

FOOTSTEPS

NEWSLETTER OF SEQUOYAH HIKING CLUB

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APRIL
JUNE

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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

Dues

\$12 per year

Footsteps

Monthly newsletter

MAY MEETING

The Sequoyah Hiking Club met at Bert's Hometown Grill on May 24, 1999. Tom Burris, Johanna Cooley Paul Gamble, Judy Hedrick, J. D. Jones, Freda and Houston Lowry and Liz Yates were present for the meeting.

Before the meeting Tom Burris, Johanna Cooley, J. D. Jones and Liz Yates met at the Kefauver Park walking trail and "scouted out" the trail. The trail is now about one half mile long. When the trail system is completed, the trail will go around the lake and will be considerably longer. Those who are interested will meet at the Kefauver Park trail at 6 PM before the July meeting and walk the trail.

A number of hikes were planned for the coming month.

The June meeting will be a hamburger/hot dog supper at Bobbie Arp's home. The club will pay for the hamburgers and hot dogs.

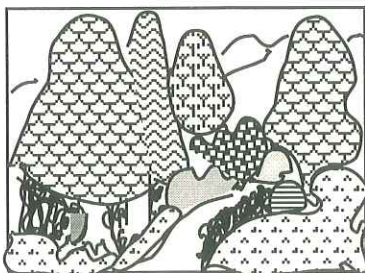
JULY MEETING

The 7 PM, ^{JUNE} July meeting will not be at Bert's Grill, but will be at Bobbie Arp's home on Short Bark Lane off Dyer Road in Madisonville. If you need directions, call Bobbie at 442-1923 or someone else in the Hiking Club. Members of the club who attend are asked to bring a dish that will go with hot dogs and hamburgers.

MAY CLUB HIKES

May 1 Mystery Hike

No one showed up for the mystery hike. Footsteps did not get mailed before the hike and so there was no notice of the hike to members who were not at the April meeting.



Cucumber Gap

It was raining May 5 when this hike was

planned, and the hike was called off.

Laurel Mountain Lake Hike

On a beautiful afternoon the club met at Helen Maxwell's home on Laurel Mountain Lake at 4 PM to walk around the lake and look at lady slippers which were in bloom and plentiful. After the walk a covered dish supper was enjoyed on Helen's porch overlooking the lake. Those present were Richard and Betty Spurling, Johanna Cooley, Liz Yates, Helen Maxwell, J. D. and Anna Lea Jones, Bill and Marcia Long, Houston and Freda Lowry, Judy Hedrick and Bobbie Arp. A list of those who were there is not available, and the names of some who were there may be omitted.

Cucumber Gap Hike

The hiking group went to cucumber Gap On May 19 instead of Middle Prong. The hikers included Lucy Alexander, Tom Burris, Johanna Cooley, J. D. Jones, Marcia Long, Freda Lowry, Betty Spurling and Liz Yates. They enjoyed seeing the abandoned cabins at Elkmont. There were several easy creek crossings that did not bother the hikers. They saw yellow trillium, lyre leafed sage, umbrella leaf, blue cohosh, wild ginger, Fraser magnolia and a giant tulip poplar. In addition they saw one red balloon and one snake.

WHY ARE THEY CALLED BOTE MOUNTAIN AND DEFEAT RIDGE?

In the 1850's Dr. Issac Anderson, the President of Maryville College, promoted the building of a road from Cades cove to Spence Field on Thunderhead in the expectation that a similar road built from the settlements on the Tuckaseegee would meet it there. The junction was never made, and the roadway soon lapsed into ruinous condition. An incident in its building gave names to the two great spurs on the Tennessee side of Thunderhead.

There were no engineers to lay out the route. It was left to the builders, part of whom were Cherokees who spoke a broken English. A vote was taken as to which ridge the road should follow. As each Indian was asked his opinion, he pointed to the western most ridge and said, "Bote", to indicate that he voted for it. There was no V sound in the Cherokee language, "Bote" was as near as they could come to the pronouncing vote. So that ridge was thereafter called **Bote Mountain**. The other ridge that was not chosen was called **Defeat Ridge**.

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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

The Cherokee National Forest and the Hiwassee and Cherokee Hiking Clubs have joined together to hold the 7th Annual National Trails Day celebration. Two events will be held on the John Muir Trail on June 5th. One event is a hike of 3 miles on the John Muir Trail. The other event is a trail maintenance work day. Construction of two bridges, trail clearing and trail reconstruction are scheduled for the day.

Sequoyah Hiking Club will have its own hike to the Fall Creek Falls to celebrate Trail Day.

*Next Meeting
Bobbie Arp's Home
7PM, June 28, 1999*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2, Wednesday - Indian Boundary, easy; leave Wal Mart parking lot at 9:00 AM; leader - Johanna Cooley, 442-3643.

June 5, Saturday - **National Trails Day Hike**, Falls Branch Falls, fairly hard 3 miles; Meet at Wal Mart at 8 AM; leader - Paul Gamble, 442-9382.

June 16, Wednesday - Greenbrier school house and Walker sister's cabin; about six miles, moderate; leave Wal Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM; leader - Freda Lowry, 442-2161.

June 27, Sunday - Coker Creek Falls, aprox 3 or 4 miles; leave Wal Mart Parking lot at 2:00 PM; leader - Paul Gamble, 442-9382.

June 28, Monday - June club meeting at Bobbie Arp's. 7:00 PM. Hot dog and hamburger picnic supper. Bobbie Arp - 442-1923.

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



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