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Calling all trail blazers! Bob Brown wants you to meet him at the entrance to Cumberland Mountain State Park Saturday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. CDT. Bob has a short section of trail to finish at the head of Sequatchie Valley and needs help. It will be a fairly easy stretch and there are some magnificent views.

There was a small turnout for the July 14 session along Island Creek in the Catocsa Wildlife Management Area. Dottie Adams, Bob Brown, and Donald Todd, Sr. got about a mile of trail done. Around six miles of the Cumberland Trail are open along Island Creek now.

The July issue of the Tennessee Conservationist carried an article by State Trails Administrator Joe Gaines, titled "Tennessee Footpaths", telling about all the hiking opportunities in the State. The March 1972 issue carried an article by E. W. Means on TTA and Tennessee Trails. Tennessee is leading the nation in trail development and this was acknowledged by many participants in the Second National Trails Symposium at Colorado Springs in June.

A couple of weeks after the Symposium, those of us who attended received a communication which began: "Because of the interest you have shown regarding the horse industry..." It was an invitation to join the International Trail Riders Association, with headquarters in Roswell, New Mexico.

In addition to being the champion trail builder of Tennessee, Vice-president Bob Brown is an accomplished bicycle rider. The League of American Wheelmen took a five-day ride from Natchez to Nashville on the Natchez Trace Parkway the last week in June. On Saturday, Bob lend them on a 100-mile ride from Nashville to Montgomery Bell State Park and back.

Bob tells us that the Nashville Wheelmen plan a 100-mile ride on the Natchez Trace Parkway the last week in September.

The date has not been set for the trail construction school in September. We have invited Fred W. Mulholland, director of the Florida Trail Association, to come up for that one.

Jim Botts, president of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, was backpacking with several companions in the Grand Tetons the last week in July and the first week in August.

Bowaters Southern Paper Corporation has a new version of their "This Land is Open" booklet, featuring recreation opportunities on their industrial forest lands. It contains maps of the Wooten Place Picnic Area in Bradley County; Aetna Mountain Picnic Area, off I-24 west of Chattanooga; Wolf Creek Forest Camp in Alabama; Piney River Tree Farm near Spring City; and Stinging Fork, Laurel-Snow, Virgin Falls, and Honey Creek Pocket Wildernesses. Copies are available by writing to Public Relations Dept., Bowaters Southern Paper Corp., Calhoun, Tenn. 37309