

Terrapin Trails



Easter Trip, 1967

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Terrapin Trail Club Newsletter Spring 1967

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Many congratulations to our new President, Barry Chute, Vice President Ron Canter, Secretary, Mary Helen Johnson and lots of old members who used to be officers. By the way congratulations to you too John Lock for hanging onto the mony (money) job.

Lets all hope for a real enthusiastic year in Trail Club this year. Enthusiasm is the difference between wanting to have a godd time and having a good time. (PJM) And by the way it takes time and effort to turn out a newsletter, an album or any other things that really make a club more enjoyabel. No one here has to be told how many drab evenings that you couldn't get away on were more enjoyable for reliving some of the old trips. This shouldn't ever replace going places and doing things but it sure can get more mileage from these activities. Look thru some of the old trip reports and the albums downstairs in the S.U. and you'll see what can be done.

Needed Desperately:

- New Ideas
- Newsletter workers on
- Trip Reports in writing
- Photographs and slide, even movies
- Competent typists and artists

Overholt's Blowing Cave
Feb. 28-Mar. 2

Jon Lock and Ralph Bucca packed up their exposure suits and headed for Overholt's, Swago Creek Area, West Virginia. The temperature was around zero, but they bravely put on their exposure suits and started wading through the stream passage. Four hours later they entered the Mountain Room where a huge column, 50' in diameter, has a waterfall flowing into it. They explored a few more passageways and then started back. Naturally the exposure suits got ripped several times, letting in that #"%&(*?@ cold water. Next time they're going to carry a repair kit.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12: Rock climbing at Sugarloaf Mt. near Comus and Dickerson, Md. Call Mike Hill 336-1471.

Saturday, March 18: Cabin work trip. We have work for females as well as males. Leave at 8:00 from Lot Z. Call Paul Mallary 779-5297.

Easter, March 24-27: Rock climbing at the Shawangunks, New Paltz, New York. Call Mike Hill 336-1471.

Canoeing on the Cacapon River, West Virginia. Call Rich Blumberg or Paul Mallary 779-5297.

Sunday, April 2: Rock climbing at Carderock, Md. We might be able to practice dynamic belaying with Oscar. Call Mike Hill 336-1471.

Tentative Summer Trips:

1. Virgin Islands. See Jon Lock.
2. The Intercoastal Waterway. See Rich Blumberg.
3. The Rockies. See Mike Hill.

Mary's Rock Hike

Due to snow on Friday, many people thought the hike had been called off. However, six of us (JoAnn, Dave, Al, Paul, Ron and Mike) went anyway. We left at 8:30 (only a half-hour late). In Warrenton, the rear break shoe of Dave's Corvette started acting up, so he had to go back. Arriving at Thornton Gap, we found that the Drive was closed. So we quickly changed our plans from Dark Hollow to Mary's Rock. The trail leaves Panorama Hotel and rises 1200 feet in 1.9 miles. At about two thirds of the way up we emerged from the clouds into the warm sun. The view from the summit (El. 3514) was fair to the west but the east was a sea of clouds. We took the tunnel trail down, admired the stalactites growing out of the cement in the tunnel, and walked down the Drive back to Panorama.

Distance: 210 miles

Cost: \$1.50 (food and gas)

George Washington's Birthday Wednesday, Feb. 22

The canoe trip that was scheduled was postponed until Sunday, although unknown by many new members. When I arrived at 7:55, there were already 12 people there ready to go canoeing! When I told them the news, four went home disgusted, two decided to go to the Shenandoah, and the rest of us (Mary Helen, Frank, Jay, George, Ron and Mike) went to Catoctin Mountain Park near Thurmont, Md. We did a 7 mile circuit hike to Cat Rock, Chimney Rocks, and Wolf Rock. Cat Rock and Wolf Rock were crawling with climbs, so we promised to return in warmer weather. After the hike, we rode up to Cunningham Falls.

Distance: 140 miles

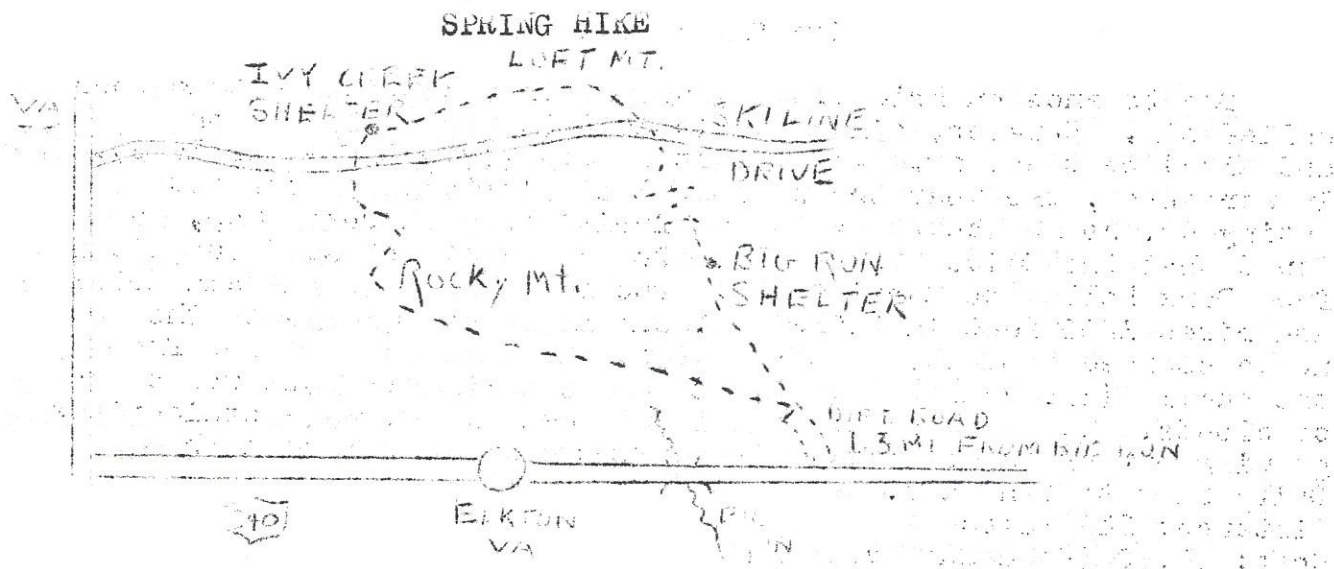
Cost: \$1.35 (food and gas)

Rocks State Park Sunday, Feb. 26

I didn't particularly want to go canoeing in 20° weather and I couldn't afford to take off a whole weekend, so a friend and I decided to hike to Annapolis Rocks, Md. When he didn't show up, I quickly changed my plans to Rocks State Park, 20 miles north of Baltimore. The trip looked long on the map but it was only 72 miles. I made it in one hour and forty-five minutes by the slow route (U.S. 1). The rocks aren't spectacular but there are some interesting climbs, the longest one being about 100'. There are some more low, scattered rocks about two miles down the crest of the mountain. They aren't more than 25' high but many are smooth and would be real buggers to climb.

Mike Hill

NOTICE: We will try to post all trips on the door of the Trail Club Room (Room 19 in the S.U.). We urge everyone to check the notices periodically for upcoming trips and CHANGE IN PLANS.



Left Sat. morning, 7:00. Started hike at 10:30. Very beautiful weather. Wallace Bailey, Linda Hobbs, Harry Stacy, Smilodectes (femine dog), Mike Hill, Ron Canter.

Admired view from Loft Mt. Stayed night in Ivy Creek. Left next morning on trail over Rocky Mt. None of climbs too bad, but trail 2nd day is pretty rough on feet. You should have properly broken in hiking boots.

Recommended 2-day weekend circuit hike with shelter at night. Ten miles first day, 8 miles second day. Cost: 65¢ food, \$1.00 gas.

Harry Stacy

CATOCTIN MTN. HIKE FEB. 22

This hike was a last-minute replacement for the Washington's Birthday canoe trip. Besides myself, Mike, and Frank, there were three new members, George, Jay and Mary Helen. The route of the hike was: up Bob's Hill to Cat Rock, down an abandoned trail to Hunting Creek, up Chimney Rock and Wolf Rock, and back to the ranger station by trails. The hike was about $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles long. Cat Rock and Chimney Rock are quartzite cliffs broken into interesting rock formations by deep, narrow chimneys. Wolf Rock is a maze of tunnels and cracks one or two feet wide and 20 feet deep. The views are really good.

George, Jay and Frank took off bushwhacking below Cat Rock and we followed an old trail into someone's back yard. We never did catch up with the others so we spent a couple of hours climbing at Wolf Rock and then came back on a trail which came out in the ranger's back yard. We topped off the day with dinner at McDonald's.

Ron Canter

WHITING'S NECK & JONES' QUARRY MAY 6

People: Barry & Anne Chute, Allen Lord, Joanne Evans, and Bob Romanowski (co-worker of Chutes').

We had a bit of trouble finding whiting's Neck Cave, but eventually found it -- in a cold, wet, windy field. Saw several large sows with

hungry offspring. Man around in cave as far as pit, where we stopped due to lack of energy and absence of rope.

Headed for Jones' Quarry and found it with no trouble. Dr. Romanowski, who is used to dry Montana caves, quickly learned nuddy Maryland caving techniques (like the 5-point system!).

Both caves are worthwhile and are easy enough for beginners or lazy people. Some of the most unlikely-looking leads in Jones' Quarry have nice formations. You can do both caves reasonably thoroughly in one day, including driving time.

Anne Chute

Spring Trip, Seneca Rock, May 12 to 14

Twelve people left Lot Z for Seneca Friday evening and an un-estimated

number made it to Seneca that night. Barry and Anne were left behind before getting out of town due to a break-down in the Corvair. Due to faulty reporting ~~in~~ I do not have all the names of the people who were on the trip. I know there was Allen Lord and Linda, Linda Breen(?), Mike Hill, Ron Canter and Mike Krepner.

The route taken this time was via U.S. 50 to Winchester, and then South on 259. It was beautiful on 259 this time of year. Late ~~Saturday~~ ^{Friday} night everyone hit the sack under a beautiful sky, only to wake up Saturday morning to a "grismal" sky.

Activities Saturday included a climb part way up Ecstasy Jr. by Mike Hill and Ron Canter, and a hike up the back of Seneca Rock by the rest of the party. Weather conditions were responsible for this trip being somewhat of a rest trip, although maybe not an enjoyable rest at all times.

Mike and Ron left Saturday night after pancake supper, leaving the rest of the party to enjoy the patter of raindrops on the roof Saturday night. The rest of the trip was uneventful(evidently), except for a mashed fender on Linda's VW at Gainesville.

Ron Canter and Allen Lord

Easter Trip, 1967

Passage Creek

What a rotten weekend for canoeing. Rich was smart, getting the trip going and then backing out. Curse you R. B. All afternoon Friday building the trailer, etc, then over to lot Z. A little late. Then the fun really began, who'll get food, the other canoe, what? We still hadn't decided where to go. The Cheat was out, maybe Cacapon or Shenandoah. Who whispered Passage Creek?

Midnight, rendezvous at Harpers Ferry, the Potomac was really wild, no soap. The weather was still bad. After a night in the A.T. shelters south of Harpers Ferry it looked like snow. Well, we can't leave without looking at the river. Can't hurt to drive towards Passage Creek, sure enough the sun came out. Well, into the water. After a beautiful trip down to Elizabeth Furnace and lunch on the bank things started to look more interesting. Water got faster, faster, rougher, well so much for Harry and Linda. Managed to bull thru with the red monstrosity but Johnni and John and Ron and had a little trouble, water or something. That was nothing to what met us around the next corner tho. Harry started out, left Linda marooned on a rock, held up traffic. Johnni and John rode up on a rock, end of that canoe trip. Ron and I called it quits, myself and JoAnn hit Harry's rock, swung sideways and the stern hit the shore. All it took was a second, the upstream side went under, for a second there was a temporary dam across half the stream, cra a a ck, hang on JoAnn! She did, one little stick. Well so much for Passage Creek. Borrowed a bike and went down to the truck, when who should arrive but Buz, Sandy and Mike Hill. Loaded up remaining canoes, (part of one) and to Elizabeth Furnace Campground we went. Four of us remained overnight, cooking on the remains of one red canoe. We did a section of the Creek farthest upstream next day, then I got mine, over my head and my camera. The End.

Participants: Johnni Jimmyer, John Kemper, Joanne Evans, Paul Mallary, Harry Stacy, Linda Hobbs, Ron Canter,

Well, here it is, the big day finally arriving for Harry and Linda and Bill and Barbara. Congrats all. Had a nice little party for Barbara, kind of a coed shower. Lots of Chianti (oh my head!) Also, Harry had a nice little stag party, after that we went to see Linda's shower. How do I explain that to the boys.

John (or is it Jon) Lock is still looking for people to go to the Virgin Isles.

No doubt there will be people going to Expo 67 too, bring it up.

Lets all come to the party (work type that is) at the cabin site in June.

Trail Club Equipment List

Trail Club Equipment falls into three general categories, that for official club use, that for short term borrowing and that for long term borrowing. Members are reminded of Surplus Agency privileges which are available to the club, and are also reminded of the fact that property so obtained cannot legitimately become actual property of any member. Respect for Surplus Property privileges will ensure their continuance.

I. Property of the club for official use:

Paint matching the interior of the cabinet and stain for the exterior.
Glue, tape, paint brushes, turpentine, trail blazing paint, paint cans and buckets.
One pick, one spade and one hatchet for trail clearing use.
Large three-section display board for Organizations Day, etc.

II. Property for short term borrowing, some of which requires rental.

Three Hard Hats (3)

Four carbide lights (4)

One Group Mess kit: 6 plates, 6 cups, 3 pots, 1 lid (fry pan) and one pitcher/lid.

One group Mess Kit: 6 plates, 6 cups, 2 pots, 1 lid (fry pan) and some utensils.

The following topographic sheets:

A. West Virginia, 1:62,500 series

Williamsport- 1

Marlinton- 1

Parsons- 1

White Sulphur Spr.-1

Onego- 1

Mingo- 1

Lobelia-1

Clintonville-1

Circleville-3

Alderson-1

Cass-1

Petersburg-1

B. Others:

Keedysville- 1:24,000 topographic

Shenandoah (South Half)

Anne Arundel County

Shenandoah South (PATC)

Dryden, New York

Moosilauke, New Hampshire

C. Virginia, 1:62,500

Waynesboro-1

Williamsville-2

Warm Springs-1

Ronceverte-1

University-1

Spruce Knob-1

Mountain Grove-1

Monterey-2

McDowell-3

Healing Springs-1

Harrisonburg-1

Elkton-1

Falling Spring-1

Martinsburg-1

Vesuvius-1

III. Property for long term checking out with deposit to treasurer:

small individual mess kits- army surplus

small individual canteens- army surplus

rubberized jet refueling suits

rubberized fabric exposure suits

* In addition to this there are many other useful items worth looking at in the Trail Club Cabinet, such as old albums, IOCA newsletters, PSC newsletters, PATC newsletters, up-to-date catalogues of several outfitters. In particular, TTC newsletters full of interesting trips and ideas. Please take advantage.

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