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Calendar:

June 12, hike, Montgomery Bell State Park, Russell Fryer, leader.
June 24, Nashville Chapter meeting, TTA, Cumberland Museum
July 10, hike, Roan Mountain, Gordon Newland
September 11, Hike, Clinch Mountain, Gordon Newland.
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, Southeastern Trails Conference, Parks Landing.

Margaret Mann will be co-leader with Russell Fryer for the hike at Montgomery Bell State Park June 12. We meet at the Park Office, just inside the main entrance off U. S. Highway 70 at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time. This will be TTA's first hike on a new trail which will be added to the State Recreation Trail System. It has both historic and scenic features. There is a family campground on a nice creek, for those who would like to stay overnight.

Gordon Newland writes of the July 10 hike: "We will meet at Park Headquarters, Roan Mountain State Park, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. There are camping facilities at the park for those who would like to stay overnight, either Friday or Saturday." We'll give more details in the July issue.

Grimes Slaughter, TTA President, reports: "Rain-washed forests, sun-drenched skies, and turbulent streams formed the setting for the May hike in Fall Creek Falls State Park. The same rains which evidently kept TTA members away in droves made Cane Creek and unfordable, unswimmable torrent with standing waves at the crossing point, so the hiking party returned over the same route they had followed up to there. Overnight camp site No. 1, with its enclosed facilities and 116-foot deep well and pump (well separated) were commented on, and the well waters partaken on, to give the party a six-months supply of "arn" in solution. Those participating were Bob Richards, leader, Russell Fryer of Nashville, Merrill Nelson of Chattanooga, and Ruth Slusher and Grimes Slaughter of Oak Ridge."

The date for the Southeastern Regional Trails Conference at Paris Landing State Park has been changed to October 29 to Nov. 1 in order for Dr. Philip Lavelly of the Parks and Recreation Department, University of Tennessee at Martin, to work with us. We met with Dr. Lavelly May 29 at Montgomery Bell Inn to work out the details of UTM's participation.

The Kentucky Trails Association will be co-host with TTA for the conference. D. Carl Clark of Lexington is the new president of KTA, elected at the spring meeting last month. We met him at the Third National Trails Symposium last fall. He has done a lot of work mapping trails in the Kentucky Mountains.

Our new TTA brochure is out at last and copies will be included with this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS. We hope you will use it to sell new members.

It is getting close to the time to report on our "One For The Trail" activities to the National Backpackers Association. If you have spent one hour or more in trail work since July 1, 1975, please send details to Dot Lingerfelt at P. O. Box 4913, Chattanooga, TN 37405.

A Bi-centennial ceremony held at Jamestown, Virginia, May 14 inaugurated the 4,400-mile Trans-America Bicycle Trail. Originating in trail heads at Yorktown, Va., and Astoria, Oregon, the cross-country trail intersects or parallels many historic and recreational trails including the Lewis and Clark, Santa Fe, and Appalachian Trails. It enters some 25 National Forests, two National Parks, two National Scenic Waterways and four National Parkways, crossing ten states.