

Scouts Canoe Lookout Creek



PREPARING FOR INAUGURAL TRIP—Members of the Talidandagann Lodge of the Order of Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, and their leaders are getting ready to leave on the Chief John Ross Canoe Trek. Included are, from left, kneeling, David Armstrong, Bill Schroeder, Joe Kilgore, Bob Brannon, John Tauber, Kurt Humberger, Randy Edgeman, Wayne Drown Jr., Bob Wagner and Windy Gregory. Standing, John Chamblis, Hardin Sutterfield, George Liner, Billy Wert, Jamie Wyse, Bud Pope, Hans Humberger, Mike Poythness, Jim Holt, Sandy Smith, Johnny Veal, J. T. Summers, Bill Godsey, B. D. Wyse, Wayne Drown Sr., and Mike Williams. Not pictured was Kenneth Asbury.

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Indians lived along its shores and fished and canoed in the waters in prehistoric times.

Hernando DeSota was the first white man to pass through this area with his men and a herd of pigs on the way to the Mississippi.

With a little imagination the scouts of Talidandagann Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, were able to picture these scenes as they canoed down Lookout Creek.

This is the 15-mile Chief John Ross canoe trek and is a rugged adventure for real scouts.

Starting in New England, Ga. community, the creek took the boys through the historic area around the base of Lookout Mountain ending the Reflection Riding trail.

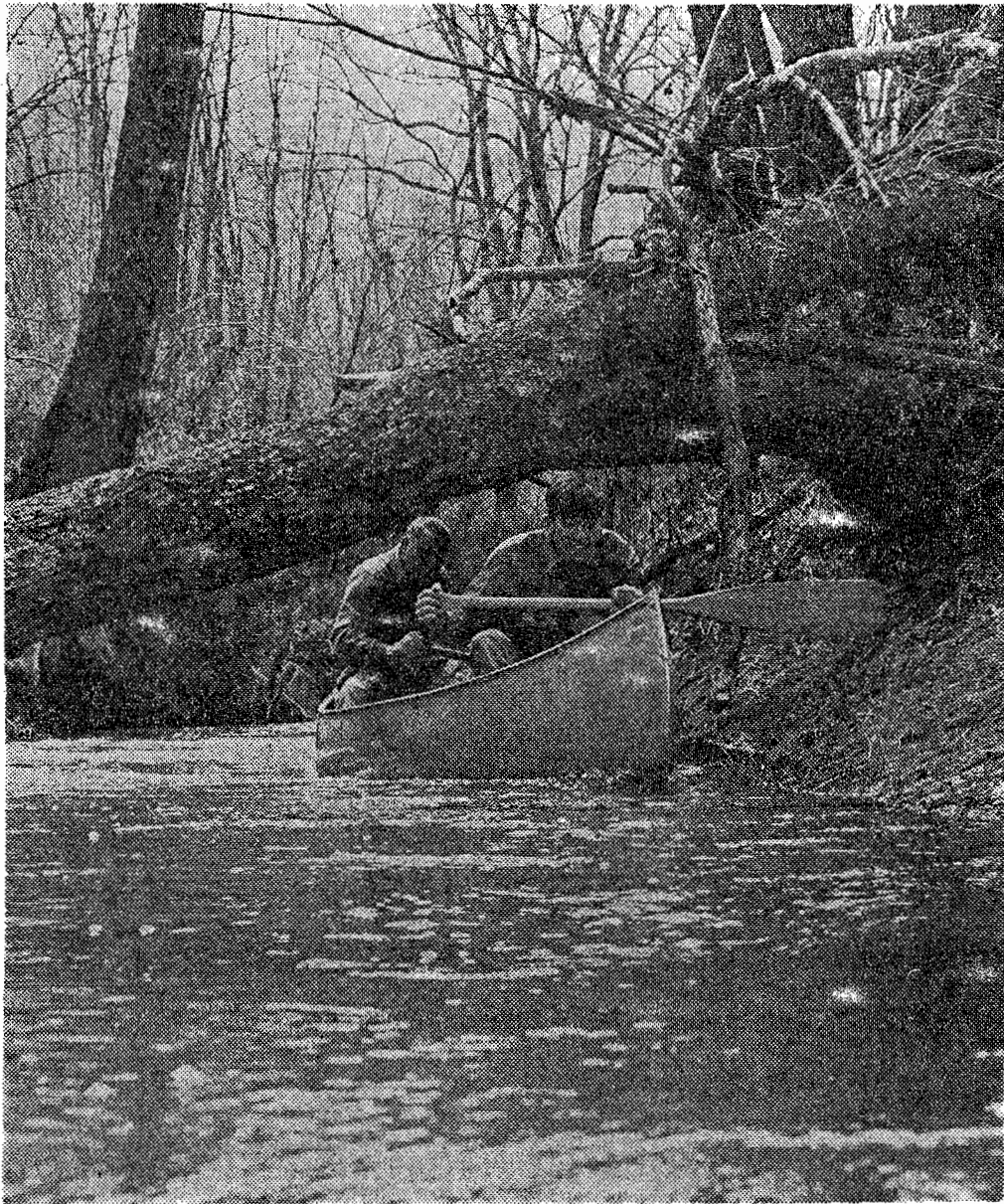
The trip took five to seven hours to complete but could have been one or two days longer if the scouts had decided to camp out a night.

They passed the area where Chief John Ross established trading business and Ross' Landing on the Tennessee River in 1815. This business was the beginning of Chattanooga.

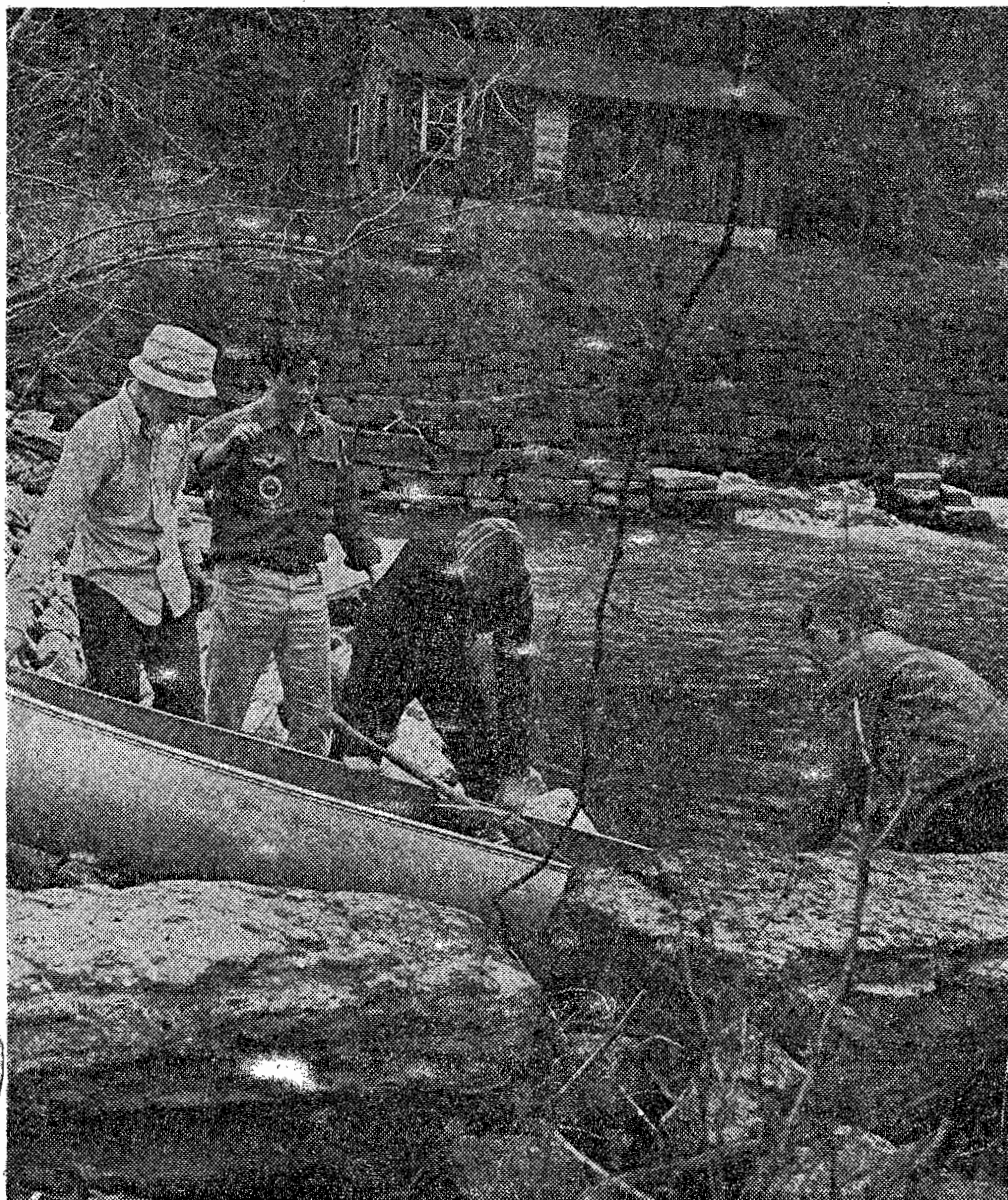
In 1863, during the Civil War, Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker forced a crossing at the northern tip of Lookout Mountain to fight the famous "Battle Above the Clouds."

Having fun was a major part of the trip but the scouts had strict rules they had to follow. No guns or fireworks were permitted. Each scout was required to have a life preserver. An adult had to accompany the boys. The boys had to know what to do in an emergency.

Any person interested in taking the Chief John Ross Canoe Trek should contact Wayne Drown at the Boy Scouts of America office, 892-8323.



LOW BRIDGE—Wayne Drown Sr., and Wayne Jr. find that this bridge made by mother nature is just high enough for their canoe to skim under.



EASY NOW DON'T SCRATCH IT—David Armstrong, Hardin Sutterfield, Bud Pope and Joe Kilgore, from left, get ready to carry one of the canoes around the old mill on Lookout Creek. The width of the creek didn't go over 30 feet but it got so shallow at times the scouts had to carry the canoes over the obstacles.