

# Orange- Chatham Group

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## Events

### OCG Summer Picnic

Umstead Park, Saturday June 8 4-8 p.m.

### Regional Transportation Workshop

Church of Reconciliation, Thursday June 13 7:30 p.m.

### Hillsborough Bypass Hike

Saturday, morning of June 22

### July General Meeting

Church of Reconciliation, Thursday July 11 7:30 p.m.

JUNE-JULY 2002



*The next newsletter will be published mid August.*

## Bolin Creek Project

The April work outing on Bolin Creek was a great success--and a real eye-opener. Our small band of intrepid volunteers did battle with wisteria, mimosa, Japanese honeysuckle, privet, and bittersweet. Work started along Bolinwood drive at the bridge and proceeded downstream. The area cleaned looks much, much better, and is now hospitable to phlox, mayapple, trillium, and other natives. Lots of biomass was removed, but the magnitude of the task became apparent very quickly. We need lots of volunteers!

There will be workdays the third Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 11:00. For now, the workdays will continue along the same path until the area is cleared to the pedestrian bridge across the Creek. Our next workday will focus on bittersweet and wisteria, two species with high seed production which haven't yet set seed for this season. For signup or information for the workday on June 15, please call Bill Bracey at 942-9937, or 967-4116, or [arbornet@mindspring.com](mailto:arbornet@mindspring.com).

## Regional Transportation Workshop

**June 13th:** Members from the Orange-Chatham, Headwaters, and Capital Groups came together in March to make our voices heard in the Capital Area's long-term planning process. We have the opportunity now to do the same for the Durham, Chapel Hill, Carrboro region. Please attend the Club workshop on June 13th at the Church of the Reconciliation, located at 110 N. Elliott Drive in Chapel Hill. This is a great opportunity to demand a cleaner, and healthier transportation future for our region. Our vision could include rail, bikeways, bus lanes, and a host of other transportation choices. The Workshop will run from 7:30pm - 9pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

For questions or to confirm your participation, please contact Tancred Miller at 833-8467, or [tancred.miller@sierraclub-nc.org](mailto:tancred.miller@sierraclub-nc.org).

## Solutions to Sprawl Campaign

Friends, included in this month's newsletter is a postcard asking our elected officials to support a better transportation system for the Triangle. Our inadequate transportation network hurts not only our mobility and quality of life, but also our health. Emissions from cars and trucks do the most harm to our air quality in the region, and has recently been shown to cause asthma. Please take a minute to sign your name to the postcard and stick it in the mail.

It's a small thing that'll go a long way to show that Sierrans care about North Carolina, and are caring for North Carolina.

THANK YOU!

## OCG Meetings & News

**Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. ExCom meeting.** At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at [robertporter@mindspring.com](mailto:robertporter@mindspring.com) or 933-7613.

**Saturday, June 8 at 4-8 p.m. Annual Picnic.** Please join us for the Sierra Club summer picnic at Umstead Park in Chapel Hill from 48 PM on Saturday, June 8. Mayor Kevin Foy and members of the Chapel Hill town council will be attending, so take this opportunity to meet with them and express ideas/concerns you may have. Bring enough food for yourself and another person and we can share. Kids are welcome.

**Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. General Meeting at the Church of Reconciliation.** Learn about the historic Trading Path of the Southeastern Piedmont. Tom Magnuson of the Trading Path Preservation Association will present this organization's efforts to preserve the corridor of river crossing linked by roads and trails between the James River colonial settlements and the Catawba, Cherokee and other Indian towns in the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia.

## SAPFO Moves Forward

The OCG acknowledges local governments in Orange County finally moving forward on the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance thanks to a 61 vote in support by the Carrboro Aldermen. The Sierra Club consider the implied concept of "adequacy" to have broad social and environmental implications and to be in line with the mandate to "ensure the general welfare" in the US Constitution.

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## Outings

**JUN 22 - Hillsborough ByPass Hike.** Morning hike will follow the route of the proposed extension of Elizabeth Brady Road in Hillsborough. We will hike along the Eno River, fording it at the site which has been selected for a four-lane bridge, and continue on the grounds of historic Ayr Mount, which the road will also impact. A moderate hike in exceptionally beautiful surroundings. Tours of the mansion at Ayr Mount available at \$6.00 each. Contact Eric Block (OCG) (919) 489-4255 or Annette Jurgelski (OCG) (919) 644-0280.

This is a great opportunity to view the natural area that will be impacted by this DOT plan for the Hillsborough ByPass. Please let the Hillsborough Town and Orange County Officials know that you opposed this option.

**1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing.** Friends of the American Tobacco Trail and the Sierra Club are continuing their efforts to extend the American Tobacco Trail in southern Durham and surrounding counties. Generally, the group meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month starting at 9:00 AM. The workgroup meets at the Scott King Rd. crossing of the ATT. If you would like to know more about trails and greenways construction or maintenance and other service outings in the Triangle, contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail thad.howard@duke.edu.

**JUNE 7 SIGN-UP DEADLINE - MT Rogers Area Backpack (see below).**

**JUN 15 (Sat) Eagle Spur.** Early morning hike (7:30 a.m.) Hike an easy 3 miles along Eagle Spur. Go to the intersection of 751 and Stagecoach Rd. south of I-40. Go west on Stagecoach about 1/4 mile. You will see two posts and a chain at the entrance to the trail. Park along the road. Contact Janet Burhans-Hitti (HWG) at jhitti0326@cs.com or 919-572-2407 for details.

**JUNE 15-16 Mt. Rogers Backpack.** Tired of seeing spring replaced by summer? Now you can experience spring all over again as we backpack across the rooftop of Virginia! Come see how Rhododendron Gap got its name as we catch it in bloom. We should also find lots of other spring wildflowers as well. Of course we'll get to see the wild ponies on Wilburn Ridge. Easy to moderate backpack. Contact Steve Lund (CG) at 919-481-1300.

**JUN 21-23 Rough Butt Base Camp.** Short backpack. Appealing, cool, mile-high camp site. Hike through old-growth forests; moderate day hikes. Call Dick Udry (OCG) at 919-929-1779 between 8 and 10 p.m. or e-mail udry@unc.edu.

**JUN 22-23 Lumber River.** Matthews Bluff Rd.-Lumber R. State Park. Paddle on a more remote and twisting stretch of the river, with Sat. overnight camping on the river-bank at Piney Island. Additional details to follow. Trip is rated moderate. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) at 910-739-4879 (or 910-671-4486); e-mail is cstewart4@mindspring.com.

**JUN 29 (Sat) Hiking and history at William B. Umstead State Park.** Join co-leaders Jon Flavin (CG) and Kristi Goettinger (HWG) for an afternoon ramble to lesser-known areas of this beautiful park. Mileage TBD; moderate rating. Contact Kristi to sign up at 919-403-6720 before 10 p.m. or joybird7@yahoo.com.

**JUN 30 Eno River State Park.** Spend Father's Day hiking at the Eno River State Park. Call Margaret Anderson (OCG) before 10 p.m. at (919)-493-0397, or e-mail at andcam-

lib@hotmail.com.

**JUL 4 (Thu) SIGN-UP DEADLINE for Wilson Creek Area Base Camp.** Contact Kristi Goettinger (HWG) at 919-403-6720 before 10 p.m. or at joybird7@yahoo.com.

**JUL 13 (Sat) Seaforth Trail Hike.** Early morning hike (8:30 a.m.) along the Seaforth Trail at Jordan Lake. Easy 1.5 miles, stay for swimming and picnic after hike. Go to US 64. You will pass over the Jordan Lake bridge. Look for the sign; once inside the gate drive to the last parking lot. Contact Janet Burhans-Hitti (HWG) at jhitti0326@cs.com or 919-572-2407 for details.

**JUL 13-14 Canoe the Cape Fear River.** Overnight at Raven Rock State Park. Enjoy a leisurely weekend as we paddle and hike in this natural gem close to the Triangle. Easy. Contact Larry Henson (CG) at e-mail mailto:lw@nc.rr.com or 919-661-8371.

**JUL 13-14 Wilson Creek Area Base Camp.** Escape the summer heat while exploring several of the many waterfalls and trails in this proposed wilderness area. Easy pace will leave ample time for swimming and playing in the falls. Our base camp will be a local Forest Service Campground. Moderate day-hikes. Contact Kristi Goettinger (HWG) at 919-403-6720 before 10 p.m. or joybird7@yahoo.com.

**JUL 19-21 John Rock Base Camp.** Moderate day hikes in the high mountains of Western North Carolina from an isolated campsite. Find pretty waterfalls. Call Dick Udry (OCG) at 919-929-1779 between 8 and 10 p.m. or e-mail udry@unc.edu.

**JULY 20-21 South/Black River Paddle.** These Southeastern NC flat blackwater rivers afford an excellent opportunity to view centuries-old cypress trees, plenty of wildlife and "The Narrows." Depending on summertime water level, paddle approximately 10 miles each day; car-camp on Sat. night at Henry's Landing. Trip is easy to moderate (depending on water level and downed trees & limbs.) Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) 910-739-4879 or 910-671-4486 or e-mail cstewart4@mindspring.com.

**JUL 27 (Sat) Eno River Waft Trip.** Escape the heat with a 2-hour naturalist-guided waft trip on the Eno River in Durham. Enjoy paddling a highly maneuverable inflatable boat down one of the area's most scenic rivers. Optional picnic afterward. Fee of \$12 to cover waft rental and guide must be paid by July 15 to reserve space on the 10:00 a.m. trip. For information and/or reservations, contact Denise Gammonley (OCG) at 919-928-9516 or AnnetteJurgelski (OCG) at 919-644-0280.

**AUG 1-10 Maine Appalachian Trail Crew Work Project.** Enjoy the camaraderie of new acquaintances while getting trail building experience. We will be assigned to a MATC crew on a project in the 100 Mile Wilderness. After our work week, we will take on Katahdin, climbing the 4000 feet to Baxter Peak, the northern terminus of the AT. We assemble at base camp near Dexter, ME before our crew heads out Saturday morning for our project site. We return to base camp on Wednesday. The work is moderate to strenuous. Hiking Katahdin is strenuous. Contact Chris David (CG) at 919-518-2648 or gardenrefinery@mindspring.com

## Senior Outings

**JUN 22nd Sat. 3 p.m. Pool Party and Pot Luck.** Please call Ursula at 481-2312 for details. A limit of 14 has been set.

**JUL 20th Sat. 8:30 am. hike followed by 10am Brunch pot luck.** Please call Ann Holbrook at 676-4578 for details..

**More outings information is available on-line at <http://www.sierraclub-nc.org/ocg>**



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