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The big news this month is the Second State Trails Seminar, to be held at Cumberland Mountain State Park Saturday, February 19, 1972. Invitations were mailed out by the Department of Conservation several days ago. This will be a progress meeting, with all interested groups discussing their activities, followed by a planning session. Somewhere in a busy agenda, President Todd hopes to have a TTA Board meeting.

The program will start at 9:00 a.m. CST. The discussion leaders will include Pres. Todd, Vice-pres. Bob Brown, Rep. Robert J. Bible, originator of the Tennessee Trails System Act; Conservation Commissioner Wm. Jenkins, and Walter Criley, director of the Division of Planning and Development.

After lunch we'll hear about the work of the private sector. Stan Murray will lead off, reporting on the Appalachian Trail. We'll hear of the Cumberland Trail, historical hiking trails, pocket wilderness trails, bike trails, and the North Ridge Trail, which is entirely within the City of Oak Ridge.

Completing a long afternoon will be a discussion of past work and future goals of other groups working on trails designated in the Tennessee Trails System Act. After dinner there will be a workshop session devoted to the formation of committees and planning of activities.

For those who can stay until Sunday, there will be two hikes, a short trip and an all-day hike on the Cumberland Trail, both starting at 9:00 a.m. CST. Anyone wishing overnight accommodations at Cumberland Mountain State Park may write to Pres. Donald Todd, Sr., Box 35, Wartburg, Tenn. 37887, not later than Feb. 15.

Another activity this month will be the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club's "Hike of the Month" on Sunday, Feb. 6. John McIntyre will lead the hike on a section of the Cumberland Trail on Walden's Ridge. Hikers will meet at Luallen's Supermarket on State Route 116, west of U.S. 25W in Lake City at 9:00 a.m. EST.

On March 12, the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club will walk the North Ridge Trail in Oak Ridge. TTA members are invited to join this hike. The Oak Ridge City Council has contacted the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation about the inclusion of the North Ridge Trail in the National Recreation Trail System. Lily Rose Claiborne of TCWP will report on this at the Seminar.

Traditionally, in April we have the wildflower hikes in Frozen Head State Park in Morgan County. In May and June, Activities Chairman Bob Brown plans to have work sessions on Brady Mountain and the Cumberland Gap end of the Cumberland Trail.

Charles Klabunde, recently elected treasurer of Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, will head a TCWP committee which will build a section of the Cumberland Trail on Cumberland Mountain north of Cove Lake.

The Tennessee Conservationist will publish an article on Tennessee Trails, by E. W. Means, in a forthcoming issue.

As the say on TV, "That's how it is," Feb. 1, 1972.