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The February activity of the Tennessee Trails Association will be a trail-clearing session Saturday, Feb. 17 at the head of Sequatchie Valley, to be led by President David Rhyne. The work party will meet at 9:30 a.m. Central Standard Time at the entrance to Cumberland Mountain State Park on Highway U. S. 127.

The Board of Directors will have dinner and a business meeting at 6:00 p.m. CST Feb. 17, following the work session. The agenda will include appointment of standing committees and a discussion of plans for the Third State Trails Seminar.

In March there will be a trail-clearing either in Frozen Head State Park or the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area. The annual wild flower hike will be in Frozen Head State Park in April. The dates will be announced next month.

In May there will be a work party on the Cumberland Trail somewhere north of Cove Lake. The South Cumberland Trail Committee will sponsor the June activity.

President David Rhyne, Program Chairman Bob Brown, Past President Donald Todd, Sr., Ed Casey, and State Trails Administrator Joe Gaines met in Nashville last month to make preliminary plans for the Third State Trails Seminar. The date selected by TTA members at the annual meeting was not open at Fall Creek Falls State Park and the date has been changed to March 23, 24 and 25.

Registration will begin Friday afternoon, March 23. That evening there will be informal discussions, movies, and demonstrations of back-packing and camping equipment. The committee is planning activities for families of participants during the sessions.

The Saturday morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. CST. There will be a resume of the State Trails System Act and a report by Joe Gaines on State plans and accomplishments to date. Chairmen of the various scenic trail committees will present maps of their respective projects and will report on problems they have encountered. There will be a discussion of ideas for organizing committees and on methods of getting the trails established.

Saturday afternoon there will be a discussion of recreation trails: municipal, State, Federal, and those sponsored by private industry, with reports on programs and plans of each. Planners from the Development Districts are invited to talk about their regional trail planning activities. A representative of the National Park Service is invited to discuss interstate trail planning.

Saturday night there will be a presentation on trail sanitation. At 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 25, there will be a demonstration of trail construction, probably outside the Park. The meeting will end at noon on Sunday.

A block of rooms has been reserved until the first week in March at the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn. There will be several conventions going on at the same time, so get

your reservations in early. Write to Superintendent, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN 37367, or call 881-3294.

Rates are as follows: Single, \$8.00; two people, one bed, \$10.00; two people, two beds, \$12.00; four people, two beds, \$16.00. Cabins are also available. A deluxe cabin, which will house 6 to 8 people, costs \$20.00 a night. Fisherman's Village cabins are \$10 a night.

Buffet style meals are served, costing \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. The Sunday buffet at Fall Creek Falls is very popular with residents of the surrounding area.

We ran out of space last month and carried over the biography of our new president, David Rhyne. He is 28 years old, a native of Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee. He has been married five years to Patricia Ann, a native of Greenbelt, Md. Pat is well-known to hikers who have taken part in Bowaters Pocket Wilderness dedications.

David received his B.S. degree from Carson-Newman College and his M.F. from Duke University. He served two years in the U. S. Army as a biological research assistant. He worked as a grocery bag boy and clerk during high school. While in college he spent two summers with the U.S. Forest Service, working on fire control, trail maintenance and recreation maintenance.

David has been with Hiwassee Land Co., Bowaters timber management subsidiary, 4½ years, working in Calera, Ala., Etowah and Tullahoma, Tenn., before moving to Cleveland in 1970. He was promoted in 1970 to Research Forester and was assigned various projects involving forest management research. In addition, he took over the recreation duties in progress, which include planning and maintenance of trails and recreation areas.

Pres. Rhyne is a member of the South Cumberland Trail Committee, Society of American Foresters, and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, in addition to TTA.

Lily Rose Claiborne, TCWP trail chairman, tells us that Bill Stutz and fellow-members of the Tri-States Hiking Club, of Chattanooga, will hike on Oak Ridge's North Ridge Trail Sunday, Feb. 10. She will meet them at Hilltop Market, Illinois Ave. (State Route 62) and West Outer Drive at 10:30 a.m. EST. It will be about a five-mile walk. TTA members are invited to join the group.

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club has scheduled a hike on the Cumberland Trail from Poplar Creek Gap to the fire tower above Dutch Valley on Walden's Ridge Sunday, March 18.

Several of our members attended the Intergroup Conference on Tennessee Environmental Issues, sponsored by TCWP at Cumberland Mountain State Park Jan. 19-21. The January issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS was in the mail before we discovered that we had given the wrong date. We hope we didn't knock any one out of attending and apologize to TCWP. It was a good program.