

The next activity of the Tennessee Trails Association will be a trail-clearing party in the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area Saturday, July 24, on the Grammar Creek section of the Cumberland Trail. We meet at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the Bicolor Checking Station and will be ferried to the work area by jeep.

To reach the Bicolor station from the East, turn left off U. S. 27 at the first street north of the Courthouse in Wartburg and go to the old Catoosa checking station. Turn left here and follow the road toward the top of Crab Orchard Mountain.

From the West, go left at Genesis Interchange off I-40 and turn right just past the checking station. Cross the Obed River at Potter's Ford, continue past Daddy's Creek and go straight through the crossroads at Buck Switch, following this road to Bicolor Station.

The June 19 work party at the head of Sequatchie Valley consisted of our president and vice-president, Donald Todd and Bob Brown. Pres. Todd says, "We need to get more people out on these trail-clearing sessions if we are ever to accomplish much toward establishing our trails."

There was also a small turnout for the Board meeting at Cumberland Mountain State Park on June 19. Pres. Todd reported on the National Trails Symposium, in Washington June 2-4, at which he chaired a panel on citizen action in establishing a State Trails System. A tentative date of Aug. 14 was set for work on the Sgt. York Trail in Pickett State Park.

Bowaters' Laurel-Snow Trail, which many of our members helped dedicate last Nov. 14, has been designated a National Recreation Trail by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton. Of 29 National Recreation Trails named so far, only three are in the Southeast. The other two are the Long Creek Trail, a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile foot and wheel chair trail in the Land Between The Lakes, and the Stone Mountain Trail in Georgia.

Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning have built a nine-mile trail bordering the northern part of the City. It is hoped that this North Ridge Trail may eventually be included in the National Trails system. Bicycle trails are included in Oak Ridge's long range improvements program.

On April 8, President Richard M. Nixon wrote to Lowell E. Culbertson, president of Bowaters Southern Paper Corp., saying:

"It was a pleasure to learn that your company has initiated a program to preserve a portion of its lands as pocket wilderness areas protected from development other than hiking trails. Such a contribution to the enhancement of our natural resources deserves the appreciation of all our fellow Americans, and I congratulate you for this outstanding effort toward environmental preservation."

On to Catoosa. It's a spectacular area and you'll like it. We'll look for you on the 24th.