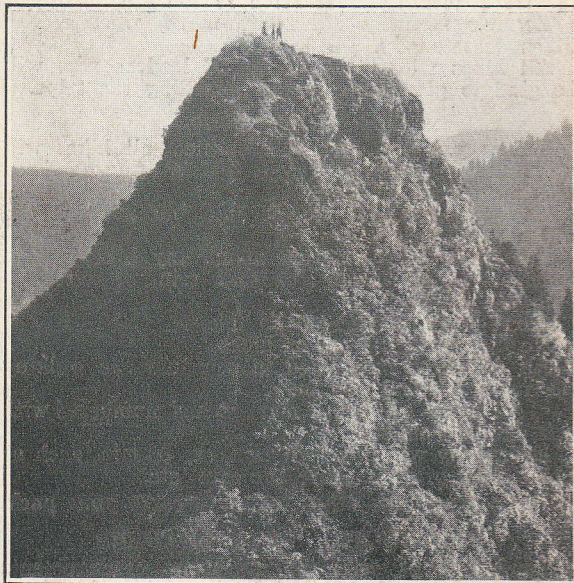




Members of Smoky Mountains Hiking Club on Mt. Le Conte, one of the most interesting and most distinctive mountains in America. This is in the heart of the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



Three daring members of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club on one of the "Chimneys". The photographer, another member of our club, was balancing himself on the other "Chimney top".



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## ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club was organized in October, 1924, during the early stages of the campaign for the establishment of a National Park in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Charter members of the club realized that the people of Knoxville and East Tennessee knew comparatively little about the outstanding beauty and the many features of national and even international distinction to be found in the Great Smoky Mountains. In forming the hiking club, it was the purpose to acquaint the members with these facts—to have them know: that the Great Smokies are the most spectacular mountains in eastern America; that these mountains rise higher above their immediate valleys (over 1 mile) than any other mountains in America; Mt. Le Conte, which is only 50 miles from Knoxville has an elevation of 6,680 feet, which is 5,700 feet higher than Knoxville. Long's Peak, in the Rocky Mountains, 80 miles from Denver and higher than famous Pike's Peak, rises only about 5,100 feet higher than the city of Denver; that the Great Smokies contain a greater variety of trees, plants and shrubs than is found in any other area of equal size in the world; that the Great Smokies are the oldest mountains in America and are older than the Alps or Pyrenees; that the hardwood forests of America, and probably of the world, originated in the Great Smoky Mountains. After learning these, and other distinctive features of our own beautiful section, members of the hiking club are expected to give the information to others, and to encourage them to visit various parts of the mountains.

Also, the club members are pledged to a program of protecting the natural beauty of the mountains.

A membership fee of \$3.00 annually is charged. The money thus received is spent in marking trails and in other ways for the benefit of club members and the public generally.

An invitation is extended to any reputable white person who is interested in hiking, and who is also interested in the objects of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, to become a member. To insure a clean, congenial organization at all times, each membership application is referred to a special mem-

bership committee for recommendations before the applicant is admitted to membership. Application cards may be secured at the club office at Flower Craft, Inc., 614 South Gay Street, or from any member.

Members in good standing are permitted, and requested, to bring visitors, especially prospective members, on any of the hikes.

Officers of the club, who were responsible for the successful work carried on during the first year are Geo. F. Barber, President; James E. Thompson, Vice-President; Bruce Rodgers, Secretary and Treasurer.

Plans have been made for erecting a club house at some central point in the Great Smokies. The building is being designed by Chas. I. Barber, one of Knoxville's leading architects and a charter member of the Hiking Club, and will be built by club members during the vacation season.

Regular monthly hikes are made, with special hikes occasionally.

All hikes will be in charge of leaders who will be glad to give information regarding the trips.

### General Information

Unless you are otherwise notified, all hikes will start from Saunders System, 204 W. Church Ave., adjoining Sentinel Building.

Use your own car, if you like, but meet at the above place before starting.

For desired information about any hike, get in touch with the leader for that trip, or with the club secretary.

Carry your canteen on all hikes.

No fire arms allowed on hikes.

All distances mentioned in schedule are walking distances for one way only.

All trails are being marked and numbered with our official emblem.

Everybody will pay own expenses of trip, such as hotel bills, prorata share for cars, etc.

Don't expect the other fellow to carry your pack.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEADERS

Leaders will make all necessary arrangements and attend to all details of trips. Also have authority and command of party.



Leader should start slowly, and gradually work up to required speed. Party may be divided with proper leadership for fast and slow groups.

They must see that lunching places and camp sites are made clean. Burn all garbage and rubbish before leaving. Appoint some one to gather fire wood.

The leader must see that new trails are marked and old ones re-marked where necessary.

Leaders should know the trails, distances, and obstacles to be found. If a new trail, scouting trip should be made in advance.

He shall have control of camp fires, as to location etc., and see that they are extinguished before leaving.

A topographical map and compass should always be taken.

The leader shall be in command of the party from the time of leaving until its return. The majority shall rule in case of storm or emergency when leader is undecided as to the best thing to do.

He may appoint as many assistants as are needed.

#### SCHEDULE FOR HIKES FOR 1926

##### March 21st

Look Rock, near Montvale Springs. Part of trail No. 22. Altitude 3,500 feet. Distance 3 miles from Montvale. Unusually good view of Happy Valley. Leave 8:30 a. m. Bring food for one meal. Leader, Ed Ivey, old phone 7952.

##### April 17th and 18th

Mt. Harrison, near Gatlinburg. Trail No. 4. Distance 4½ miles. Leave Knoxville 3:00 p. m. Spend Saturday night at Gatlinburg and leave hotel 7:30 a. m. Bring food for one meal. A fine view of Mt. Le Conte from a different angle. Leader, Hugh White, old phone 2747.

##### May 22nd and 23rd

Gregory Bald. Trail No. 23. Altitude 5,000 feet. Distance, 4 miles from lower end of Cades Cove. Leave Knoxville Saturday 3:00 p. m. Make trip through beautiful Cades Cove to Taylor Whitehead's where night will be spent. Bring food for three meals. Leader, Geo. F. Barber, old phone 1153.

##### June 19th and 20th

Mt. Le Conte. Trail No. 1. Altitude 6,680 feet. Distance 4½ miles from Cherokee Orchards. See this giant of the Smokies at its best. Leave Knoxville Saturday 3:00 p. m. Spend night at Gatlinburg. Bring food for dinner on the mountain. Leader, Brockway Crouch, old phone 544.

##### July 3rd and 4th

Thunderhead, via Cades Cove. Trail No. 33. Altitude 5,400 feet. Distance, 6 miles from upper end of Cades Cove. One of the finest trips. Leave Knoxville Saturday 12:00 o'clock noon. Park cars at Ledbetter's at east end of the Cove. Bring food for three meals. Spend night on top of mountain, near the famous Spencer's Cabin. Need double blanket. Leader, Earl Loden, old phone 6126.

##### July 17th and 18th

Abrams' Falls via Montvale Springs and Look Rock. Trail 22. Distance 10 miles, with little climbing. Leave Knoxville Saturday 3:00 p. m. Spend Saturday night at Montvale Springs. Bring food for one meal. Leader, Douglas Smith, old phone 745.

##### July 31st-August 1st

Alum Cave. Trail No. 1, 2 and 3. Circle trip from Gatlinburg via Mt. Le Conte and returning via Indian Gap Trail. Total distance 15 miles of hard hiking. A trip only a few persons have made. Leave Knoxville Saturday at 9:00 a. m. Spend Saturday night on Mt. Le Conte. Sleeping accommodations on top of mountain. Bring food for three meals. Leader, Albert Roth, old phone 6173-J.

##### August 21st and 22nd

Pinnacle. Trail No. 10. Altitude 4,500 feet. Distance 2½ miles from Green Briar. One of finest views in Smokies. Leave Knoxville Saturday 3:00 p. m. Spend Saturday night at Gatlinburg, leaving hotel at 7:30 a. m. Sunday. Bring enough food for one meal. Leader, Jim Thompson, old phone 3269.

##### September 18th and 19th

Round Top via Gatlinburg. Trail No. 5. Altitude 4,900 feet. Distance 5 miles. A new trip with wonderful views. Leave Knoxville Saturday at 3:00 p. m., and spend the night at Gatlinburg, leaving



hotel at 7:30 a. m. Bring food for one meal. Leader, John K. Gillespie, Jr., old phone 161.

#### October 16th and 17th

Indian Gap. Trail No. 3. Altitude 5,000 feet. Distance 9 miles. Leave Knoxville Saturday 12:00 noon for Gatlinburg, then drive to Ogle's Store in Sugarland. Spend the night at a new hotel under the Chimneys. Long, but not hard. Unsurpassed scenery at this time of year. Food for one meal. Leader, Lucian Green, old phone 3076.

#### November 4th

House Mountain. Trail No. 20. Leave Knoxville at 12:30 p. m. and drive to foot of mountain, for short, but interesting climb. Return before night. A fine afternoon trip. Leader, Chas. I. Barber, old phone 4200.

#### December 12th

Indian Cave. Leave Knoxville 9:00 a. m. for Cave which is 5 miles north of Newmarket. The only hiking is through the Cave which extends 1 mile and 20 feet from the entrance. Many beautiful and interesting formations. Admission to cave, \$1.10. Bring food for one meal. Leader, Carlos C. Campbell, either phone 108.

#### CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND FOOD

When selecting clothing for your hikes you should take many things into consideration. You should always be prepared for possible rains, and should remember that it is considerably colder on the mountain tops than in the valleys. It is advisable to take light-weight rain coat, and possibly a sweater, on all hikes. In cold weather it is best to wear a coat over your sweater, to give protection from the hard winds that are usually encountered on the mountains. Gloves and wool sox are also advisable.

It is a good plan to discuss the selection of clothing, equipment and food with the hike leader several days in advance of the hike.

A study of the following equipment list may prevent your forgetting some important item of equipment:

Canteen	Lantern or candles
Mess kit	Compass
Knife, fork and spoon	Nails
Matches, in air-tight tin.	String
First aid kit	Field glasses
Axe	

In selecting food for your hiking trip, please bear in mind that a pound of surplus weight at the beginning of your trip often feels like a ton before you reach the top of the mountain. You should, therefore, endeavor to get the greatest food values in the least possible weight. A perusal of the following list may help:

Bacon	Dates
Bread	Apples
Butter	Rice
Cocoa	Potatoes
Sweet Chocolate	Pancake flour
Cheese	Oatmeal crackers
Eggs	Coffee (Geo. Washington)
Ham	Jelly
Evaporated milk	Prunes
Raisins	Sugar
Peanuts	Salt
Chipped beef	Lemons
Malted milk	Apricots
Figs	Canteen of water

#### AN INVITATION

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club extends a cordial invitation to all hiking and mountaineering clubs to make a visit into the beautiful Smoky Mountains, in which it is proposed to establish a National Park. We will gladly co-operate with visiting clubs in securing desirable camping sites or hotel accommodations, and in the selection of hikes that will be of greatest interest.

Two of America's largest hiking clubs have already made plans for sending groups of hikers for visits in our mountains. The Prairie Club, of Chicago, plans to send thirty or forty of its leading members for a hiking expedition through the Great Smokies, under the direction of our club. The Green Mountain Hiking Club will have a smaller group with us this summer. We want the privilege of entertaining many other visiting clubs during the year.

#### OFFICERS

Brockway Crouch.....	President
Edward Ivey .....	Vice-President
Albert Roth .....	Secretary-Treasurer

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NOTE—Knoxville is the General Headquarters Great Smoky Mountain Tourist Bureau.