

# Tennessee Trails Association 2024 Annual Meeting Hike Schedule

(Subject to change)

All hikes depart from the **Cascades Patio at the FCF Lodge**. \*\*\* Drive times are from the FCF Lodge. \*\*\* All departure times are Central time. \*\*\* All hike distances are round-trip in miles. \*\*\* Carpooling to the trailhead is required. \*\*\* All hikers must wear their Annual Meeting Badge. \*\*\* Hikes may have limited participation.

\*For the **Cumberland Caverns Discovery Tour / Apple Brandy Hike (#16)** and **Pontoon Boat tours (# 17 & 21)**, pre-register with Joan Hartvigsen to guarantee your spot, [jhartvigs@comcast.net](mailto:jhartvigs@comcast.net). Pay at registration on Friday.

## Friday, October 25

| Hike # | Depart | Hike Difficulty  | Drive Time | Trail Distance | Trail Name   | Hike Leader       | Trail Notes  |
|--------|--------|------------------|------------|----------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 1      | Noon   | Moderate         | 18 min     | 5.4-mile loop  | Chinquapin Ridge Trail   | Joan Hartvigsen   | Forested trail visiting remote areas of the park.                    |
| 2      | 1:00pm | Moderate         | 6 min      | 0.8 miles      | Fall Creek Falls via Base of Falls Trail & Fall Creek Falls Overlook | Mark Hubbard      | Steep rocky trail, but with handrails. 260 ft elevation change.      |
| 3      | 1:00pm | Mostly easy      | 10 min     | 3.2-mile loop  | Paw Paw Trail  | Margie Schumacher | Trail starts near Nature Center & crosses Rockhouse Creek; overlooks |
| 4      | Noon   | Easy to moderate | 3 min      | 4-mile loop    | Gilbert Gaul Loop Trail  | Cindy Watson      | Shoreline hike with views of Fall Creek Lake and forest              |

## Saturday, October 26

| Hike # | Depart | Hike Difficulty       | Drive Time     | Trail Distance | Trail Name   | Hike Leader          | Trail Notes  |
|--------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 5      | 8:00am | Moderate              | 6 min          | 6 miles        | Fall Creek Falls, Overlook Trail & Cane Creek Cascades.    | Georganne Ross       | Combines hikes to base of FCF & to all overlooks along Overlook Trail, Cane Creek Cascades and Scenic Loop Road.<br><b>12 Maximum.</b> |
| 6      | 8:30am | Moderate              | 1 hour         | 6 miles        | Cumberland Trail. Roaring Creek to Cranmore Cove Overlook. | Randy Medley         | Old coal mining & railroad structures. Bluffs, pine forest. Views. Rocky trail; 900 ft elev. gain.                                     |
| 7      | 7:45am | Moderate              | 1 hour, 20 min | 8 miles        | Cumberland Trail. Black Mountain                           | Sara Pollard         | Hike to the top of Black Mountain; spur trail to Windless Cave.  |
| 8      | 8:00am | Moderate to Difficult | 1 hour         | 5 miles        | Cumberland Trail. Laurel Falls                             | Craig & Lora McBride | Cascading Richland Creek, old coal mining relics and gorgeous 80 ft Laurel Falls.  |
| 9      | 8:00am | Moderate              | 1 hour         | 7 miles        | Dry Creek Falls Trail, Dog Cove Trailhead. Lost Creek SNA  | Jay Brain            | Bridgestone Nature Reserve at Chestnut Mountain; hemlock forest; Dry Creek Falls.  |
| 10     | 7:45am | Difficult             | 1 hour 15 min  | 9 miles        | Virgin Falls   | Joe Campbell         | Rocky with uneven footing. Cable crossing at Big Laurel Creek. Karst features & four waterfalls.                                       |

| Hike # | Depart   | Hike Difficulty  | Drive Time | Trail Distance                    | Trail Name   | Hike Leader     | Trail Notes   |
|--------|--|------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 11     | 8:30 am  | Mostly easy      | 10 min     | 3.2-mile loop                     | Paw Paw Trail  | Randy Hedgepath | Trail starts near Nature Center & crosses Rockhouse Creek; overlooks              |
| 12     | 8:15 am  | Easy to moderate | 3 min      | 4.5-mile loop                     | Gilbert Gaul Loop Trail  | Joan Hartvigsen | Shoreline hike with views of Fall Creek Lake and forest                           |
| 13     | 8:00 am  | Moderate         | 30 min     | 6 miles                           | Prater Place & Hemlock Falls   | Jim Barrett     | Caves, creeks, & Hemlock Falls. 649-ft elevation gain & some rocky footing.       |
| 14     | 7:45 am  | Moderate         | 40 min     | 10-mile loop                      | Savage Gulf State Park. North Rim Trail, Mountain Oak Trail, North Plateau Trail             | Marietta Poteet | Numerous overlooks of Savage Gulf & old growth forest.                            |
| 15     | 8:00 am  | Easy to Moderate | 40 min     | 7 miles                           | Savage Gulf State Park. South Rim Trail to base of Savage Falls; Savage Day Loop & overlooks | Cindy Watson    | Visit Savage Falls from two different vantages; Rattlesnake Point Overlook.       |
| 16     | 9:00 am  | Easy to moderate | 50 min     | 1.5 mi (cavern) + 2.5 mi (forest) | Cumberland Caverns Discovery Walking Tour & Apple Brandy Hike                                | Kathy Stutts    | <b>\$22.00. Maximum 20 people.</b> See *Note about payment & reserving your spot. |
| 17     | <b>Fall Creek Falls Lake Ranger-led Pontoon Boat Tour</b><br>2:00 pm – 3pm. <b>\$10 Fee. Maximum of 10 people.</b> See *Note about payment & reserving your spot.<br><b>The boat tour can be combined with either the Paw Paw Hike (#11) or the Gilbert Gaul Hike (#12).</b> |                  |            |                                   |  |                 |   |

### Sunday, October 27

| Hike # | Depart  | Hike Difficulty | Drive Time | Trail Distance | Trail Name                              | Hike Leader     | Trail Notes   |
|--------|---|-----------------|------------|----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 18     | 8:00am  | Moderate        | 30 min     | 6 miles        | Prater Place & Hemlock Falls            | Joe Campbell    | Caves, creeks, & Hemlock Falls. 649-ft elevation gain & some rocky footing. |
| 19     | 8:00am  | Moderate        | 50 min     | 3 miles        | Rock Island State Park—Multiple trails. | Joan Hartvigsen | Several waterfalls and overlooks provide picturesque views.                 |
| 20     | 8:00am  | Moderate        | 10 min     | 2-mile loop    | Gorge Overlook and Woodland Trails Loop | Randy Hedgepath | Trail starts near Nature Center & crosses Cane Creek; overlooks             |
| 21     | <b>Fall Creek Falls Lake Ranger-led Pontoon Boat Tour</b><br>10:00 am – 11:00 am. <b>\$10 Fee. Maximum of 10 people.</b> See *Note about payment & reserving your spot. |                 |            |                |   |                 |   |

**More detailed hike descriptions & sign-ups will be provided at the Annual Meeting.**

**Sign-up sheets will be available beginning Friday 10/25 at 11:00 am.**