

SHAWNEE TRAILS

Shawnee Group, Sierra Club October 2001



SIERRA CLUB

General Meeting

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The October General Meeting of the Shawnee Group will take place at the Unitarian Fellowship building, at **7:30 PM**, on **October 11, 2001**.

The Unitarian Fellowship is located at the corner of University Avenue and Elm Street, in Carbondale, Illinois.

This month's program will be presented by **Bev Shofstall** of Free Again, on **Wild-life Rehabilitation**

Hope to see you there!

Join some of the Executive Committee, the speaker(s) for the evening's program, and other members for dinner at **the Great Wall** located west of the Post Office and east of the University Mall. **5:45 p.m. on October 11**, before the meeting.

Yard Sale a Great Success!!

Thanks to you all for your help and hard work through manning the booth and your donations. We made \$733, selling stuff and cash donations...**Laurel Toussaint**.

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FOREST PROTECTION BILL SURGES FORWARD

The Sierra Club's national conservation priority campaign to end commercial logging on our national forests has reached an important milestone. Thanks to the work of concerned citizens around the country, the National Forest Protection and Restoration Act (H.R. 1494) -- a bill in the US House of Representatives which is central to this campaign -- now has over 100 Congressional cosponsors!

Legislative analysts contend that 100 cosponsor mark is an important indicator that a bill has strong backing. On July 30, a swell of support from four more Congresspersons pushed H.R. 1494 over the 100 cosponsor threshold. They were then joined by another Representative after Congress came back into session in September. H.R. 1494 now has 104 cosponsors, more than any other piece of major forest protection legislation.

This legislation is urgently needed. Logging on national forests is not only ecologically destructive, but also an economic waste. **Research confirmed by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service has found that the Forest Service's timber sales program operates at a net loss to taxpayers of over a billion dollars per year.** We are actually subsidizing the timber industry to pillage our public lands! Logging on national forests is also unnecessary. Only 3% of U.S. wood consumption comes from our national forests, a tiny fraction that can easily be replaced by a little more recycling, a little less waste, or 'tree-free' alternatives.

H.R. 1494 will end the destructive, wasteful, and unnecessary federal timber sales program. It then redirects the money saved into ecological restoration, assistance for rural communities, support for tree-free alternatives, and \$300 million per year in taxpayer savings. This legislation also includes clear provisions to prevent unnaturally severe forest fires and protect homes adjacent to forests from fire, while avoiding the 'commercial logging as fire prevention' sham being pushed by the timber industry

H.R. 1494 has bipartisan support from Congresspersons from throughout the country. However, its continued progress will depend on gaining support from more members of Congress. You can find out if your Representatives are cosponsors for this bill at <<**thomas.loc.gov**>> (no 'www'). Please contact them if they are not cosponsors and urge them to do so.

...from << **activist.desk@sierraclub.org** >>



Your ExCom working diligently on Environmental Problems at Clara McClure's. (Bob, Clara, Laurel, Sabrina, Barb and Jim)



Pupa in Clara's garden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forest Service Trails Planning Meeting by Barbara McKasson

OCTOBER 16 - 6 PM to 9 PM (Tuesday)

Marion High School Cafeteria

Please come to the next FS "Master Trails Planning" meeting on Tuesday, October 16th. The FS has contracted **Dale Brown, a professional facilitator**, to chair the next meeting, so it should be very orderly and respectful. **We need hikers, bird watchers, wildflower enthusiasts, environmentalists, etc. to come to these meetings.** The ATV (motorcycles, four wheelers, etc.) and the horse riders are well represented in numbers. We are well represented in spokespersons, but certainly not in numbers. So, please come and support us. Learn and vote on which projects and policies should govern management of trails in Shawnee Forest. We will be carpooling from the Montgomery Ward parking lot at around 5:15. Please call Barb McKasson (529-4824) if you are interested in carpooling to make sure we don't leave you behind!

A Costa Rican Odyssey by Nelda Hinckley

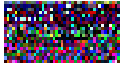
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From the Sarapiquí River to the La Selva Organization for Tropical Field Studies Field Station to Rancho Naturalista to Carara Biological Preserve, this adventure takes you to some of the most amazing places in Costa Rica. This Central American paradise is home to over 400 bird species, many unusual animals, exotic plants, and beautiful butterflies. This is a 10 day trip you won't forget. The cost of the trip is \$2,842 or \$2,693 if ten people sign on. The price includes airfare, lodging, all meals and field trips with a local expert guide. For more info call Nelda at 457-7676 ex. 8323 or 549-5588. Send your \$150 deposit to: Nelda Hinckley, Assistant Professor of Biology, John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL 62918.

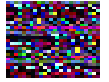
FOREST SERVICE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

By Bob Tyson

My thanks to all members who helped on US forest service trails projects this year. The project at Dutchman Lake on September, 29 was the last one. We hope this endeavor continues next year.



SHAWNEE OUTINGS



Shawnee Outings: October 20 (Saturday) OLD STONEFACE. Leave Murdale shopping center sign at 8 am, Marion Walmart parking lot (near Ryans)8:30. Stan Harris will provide geological interpretation. For more info contact **Bob Tyson** 684-5643.

Other Outings:

Jackson County Hiking Club: October 6 (Saturday). Meet at Giant City State Park Visitors Center for a 16 mile loop hike around the park. For more info contact **Judy Lewis** at 529-5275.

Audubon outing: October 21(Sunday) John Schwegman will lead an outing to Kinkaid Mounds near the Ohio R. east of Metropolis. These are similar to Cahokia Mounds; they have been cleared of brush, and archeological studies are under way. Meet at Murdale at 8:00 or at Veach's gas station at junct. of US145 and US45 east of Metropolis at 9:30 am. Bring a lunch. For more info contact **Stan Harris** at 457-7078.

Jackson County Hiking Club: November 3 (Saturday). Meet at 8 am at the Murdale shopping center sign. We will explore a segment of the Kinkaid Lake hiking trail. For more info contact Bridget Walsh 549-0176. (you do not need to be a member of the club to join these hikes.) Please bring your lunch, be prompt, and assume the outings will last the entire day. For more info contact **Judy Lewis** at 529-5275.

ADVENTURES WITH UNCLE BOB

by Bob Tyson

This monthly series is devoted to highlighting a hike for those unable to make our group outings or cannot find these places on their own. This month we feature ONE HORSE GAP. From Harrisburg, take Hwy 145 to Hwy 34 and follow to the village of EICHORN. just north of town, turn right onto a gravel road and go about 5 miles. Upon arrival at a confusing intersection with three roads, make a sharp right (FR 1495). Follow this road about 4 miles (passing a horse camp) and look for one of two wide fire lane trails. Either one will take you to the scenic area. Park at either entrance. Upon hiking approx. 1.5 miles, arrive at a scenic canyon with interesting rock formations, huge rock glade, wide vistas. One option would be to continue west on the horse trail along the cliff line and end on a gravel road.. For more info, contact **Bob Tyson** at 684-5643.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE & FOLDING

Every month we get together to fold the newsletter for the newsletter mailing. We welcome all the help we can get. The deadline for the November newsletter will be **October 20** with folding on **October 25** at Don Lawrence's house at 5:30 PM. To check on directions call Don at 457-8989.

EXCOM MEETING

The next ExCom meeting will be on Thursday, **October 18** at 5:30 pm at Clara McClure's house. For information on the location of the meeting call Clara at 457-2025.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE PAPER AND RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL?

Simply send a signed letter by regular mail or an e-mail message to <<donaldlaw@aol.com>> indicating that you would like to receive it by e-mail and I will put you on the e-mail list and take you off the regular mail list. Please give your name and regular PO address in your request.



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