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Calendar:

- Jan. 7, Work session, Nashville Chapter, David Stidham.
- Jan. 14, Hike, Harriman & NE Railroad Bed, Grimes Slaughter.
- Jan. 29, Hike, Three Hickories Trail, Oscar Krosnes.
- Feb. 11, Hike, Savage Gulf, day or overnight option, Bob Brown.
- March 18, Trail of Tears (Cumb. Caverns Alt.) Stan Gorin.
- April (Date to be announced) Piney River Trail Dedication.
- Apr. 22, Wildflower Hike, Frozen Head State Natural Area, Don Todd.
- May 20, Prentice Cooper Section, Cumberland Trail, Dot Lingerfelt.
- June 24, Roan Mountain, Mike Dahl.
- July 22, Cumberland Trail from Cumberland Gap, Evan Means.
- Aug. 12, Hiwassee R. float with side trip, John Muir Trail, P. Rigney.
- Sept. 23, Cloudland-Little R. Canyon, Ed Oliver.
- Oct. 14, Wirgin Falls, Sarah Smith and Fay Harrison.
- Oct. 21, Red Leaves Trail, Natchez Trace, Overnight opt., Joe Gaines.
- Nov. 18, Annual Meeting, site to be announced.
- Dec. 9, Fiery Gizzard Trail, Bob Richards.

As the Calendar indicates, the Nashville Chapter leads off in 1978 with a work session on the North Shore Trail on Percy Priest Reservoir, Saturday, Jan. 7. Workers will meet at Minit Burger, at the Mt. Juliet exit off I-40, at 9:00 a.m. CST. Bring a lunch. Call Dave Stidham at 298-5735 if you plan to go.

The January TTA membership hike will be along the roadbed of the abandoned Harriman and Northeast Railroad, which may become a State hike-bike trail. Meet at Coalfield High School at 11:00 a.m. EST Saturday, Jan. 14. Coalfield is off State Highway 62 between Oliver Springs and Wartburg. Coming from Wartburg, bear right at Advance Machine Co. after leaving the highway. There are three high trestles on the route but they can be easily bypassed. If time permits, we can include the short section in the Little Emory River gorge.

There will be a Nashville Chapter hike on the Three Hickories Trail in the Cook Recreation Area on Percy Priest Lake Sunday, Jan. 29. Meet at 1:30 p.m. in the parking area at the east end of the Dam. It will be a 3 to 4 mile walk. Oscar Krosnes is the leader. Call him at 883-1041 for info.

David Rhyne and Evan Means attended the public meeting on the Bartram Trail at Cherokee National Forest headquarters in Cleveland Dec. 6. The Bartram Trail Conference has a contract with BOR to assist in the trail study. BTC will collect, compile, analyze, and evaluate information on the works and travels of naturalist-explorer William Bartram, who recorded features of 8 states in his 18th century travels. Joe Gaines represents the State of Tennessee and Bob Marks, TVA, on the task force.

Mrs. Charles Byrd of Ducktown reports that the Bartram Trail is well established in Tennessee. It passes through Ocoee Gap in Cherokee National Forest and is used by many hikers. The Task Force is looking at a variety of uses: hiking, canoe, horseback, etc. The trail has a potential length of 2500 miles, with spur trails to points of interest.

The Red Leaves Overnight Trail in Natchez Trace State Resort Park and Forest was designated a National Recreation Trail Nov. 19. We'll hike on this 30-mile trail Oct. 21.

Senator Jim Sasser has introduced S.2342, placing 475,000 acres in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the National Wilderness System, if it passes. The bill also proposes to settle differences with Swain Co. North Carolina.