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Calendar:

April 20-21, Wildflower hikes and Board meeting, Frozen Head State Park.

April 27, Hike, Cumberland Gap to Baptist Gap with Smoky Mountains Hiking Club.

May 4 and 5, Campout, Prentice Cooper State Forest.

President's Report:

On March 16, ten volunteers came in the rain to clear trails in Frozen Head State Park. On March 23, sixteen volunteers from Oak Ridge and Knoxville showed up for work. Two miles of proposed 35 miles of trail were cleared. I would hope that this will be a continuing project for TTA people in that area until all 35 miles of backpacking trails are open.

Lily Rose Claiborne.

President Claiborne also reports that the National Trails Council has been invited to hold a regional symposium for the Southeastern States at Cumberland Mountain State Park October 17-20, 1974, with TTA as official host. If the invitation is accepted, we will be responsible for the arrangements and part of the program. One proposed activity would be a field trip on the Cumberland Trail, which passes near the park.

Donald Todd, Sr. will lead the annual wildflower hikes in Frozen Head State Park April 20 and 21. A long hike to higher elevations will leave park headquarters, near Wartburg, at 10 a.m. EDT on Saturday. A shorter hike will start at 2:00 p.m. There will be a cookout and a meeting of the Board of Directors at 6 p.m. Bring your own food. Grills will be provided.

A second short hike will be leaving Park Headquarters at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

The Cumberland Trail hike with the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club on Saturday, April 27, will be a loop hike. The trip will start from the parking area for Tristates Peak on U.S. 25E in Cumberland Gap at about 9:30 a.m. EDT. There is a graded trail to Tristates Peak, the northern terminus of the Cumberland Trail. From there, we go about five miles to Baptist Gap, then follow an old logging road into the valley between Powell and Cumberland Mountains. After a short side trip to Cley Mill Spring, we follow an old fire road to Tiprell and back to Cumberland Gap. A stout hiking staff is recommended. John McIntyre will be one of the leaders.

Sam Powell, co-chairman with David Rhyne of the South Cumberland Trail Committee, announces an overnight camping trip in Prentice Cooper State Forest May 4 and 5. There will be demonstrations of trail construction, committee reports, and live entertainment. Watch for details in the May issue of Tenn. Trails.

Sam also reports that Scouts Gary, Glyn and Greg Lockhart are the first Scouts to win patches for work on the southern portion of the Cumberland Trail. Each has 33 hours of work to his credit.

We are reminded that May 1 is the cutoff date for delinquent members. If you have not paid, this is the last issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS you will receive. Send payment to Treasurer Dorothy R. Lingerfelt, Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN. 37405.