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Trails Association members are invited to join with the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club for a hike in Frozen Head State Park Sunday, Apr. 9. The hike will start at 9 a.m. EST from the Ranger's residence. The lunch stop will be at Chimney Rock, where there is a spectacular view. The return trip will be via Mart Fields. Some early wildflowers should be in bloom.

Pres. Donald Todd has called a TTA Board meeting immediately after the hike on the 9th, around 4 p.m. at the tool shed at the Ranger's residence.

Our annual wildflower hikes will be held at Frozen Head State Park April 22 and 23. There will be both short and long hikes on Saturday, the 22nd, starting at 9 a.m. EST., and a short hike starting at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. All hikes start from the Ranger's residence. Pres. Todd says, "Bring your lunch and camera. This will probably be one of the outstanding wildflower displays in the State."

The above hikes are included in the 1972 schedule we received recently from Activities Chairman Bob Brown. On May 13, we have a trail-clearing session on the Cumberland Trail at Cumberland Gap. John McIntyre tells us we need to complete about a mile of trail to round out a ten-mile segment from Cumberland Gap to Baptist Gap, where there is an easy return to the highway. Meet at Harrogate at 9:00 a.m. EST.

On June 10 there will be a clearing session on Black Mountain in Cumberland County. We'll give details next month. In July, the exact date to be announced, John McIntyre will lead a mop-up work party on Walden's Ridge.

Bob plans an activity in West Tennessee in August. In September we'll go through Daddy's Creek Canyon with the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. The fall color hike, in October, will be led by either Bob Brandt or David Gray on the John Fuir Trail.

In November we'll impose on Robbie and David Hassler to lead a hike in the Pickett area, to another Chimney Rock or to Pinnacle Mountain. The annual meeting in December will complete the year.

Joe Gaines, whom we met at the State Trails Seminar on Feb. 19, became administrator of the State Trails System Act on March 1. His first task has been to establish communication with people on rights of way.

Bob Brown was invited to speak to the Scoutmasters Roundtable recently at Rock Island. The Scoutmasters are helping line up workers for the Cumberland Trail. John McIntyre had a group of Scouts scheduled to work on the 25th, but it snowed. Pres. Todd and two students from Norris marked trail in the rain on March 18.

March is the usual cut-off date for delinquent members, but Pres. Todd says to send them one more issue of Tennessee Trails. Have you paid dues for 1972?

We'll see you on the trail.