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National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers



**The 2006 Annual
National Recreation
Resource Planning
Conference**

“Adapting to a New Reality”

**May 15-19, 2006
Nashville, Tennessee
Scarritt Bennett Center**

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Introducing NARRP

NARRP, the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners, is an organization comprised of outdoor recreation professionals and others interested in recreation resource planning. It is a nationwide organization with members in nearly every state, representing state and federal agencies, land managers, consultants, and academic institutions.

The mission of NARRP is to Advance the Art, the Science and the Profession of Recreation Resource Planning and enhance the provision of recreation opportunities for all Americans.

Introducing NASORLO

NASORLO, the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers, is the states' organization for the Land & Water Conservation Fund. A dedicated partner of the National Park Service, NASORLO works to ensure the success of the LWCF and its goals.

Conference Sponsors

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Tennessee Recreation Educational Services Division is conducting and sponsoring the *Greenways and Trails...Healthy Challenges Workshop* on Monday, May 15. The Recreation Educational Services Division administers technical, planning and financial assistance services to state, local and private providers of public recreation, as well as encourages the development of recreation systems across the state. The Recreation Educational Services Division administers technical, planning and financial assistance services to state, local and private providers of public recreation, as well as encourages the development of recreation systems across the state.



Tennessee State Parks has contributed an in-kind donation of vans and drivers for the Field Workshops and Banquet. Since 1937, Tennessee State Parks have been stewards to some of the most significant natural and cultural resources in Tennessee. Today we manage over 54 parks, natural areas, and cultural sites, providing a wide variety of outstanding recreational opportunities.

Venture Publishing, Inc. has donated \$150 worth of books on recreation management issues to the scholarship auction. Venture Publishing has been offering "Books That Matter" since 1978 to administrators, educators, directors of therapeutic recreation, activity directors, and clinical staff. Our publications cover the areas of therapeutic recreation, activity programming, long-term care, parks and recreation, leisure studies, behavior management skills, advanced CNA training, and private, public, and commercial recreation. Visit us at: www.venturepublish.com

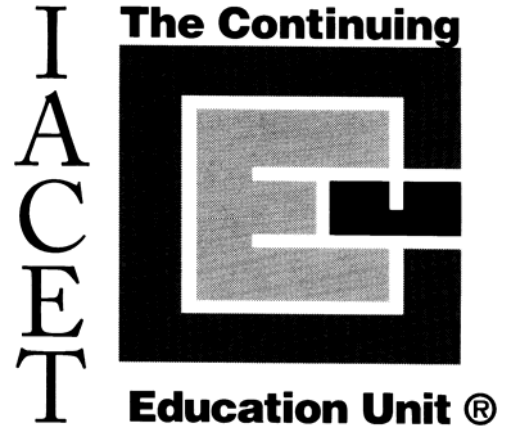


We Want your Feedback!

Your opinions and comments about this conference are very important to us as we work to improve for future conferences. Please take a few minutes to complete the conference evaluation survey. If at any time during the conference you wish to comment, please feel free to talk to conference co-chairs Brenda Adams-Weyant or Mark Ivy.

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available through the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA) an authorized provider with the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). Authorized provider # 2183.



Classes for CEUs are below. If you are not sure if a class is offering CEUs, please ask the monitor in each class. A CEU/Proof of Attendance Form is available at the registration desk. It is required that the assigned CEU Monitor punches your form before and after each educational session. At the end of the conference, please bring your CEU form to the Registration Desk.

Please note: TRPA will not issue CEUs to individuals who do not bring their forms to the registration desk at conference to be signed. Forms will not be accepted at the TRPA office after the conference.

Conference Sessions with CEU Credit

Tuesday

12:00 - 1:30	State of the Park: The Great Smoky Mountains National Park	0.1 credits
3:30 - 5:00	Planning for Destination Events in Rural/Natural Areas	0.1 credits
3:30 - 5:00	Creating Effective Social Surveys	0.1 credits

Wednesday

9:00 - 10:15	Does your greenway function ecologically?	0.1 credits
9:00 - 10:15	Data rich and judgment poor? Improving Visitor Analysis in Planning	0.1 credits
10:45 - 12:00	How to Estimate Future Recreation Demand	0.1 credits
1:30 - 5:00	Field Workshop: Does your greenway function ecologically?	0.3 credits
1:30 - 5:00	Field Workshop: Radnor Lake State Natural Area	0.3 credits

Hospitality Suite

Join us in the Hospitality Suite, Room 230 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, for fellowship on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, May 15

- 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Optional Pre-Conference Training: *Greenways and Trails...Healthy Challenges Workshop* (Pre-registration required)
- 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Optional Pre-Conference Site Tours (Pre-registration required)
- 7:00 p.m. - ? Hospitality Suite open at the Embassy Suites Hotel

Tuesday, May 16

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast provided at your hotel
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Featured Speaker: Mack Prichard, Tennessee State Naturalist, *Conserving Tennessee's Natural Heritage*
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break with Refreshments
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Featured Speaker: Jeff Rennie, *Growing up Wild*
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon & Featured Speaker: Bob Miller, *Great Smoky Mountains National Park, State of the Park: The Great Smoky Mountains National Park*
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break with Refreshments
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. William Woodland, USDA Forest Service, the Federal Professional Recreation Series
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Opening Reception at Embassy Suites Hotel
- 7:00 p.m. - ? Hospitality Suite open at the Embassy Suites Hotel

Wednesday, May 17

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast provided at your hotel
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. NARRP Business Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. NASORLO Business Meeting and LWCF session
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Break with Refreshments
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon & Featured Speaker: Ted Lee Eubanks, *Fermata Inc, Matrix of Opportunity*
- 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Field Workshops (Pre-registration required)
- 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. NPS Grants Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. NARRP Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - ? Hospitality Suite open at the Embassy Suites Hotel

Thursday, May 18

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast provided at your hotel
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration Desk Open
- 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All-Conference Field Workshop: *Harpeth River*
- 5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Banquet & Live Auction: *Dyer Observatory. Astronomy program and telescope viewing to follow auction.*

Friday, May 19

- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. USDA Forest Service Recreation Planners Meeting (all welcome!)

Monday, May 15, 2006

Optional Pre-Conference Opportunities

8:00 - 7:00 **Registration Desk Open - Laskey Building**

8:30 - 5:00 **Optional Pre-conference Workshop**

Sponsored by the Tennessee Recreation Educational Services Division
\$65 Registration Fee. You must pre-register for this workshop.

Greenways and Trails...Healthy Challenges

Scarritt Bennett Center - Laskey Building

Lunch included

This workshop is designed to facilitate and educate communities on issues involved with planning, economic development issues and implementation of quality greenways and trails that provide health and wellness benefits. The program will include morning classroom sessions with the following focus:

- ❖ Identifying ways to make trails and greenways an essential community investment in public health
- ❖ Planning initiatives and processes for state trail plans
- ❖ Economic benefits of greenways and trails development

The afternoon portion of the workshop will be on-site at the Richland Creek Greenway in Nashville. Topics/training "on the trail" will include ideas fitness/wellness programming on trails, design and usage strategies and environmental issues. Workshop fee covers all sessions, lunch, afternoon field trip and resource notebook.

8:30 - 5:00 **Optional Pre-conference Site Tours**

Each pre-conference tour is \$30 and pre-registration is required. There are minimum and maximum tour sizes and tours will be cancelled if the minimum number is not reached. You will be asked to indicate your first and second choices on the registration form. Tours will depart from the Scarritt Bennett Center.

Land Between the Lakes Recreation Innovations Tour

Minimum 5 participants, maximum 20 participants

Lunch included

The pre-conference field trip to Land between the Lakes NRA is to highlight the recreation program and how environmental education is blended into the program. Part of the legislative mission of LBL is to provide environmental education. The recently completed LBL Area Plan stated that environmental education would be woven into all of the programs at LBL.

The first stop at the LBL is the Golden Pond Visitor Center Planetarium. The Visitor Center serves as a point of contact for visitor information and issues permits, and it tells the story of the history of LBL. Within the visitor center is the Planetarium, which holds daily programs concerning a resource we sometimes forget, the heavens and space. The program that the tour will see is entitled "Blown Away". This program highlights storms and the role they have played in human history. This program is timely given the recent storms in the Gulf Coast and the tornado that touched down in LBL this fall. LBL still has a dark sky that makes star gazing a popular recreation activity

We have two options for the second stop. *First choice* will be the Wranglers Campground, the equestrian facility at LBL. Facility Manager Randall Mitchell will take the tour participants on a horse ride on some of the trails at LBL. While on the ride and at stops along the way, Randall will discuss the Leave No Trace riding, trail sustainability and other issues, such as a manure disposal at the large equestrian facility. Lunch will be either on the ride or back at camp. *If it rains* the second stop will be at the Woodland Nature Station, LBL's premier day use environmental education center. At this facility, the interpreters will discuss how they weave an education message into their program while still keeping the sense of fun and exploration that visitors seek.

The last stop will be at the Elk Bison Prairie Wildlife Viewing Area. This 700 acre enclosure has elk and bison roaming as users travel a three mile paved road that traverses the facility. A Wildlife Biologist will discuss the challenges of managing this facility and the wildlife viewing opportunities across LBL.

The dress for the day is casual; jeans are acceptable. The only requirement is no open toe shoes but tennis shoes are okay. Dress appropriately for the weather (see page 17 for details on typical May weather).

J. Percy Priest Lake Tour

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 34 participants

Lunch at your expense at a local restaurant

J. Percy Priest Lake is a 33,591 acre lake situated 10 miles east of downtown Nashville. The lake is in the top 10 of Corps of Engineers managed lakes with almost seven million visitors a year. Facilities include several marinas, city parks, a state park, campgrounds, day-use areas, a water park, and lands leased to the YMCA for a group camp.

Close proximity to a major metropolitan area presents many challenges for the staff at J. Percy Priest. This tour will explore some of the challenges faced by an urban lake, including changing demographics, gangs, backlog maintenance, inappropriate uses and requests for private exclusive use. The tour will also touch on some of the ways in which the Resource Management staff has attempted to address these challenges including partnering, volunteers, master plan update, and infrastructure changes.

The tour will begin with a short briefing by the Resource Manager at the Priest Lake Visitor's Center. Site visits will include Nashville Shores (water park), YMCA camp, Stones River, Stewarts Creek, Sharpe Springs and Smyrna Greenways, Anderson Road and Cooks day-use areas, Seven Points campground and Walter Hill Horse Trail.

The dress for the day is casual. Limited walking.

Resource Table

Participants are invited to bring resources that may be useful to other attendees. Use this forum to showcase reports, handouts, materials, and informational brochures you have developed or discovered. Items will be gathered at a resource-sharing table at the conference. Bring copies to share along with a brief summary of the item, how it was used or proved useful, and how to acquire additional copies.

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

General and Concurrent Sessions

7:30 - 8:30 **Breakfast provided at your hotel**

8:00 - 5:00 **Registration Desk Open - Laskey Building**

8:30 - 9:00 **Welcome & Introductions - Fondren Hall**

Jim Eychaner, NARRP President

Bryan Kellar, NASORLO President

Brenda Adams-Weyant, Conference Co-chair

Mike Carlton, Director of Park Operations, Tennessee State Parks

9:00-10:00 **Conserving Tennessee's Natural Heritage - Fondren Hall**

Mack Prichard, Tennessee State Naturalist, Tennessee State Parks

Tennessee is the most ecologically diverse inland state in the nation. It has five distinct ecoregions and more caves than any other state. Thousands of acres of forest, parkland and historic sites have been protected, but the rate of development in Tennessee threatens many more. Mack Prichard will present an overview of the state of conservation in Tennessee today with a look at the path Tennessee has traveled and the direction the state is headed.

10:00-10:30 **Break with Refreshments - Sponsored by NASORLO**

10:30-12:00 **Growing up Wild - Fondren Hall**

Jeff Rennie, writer and teacher

"Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth," wrote Walt Whitman. Award-winning Author and teacher Jeff Rennie lives by this idea. In this multi-media program "Growing up Wild" Rennie shares stories of a life lived close to nature and his thought-provoking ideas about outdoor learning, environmental education, and raising a new generation of young people who feel connected to the earth.

12:00 - 1:30 **Luncheon - Bennett Hall**

State of the Park: The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Bob Miller, Park Public Affairs Officer

World renowned for the diversity of its plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park. The "State of the Park" is an overview of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park's natural and cultural resource values, its organizational/functional break-down, and a summary of major issues and initiatives ranging from elk reintroduction to a proposed \$600 million road through the heart of the Smokies. This presentation will stimulate questions and discussion from resource professionals and provide a primer for those new to the park.

1:30 - 3:00 **Concurrent Sessions - Laskey Building**

Providing Recreation in a High Hazard Area

Pat Evans, Linda Reeves and Dale Quick, Florida State Parks

This session focuses on the planning and recovery strategies a park system may use to prepare and respond to natural disasters. The primary focus is on lessons learned from recent tropical storms on Florida's Gulf Coast. Some or all may be applicable to natural disaster planning in other parts of the country. Join us for a presentation and round table discussion with folks from Florida State Parks.

Low-Cost GIS Options for Recreation Resource Planners and Managers

Dr. Sarah Nicholls and Christian Murdock, Michigan State University

The purpose of this session is to introduce participants to low-cost geographic information system (GIS) options for recreation resource planners and managers. Topics will include example applications, software and hardware choices, training opportunities, and data sources, with a special focus on freely available and low-cost alternatives.

Meeting the needs of Hispanic Park Visitors

Dr. Michael Legg, Stephen F. Austin State University

Dr. Pat Stephens Williams, Stephen F. Austin State University

Understanding the role culture plays in recreation decision making by Hispanic visitors to recreation areas is important to provide this rapidly increasing user group appropriate facilities, services and interpretative programming. This session discusses results of a study comparing Hispanic and Anglo visitors to National Forests in Texas.

3:00 - 3:30 **Break with Refreshments - Sponsored by NASORLO**
Poster presenters will be available to discuss their presentations.
Jeff Rennie will be available to sell and sign some of his recent books.

3:30 - 5:00 **Concurrent Sessions - Laskey Building**

Beyond SCORP: Strategic Collaborative Recreation Planning

Dr. Paul Whitworth, Middle Tennessee State University

Recreation issues cross agencies/jurisdictions as do management paradigms (e.g., seamless recreation and ecosystems management). A model will be presented of how a state agency could facilitate holistic strategic planning across agencies and governmental levels via existing frameworks while expanding resources to achieve desired futures.

Planning for Destination Events in Rural/Natural Areas

Nancy Craig, Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington

Russ Arthur, USDA Forest Service

Darrin Samborski, USDA Forest Service

Recreation planners and managers in many rural areas deal with heavily attended special events such as outdoor concerts, festivals, and rallies. Depending on where you are from, names such as Burning Man, Red Rock, Bonnaroo, and Rainbow Gathering may be familiar. This Roundtable discusses ecological impacts, visitor management, conflicting values, and the many entities that cooperate to make destination events in rural/natural areas safe, fun, and successful.

Creating Effective Social Surveys

Ray Darville, Stephen F. Austin State University

The session will provide information to participants about survey design, administration, and analysis and to begin developing skills necessary for effective surveys.

5:00 - 5:30 **The Federal Professional Recreation Series - Laskey Building**

William Woodland, USDA Forest Service

5:30 - 7:00 **Opening Reception**

Hospitality suite, Room 230 in the Embassy Suites Hotel

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Official Business and Concurrent Sessions

7:30 - 8:30 **Breakfast provided at your hotel**

8:00 - 5:00 **Registration Desk Open - Laskey Building**

8:30 - 9:00 **NARRP Business Meeting - Laskey Building**

Meet your current officers, get election results, ask about changes in Association management, and learn about opportunities for future partnerships.

8:30-12:00 **NASORLO Business Meeting and LWCF Session - Laskey Building**

Advocacy for LWCF: Taking it to the Hill

Michael Phillips, NRPA Policy and Advocacy Outreach Specialist

The Land and Water Conservation Fund state assistance program is once again under the threat of termination in the President's 2007 budget proposal despite widespread public and Congressional support. The fight to restore "full funding" to the LWCF stateside program will be even more difficult this year, but a national coalition of organizations has been hard at work this spring for LWCF. This session will cover what has been accomplished to date, what the outlook for LWCF is, and what new challenges and opportunities might be on the horizon. Come and learn who is doing what, and why your role is critically important.

PRISM- Project Information System

Scott Chapman, Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

The project management module has automated all facets of the grant process. The automation begins with online grant applications, grant evaluation, production of contracts, reports, and maps, bill tracking and concludes with the close-out and monitoring phase.

Also Invited:

- ❖ Michael D. Wilson, Chief, State & Local Assistance Programs, NPS
- ❖ Ney Landrum, Florida Park Director, Emeritus, Author of the recently released book, "The State Park Movement in America"
- ❖ Outdoor Industry Association

9:00-10:15 **Concurrent Sessions - Laskey Building**

Does your greenway function ecologically?

John McFadden, Harpeth River Watershed Association

Dr. Mark Ivy, Pennsylvania State University

As trails are created within greenway corridors or as land surrounding greenway corridors is developed, the ecological functioning of the corridors can be greatly impacted. Participants will learn about ecological functions that occur within a greenway corridor (riparian and terrestrial) and the process used to create a tool to assess the effectiveness of those ecological functions once trails or other recreational facilities have been developed. A field workshop to apply the tool in a real-world setting is scheduled for the afternoon.

Data Rich and Judgment Poor? Improving Visitor Analysis in Planning

Marcella Wells, Wells Resources, Inc.

Understanding visitors is essential for any successful planning effort - from the smallest nature center to the largest National Park. Borrowing from a *Decision Guide for Estimating Demand* (Reclamation, 2005), this presentation features a project wherein document review and questioning strategies were used to analyze visitor demand for interpretation.

10:15-10:45 **Break with Refreshments**

Poster presenters will be available to discuss their presentations.

10:45-12:00 **Concurrent Sessions - Laskey Building**

Recreation Ecology

Dr. Yu-Fai Leung, North Carolina State University

This presentation will provide an overview of recreation ecology research and its applications to recreation resource planning and management. Strategies and techniques for monitoring and managing recreational use impacts will be discussed. In the afternoon, a field workshop will bring participants to the Hamilton Creek mountain bike trail to observe and examine impact problems, monitoring techniques, and mitigation strategies.

How to Estimate Future Recreation Demand

Dr. Glenn Haas, Colorado State University

Estimating Future Recreation Demand: A Decision Guide for the Practitioner.

Introducing a Decision Guide that provides a structured-thinking process to help (a) ensure that important information is considered, and (b) to make better and more defensible decisions.

12:00 - 1:30 **Luncheon - Bennett Hall**

Matrix of Opportunity

Ted Lee Eubanks, Fermata, Inc.

1:30 - 5:30 **National Park Service Grants Staff Meeting - Laskey Building**

1:30 - 5:00 **Concurrent Field Workshops - Gather in Parking Lot A**

Recreation Ecology

Dr. Yu-Fai Leung, North Carolina State University

Geralyn Hoey, Cumberland River Compact

This field workshop builds on the classroom Recreation Ecology session and provides participants with an opportunity to apply these techniques in a park setting. We will visit Hamilton Creek Park, which has poorly designed mountain bike trails, to observe the damage that has been done to the ecosystem. We will show attendees how to document the extent of the damage and to take measurements that can be repeated over time to illustrate trends. This workshop includes a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile hike of moderate difficulty over rough terrain as well as bending and kneeling to conduct environmental measures. Rain will enhance the experience of this field trip to better visualize environmental impacts.

Does your greenway function ecologically?

John McFadden, Harpeth River Watershed Association

Dr. Mark Ivy, Pennsylvania State University

This field workshop builds on the classroom Ecological Functioning session and provides participants with an opportunity to utilize the tool described to assess a segment of the Stones River Greenway. Participants will be encouraged to take a copy of the instrument home to assess greenway corridors managed by their agency. This workshop includes a leisurely one mile stroll along a paved greenway trail. Rain will enhance the experience of this field trip to better visualize environmental impacts.

Fort Negley

Fred Prouty, Tennessee Wars Commission

Tim Netsch, Superintendent of Planning, Metro Parks

This field workshop will explore Fort Negley, a Civil War fort that is newly restored and opened to the public. After its capture in 1862, Nashville was developed by Union forces into the most fortified city in North America, with the largest fortification being Fort Negley. Built in 1862, this is a complex fort with many of its features based on European design. In response to public interest and heritage tourism potential, Metro Nashville Parks and the Metropolitan Historical Commission developed a master plan in 1996 that called for stabilizing the fort and creating an interpretative walking path. Phase one has been completed and planning is underway for the construction of a visitor's center. This workshop involves easy hiking over short distances.

Downtown Nashville Greenways Walking Tour

Gary Hawkins, Hawkins Partners, Inc.

This field workshop will provide an overview of the greenway planning that has taken place recently for the Nashville Metro area and illustrate the land use changes that have occurred in the city. Beginning at the Bicentennial Mall, a state historic park that was developed on a former industrial site, and proceeding along the downtown segment of the Cumberland River Greenway to the Cumberland River waterfront and over the historic Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge, concluding at the Tennessee Titans' Stadium and the East Bank Greenway. The tour will provide insights into efforts to provide open space and pedestrian and bicycle connectivity within an urban environment. This workshop involves a two mile walk mainly on sidewalks along busy streets

Radnor Lake State Natural Area

Steve Ward, Park Manager

This field workshop will consider the numerous research, partnership, creative financing, and planning related issues involved with the operation of a 1,125 acre natural area located in the heart of a metropolitan area. Radnor Lake State Natural Area is endowed with a variety of scenic spots and a diversity of natural habitats ranging from the lake, to streams and placid wetlands. The park protects scenic, biological, and geological resources not typically found in other metropolitan areas of Nashville's size, while serving over 600,000 visitors a year. This workshop involves moderate hiking over short distances.

7:00 - 9:00 **NARRP Board Meeting - Laskey Building**

7:00 - 9:00 **NASORLO Member Dinner**

Thursday, May 18, 2006
All-Conference Field Workshop
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Harpeth River State Park

Transportation will leave promptly at 8:30 in Parking Lot A at the Scarritt Bennett Center.

The Harpeth River State Park is a river corridor connecting several natural, cultural, and historic areas in Davidson and Cheatham Counties in Tennessee. These areas are primarily used as places for canoeing and fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, day-use recreation, and guided interpretive programs. However, the park also protects some significant cultural sites from Native American mound sites to historic river mills to cemeteries.

The issues discussed in this workshop include: partnerships, particularly related to land acquisition, carrying capacity, accessibility, encroachment, ADA, park facilities, trails, inventory, volunteers, creative funding options, programming, commercial vs. public use, camping, safety, and security.

For many years, the park areas were operated as satellites of a larger nearby park, and planning has been done in a piecemeal fashion. No comprehensive master plan has been completed for this site.

This all-conference field workshop will include tours of various sites, light hiking, a canoe float and lunch.

Learning Outcomes:

- ❖ Participants will recognize the complex management issues involved in a river centered park unit.
- ❖ Participants will identify unique solutions to a wide range of challenges to provide the best opportunities for natural and cultural resource protection.

Degree of Physical Activity: moderate hiking over short distances required for this workshop. The canoe float is 1.5 to 2 hours. The Harpeth River is a Class 1 river, but a review of basic canoeing skills and safety considerations will be necessary. Paddlers should be aware that anything they bring may get wet or lost. It is recommended that you carry drinking water and wear old sneakers or canoe shoes, as the river bottom is rocky. Life jackets will be provided.

Conference Banquet and Live Auction

5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

The Banquet, Live Auction (bring items from your state!), and Evening Program will be held at the Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory. Transportation to the site will be provided. There is no parking directly at the banquet site and attendees are required to use the conference shuttles. NARRP will honor the annual award recipients. Following the banquet and auction, Dr. Chuck Higgins from Middle Tennessee State University will present a short astronomy program. Afterward attendees will have an opportunity to view the heavens through the telescope.

The conference dinner, entertainment, and live auction are included with the conference registration. Guests are welcome with payment of separate dinner registration fee (see registration page).

Auctions to Benefit Scholarship Fund

Back by popular demand -- don't miss the silent and live auctions to be held during the conference! All proceeds go to the NARRP Scholarship Fund, so bring your credit card and an item to include in the auction. The silent auction is ongoing during the conference, and the live auction is held after the banquet.

Auction items should be emblematic of your home state or region - a mug, fanny pack, book, picture, article of clothing, beverage, compact disc - BE CREATIVE!

Nashville Weather in May

The average high temperature is 77. The low is 57. May is normally the wettest month of the year in Nashville, with an average rainfall of 5.07 inches. However, 2005 was one of the driest Mays on record with only 1.86 inches. In other words, plan for pleasant temperatures and rain...but then again, maybe it won't.

Speaker Biographies

Russ Arthur

Russ Arthur, US Forest Service Special Agent Region Eight - Central Zone, has worked for the Forest Service for 23 years in a variety of roles, mostly in law enforcement and investigations. Russ has been involved with large group gatherings (Rainbows) since 1987, working several local and national-level Rainbow events.

Nancy H. Craig

Nancy Craig, Land and Cultural Resource Manager, Grant County Public Utility District (Washington) is responsible for recreation management at the 35,000 acre Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project on the Columbia River.

Ray L. Darville

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Pat Evans

Pat has been with the State of Florida since 1984, first in the Department of Commerce on Economic Development, Tourism Research and International Trade issues and publications. In 1996, she moved to the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development and coordinated the 1996 Expedited Permitting Legislation implementation and monitored economic development grant programs. She serves on the NARRP Board as the Southeast Representative.

Ted Lee Eubanks

Ted Lee Eubanks is the founder and owner of Fermata, Inc. Fermata promotes the considered use of nature, culture, and history to move people to places, masses to messages, and markets to merchandise. Ted is involved in studying and promoting experiential tourism as a sustainable economic approach for communities. He is a researcher, author, photographer, lecturer, and an inspiring speaker on sustainable rural tourism development, ecotourism, nature tourism, wildlife-related recreation, as well as cultural and historic tourism development.

Dr. Glenn E. Haas

Glenn Haas is a Colorado State University professor and private consultant. He has authored *Estimating Future Recreation Demand*, the *WROS User's Guide*, and *Visitor Capacity on Public Lands and Waters*.

Mark Ivy, PhD

Mark Ivy has worked in the field of outdoor recreation planning as a professional and an academic for more than 15 years. Currently he is working as an Assistant Professor at Pennsylvania State University. His research interests focus on greenways, community design, and healthy lifestyles.

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Dr. Mike Legg is Professor of Forest Recreation in The Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture at Stephen F. Austin State University. Dr. Legg is also a Fellow in the National Association for Interpretation. He has been at SFASU for 33 years teaching and doing research in the areas of Park and Wilderness Planning and Environmental Interpretation.

Yu-Fai Leung, PhD

Dr. Leung is an Associate Professor, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, North Carolina State University. Dr. Leung's research focuses on recreation ecology and applications of geospatial technologies. His work supports planning and management of sustainable visitor use in protected areas in the U.S. and abroad.

Bob Miller

Park Spokesman Bob Miller has worked in the office of the Superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park since 1989. He is the park's fund-raising coordinator and is the primary liaison with Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which has raised over \$15 million. He has also served since 1991 as the Information Officer on an All-Risk Incident Management Team that travels the country to assume management of large and complex wildland fires, hurricane and flood response efforts, and other disaster responses.

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Mack Prichard

For more than 40 years, Mack Prichard has traveled the state of Tennessee, organizing conservation groups and bringing the outdoors inside through his slideshows and lectures. He is a founding member of over 30 conservation organizations across the state, and is revered as an expert in archaeology, interpretation, conservation, and resource management.

Dale Quick

Dale has been with Florida State Parks for 12 years. Most recently, she was asked to assume coordination of the agency's efforts to secure repair grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address the millions of dollars in damages to Florida's State Parks resulting from eight hurricanes which struck the state during the last two summers.

Linda Reeves

Linda is employed by the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, where she is the Local Grants Section Supervisor. The Grants Section administers the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Linda has a BS degree in Business Management and a MS degree in Public Administration, both from Nova Southeastern University.

Jeff Rennie

Jeff Rennie's work as a writer has taken him to some of the wildest places on earth. He has skied across glaciers in Alaska, rafted down wild rivers in China, traveled with reindeer herders in Finland, trekked in Antarctica and hiked among the giant grizzlies of Kamchatka, Russia. He is the author of 10 books including *Treasures of Alaska* (National Geographic Books, 2001) and *Jewels on the Water* (FAINL, 2005) as well as more than 300 magazine articles in such publications as *National Geographic Traveler*, *Reader's Digest*, *Backpacker* and others. His work has been honored twice with Gold Medals for Excellence from the Society of American Travel Writers. He currently teaches writing and literature at The Conserve School and acts as a lecturer for the National Geographic Society Expeditions program.

Darrin Samborski

Darrin Samborski is an Environmental Education Specialist with the US Forest Service at Land between the Lakes National Recreation Area, managing the interpretive program for two major visitor facilities. Darrin works with organized groups that visit LBL to attend Nature and History programs and special event weekends throughout the year.

Marcella Wells, Ph.D.

Marcella Wells is an independent consultant who specializes in visitor studies, evaluation research, and interpretive planning. Recent clients related to this topic include U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Awbury Arboretum.

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Paul is an assistant professor of outdoor recreation at Middle Tennessee State University. His research addresses collaborative natural resource planning, and hazard mitigation. Paul's experience includes service with the USDA Forest Service and Utah State Parks.

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Dr. Stephens Williams is with the College of Forestry and Agriculture at Stephen F Austin State University. She is a Human Dimensions of Natural Resources specialist and works with all aspects of the human/wildland interface issues.

Conference Information

The Conference Setting

The Scarritt Bennett Center is located at 1008 19th Ave South, between Grand and Edgehill in Nashville. The Center is located in the heart of Nashville on ten tree-filled acres. The ten buildings, constructed of crab orchard stone in collegiate gothic architectural style, give the grounds a peaceful, nurturing atmosphere. The compact setting means that it's a short walk to well-equipped meeting rooms, delicious meals, and restful sleeping rooms. Visit the website www.scarrittbennett.org for a history and pictures of the beautiful buildings and grounds. The Center is located next to Vanderbilt University's wonderful campus and within walking distance of a thriving urban area. All conference activities except for the banquet and the hospitality suite will be at this venue.

A wide variety of restaurants are available within six blocks of the Scarritt Bennett and the Embassy Suites. Being a university neighborhood, there are culinary delights for every pallet - ethnic, brew pubs, steak houses, coffee shops (the closest Starbucks is just two blocks away), delis, and fast food. Downtown restaurant and entertainment venues are a little over one mile from the Embassy Suites and Scarritt Bennett Center.

Area Information

For general information about Nashville and the surrounding area, contact the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.visitmusiccity.com. The website is loaded with local area information and you can order a guidebook online.

The West End area of Nashville, our conference location, is home to many of the city's finest entertainment, educational and cultural attractions including Vanderbilt University, the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and Nashville's Music Row. And, it is only minutes from downtown Nashville, the Gaylord Entertainment Center, the County Music Hall of Fame, the Parthenon, the Tennessee State Capitol and other local sites.

Hillsboro Village

Located on 21st Avenue, just two blocks south of the Scarritt Bennett Center, the Village offers a variety of dining, drinking and shopping venues. Import items, used books, microbrews, artwork, and chocolate chip pancakes are all equally at home on this unique shopping strip.

Bicycle Rentals

Cumberland Transit
2807 West End Ave
(615) 321-4069

Nash Trash Tours

(800) 342-2132, (615) 226-7300

www.nashtrash.com

Billed as the wackiest tour in Nashville, Nash Trash Tours is a two-act, 90-minute comedy on wheels in a bright pink bus.

Belmont Mansion

Belmont University Campus

1900 Belmont Boulevard

(615) 460-5459

Located within walking distance of the Scarritt Bennett Center, the Belmont Mansion, built in 1849, was the home of Adelia Hayes Franklin Acklen Cheatham. Born on March 15, 1817, to an affluent Nashville family, Adelia became one of the wealthiest women in America. The Belmont Mansion is an Italianate-style villa, and was built as a summer home to escape from the heat at her 8,400-acre Louisiana cotton plantation. The Belmont Mansion was one of the most elaborate antebellum homes in the South, with 36 rooms and 19,000 sq. ft. The estate contained an art gallery, conservatories, lavish gardens, aviary, lake, and zoo. Admission: \$8.00

Hatch Show Print

316 Broadway

(615) 256-2805

One of the oldest letterpress poster shops in America, in business since 1879. Best known for posters of the Grand Ole Opry stars. This is a cool place to check out if you are downtown during business hours. Admission: Free

The Parthenon at Centennial Park

2600 West End Avenue

(615) 862-8431

www.parthenon.org

The Parthenon stands proudly as the centerpiece of Centennial Park, Nashville's premier urban park. The re-creation of the 42-foot statue Athena is the focus of the Parthenon, just as it was in ancient Greece. The building and the Athena statue are both full-scale replicas of the Athenian originals. Admission: \$4.00

Tennessee State Capital

Charlotte Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Avenues

(615) 741-2692

www.tnmuseum.org

The historic Tennessee State Capitol, designed by William Strickland, stands today much as it did when completed in 1859. Several areas have been restored to their 19th century appearance. Admission: Free

Ryman Auditorium

116 Fifth Avenue North

(615) 458-8700

www.ryman.com

After an \$8.5 million renovation, this National Historic Landmark and former home of the Grand Ole Opry has once again stepped to center stage as a premier performance facility. By day, displays inside the Ryman visually tell the stories of its rich history. By night, the sounds of musical productions fill the air. Various concert series featuring bluegrass, gospel, inspirational, pop, country and classical performances are just some of the many events which can be heard within the venue. Admission: \$8.50

Frist Center for the Visual Arts

919 Broadway

(615) 244-3340

www.fristcenter.org

Located in the historic former Post Office in downtown Nashville, the Frist Center presents ever-changing visual art from around the world, an exciting interactive gallery and special educational programs. It's a place where you can explore, learn, and create. Admission: \$8.50

Country Music Hall of Fame

222 Fifth Avenue South

(615) 416-2001

www.countrymusichalloffame.com

Looking for an unforgettable experience? Come hear for yourself how country music has evolved. Tour the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Enjoy live performances and interactive exhibits. See rare costumes, instruments and archival films. Savor a southern-style meal at the SoBro Grill. Take home a historic souvenir from our Museum Store. And check out the museum's special events that keep visitors coming back again and again. Admission: \$16.95

Bluebird Cafe

4104 Hillsboro Road

(615) 383-1461

www.bluebirdcafe.com

The Bluebird Cafe has gained a reputation worldwide for presenting the best original country and acoustic music seven nights a week. Performers do not generally play "cover" songs. Musicians do not jam here, and songwriters frequently are accompanied by just one guitar or piano.

Poster Session

Posters will be displayed in the second floor lobby of the Laskey Building. During the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning breaks, poster presenters will be available to discuss their presentations.

2006 Conference Planning Committee

The following individuals had primary responsibility for planning and organizing the 2006 Recreation Planners Conference.

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