeanette Bledsoe, everybody in my family, and many many more. Charles Gardner issued the permit. But he also revoked it.

### **TEHCC Welcomes New Members**

Chip Anderson

Roger Fink

Curtis Johnson

Each of these new members is eligible for a free dinner at the next Dinner Meeting.

### **Reminder to Potential Eastman Chemical Company Retirees**

*Submitted by Richard Colberg*

If you plan to retire from Eastman and would like to continue receiving the TEHCC newsletter, please send Richard Colberg () an e-mail note with your home e-mail address (if you have e-mail at home) as well as your home street address. We prefer to send the newsletter via e-mail to save us time and money, and so you can receive it (and any late hike notices) in a more timely manner. However, we would also like your street address so we can still reach you if your e-mail address changes. Thanks.

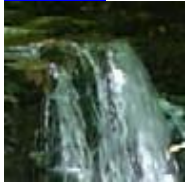
# **Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities (Future)**

*For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).*

**Hike: New Kiner Hollow Trail between Bays Mountain and Laurel Run Parks;  
September 11, 2004**

*Leader: Vic Hasler (423-239-0388, )*

*Rating: C/3/C*



It's time to show off some of the effort by the hiking club. During May-June 2004, TEHCC worked with other groups to put in a connector trail between Laurel Run and Bays Mountain parks. This new trail goes up the hollow by a pair of waterfalls with a couple of creek crossings. The original intent of this hike was to be a key swap by having two groups hike from each park, but I have not located a second group leader yet (please call if willing). Otherwise, the hike will be up and back from Laurel Run Park as far as the group wants to go. Roughly two miles for the new trail, and then could continue onto Indian Pipes Trail to the top of the ridge. E-mail or call if any questions. Let's meet at Recreation Bldg 310 at 9:00 AM. Wear appropriate clothing for the fall weather (hike will be cancelled in case of heavy rain).

**Hike: Smokies 900 Miler, Elkmont to Tremont; September 11, 2004**

*Leader: G. S. Luttrell (423-239-9854, )*

*Rating: A/3/C*

We'll start at Elkmont, and hike the Meigs Mountain Trail and Lumber Ridge Trail to Tremont. Hiking distance will be 10.1 miles at elevations less than 3000 feet. If the creeks aren't swollen, the route will be changed to a parallel one on Jakes Creek, Panther Creek, and Middle Prong Trails, which will require numerous stream crossings, rock hopping, and wading. We'll leave from the usual Colonial Heights McDonald's parking area early on Saturday, September 11. Contact the hike leader by phone or e-mail for more information and to reserve your spot.

*Elkmont:* Named because the Elks Club of Knoxville had their summer gatherings at Elk Mountain, which was later shortened to Elkmont.

*Tremont:* The Little River Lumber Company needed a name for their new logging camp at this site, and since there was an abundance of trees, decided to call it Tremont.

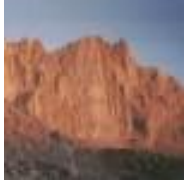
*Meigs Mountain:* Named for Return Jonathan Meigs, a surveyor commissioned to retrace the 1797 Hawkins boundary line for the 1802 treaty with the Cherokees. The name Return came from the courtship of his parents. His dad proposed to his Quaker mom several times, but she repeatedly refused. He tried one last time, she refused again, and he mounted his horse to ride away forever. As he was leaving, she called out, "return Jonathan, return." Since "return" was the most beautiful word he had ever heard, he named his son Return.

*Lumber Ridge:* Named for the pre-park timbering in the area.

**Backpack/Hike: Mount Whitney and Death Valley, CA; September 17-24, 2004**

*Leader: Larry Miller (423-239-6535, )*

*Rating: AA/2/A*



Mt. Whitney is the most frequently climbed peak in the Sierra Nevada, if not in the U.S. It is the highest peak in the Lower 48. Interestingly it's less than 80 miles from Badwater in Death Valley, the country's lowest point (282 feet below sea level).

To minimize the environmental impact of so many climbers, the National Forest Service has established a permit process so that no more than 200 people are on the mountain at any one time (150 hikers and 50 campers maximum). The permits are issued in February on a lottery basis. We won the lottery and obtained camping permits for six people for September 21-22, 2004.

Mt. Whitney can be most directly reached by a 10.7 mile (17.1 km) trail from Whitney Portal, 13 miles west of the town of Lone Pine on the east side of the Sierra. Ice axes and crampons are needed in spring and early summer, but technical climbing equipment is not usually necessary between mid-July and early October. The elevation at the trailhead is 8360' (2550 meters). The elevation at the summit is 14,494'.

We are planning a trip to visit the highest and lowest points in the country September 17-24. If you are interested in being one of the lucky six, please contact Larry Miller ().

#### **Overnight Hike: Charit Creek Lodge (Big South Fork); October 23-24, 2004**

*Leader: Steve Falling (423-239-5502)*

*Rating: C/4/C*



The Hiking Club has reservations for 12 overnight visitors to Charit Creek Lodge in the beautiful Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. This park is on the Kentucky-Tennessee border north of Knoxville. We are timing this trip to enjoy the autumn foliage and cooler temperatures. We will hike in on Saturday, spend the night in two 12-person rooms in the lodge and hike back on Sunday. There are several hiking trails to choose from (0.8 to 11 miles one-way). Last trip, we took the short trail, dropped off our gear at the lodge, and then explored the area.

There are many interesting geological formations nearby—for example, the [massive double natural bridge](#) pictured at left.

The cost per person is \$65.00. This price covers supper on Saturday, lodging for the night and breakfast on Sunday. We only have reservations for 12 people, so call in your request before sending money.

### **Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)**

#### **Hike Report: Devil's Backbone Trail, Warrior's Path State Park; July 31, 2004**

*Submitted by Neil Dotson*

Joseph Paul a.k.a. Snicklefess Dotson doesn't see what's so difficult about hiking. He could do most of this hike in his sleep and did. Simplicity itself: his feet never even touched the

trail. It is a relatively easy trail, despite some climbs, but not quite so easy for the rest of us who weren't carried. But we had it better than the cross-country runners who passed us on the way back, with a slower pace and numerous stops to look at the views, golfers, fishers, flowers and one box turtle that Patrice spotted. We hiked over the backbone, all the way to the footbridge over Fall Creek, and then returned the same way for a 3-hour hike. The Dotson family (Neil, Patricia, Elizabeth, Daniel and, at a mere 6 months, Joseph Paul) were joined by Patrice Riesenber

### **Hike Report: A.T. □ Big Bald from Street Gap; August 7, 2004**

*Submitted by Vic Hasler*

A beautiful, fall-like day for this ascent! My son Clark and I headed down I-26 taking Exit 5 at Flag Pond to find Higgins Creek Road and the □Right□ branch. Based on other information, we had hoped to drive up to Street Gap on the A.T., but the gravel road was more washed out than we thought a Ford Taurus should attempt. This change in plans added a roughly 0.75 mile, 500□ climb according to the topo map. On the way up, I pointed out the bald to Clark in the distance as our day's destination. Up at the gap, we saw a Ford Explorer from Florida and met a couple on the trail that stated the drive up the North Carolina side was more reasonable. Based on one source, the distance from Street Gap to Big Bald was given as straight-line 3.6 miles, but checking the A.T. map I borrowed from TEHCC indicates that the trail is closer to 4.25 miles along the ridge. The growth of maples and other hardwoods was thick along the trail, so no vistas except an occasional peek through the trees. There are several 3-6□ blowdowns along this section that could be easily handled by a bow saw and loppers and placing the brush into the developed bypass trails. I had a pair of hand clippers to address some woody growth along this section and a very recent blowdown (now able to step through). The 360° view of the mountains on this clear day at the top of the bald was worth the effort!! I found the □Big Baldy□ geocache and the North Carolina benchmark at the top. With more of an idea of the trail's path and less clipper maintenance, we made it back to the car in just under two hours. The additional hiking distance put us at 10 miles round-trip, thus a A/3/B hike to start the school year.

### **Trip Report: Smokies 900 miler, Noland Divide □ Smokemont; Aug 20 □ 22, 2004**

*Submitted by G. S. Luttrell*

In case there's a statistic being kept, we may have set a new TEHCC record for number of trails hiked on in two days: Noland Divide, Pole Road Creek, Deep Creek, Martin Gap, Sunkota Ridge, Thomas Divide and Newton Bald trails. This route from high to low elevation was planned partly due to grumbling from the hot, humid ascents during the Twenty Mile Trip in June. We found the park and [NC state-record yellow birch](#) about a mile from the Noland Divide trailhead. After lunch, at an elevation of about 4300 ft., the [Yellow-Fringed Orchids](#) (actually closer to UT Volunteer Orange) on the Pole Road Creek trail brightened the cool, cloudy day. Just before reaching our campsite, we dropped our packs and hiked about 1-1/2 miles up the Deep Creek trail, looking ahead to a future day-hike involving the Fork Ridge and Deep Creek trails between Clingmans Dome Road and Newfound Gap Road. We camped at Bryson Place, a lovely spot Horace Kephart chose for his last permanent camp. We didn't find the millstone placed as a



marker in 1931 by the Kephart Boy Scout Troop; but, we did see some of the remnants such as pots, stove pieces, glass, etc. Soon after we entered our tents and hammock for the night, the rains and storm began, with the rain continuing off and on Saturday. Those in tents reported unwanted water inside, but the hammock remained high and dry. The Wilsons, due to a picnic, and James, due to wet equipment, decided to hike on out to Smokemont on Saturday, but I followed the original plan, and spent the night at Newton Bald Campsite □ no rain, after 5:30 PM. Except for a short section on the Sunkota Trail, the weed clearing from trail maintenance was very good on the 24 miles of trails, and was appreciated by these hikers: Nancy and Kent Wilson, James Foster, and Garry Luttrell. We carried hand clippers and used them occasionally. The downside was the horse damage on the narrow hiking trails, and the heavy bag of unwanted food, several unopened cans, snacks, rotten potatoes, etc., obviously left by horsepackers at the Newton Bald campsite.

*Click on small photo or hyperlink to see larger photo. Photos courtesy of G. S. Luttrell.*



Nancy and Kent Wilson standing by the [NC state-record yellow birch](#) (183 kB).



[Yellow-Fringed Orchid](#) on Pole Road Creek trail (71 kB).

## **Appalachian Trail Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports (*Past*)**

**Name:** Waylon Jenkins

**Date:** April 17, 2004

**Purpose:** Annual Maintenance

**Section:** 11 - Dennis Cove Road to Bitter End

**Location:** White Rocks Tower access road to Bitter End

**Number:** 3

**Total Hours:** 32

**People:** Jerry Schlather, John Dombroski, Waylon Jenkins

**Individual Hours:** 12 hours (Waylon Jenkins) + 2x10 hours (everyone else)

**Summary:** We found this section to be in generally good condition and performed the annual maintenance tasks of painting blazes, pruning, cutting briars, collecting trash, removing small blowdowns. etc. We had greater than the usual difficulty in finding the trail access at the White Rocks end, and were glad that both of our vehicles were 4WD with plenty of ground clearance.

**Name:** Carl Fritz

**Date:** July 22 □ 26, 2004

**Purpose:** Repair trail in Laurel Fork Gorge with Konnarock Crew

**Section:** 10 - Hampton trailhead to Dennis Cove Road

**Location:** Just trail north of Laurel Falls

**Number:** 10

**Total Hours:** 147

**People:** Paul Benfield, Scott Davis, Joe DeLoach, Jim Foster, Carl Fritz, Mike Hupko, Bill Murdock, Bob Peoples, Morgan Sommerville, Bill Stowell

**Individual Hours:** Spreadsheet sent to Jeff and Joe

**Summary:** Fortunately, we had great weather to install a rock crib beside the river just north of Laurel Falls. Starting Monday afternoon after work ended, there was three or four inches of rain when the river probably would have inundated us. The Konnarock crew of eight plus Club members and affiliates spent all five days moving large rocks with high lines and belays from up the hill down to the river bank. Some of us tried to demolish a couple of large boulders in the trail that required a scramble over them. One boulder did have soft layers which allowed it to be separated and removed. The other granite boulder had no such layers. Two days of pounding on it with sledges and chisels only removed a football sized piece even with Joe DeLoach's attack. This stubborn boulder did successfully destroy a sledge by taking a chunk of metal from it under Bill Stowell's power. By Monday afternoon we constructed a large rock crib about 30 feet long and about three feet high to support the trail. We successfully cribbed two rock steps onto the stubborn boulder. Because of the three feet in elevation, this trail can now be used when the river water level is higher. Also, the trail is much easier to walk without having to scramble over sloping, slippery boulders. All was accomplished safely with no major injuries other than scrapes or bruises. Sunday evening the crew was treated to barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, Texas sheet cake, and ice cream. They also were given a TEHCC patch.

**Name:** Joe DeLoach

**Date:** July 23, 2004

**Purpose:** Kill yellow jackets

**Section:** 19 - Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River

**Location:** Head of Jones Branch

**Number:** 2

**Total Hours:** 8

**People:** Craig DeLoach and Joe DeLoach

**Individual Hours:** 4 hours each

**Summary:** The large tree across the A.T. at the head of Jones Branch had a yellow jackets nest about where hikers would cross the log. We gave them a good dose of Raid, and will endeavor to cut the log this week.

**Name:** Joe DeLoach

**Date:** July 28, 2004

**Purpose:** Cut large blowdown

**Section:** 19 - Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River

**Location:** Head of Jones Branch

**Number:** 2

**Total Hours:** 10

**People:** Craig DeLoach and Joe DeLoach

**Individual Hours:** 5 hours each

**Summary:** We were able to remove the large hemlock, estimated diameter 32-36". This tree appeared to be around 200 years old. The area around the head of Jones Branch is probably our best stand of big trees on our Trail section, with the hemlocks being mostly passed over by the loggers since the wood is not as valuable as other species. Fred and Dixie cut another big one a few years ago, and with the onset of the hemlock woolly adelgid we'll probably get to cut a lot of big ones in the next 20 years.

**Name:** Carl Fritz

**Date:** August 2, 2004

**Purpose:** Biological and Archaeological Surveys of Proposed A.T. Relocation

**Section:** Other

**Location:** Trail north and south of Iron Mountain Gap, Sections 16 & 17

**Number:** 1

**Total Hours:** 9

**People:** Ed Oliver

**Individual Hours:** 9 hrs

**Summary:** Ed went on a field trip with Vern Maddux, the Archaeologist and the Biologist to inspect the newly flagged relocations near Iron Mountain Gap. They completed the surveys for about one mile of trail relocation. Additional field surveys will be required to complete the rest of the relocations towards Unaka Mountain. In the sections inspected, the proposed trail had to be moved some to avoid both rare species and archaeological sites.

**Name:** John Arwood

**Date:** August 4, 2004

**Purpose:** Weeding, pruning, clearing blowdowns.

**Section:** 7 - Big Laurel Branch Wilderness boundary (north) to Watauga Dam Road

**Location:** Watauga Dam Road north to Wilderness boundary and back.

**Number:** 2

**Total Hours:** 28

**People:** Crag DeLoach, John Arwood

**Individual Hours:** 2x14 hours

**Summary:** Cleared weeds from Vandeventer shelter to northern boundary of wilderness area. Cleared one single blowdown and four blowdown thickets, consisting of several trees each. Pruned trees and shrubs, as needed, along the way. Removed trash from Vandeventer shelter. This section is now clear of weeds and blowdowns.

**Name:** Joe DeLoach

**Date:** August 7, 2004

**Purpose:** Cut weeds and blowdowns and clip back rhododendron

**Section:** 12 - Bitter End to U.S. 19E

**Location:** Bitter End to Walnut Mountain Road

**Number:** 2

**Total Hours:** 16

**People:** Scott Davis and Joe DeLoach

**Individual Hours:** 8 hours each

**Summary:** Although we found several blowdowns to cut and plenty of rhododendron to lop, in general the weeds and briars were not bad on this section. The relocated sections were over-blazed. Some of the older sections need the blazes refreshed.

**Name:** Carl Fritz

**Date:** August 7, 2004

**Purpose:** Cut weeds

**Section:** 12 - Bitter End to U.S. 19E

**Location:** Sugar Hollow to Campbell Hollow Road

**Number:** 5

**Total Hours:** 43

**People:** Debbie Dereska, Carl Fritz, Ron Lapp, Bill Murdoch, Jeff Sirola

**Individual Hours:** 2x8 hrs (Bill & Jeff) + 3x9 hrs (everyone else)

**Summary:** Thanks to Ron and Debbie for coming all the way from Rogersville. In fact, Debbie is a Cleveland, OH resident and was only visiting! We cut all the weeds on this section with powered string trimmers and scythes. Most of the weeds were at Elk River and Campbell Hollow Road. The barbed wire at the stile near Elk River was cut and two horsemen took the A.T. to Jones Falls and back. We repaired the wires and added a jumbled mass of barbed wire to discourage future horses. Jeff's first experience with a string trimmer resulted immediately in a lost trimmer head. After it was reassembled, he and Ron cut a nice swath in the six foot high weeds along the river. One blowdown along river was removed.

**Name:** Bill Berry

**Date:** August 7, 2004

**Purpose:** Clear blow downs and cut annual growth

**Section:** 20 - Nolichucky River to Spivey Gap

**Location:** Spivey Gap to No Business Shelter

**Number:** 1

**Total Hours:** 8

**People:** Bill Berry

**Individual Hours:** 8

**Summary:** Had big tree down in trail 1-1/2 miles south of shelter; cleared tree.

**Name:** Bill Berry

**Date:** August 7, 2004

**Purpose:** Repair tread where tree fell

**Section:** 20 - Nolichucky River to Spivey Gap

**Location:** Spivey Gap to No Business Shelter

**Number:** 1

**Total Hours:** 10

**People:** Bill Berry

**Individual Hours:** 10

**Summary:** Had big tree down in trail 1-1/2 miles south of shelter; cleared tree last week; repairing trail this week.

**Name:** C. B. Willis for *Old Timers Hiking Club*

**Date:** August 9, 2004

**Purpose:** To do necessary trail work

**Section:** 17 - Iron Mountain Gap to switchback in USFS 230

**Location:** Includes 18 Switchback to Indian Grave Gap

**Number:** 8

**Total Hours:** 48

**People:** Mike Hupko, Howard Guinn, Faye Guinn, Gil Derouen, Carl Kincheloe, Sandra Perry, David McMillin, CB Willis.

**Individual Hours:** 6 hours everybody.

**Summary:** Rehabilitated 50' of trail 300 yards south of Iron Mountain Gap. Rehabilitated 40-50' of trail south of Deep Gap. Also on muddy level place south of AT/230 crossing, installed two water bars and used sand to help dry mud. Installed rock water bar between Beauty Spot and 230 crossing. Trail badly eroded here and will need more water bars. We will get this done ASAP. Removed several minor blowdowns. Did more clipping, weeding and litter pickup.

**Name:** Joe DeLoach

**Date:** August 11, 2004

**Purpose:** Install signs keeping hikers off the Konnarock project

**Section:** 10 - Hampton trailhead to Dennis Cove Road

**Location:** At trailheads and junctions with blue-blazed high water trail

**Number:** 1

**Total Hours:** 4

**People:** Craig DeLoach

**Individual Hours:** 4 hours

**Summary:** Signs installed to keep hikers from disrupting the work area.

**Name:** Robin Fought

**Date:** August 12, 2004

**Purpose:** To clear blowdowns and weeds

**Section:** 4 - U.S. 421 (Low Gap) to TN 91

**Location:** 421 to Double Springs Shelter

**Number:** 1

**Total Hours:** 9

**People:** Robin Fought

**Individual Hours:** 9

**Summary:** Several blowdowns were able to be cleared using a handsaw. There are still two blowdowns (heading south, located before the berry fields) that will most likely need chain sawing, as well as one on the old road just as you cross 421 and head into the woods. Before the downpour started, the weeds were taken care of up to the berry field.

**Name:** Tim McClain

**Date:** August 14, 2004

**Purpose:** Cut weeds

**Section:** 3 - Abingdon Gap Shelter to U.S. 421 (Low Gap)

**Location:** Adopted section - 421 north, 2.5 miles to the spring

**Number:** 4

**Total Hours:** 28

**People:** Tim McClain, Peggy McClain, Emily McClain, Lisa McClain

**Individual Hours:** 4 x 7 hours

**Summary:** Cut weeds, removed two blowdowns and cleared water bars

**Name:** Carl Fritz

**Date:** August 19-23, 2004

**Purpose:** Work with Konnarock Crew to install rock steps

**Section:** 10 - Hampton trailhead to Dennis Cove Road

**Location:** Near Laurel Falls

**Number:** 12

**Total Hours:** 157

**People:** Paul Benfield, Richard Carter, Jim Foster, Mike Hupko, Peter King, Darroll Nickels, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Bill Stowell, John Thompson, Julia Cordero, Deborah Fletcher

**Individual Hours:** Separate file to Jeff and Joe

**Summary:** About four dozen total rock steps were installed just trail north and trail south of Laurel Falls. This supplements the previous week of work by the Konnarock Crew. The trail is becoming much easier and safer to walk.

**Name:** Carl Fritz

**Date:** August 25, 2004

**Purpose:** Prepare for trail hardening at Carvers Gap

**Section:** 15 - Carvers Gap to Hughes Gap

**Location:** Trail South of Carvers Gap

**Number:** 11

**Total Hours:** 88

**People:** Paul Benfield, Bill Canada, David Gibson, Robin Fought, Jim Foster, Carl Fritz, Bill Grigsby, Peter King, Bill Murdoch, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples

**Individual Hours:** 11x8hrs (everyone)

**Summary:** We hauled in 40 locust posts, thanks to Paul sourcing these, plus some locust log steps retrieved from north of Carver's gap. We installed two bog bridges, and placed many of the side logs and steps. 18 tons of gravel were delivered at noon. Everything is ready for the large upcoming Saturday work trip with ASU.