

Note: To submit an article for the newsletter, send an email to:

- [Next Two Months](#)
- [Thanks to Hike Leaders and Request for Hikes](#)
- [The Register online](#)
- [Reminder to Potential Eastman Chemical Company Retirees](#)
- [TEHCC Welcomes New Members](#)
- [Scheduled Hiking, Paddling, and Trail Maintenance Opportunities \(Future\)](#)
- [Special Activity and Trip Reports \(Past\)](#)
- [A.T. Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports \(Past\)](#)

<u>NEXT TWO MONTHS</u>				
			<u>Leader</u>	
Sep 8	A.T.: Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River (Anniversary Hike)	A/2/B	Collins Chew	423-239-6237
Sep 22	A.T.: Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap (Anniversary Hike)	A/2/A	Collins Chew	423-239-6237
Sep 29	Buckeye Falls on Clark Creek (60th Anniversary Hike)	B/2/B	Collins Chew	423-239-6237
Oct 6	A.T.: Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River (Anniversary Hike)	B/2/C	Collins Chew	423-239-6237
Oct 21-22	Doe River Gorge Cabin	C/3/D	Steve Falling	423-239-5502

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

Thanks to Hike Leaders and Request for Hikes

Neil Dotson reporting

Thanks to those who have led hikes so far this year and who have already put hikes on the calendar for the months ahead. Leading hikes is a great way to share with others something treasured - hiking in the out-of-doors, and in places for which you may have special affection. Fall is close at hand, and so it is time for me to make the call again, for hikes during the October - December months. Cooler weather, clearer air, and of course the changing colors, are among the appealing things about hiking at this time of year; if you would like to lead a hike, please send me the following:

- what you would like to lead
- when you would like to lead it

- difficulty rating (I can help on this)

Responses are needed by Friday, September 15. Remember that there are incentives for those who lead hikes on our section of the A.T.; please see the first article in the February 2006 newsletter for more details. You can reach me through the website. Thanks!

The Register Online

The Register, the online newsletter of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, is published quarterly by ATC for the volunteer stewards of the Trail and its corridor, their federal and state agency partners, and others interested in the stewardship of the Trail. If you would like to be notified when a new issue is posted, you can send an e-mail to:

TheRegister@appalachiantrail.org with SUBSCRIBE in the subject line and your first and last name in the body of the e-mail. The current issue can be seen online by clicking on [The Register](#) link on ATC's home page at www.appalachiantrail.org.

Reminder to Potential Eastman Chemical Company Retirees

Richard Colberg reporting

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.



TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Kyle Lynn Gregg
Das

Megan Nelson Fernando Subijana

Angela Swayze Michael Tuttle

Each newmember is eligible for a free dinner at the next Dinner Meeting.

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

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

Anniversary Hike: A.T. - Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River, Friday, Sept 8, 2006, 11.2 miles, 2,000-foot climb

Leader: Collins Chew, 423-239-6237,

Rating: A/2/B

This section features views of the Nolichucky River Gorge. Meet in the parking lot between McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights (Tenn. Rte 36, just North of I-81) at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept 8. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing.

Anniversary Hike: A.T. - Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap, Friday, Sept 22, 2006, 10.8 miles, 3,000-foot climb

Leader: Collins Chew, 423-239-6237,

Rating: A/2/A

The highlight of this hike is the new relocation over Unaka Mountain (we hope). Meet in the parking lot between McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights (Tenn. Rte 36, just North of I-81), at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept 22. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing

Buckeye Falls of Clark Creek, Friday, Sept 29, 2006, 7 miles, 1,200-foot climb

Leader: Collins Chew, 239-6237

Rating: B/2/B

This is a difficult hike but is the Traditional Anniversary Hike of the Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club. Club founder, Frank Oglesby, led this in 1946 as the first hike of the club. He later led the same hike in 1986 and 1996 for the 40th and 50th anniversaries of the club. As one of the members with the longest activity in the club, I thought I would try to continue that tradition. The falls are claimed to be the highest in the East but are actually cascades. There are stream fords of Clark Creek and the last few hundred yards are up a steep boulder-filled gully. Clark Creek Road turns off Tenn. 107 a few miles south of Tenn. 81 at the Nolichucky River south of Jonesboro. Meet between McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank on Tenn. 36 in Colonial Heights at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 29. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing.

Anniversary Hike: A.T. - Indian Grave Gap to the Nolichucky River, Friday, October 6, 2006, 8.3 miles, 1,000 foot climb

Leader: Collins Chew, 423-239-6237,

Rating: B/2/C

This completes the series of Anniversary Hikes by the Friday Hikers although we may have make-ups. It is a pleasant, mostly downhill hike, through nice woods, then along Jones Branch, ending at the Nolichucky River. Meet in the parking lot between McDonalds and the State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights at 8:00 A. M. on Friday, October 6. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing.

Doe River Gorge Cabin Trip, Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22, 2006

Leader: Steve Falling, 239-5502

Rating: C/3/D

The Hiking Club has reservations for 20 overnight visitors in a riverside cabin at beautiful Doe River Gorge, Hampton, TN. We are timing this trip to enjoy the autumn foliage. DRG is an easy 60-minute drive from Kingsport. Since the cabins are only a short walk from the

parking area it is hard to really call this an overnight hike. But the plan is to drop off our food and belongings at the cabin then take an easy hike up the gorge along an old railroad bed. Of course it is fine to do something else like relax at the cabin overlooking the river. The lodging cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$16.00 for children under 13. This price only covers lodging (bring a sleeping bag or sheets/blankets and a pillow) so we will make arrangements for the preparation of supper and breakfast. We only have reservations for 20 people, so call in your request before sending money. To make a reservation or for more information call Steve Falling, 239-5502.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)

Smokies 900 miler, Roundtop Trail, August 5, 2006

Garry Luttrell reporting

Starting at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area, we quickly passed the 1882 Little Greenbriar School and Walker Sisters Home along the way to the Roundtop Trailhead. The Roundtop Trail is described as one of the least used trails in the Smokies, probably due to the Little River crossing. This trail offered views of Wear Cove, Tuckaleechee Cove, and the high ridge along the NC line. Also, we saw Yellow Fringed Orchids and Carolina Lilies (see photos) along the route. About half way on the trail at the highest elevations of the day, thunderstorms were building and we were surrounded by lightning. Fortunately, no rain fell on us and the Little River crossing turned out to be easy. Hikers included (from left to right in photo below) Kate Campbell, Sarah McCary, Peppy McCary, Taylor Pickard, and Garry Luttrell (not pictured).





A.T. Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports (*Past*)

Name: Bill Berry

Date: June 24, 2006

Purpose: Cut weeds and clear trail

Location: Section 20b, No Business Shelter to Temple Hill Gap

People: Bill Berry and Joe Allen, FTA Indian River Chapter, Melbourne, FL

Name: Bill Stowell

Date: July 30, 2006

Purpose: Cut blowdown and weeds

Location: Section 19, Nolichucky River to 1 mile north of Rafting place

People: Bill Stowell, Craig Deloach

Summary: We walked in north of USA Rafting to cut a blowdown. Craig cut dog hobble and rhododendrons along the way. Then we drove to the bridge and cut weeds north to the woods.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 1, 2006

Purpose: Flag trail relocations

Location: Section 14a, south of Yellow Mt Gap and south of Bradley Gap

People: Jim Foster, Carl Fritz, Doug Hibshman, Ed Oliver

Summary: We flagged a trail relocation starting at Yellow Mt. Gap and headed south. We flagged a minor relocation at water source between Bradley Gap and Little Hump Mt. Then we flagged a 2500-foot relocation from campsites north of Little Hump Mt to summit of Little Hump Mt. We decided that a day or two of rehabbing the wet areas just south of Bradley Gap will be sufficient for that area.

Name: Old Timers Hiking Club

Date: August 2, 2006

Purpose: To check out the trail and shelter and do miscellaneous needed items

Location: Section 17, Low Gap to Cherry Gap

People: Mike Hupko, CB Willis

Summary: We cleared several blowdowns on the trail, filled several holes along the trail, and picked up trash at Low Gap and Cherry Gap Shelter. The springs at the shelter are running well. The Cherry Gap Shelter was equipped with a new broom and rake. We inspected the new trail on the north side of Unaka Mountain. Again there was evidence of horse traffic on the A.T. from Low Gap to Cherry Gap. Apparently, the horses are coming in from the NC side at Cherry Gap and going south. The new section near Low Gap seems to sustain more damage because of the softer treadway than the older sections of the trail. There is one good-sized blowdown near the Cherry Gap Shelter to be cut later since it is low enough to cross over. Also there is a tree leaning in the shelter area, but it doesn't appear to be any hazard to the shelter.

Name: Steve Banks

Date: August 5, 2006

Purpose: Cut weeds

Location: Section 3a, Abingdon Gap Shelter to Spring

People: Carl Fritz, Steve Banks

Summary: We cut the weeds between Abingdon Gap Shelter and the spring 1.5 miles south of McQueens Gap. We also considered options for leveling the sleeping platform in the shelter.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 16, 2006

Purpose: Prepare for trail relocation with Watauga College, ASU

Location: North and South of Iron Mt Gap, Sections 16b and 17

People: Paul Benfield, Dave Dunham, Carl Fritz, Mike Hupko, Ed Oliver

Summary: We installed pin flags to mark treadway, marked waterbar locations, and laid off 200-foot sections for each crew for August 26th Watauga College work day. We also cut several blowdowns and cut locust steps, waterbars, and stakes.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: August 20, 2006

Purpose: Cut weeds, annual growth, and blowdowns

Location: Section 4b, TN 91 to Double Springs Shelter

People: Craig DeLoach and Joe DeLoach

Summary: We concentrated on the portion of this section in the woods, from the north end of the Osborne Tract to the shelter. Weeds are only an issue in the northern-most mile, though there was considerable lopping of hemlock and other small trees throughout the section and the occasional greenbrier. There was one blowdown which we cut. Someone has been doing some "caretaking" at the shelter and south of the shelter at the campsite near the spring. There are two shovels at the shelter and a shovel and yard rake at the campsite. We saw no evidence of ATV use, but there is considerable trash at the campsite. We have firsthand knowledge that the shelter roof does not leak in a downpour. The grass was not too high in the Osborne Tract and mowing shouldn't be needed the rest of the year; but the handicap accessible relo has grass and weeds growing up in and near the trail and will need some work before opening.

Name: David Dunham

Date: August 21, 2006

Purpose: Cut weeds and clean shelter

Location: Section 8, Watauga Dam Road to Watauga Dam Shelter

People: David Dunham, Carol Dunham

Summary: We trimmed weeds and low hanging branches from Watauga Dam Road to the shelter, and cleaned the Watauga Dam Shelter.

Name: Bill Berry

Date: August 26, 2006

Purpose: Cut weeds, trees, and blow downs

Location: Section 20b, Spivey Gap to No Business Knob shelter

People: Bill Berry

Summary: The Trail has been cleared and is in good shape.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 26, 2006

Purpose: Relocate trail with ASU students

Location: Section 17, About 1 mile trail south of Iron Mt. Gap

People: Paul Benfield, Bill Elderbrock, Carl Fritz, Mike Hupko, Mike Hupko Jr, Sonya Hupko, Dave McMillin, Bill Murdoch, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Kim Peters, Linda Proffitt, Erin Robbins, Jeff Siirola, and 124 from ASU

Summary: David Huntley again coordinated this Freshman Orientation for Watauga College of Appalachian State University (ASU). Some sophomores also volunteered to return after last year's experience. With the strong leadership and participation of the ASU Trail Club plus TEHCC members and guests (138 people in all), we used almost all the digging tools in Northeast Tennessee. Most importantly, we had fun digging about 1700 feet of new trail to eliminate a steep and eroding trail section. One part of this relocation had numerous rocks which Jen and crew skillfully moved. Several other places required sidelogs. With this massive amount of work completed, a small crew can dress up this relocation and open it this fall.