

# **ACC trip to Prentice Cooper State Forest on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Prentice Cooper State Forest is located 10 miles northwest of Chattanooga atop the Cumberland Plateau. It occupies 24,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau and is home of miles of cliff line, including T-Wall and Suck Creek Canyon. Though these 2 areas are well known and popular, there are many more remote cliffs tucked into the side canyon and creeks, e.g. Promised Land and Sugar Plum Wall. In 2000, Chattanooga climbers Chris Chesnutt and Travis Eiseman began developing the areas on Elder Mountain. The areas are very remote and require a 4 wheel drive with high clearance.

## **Meeting location and time**

Our meeting location for carpooling is the **Sporting Club at Windy Hill**, Atlanta, GA 30339 at **7:30 am**.

### Directions to the Sporting Club:

Coming from I75 South use exit # 260 Windy Hill, turn right onto Windy Hill, turn right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> light, the parking lot is on your right side.

Coming from I75 North, use exit # 260 Windy Hill, turn left onto Windy Hill, turn right at the 3<sup>rd</sup> light, the parking lot is on your right side.

## **Directions**

From Atlanta: take I-75 North to Chattanooga, take I-24 to exit #158 for TN 27 East. This is the first exit after Nickajack Lake. Continue north to an intersection (this is the last stop for gas or groceries). Go straight and stay on this road for 9 miles to an unmarked paved road (Haley Road) on the right at a tiny creek culvert near some houses. Turn onto Haley Rd., which soon turns to dirt and enters Prentice Cooper: Set your odometer here. Pass Long Point Road on the right at 3. Miles. At 3.7 miles turn right onto Elder Point Rd. which leads to The Promised Land. Follow this road for 2 miles or until it becomes impassable. There are several deep mud holes on this road! Park and hike unless you have a vehicle capable of making it.

## **Cliff Access**

Park and hike unless you have a vehicle capable of making it. Park and hike another 15 minutes down a steep rutted hill. Look for a creek drainage crossing under the road. Continue another hundred yards or so and look for a ribbon in a tree. Just past this look for a faint trail heading left into the woods, next to another creek drainage. Follow this down steeply to the cliff base.

If you have any questions you can reach me on my cell phone 404-921-4331.

Climb on!

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