

# FOOTSTEPS

NEWSLETTER of SEQUOYAH HIKING CLUB

TAKE ONLY PICTURES

MARCH 1998

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## CEUD MILE FAILTE to NEW MEMBERS

More than a welcome to new members, Jackson and Sally Jones of 301 Mayes Ave., Sweetwater. You see, ceud mile failte is Gaelic for one hundred thousand welcomes and that is how we like to welcome new members. We are growing in numbers each month.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Stefano's was the site of the February meeting of the Sequoyah Hiking Club. Those in attendance were Bobbie Arp, Liz Yates, Helen Maxwell, Brian Harrill, Don Keeble, Clayton Pannell, Bob and Elaine Myer, Elbert Croft and Jackson and Sally Jones.

Don Keeble, president of the Fort Loudoun Association, was our guest speaker. He discussed the work being done at the Park. New play equipment is being installed at the Park. He told of the events being planned for the summer. Sequoyah Hiking Club was asked to participate in the "March for the Park" on April 18, 1998 which is being sponsored by the Fort Loudoun Park Association. This will be a fund raiser for the Park Association. The club agreed to take part in the "March for the Park".

Clayton Pannell was at the meeting to report on the work being done by the Benton MacKay Trail Association near Topoca. **FOOTSTEPS**  
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It was reported that several members have renewed their memberships since the last meeting. The next meeting will be March 23, 1998 at Stefano's.

## FORT LOUDOUN PARK TRAIL HIKE

Liz Yates, Bud Miller, Helen Maxwell, Paul Gamble, Wayland and Carolyn

Shook, Bob and Elaine Myer, Betty Spurling, Joyce Denton and Freda Lowry hiked the Fort Loudoun Park Trail on Sunday afternoon, February 15, 1998. It was a beautiful and sunny afternoon. The group saw several flowers in bloom and could look toward the mountains and see snow capped peaks on the highest mountains.

## REPORT: BMTA WORK

The Benton MacKay Trail Association continues its work on the new Benton MacKay Trail, an alternate trail to the Appalachian Trail, which roughly parallels the AT but comes through Polk and Monroe Counties in East Tennessee as an alternate to the present AT in North Carolina. The trail courses through the Slickrock Creek watershed and reenters North Carolina near Topoca where work on the trail is underway now. The next workday on this trail is listed in our schedule of hikes and activities in this issue of the newsletter. Anyone interested in helping, may contact Clayton Pannell or get information from Helen Maxwell. You should take your gloves and lunch and carry water on a workday and take hedge or brush trimmers if available.

## MEMBERSHIP

1998 Sequoyah Hiking Club dues are now due --- or past due. If you have not paid this year's dues, we request that you consider doing so immediately. Dues for the year are \$12. Because of the cost of preparing and mailing "FOOTSTEPS", we must discontinue mailing newsletters to those who have not paid dues. The newsletter will keep you abreast of the goings-on, hikes and activities of the club. We also **want you to be an active member.** Of course you do not have to be a dues paying member to join us on hikes.  
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**Next monthly  
meeting**

**March 23, 1998 at  
7 PM at Stefano's  
Madisonville**

Eat at Stefano's if you wish

## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- Mar 7, Sat - Joyce Kilmer; Moderate, 8 mi; Leader- Helen Maxwell, 442-4970; Wal Mart @ 8:30 AM.
- Mar 14, Sat - BMTA work trip; Leader- Clayton Pannell, 423-263-9730; Wal Mart @ 8:30 AM
- Mar 22, Sun - Flats Mtn; Easy, 2 mi; Leader- Bobbie Arp, 442-1923; Wal Mart @ 2 PM.
- Mar 23, Mon - Monthly mtg 7 PM @ Stefano's
- Apr 11, Sat - BMTA work trip; Leader- Clayton Pannell, 423-263-9730; Wal Mart @ 8:30 AM.
- Apr 18, Sat - March for the Park - more info later. Watch the paper for details.
- Apr 25, Sat - Cades Cove; moderate, 11 mi; Leader- Freda Lowry, 442-2161; Wal Mart @ 8:30 AM.
- Apr 27, Mon - Monthly mtg 7 PM @ Stefano's.
- May 2, Sat - Piney River; Moderate, 10 mi; Leader- Lee Roy Holt, 337-5913; Wal Mart @ 8:00 AM.
- May 3, Sun - Laurel Mtn Lake; easy, 2 mi; Leader- Helen Maxwell, 442-4970; Wal Mart @ 2 PM.
- May 9, Sat - BMTA work trip; Leader- Clayton Pannell, 423-263-9730; Wal Mart @ 8:30 AM.

*If you are going on a hike, it will be helpful for you call to let the leader know that you are going.*

**Anyone can go on a hike. One does not have to be a member to hike with the club.**

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