



# Footsteps



## Newsletter of Sequoyah Hiking Club

*Take only pictures.....Leave only footprints.*

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**May 31, 2007**

### Coming in June:

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**, Monday, 8:00 a.m.  
Indian Boundary, Tellico Plains  
Faye Daniel, Leader

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.  
Goforth Creek, Ocoee  
Gail Henley, Leader

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.  
Fort Loudoun State Park  
Johanna Cooley, Leader

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**, Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Falls Branch, near Cleveland  
Faye Daniel, Leader

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.  
Hooper Bald,  
Faye Daniel, Leader

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**, Monday  
Eat 6:00 p.m.  
Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### May Moments

#### Remembered:

☀ **Monday, May 7** we hiked around Indian Boundary Lake. Participants included Johanna Cooley, Faye Daniel, Shelia Holbo, Buddy Perry, Billy Joe Stricklan, Carol Taylor and Liz Yates. We were glad to see most of the trees regaining their vibrant spring green colors. Among flowers seen were pink lady slippers, heart's-a-bustin', purple and white violets, flame azaleas, Robin's plantain, Catesby's trillium, Vasey's trillium, lyre-leaf sage, mountain laurel, striped maples, serviceberry (sarvis), golden ragwort, little brown jugs, yellow star grass, galax, Fraser magnolias, upright bluets, dewberries and blackberries.

We just had to stop at Tellico Beach for hot dogs and ice cream, and were treated to an acrobatic display by a Canada goose in the river!

☀ The destination on **Wednesday, May 9**, was Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. Hiking on this trip were Johanna Cooley, Faye Daniel, Billy and Dolly McElhaney, Buddy Perry, Billy Joe Stricklan, Carol Taylor and Liz Yates.

The first stop (for half the group) was Spirit Ridge. Faye, Johanna, Carol and Buddy

walked out to the overlook and checked for flowers.

Painted trillium was blooming as well as bluets, toothwort, wood anemones, trout lily, giant chickweed, Vasey's trillium, Catesby's trillium, purple wakerobin, squawroot, Solomon's seal, false Solomon's seal, spring beauty, purple violets, jack-in-the-pulpit and dewberries.

The view from the overlook was just spectacular. The humidity must have been very low because there was no haze to speak of and we could see miles and miles of mountains.

When we reached Joyce Kilmer Forest we were glad to see that the "down leg" had reopened. It had been closed for 2 or 3 years due to extensive damage to the trail. Flowers seen were jack-in-the-pulpit, bishop's cap, wood anemone, dwarf ginseng, toothwort, purple wakerobin, Catesby's trillium, Vasey's trillium, Clinton lily, indian cucumber root, striped maple and false Solomon's seal. On the Maple Springs Overlook Road we saw umbrella leaf, wild geranium, Solomon's seal and Robin's plantain.

We had a picnic lunch by the creek at Joyce Kilmer and Buddy cooled his tired feet in the frigid water!

On the way home we (at least some of "we") stopped at Hooper's Bald and made a quick hike up the trail to check out flame azalea and huckleberry possibilities. It looked like it would be a few weeks yet before azaleas bloomed (if they do) and huckleberries looked iffy. Wild strawberries were blooming all over the Bald and we saw bluets; buttercups; purple; yellow and white violets; toothwort; purple wakerobin; wood anemone; and mountain laurel along the trail.

As usual, the temperature was much cooler on the mountain. When we left Hooper Bald the temperature was 68 deg. and when we got down to Tellico Plains it was 81 degrees!

☀ Monday's Copper Road Hike left us with some gorgeous pictures – please enjoy!





(L to R) Stephanie Adams, Johanna Cooley, Carol Taylor, Liz Yates



(L to R) Sheila Holbo, John Underwood, Faye Daniel

### **IMPORTANT...**

It is vital that you contact the hike leader or contact person the night before a planned hike if you are going to participate. If you are a little late, this will prevent the group leaving without you. Thanks!

### **MAY MEETING REPORT**

Present for the monthly meeting at Bert's on May 20<sup>th</sup> were: Johanna Cooley, Faye Daniel, John DeTurk, Gail Henley, Marie Henry, J.D. Jones, Freda and Houston Lowry, Sally Sherrod, Thelma Wracker, Carol Taylor, and Liz Yates.

