



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
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Nine members of the TTA met at what is to be the beginning of the Cumberland Trail at Tri-State Peak parking lot in Cumberland Gap. On this peak where the states of Va., Ky, and Tenn. join, the National Park Service has constructed an open sided shelter, under which stands three markers. Each marker bears statistical information of the state in which it is located.

The trail from Tri-State Peak continues on to the site of old Ft. Farragut where work on the Cumberland Trail started. A light rain proved to be a blessing by keeping the temperature and pollen low. Approximately two miles of the trail was completed. *didn't slow the chiggers down!*

Following the trail work a meeting was held at the parking lot with the following members present: Pres. Donald Todd, Vice-pres. Bob Brown, Rec. Sec. Robbie Hassler, David Hassler, John McIntyre, Steve and Don Todd and Ed Casey.

A decision on the question of family membership was postponed until a majority of the members could voice an opinion.

A negative answer was given to the proposal that non members might receive the monthly newsletter for a fee of \$1.00, because of prohibitive expense and shortage of manpower.

Pres. Todd appointed Carl Leathers as chairman of the Conservation and Education Committee and Ed Casey as chairman of the Membership Committee.

It was decided that the TTA would purchase 228 Cumberland Trail emblem patches from Gemsco, Inc., emblem supplier for the Appalachian Trail Conference, for presentation to any boy scout who successfully completes one mile of trail work on the CT, and for resale to anyone who cares to buy one. These patches will cost the TTA 46¢ each-total \$104.88- and will sell for \$1.00 each.

A suggestion was made that the TTA emblem patch be presented to each new member, the cost of which would be included in the initial membership fee. Since no decision was reached it is assumed that this will be presented at a later meeting when more members are present.

John McIntyre announced that he will be able to get 100 Cumberland Trail access signs printed-FREE! These will be made of metal with green enamel lettering on a background of white.

Program chairman Bob Brown gave a plan for the July and August activity as either a demonstration on rock climbing at Sunset Rock, Sparta, or a trail clearing session in the Island Creek (?) area- the dates to be announced later. Another trail clearing session is planned for the Cumberland Gap area in the fall. This part of the CT follows the crest of Cumberland Mountain and can be viewed as far as the eye can see, from The Pinnacle overlook.

This meeting at Cumberland Gap, the first one that has been held since March, and according to the requirements in the by-laws cannot be called a TTA Board of Directors meeting since only three officers and no directors were present.