

## TENNESSEE TRAILS

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We're running late this month because our usual supplier of mimeograph ink let us down. we hope you get this issue of Tennessee Trails in time to plan to help Bob Brown on Black Mountain June 10. Bob plans to clear a section of the Cumberland Trail near the head of Sequatchie Valley. Workers should bring lopping shears and meet at the entrance to Cumberland Mountain State Park at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time.

Five of us cleared trail in the rain on Cumberland Mountain north of Baptist Gap on May 13. Everybody got wet and cold in a couple of hours and turned back without reaching our goal of opening the trail from Tristates Peak to Baptist Gap. John McIntyre and Bob Brown hoped to finish the remaining half mile on the Memorial Day weekend.

Gordon C. Newland, chairman for the Trail of the Lonesome Pine, is seeking help with the section west of Highway U.S. 25E. The Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club, of Kingsport, is sponsoring the section east of 25E.

President Donald Todd is calling for volunteers to help locate the route of the Cumberland Trail from the head of Sequatchie Valley to the Tennessee River. We also need some help in the vicinity of LaFollette.

State Trails coordinator Joe Gaines has supplied trail chairmen with copies of the "Landowner's Liability Law", Chapter 8, sections 51-801 through 51-805 of the Tennessee Code. The law says in effect that giving permission to use private land for recreation does not incur any liability on the part of the landowner.

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton announced late in April that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation would make a study of a proposed North Country Scenic Trail which would extend some 3,000 miles from Vermont to North Dakota. The general corridor for the trail would dip southward almost to the Ohio River, then northward along the east side of Lake Michigan to the Upper Peninsula, thence westward across Wisconsin and Minnesota. It would link the Appalachian Trail with the Lewis and Clark Trail.

The National Park Service has announced that a free permit system for back-country travel and camping would begin this month in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Kings Canyon in California, and Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. If you plan to hike overnight on the AT, you should apply for permits at Park Headquarters near Gatlinburg. Camping permits will be limited to the capacity of the trail shelters.

The March issue of the Tennessee Conservationist, which came out the first week in May, carried a feature article on TTA and Tennessee Trails, by E. W. Means. There are five pages and eight pictures in the spread.

Stan Murray joined forces with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service on May 18 to preside over the dedication of a new section of the Appalachian Trail near Fontana Dam. The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club did the work on this section, which was relocated to a better route.