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SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

COMING EVENTS

October 17 Laurel Lake and Pole Steeple to view the autumn colors reflected in crystal waters. Leave 1:30 P.M. Bring evening lunch. Ruth Bolla, Leader

October 23 Meeting in State Museum--7:30 P.M. This is your chance to see and hear "Walking With Spring," the story in colored slides with commentary of the first all-the-way trek over the Appalachian Trail. A short business meeting to discuss organization and by-laws will be held. The public is invited, so bring your friends.

October 24 Peters Mountain--Route 225 to River over the proposed relocation of the Appalachian Trail. 1:30 P.M. Evening lunch optional. Don Brady, Leader

November 6 To Mt. Quiraok, Maryland, via The Devil's Race-course. A twelve mile hike. - - - - - 8:00 A.M. Ralph Kinter, Leader

November 14 Cove Mountain--Appalachian Trail relocation, Approximately five mile hike. - - - - - 1:30 P.M. Evening lunch optional. Earl Shaffer, Leader

November 21 Myers Gap--Appalachian Trail relocation, Approximately five mile hike. - - - - - 1:30 P.M. Evening lunch optional. Earl Shaffer, Leader

All hikes leave Fisher Plaza entrance to Education Building.

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FIRST EDITION - Pledgling hikes of the club have gone unreported and schedules issued have barely served the purpose. Henceforth we hope to have a commentary on past and future activities that will keep us better informed. This special first edition summarizes our first six months.

FIRST HIKE - Nineteen people met on April 4th at the entrance to the Education Building to consider organizing an Appalachian Trail Club in the Harrisburg area. Earl Shaffer, first end-to-end hiker of the A.T., led the group on a short hike to Duncannon Lookout on Cove Mountain. Affiliation with the Appalachian Trail Conference was explained by Earl and Madeline and Mose Fleming, who are members of Potomac A.T. Club, as well as York Hiking Club. The view from the lookout was universally admired.

APRIL 11 - Dark Hollow - Ralph Kinter led a group of seven on a four mile hike from Tuckahoe Scout Camp, crossing Long Mountain and returning by way of Dark Hollow Leanto. The weather threatened but never quite did.

APRIL 25 - White Rocks - Sunny Skies greeted a group of fifteen when they started from Brandtville. Highpoint of the hike was a sudden thunder storm that broke as we crossed the topmost boulders, chasing us under the rocks with scant ceremony. The hike ended at Camp Tuckahoe, where a meeting was held and pro-tem officers elected, namely: Ralph Kinter, President; Earl Shaffer, Vice President; Thelma Marks, Secretary-Treasurer. Hiking with us were Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Weiss a British couple working in the U.S.

MAY 2 - TUMBLING RUN - Jennie Riggie and Ann Poffer led a three mile hike along the brook in Micheaux State Forest. Encountered enroute were waterfalls, mossy glens and the sylvan quietude abounding in Penn's woods.

MAY 9 - HECKERTS GAP TO MANADA GAP - 'Twas dogwood time and a cool clear day for a three mile stroll ending in Manada Gap where we side trailed to see Manada Fort (long since mouldered) then picnicked near Manada school.

MAY 23 - LIMBS GAP TO OVERVIEW - Fourteen people, led by Don Brady, strolled the crest of North Mountain, admiring the azaleas, the wild geraniums, the panoramic views and the sunlit beauty of the day.

MAY 29 - SUNSET ROCKS - Ralph Kinter led a group of eight past Pine Grove Shelter to Toms Run Leantos, where lunch was cooked, then back by way of rugged but scenic Sunset Rocks, a total of about eight miles. Locust trees were in bloom.

A meeting of the executive committee was held at the apartment of Thelma Marks on June 4th. Acting upon information received from the Conference in Washington, it was decided to recommend that the club affiliate with the Appalachian Trail Conference as a Class B member by contributing five dollars as a preliminary to assuming maintenance of a section of Trail. This would entitle us to three copies of A.T. and other publications of the Conference.

JUNE 5 - BIG FLAT - Thelma Marks led a hike of about five miles starting from the Middle Ridge Road and passing Milesburn Shelter to Birch Run Leanto and Big Flat Firetower. Dick Kaley was declared hero for a day for killing a timber rattler.

JUNE 13 - PLETZ PASS TO ROCKVILLE - A group of ten led by Ann Meikle strolled the ridge crest north of Harrisburg. Many wildflowers were admired, with commentary by Bill Lief. The weather was not-so-cool. All hikers imbibed freely of Plotz Pass Spring.

JUNE 17 - A GENERAL MEETING was held at the home of George and Janet Hoke. A resolution was offered and approved that the club affiliate with the A. T. Conference as a Class B member by contributing five dollars, as recommended by the committee. Another resolution was passed authorizing the president to appoint a by-laws committee. Afterward, color slides were shown by Earl Shaffer, George Gruber and Ralph Kinter.

JUNE 19 - MONT ALTO FOREST - Ralph Kinter led a group of eight from Snowy Mountain Tower to Tumbling Run Leanto, where lunch was consumed, then to Chimney Rocks (a fine viewpoint toward Maryland) then back to the Snowy Mountain.

JUNE 27 - HECKERTS GAP TO PLETZ PASS - The hike was done in reverse, starting with a stiff climb to Plotz Pass Spring. Linglestown Rocks provided distant views. Flowers posed for closeups, also a puff adder near Hemlock Springs.

JULY 3 - RHODODENDRON HIKE - Ralph said he was going anyhow and invited the rest along. Three responded. Calopogons (orchids) and seeds of Rhododendron made the trip well worth while--not to mention three wild turkey hens with their chicks.

JULY 11 - PETERS MOUNTAIN - Eleven started but a misunderstanding caused half to end up at Harrisburg Water Reservoir instead of the Mountain. The rest hiked on both sides of route 225, pausing to view the water gap.

JULY 18 - COWANS GAP - Venturing far afield Elmer Bolla led a group of fourteen to one of Pennsylvania's finest recreational areas. Hiking, canoeing, swimming and a cookout were among the varied activities.

JULY 24 - POLE STEEPLE - Ann Peffer led a group of eight about five miles, to the lookout above Laurel Lake, whence the party recessed for swimming and picnicing afterward. The perfect hike for a summer day, especially the swimming.

AUGUST 1 - FULLER LAKE - The lake as beautiful as ever. Time was spent in lazy swimming and loafing, followed by a picnic, except for two energetic non-swimmers who trekked to Pole Steeple. Ten adults and Cindy Hoke, age 17 months attended.

AUGUST 8 - STONY CREEK - turned out to be Clark Creek instead. The water was wet, as discovered by some when crossing at a riffle and later at a nice swimming hole that was totally unexpected, especially by the leader.

AUGUST 22 - HEMLOCK STATE FOREST - provided a stroll beneath primeval evergreens, a steep but scenic climb, a wealth of vari-colored mushrooms, a colorful iron mine and a fine picnic spot. Colonel Denning Recreational area provided the swimming in a pond surrounded by tree clad hills. Ruth Bolla certainly planned a nice trip.

AUGUST 28 - CALEDONIA STATE PARK - A leisurely visit to Quarry Gap Leanto, to Mooney Spring, and to Hammond Rock; a first for most of the group. A little late for blueberries, but nice terrain anyway. Jonnie Riggie, leader.

SEPTEMBER 11 - HORSE-SHOE TRAIL - The hike was shrunken by threatening rain. Ralph Kinter led a group of five to Lebanon Water Works and to Eagle Rock in the morning. Random Botanizing prevailed in the afternoon. Several box turtles were seen. One red-eyed specimen paused to stare nonchalantly at the hikers before resuming a repast of mushrooms.

SEPTEMBER 19 - GOVERNOR DICK AT MT. GRETNA - Governor Dick was a hermit who dwelt atop a tall wooden tower, that recently was replaced with one of concrete. The view from topside is terrific. The hike was up and back on mossy trails, led by Bill Lief. The weather was clear and cool.

SEPTEMBER 25 - TRAIL MAINTENANCE - Led by the Lone Trail-Hiker, seven members tackled the brushy crest of Peters Mountain, clearing several miles of the relocation. Weapons included axes, clippers, and weeders. Don't be heartbroken if you missed this trip. There will be others.

SEPTEMBER 26 - FLAT ROCK TRAIL - COLONEL DENNING PARK - A group of fifteen led by George Hoke climbed the trail to Flat Rock, gathering acorns for Elmer Bolla's pet squirrel en-route. There they admired the view of the Cumberland Valley, picking out landmarks as far away as the Steelton Water-tower. A pleasant surprise was a bag of Rambo apples which Ralph Kinter had carried to the top instead of his usual camera and equipment.

OCTOBER 3 - MOONLIGHT HIKE ON COVE MOUNTAIN - Hmm, that moon was dim and the hike was rough. The mulligan materialized long after dark and the rain just managed to refrain. Yet no one complained, getting to be real troupers, apparently. How about that nocturnal view of the river?

OCTOBER 10 - RICKETTS GLEN - Elmer Bolla's trip to view fall colors that had not yet reached their prime--yet enough to please the fourteen who made the trip, provided a thrilling experience for the seven who were viewing the Glen for the first time; for the rest a delightful return visit. The seven mile hike certainly improved our appetites for the Dutch Pantry stop.