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The June activity of Tennessee Trails Association will be a trail-clearing party at the head of Sequatchie Valley Saturday, the 23rd. Party leader Bob Brown plans to work from the cave to "Hell Hole. Bring small tools and meet at the entrance to Cumberland Mountain State Park at 9:00 am. CDT.

The second quarter meeting of the TTA Board of Directors will be at Cumberland Mountain State Park Saturday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a dinner session, as was the first quarter meeting Feb. 17.

President David Rhyne, Editor E. W. Means, Trails System Administrator Joe Gaines, and Clarence Streetman, Public Relations Director for Bowaters, plan to attend the Second National Trails Symposium at Colorado Springs June 14-17. Streetman, who is also a member of the Board of the National Trails Council, will chair a panel on The Private Role in Trail Development.

The first local chapter of the Tennessee Trails Association was formed in Oak Ridge May 23. Lily Rose Claiborne is the chairman of the new chapter and will serve on the TTA Board. We welcome three new members from Oak Ridge: Howard F. Bauman, Paul Burn and Edwin H. Krieg.

The first leg of the Cumberland Trail, from its start at Tristate Peak to Baptist Gap, has been marked. The work party on May 19 found the trail in good condition. It has been getting some use by visitors to the National Park, but we passed the last candy wrapper less than a mile from Tristate Peak. There is a profusion of wild flowers on top of the mountain and the blueberries were in bloom when we were there.

Bob Brown missed the Cumberland Gap trip. He had an offer of volunteer help in Cumberland County the same date and decided it was better to take advantage of the "crew in hand". We agree.

John McIntyre reports that Scout Troops have just about completed the section of the Cumberland Trail from Lake City to Cove Lake State Park. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hubbell of Oak Ridge are scouting the section from Oliver Springs to Arms Gap. This leg is needed to tie Cove Lake and Frozen Head State Parks together.

Tentative future activities of TTA include a work session in the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area July 14 and a two-day school on trail construction in August, led by President Rhyne. Possible sites for fall color hikes in October are Pickett State Park and Cumberland Gap.

Bob Brown represented TTA at the recent meeting of the Tennessee Environmental Council in Nashville. Plans were discussed for a seminar on land use studies later this year at the University of Tennessee in Nashville.

Representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation held informal meetings in Crossville and Wartburg May 24 and 25 to discuss the task force study of the Obed River and two tributaries. BOR will recommend inclusion of these streams in the National Wild Rivers System. Formal hearings will be held later.