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Calendar: June 4 and 18, Work sessions, Nashville Chapter.

June 11, Nashville Chapt. hike, Dismals Wonder Gardens, Jack Bond.

June 23, Nashville Chapter meeting, Percy Priest Visitor Center.

June 25, Highlands of Roan, Charlotte and Ott Ellis.

July 23, Balsam Mtn., N. C., Donald Todd.

August 13, Cades Cove Bicycle Trail. Al Lookofsky.

The Nashville Chapter hike June 11 will be Dismals Wonder Garden in Alabama. Turn off U. S. 43 at sign nine miles south of Russellville. The 5-mile trail passes unusual geological formations, trees normally found in the Northeast and Canada, including the largest hemlock east of the Mississippi; waterfalls and a natural swimming pool. Meet at 10:30 a.m. CDT at the entrance. Admission, \$2 for adults; tent camping, \$2; hookups, \$4. Call Evelyn Tretter, 859-0566, to arrange carpools.

Charlotte and Ott Ellis will lead the June 25 hike across the Highlands of Roan, which the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy hopes to buy to preserve their natural beauty. The plan is to leave Carver's Gap at 8:00 a.m. EDT and follow the Appalachian Trail over the crest of the rhododendron-covered balds to U. S. Highway 19E. A car camp Friday night at Roan Mountain State Park will help get an early start. A car shuttle will be arranged.

Charlotte writes, "The views are spectacular and the rhododendron should be in full bloom. Take raingear, lunch, sunglasses and sunburn lotion. Anyone who wants to spend Saturday night at our house in Kingsport is welcome."

We have good news this month. Mr. A. E. Funk, Jr., general manager for American Association Limited, has given TTA permission to locate and mark the Cumberland Trail across American Association lands between Cumberland Gap and Childress Gap, a distance of some 20 miles. Mr. Funk gave permission to John McIntyre for the Cumberland Trail around 1969 and that permission was renewed May 6, 1977.

There was a good turnout for the Savage Gulf hike May 14. (Leader Bob Richards says 26; Evelyn reports 27.) Bob writes: "We hiked about 8 miles and saw several large trees (3 to 4 feet in diameter) and several good views of Savage Gulf, but did not get down into the Gulf itself." Switching to Evelyn's report: "Walter Lookofsky stood up in his backpack most of the way, except for his afternoon nap on his dad's shoulder. Russell Fryer and his daughter, Terri, and Dave Stidham went into the back country for an overnight campout."

Margaret Mann led the Nashville Chapter on a delightful Sunday afternoon excursion at Radnor Lake May 1. Fifteen people enjoyed the birds and wild flowers and several of them went to Ellington Agricultural Center for a hamburger cookout afterward.

The Nashville Chapter will have work days on the Percy Priest Lake Trail June 4 and June 18. Meet at Mt. Juliet exit off I-40 at 8:30 a.m. each day and take lunch and drink. The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Nashville Chapter will be held at the Percy Priest Visitor Center, off Bell Road on the Nashville side of the Dam, at 8:30 p.m. June 23. Meet at 6:30 for a picnic before the meeting. Each person bring a picnic-type dish.

The 1977 edition of "Hiking Trails of America", listing over 600 trails for Scouts to hike, arranged by states, is available at 75 cents per individual copy. Order from Shiloh Military Trail, Inc., Historical Hiking Trails, Inc., P. O. Box 17507, Memphis, TN 38117.

Work will start soon on the section of the Cumberland Trail from Cumberland Gap to Childress Gap, near the Claiborne-Campbell County line. The Dept. of Conservation will furnish proper signs and TTA will make the agreements with the landowners.