



## **Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition**

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### **Southeastern Trail Group Invites Public to Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau Gathering in September**

Southerners interested in hiking or wanting to know more about local trails and trail clubs are invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting of the Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC) at Fall Creek Falls State Park in southeastern Tennessee near Pikeville on the Cumberland Plateau on September 20-23, 2012, about 70 miles north of Chattanooga.

The SEFTC is a coalition of most all the hiking and trail maintenance organizations in the Southeast, representing over 40 such clubs from Florida to Virginia and Kentucky.

The coalition leadership has planned a fun and informative four days. There will be numerous trail-related workshops led by experts in the field. A variety of hikes are planned, both inside this 25,000-acre state park and in the surrounding state/protected areas of the Cumberland Plateau. Trail fellowship and a wide exchange of ideas are part of the offering. Special speakers and entertainment will be yours each evening.

Much of the beautiful lakeview lodge, cabins, and campground have been reserved by SEFTC for this weekend. Part-weekend registration and attendance is available for those not able to be present the full time.

Early registration now is encouraged. Some fees go up August 1, and there is a limit to housing with almost no alternatives nearby outside the park.

Go to website [www.southeastfoottrails.org](http://www.southeastfoottrails.org) to learn more about the conference and for the registration form. The website provides the basic information with links to the pages for registration, housing, meals, workshops, and hikes.