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We have good news this month. Supt. Dean Farmer of Pickett State Park has informed Secretary Robbie Hassler that the Sergeant York Trail is already nearly complete and will be ready for use by August 14. With that information, Robbie and Activities Chairman Bob Brown decided to make the August activity a fun session.

We'll meet at Pickett State Park Headquarters at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time. Bring your lunch and a canteen and wear good hiking boots. It will be easy walking, with much of the trail following old logging roads and State Forest roads.

Dean Farmer says that the Sgt. York Trail is about 15 miles long and suggests that we hike from the Park to Wagon Gap. A truck will meet us there for the return to the Park. This is estimated to be about 8 miles. Anyone who wants to may hike the full distance. Robbie says the folks at the Park are very cooperative. Mr. Farmer told her the view from Wagon Gap is tremendous. You can see the valley of the Three Forks of the Wolf from there.

Anyone who would like to stay overnight at Pickett State Park and needs a cabin should call for a reservation right away. The phone number is 879-9071. If you need information from Robbie and Dave Hassler, their number is 864-3236.

Those who stay overnight are invited to go with the Hasslers Sunday morning to Chimney Rock. This is about ten miles from Park Headquarters and you can drive to within a mile of the Rock. Robbie says, "It is a spectacular sight. Another sight, for those who haven't been there, is the Twin Arches." Incidentally, there is also a good camp ground at the Park.

We had another small work group for the Grammar Creek section of the Cumberland Trail: Bob Brown, John McIntyre, and Donald Todd, Jr. The Editor stooped at Bicolor to pick up news, on the way to Crossville on business. We were sorry to hear that President Donald Todd, Sr. was at home in bed with a lame back. We hope he'll be able to go with us August 14.

The section of the Cumberland Trail on Walden's Ridge in Anderson County is in constant use. John McIntyre reports that work is continuing on the section between Highway 116 and Cove Lake. This is largely a task of tying existing footpaths together. We plan to work on the Cumberland Gap section again before deer season.

A tentative date has been selected for a "Trails Progress Meeting" at Montgomery Bell State Park on October 9. We hope to firm this up by Aug. 14. The program would include a review of the Tennessee State Trails System Act, a report on the National Trails Symposium, and reports of progress on the trails under construction. Plans would be discussed for implementing the state trails system, with definition of the responsibilities of the Dept. of Conservation and private organizations.

With many groups becoming interested in trail projects, Bowaters' Hiwassee Land Company is asking that all work on its lands be coordinated with the Tennessee Trails Association.

We'll look for you on the trail.