

FOOTSTEPS

NEWSLETTER OF SEQUOYAH HIKING CLUB

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Sequoyah Hiking Club

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Purpose

- 1-To plan and enjoy hikes in local areas.
- 2-Little organization
- 3-Few rules
- 4-No by laws

Meetings

4th Monday of each month at Bert's Hometown Grill

Dues

\$12 per year

Footsteps

Monthly newsletter

MARCH MEETING

As usual the March meeting was held at Bert's Hometown Grill. There was a good attendance with Lucy Alexander, Johanna Cooley, Paul Gamble, Lee Roy Holt, J. D. Jones, Houston and Freda Lowry, Bob and Elaine Meyer, and Liz Yates being present.

The club now has 29 paid members with several new members, but with several members from 1998 who have not yet paid their dues. When you know someone who would enjoy being active in Sequoyah Hiking Club and helping in planning hikes, invite them to become members and invite them to our meetings.

Johanna Cooley reported that we have \$449.48 in the treasury. This amount will increase in 1999 only by getting new members and by a small amount from accrued interest from our bank account.

We planned several new hikes for the coming month.

Several members commented that it is convenient to have a list of our members with their telephone

numbers. Now that our 1999 membership is set, a list of paid members for 1999 is included in this newsletter.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 26.

CLUB HIKES

Ballplay Falls

The hike on Sunday, February 28 was led by Paul Gamble. Those who went on the hike with Paul were Johanna Cooley, Liz Yates, Bill and Marcia Long and probably others. Some of the hikers fell behind because of the pace of the faster hikers and did not get to the falls. Another hike will be planned in the future for those who did not get to see the falls if they want to make another trip to the falls.

Maryville- Alcoa Greenway

It was snowing on Wednesday, March 3 when the

Greenway hike was planned so Johanna Cooley, Imogene Cantrell, Robert Millsaps, J. D. Jones, Lee Roy Holt, Liz Yates and Freda Lowry walked in Foothills Mall instead of hiking on the Greenway. They ate lunch in Maryville before returning home.

Fort Loudoun Historical Area

the weather as long as they get to eat lunch in Maryville.

TELLICO RIVER CLEANUP

A contingent from Sequoyah Hiking Club participated in the Tellico River Cleanup on Saturday, March 27. Johanna Cooley, Liz Yates and J. D. Jones were joined by non-member Tom Burris to help in picking up trash along the Tellico River road. This is a Forest Service project headed by Mary Jane Burnette. Mary Jane happened to be sick on the appointed day, but the project proceeded anyway.

WHY IS IT CALLED NEWFOUND GAP?

A prehistoric trail wound its way from the Cherokee villages on the Tuckaseegee and Oconaluftee Rivers across the Smokies to the valley of the Little Pigeon River. Later, when the whites had settled the interior basin, a wagon road, called the Oconaluftee Turnpike, was built to the top of the mountain, closely following the old Indian trail. The low point of the crest has variously known as Indian Gap, Collins Gap, Road Gap, Wears Gap, Lufty Gap, Grassy Gap and perhaps others. In-

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dian Gap had the greatest use and has been retained as its name.

During the Civil War a Confederate Colonel built a rude roadway down the Tennessee side of the mountain. It was only a road of sorts, but troops and cannon passed over it. A few years after the war, it fell into disuse, passable only on foot and by horsemen.

In about 1858, another and slightly lower gap was discovered to the east or right side of Indian Gap ascending from North Carolina. This was called New or Right Hand gap, but the natives have always spoken of it as Newfound Gap. When the present highway was first planned, it was to pass through Indian Gap, but an easier approach brought it through Newfound Gap instead.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7, Wednesday - Chestnut Top; 6 miles, moderate; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM; Leader - Freda Lowry, 423-442-2161.

April 10, Saturday - Piney River; 10 miles, moderate, all downhill; Leave Wal Mart, Madisonville at * AM or 68 Plaza, Sweetwater at 8:30 AM; Leader - Lee Roy Holt, 423-337-5913.

April 17, Saturday - Jeffrey's Hell; 5 miles, easy; on a road bed; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM; Flowers should be beautiful; Leader - Bobbie Arp, 423-442-1923.

April 21, Wednesday - Spence Field; 8 miles, moderate; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM; Leader -Freda Lowry, 423-442-2161.

April 25, Sunday - Wild Fowl Reserve; Easy; Leave Wal Mart parking lot at 2 PM; Leader - Johanna Cooley. 423-442-3643.

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

April 26, Monday - Monthly meeting, 7 PM at Bert's Hometown Grill.

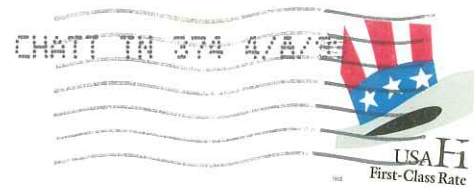
*Be Sure To Attend
The Next Meeting
And Bring A Friend*



Hope you have had a happy Easter !!



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