

Tennessee Trails Association 2024 Annual Meeting Hike Schedule

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 & 22)**, pre-register with Joan Hartvigsen to guarantee your spot, 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	1:30pm	Moderate	6 min	2.7-mile loop	Nature Center to Fall Creek Falls Loop Hike	Ranger Stuart Carroll	Fall Creek via scenic Gorge Overlook Tr. Return via Bike Trail, cross the Dam to the Turkey Pen Trail. 20 Max.
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. 15 Max.
3	1:00pm	Mostly easy	10 min	3.2-mile loop	Paw Paw Trail	Margie Schumacher	Starts near Nature Center & crosses Rockhouse Creek; overlooks. 15 Max.
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. 20 Max.

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. 12 Max.
6	8:00am	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. 12 Max.
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. 15 Max.
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 80 ft Laurel Falls. 15 Max.
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. 15 Max.
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. 15 Max.

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

Sunday, October 27

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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 & water crossings. 20 Max.
19	8:00 am	Moderate	18 min	5.4-mile loop	Chinquapin Ridge Trail	Joan Hartvigsen	Forested trail visiting remote areas of the park. 15 Max.
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. 15 Max.
21	Meet at Lost Creek Falls Parking Lot at 9:00am; Drive time is 40 minutes <i>Free Shuttle to Virgin Falls trailhead—40 minutes.</i> Difficult/strenuous.			7.5 miles	Virgin Falls Through Hike to Lost Creek w/ new Hemlock Springs Trail	Ranger Stuart Carroll	Free Shuttle to Virgin Falls parking; hike to Lost Creek. Waterfalls--Big Laurel, Sheep Cave Falls, Virgin Falls & more. 11 Max.
22	Fall Creek Falls Lake Ranger-led Pontoon Boat Tour 10:00 am – 11:00 am. \$10 Fee. Maximum of 10 people. See *Note about payment & reserving your spot.						