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Calendar:

July 10, Hike, Roan Mountain, Gordon Newland, leader.
July 31, Nashville Chapter hike, Cordell Hull Lake, Dave Stidham.
August 14, Morgan Springs-Walden's Ridge, Bill Stutz.
Sept. 11, Bean Gap-Clinch Mountain, Gordon Newland.
Oct. 28-31, Regional Trails Conference, Paris Landing State Park.

The July hike will be in Roan Mountain State Park Saturday, July 10. Gordon Newland writes: "We will meet at park headquarters, Roan Mountain State Park at 10 a.m. EDT. There are camping facilities at the park for those who wish to come up Friday night or stay over Saturday night. We will drive to Carver's Gap, hike to the crest of Grassy Ridge (6,000 feet) and return to the cars. Hikers should bring lunch, water and rain gear. The hiking distance will be about six miles."

Bill Stutz promises a "fun day" Saturday, August 14. He writes; "Aug. 14, 1976, TTA members Cooke Morgan of Morgan Springs and Tom Carter of Walden's Ridge, Tenn., will be co-hosts with Bill Stutz. This will be a short hike-picnic and swim in Morgan Creek. Bring a picnic lunch. Watermelon will be served by your hosts." We'll have more complete details next month.

Gordon Newland reports that the meeting place for the Sept. 11 hike will be at the restaurant in Bean Gap on Highway U. S. 25E north of Knoxville. This trip will be on the "unconstructed" Trail of the Lonesome Pine.

There was a small turnout for the June 24 meeting of the Nashville Chapter of TTA, which was attended by the Editor. TTA member Dave Stidham, recreation planner for the Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, gave an interesting slide program on Corps activities in recreation, conservation and trails. Dave will lead a hike for Middle Tennessee members Saturday, July 31 on the Bear Wallow Gap Trail on the Cordell Hull Project near Carthage. The group will meet at 9:00 a.m. CDT at the information center of the Cedar Creek Recreation Area at Defeated, Tenn., on State Route 85 north of Carthage.

Secretary Evelyn Trotter and Evan Means met with Dr. Philip Lavelly of the University of Tennessee at Martin and Dick Cottrell, recreation services supervisor for the Land Between the Lakes on May 29 to discuss the regional trails conference. At the end of the day we had outlined the complete program, delegated duties, and came up with half a dozen sponsors (more or less).

The conference will be devoted to reports of trail activities in the Southeast by government and private organizations and discussion of the problems involved in implementing a trails system. Sponsors will include TTA, Kentucky Trails Association, LBL, BOR, State Parks Division, and UTM. TTA and KTA will be co-hosts. UTM will handle printing, registration, and other miscellaneous chores. BOR will mail invitations and help with planning. Evan Means is program chairman and Evelyn Trotter will coordinate "Show and Tell". Other members of TTA and KTA will be called on for various jobs. The invitations will go out about the end of July.

The program will include an "ice-breaker" reception and "Show and Tell" on Thursday, panel discussions and a trip to Land Between the Lakes with buffalo supper on Friday; more panels on Saturday, with free time in the afternoon for bull sessions, and a banquet. A number of hikes will be mapped for those who arrive early and stay through Sunday and later.

We expect to have a very productive conference. We hope all TTA members will be able to attend.