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### Calendar:

August 8, Board meeting, Cedars of Lebanon State Park, 7:30 p.m.  
August 9, Nashville Chapter hike, Piper Cave, Oscar Krosnes  
Aug. 9-19-30, Work Trips, Long Hunter State Park, Betty Smith  
Aug. 23, TTA hike, Grundy Forest Day Loop, Bob Richards.  
Aug. 28, Meeting, Nashville Chapter, Marrowbone Lake, 7:00 p.m.  
Sept. 13, Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Mike Dahl  
Oct. 17-19, Annual meeting, Camp Ocoee

August promises to be a busy month, starting with the Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the 8th in Ranger-Naturalist Sharen Patterson's cabin at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. The agenda will include discussion of TTA's investment account; preparations for the annual meeting; proposed change in Newsletter format; nominations for the 1980 Tennessee Trails Award, and proposed dues changes for 1981.

Betty Smith has scheduled three work sessions on the Long Hunter Trail, Saturday, Aug. 9, at 8 a.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 5 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 30, at 8 a.m. The work parties meet at the Country Store, to the left at the Mt. Juliet exit of I-40, just past the Exxon Station. Call Betty at 327-2671 (home) or 329-7011 (work) for directions to the work area if you can't get to the meeting point on time.

On the Nashville Chapter hike in Piper Cave, Oscar Krosnes writes: "Something different, beat the heat and explore a cave. It's probably a 2-mile round trip, easy walking, no crawling or climbing, rating 2. Observe some formations; see gray bats and evidence of past saltpeter diggings, including the remains of wooden barrel-shaped leaching vats. Observe safe caving procedures by wearing a hard hat and have three means of providing light, such as carbide lamp, flashlight and candles. Carpoolers may meet at the Cumberland Museum at 8 a.m. CDT, or at the Woodjammer Restaurant on Route 53 off I-40 at Exit 258 (Carthage) at 9:30 a.m. Call 251-7271 for information."

Bob Richards will be the leader for the hike on the Grundy Forest Day Loop Saturday, Aug. 23. This will be a short hike through the upper end of Big Fiery Gizzard Gorge down to Sycamore Falls, where we will eat lunch. After lunch we'll go swimming, lie in the sun, and have a relaxing afternoon. We'll return via the rest of the Grundy Forest Day Loop. The hike will be about 3 miles over a well-established trail. Hikers should bring comfortable shoes, swimwear, lunch and drinking water. Meet at 10 a.m. CDT across from the Dutch Maid Bakery on Route 150 in Tracy City.

Gene Curp writes that the Nashville Chapter meeting on August 28 will be on the Curps' ninth wedding anniversary. The meeting will be at Marrowbone Lake, preceded by a potluck supper at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30, with a speaker presenting a program on Recreation and Forestry - How Can They Be Compatible? The business session will follow the program. To get to Marrowbone Lake, take Clarksville Highway, U.S. 41A, north, turning left at Moray Community Center onto Eaton's Creek Road, just before you get to Joelton. Take the next right on Gray's Point Road and the second turn to the right is Marrowbone Road. This road bears right after crossing a bridge and dead ends at the picnic area.

### Billips Leaves Kentucky Trails Program

Doug Billips writes: "On April 24, 1980, I was informed that because of problems of overstaffing within the Division of Recreation and the lack of funding for the State Trails Program, that the position of State Trails Coordinator would cease to exist. It is regrettable that my position was abolished. My duties and responsibilities have been assumed by Ed Hanson,

State Naturalist. He may be contacted for trail information and related matters at Department of Parks, Div. of Recreation, 10th floor, Capital Plaza Tower Frankfort, KY 40401, phone 502-564-5410.

Anyone wishing to communicate with Doug should write to Douglas A. Bil-lips, 385 Redding Road, No. 136, Lexington, KY 40502, phone 606-273-3480 or 233-0153. No doubt, Doug will continue to be active in the Kentucky Trails Association.

The 1980 edition of KENTUCKY TRAILS, listing all trails in the Commonwealth, including Backpacking, Day Hiking, Canoe, Equestrian, ORV Trails and Hiking Opportunities for youth groups, was published in April. This book is in large format, 8 1/2 x 11, and includes 88 maps and tables and a number of excellent photographs by the U.S. Forest Service.

An application has been filed for National Recreation Trail designation for the Jenny Wiley Trail, which had its grand opening June 21. TRAIL PRINTS is the name of the newsletter being published bi-monthly by the Jenny Wiley Trail Conference, P.O. Box 636, Catlettsburg, KY 41129. Membership in the JWTC is \$3.00 a year. Carl Curnutte, chairman of the JWTC, was the first person to hike the full 180-mile length of the Trail. He estimated it would take him eight days, but he made it in seven.

David Stidham reports that 18 people turned out for the Burgess Falls-Window Cliffs hike June 7, in spite of warnings of a strenuous trip. He said, "At the hike's end, everyone was exhausted, relieved and glad this hike is now a memory." It seems that the rear leader got lost before the trip started and the leader became confused half way through the hike (180 degrees off course). It took an hour to get the first 100 yards from the parking lot in the hot, blistering sun. Evelyn got poison ivy and a runaway water jug was caught in the nick of time.

There was a climb up a cedar tree to the next foothold and a rapid descent off the ridgetop (rear end slide). The trip was further enlivened by a herd of stampeding cattle. There were also pleasant memories, like the views from the clifftops, sparkling waterfalls, soaring hawks, including one being posterized by a little bird; walking under a fern-draped and honeycombed bluff and water spilling over Great Falls Dam. There was a disappearing river, the swimming hole below Cane Creek Falls - and cold Coke - ah!!! Four hikers made a side trip on the State's new trail and overlook for a unique view of Burgess Falls. David says, "It was all worth it (I think)!"

Evelyn Tretter writes of the August 12 and 13 trip to Rock Island and Fall Creek Falls State Parks: "In spite of devastating heat, seven fearless hikers turned out for the descent into the wild and rugged gorge of the Caney Fork below Great Falls Dam in Rock Island State Park, a summer paradise of numerous large and small waterfalls. The pace was leisurely for maximum enjoyment of the natural beauty and the cold water. En route to the Twin Falls in the lower gorge, several stops were made for swimming. A few luges were tossed into the deep green pools during the lunch break. The falls were reached just at the height of their photogenic grandeur, with a perfect sun angle.

"The Park's primitive campground was enjoyed in the evening, and a portion of the group went on to Fall Creek Falls State Park Sunday morning for a spine-jelting, peak-hopping expedition from Fall Creek Falls to Cane Creek Falls. John Hart was the leader.

It was announced at the Nashville Chapter meeting on June 26 that there will be another trash pickup in the Nashville area October 11 to push for a state bottle bill.