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### Calendar:

May 7, Hike, Ashland City Marsh, Nashville Chapter, Margaret Mann.

May 13, Work Day, Percy Priest Lake, Oscar Krosnes.

May 20, Cumberland Trail, Prentice Cooper, Dot Lingerfelt.

June 24, Roan Mountain, Mike Dahl.

Sept. 21-24, Southeast Trails Conference, Cumberland Falls, Ky.

The Nashville Chapter has changed the date of its May hike from the 13th to Sunday afternoon, May 7. Margaret Mann will lead the hike on the Ashland City Marsh Trail on Cheatham Lake. Meet at the Courthouse in Ashland City at 1:30 p.m. There should be many birds and wildflowers in evidence. This is an easy 4 to 5-mile hike.

There will be a work day on the Percy Priest trails Saturday, May 13, for the Nashville Chapter. Meet at the Minit Burger, off I-40 at the Mt. Juliet exit at 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch and tools. No experience necessary. For information, call Oscar Krosnes at 883-1041.

The May TTA membership activity will be a hike on a new section of the Cumberland Trail in Prentice Cooper State Forest and Wildlife Management Area. Dot Lingerfelt says, "The hike will be only 5 to 6 miles (to where we shuttle the cars) but the views will be very interesting and we will go off the trail to see the campsite, etc., so it will take 3 to 4 hours. Bring lunch and canteen. Those who feel they need to hike more could continue on to Signal Point and I would be glad to have a car there to pick them up. This would be a total distance of about 11 miles."

To get to Prentice Cooper, coming from Nashville on I-24, take the Nick-a-jack and Jasper exit on State Route 27, up the Sequatchie Valley to Powell's Crossroads. Continue on 27 up Walden's Ridge to the Prentice Cooper State Forest and Wildlife Management Area sign, on the right about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the crossroads. Coming from the north down Sequatchie Valley, take State Route 28 south of Dunlap and turn left on SR27 approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Whitwell, to Powell's Crossroads and continue as above.

From Chattanooga, take I-124 to the end and exit on U.S.127. At the foot of Signal Mountain, turn left on SR27 (Suck Creek Road) and the Prentice Cooper sign is on the left, about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles from 127. It is around  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the sign to the trail head parking lot. Meet at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Evelyn Tretter reports that 18 people went on the Nashville Chapter hike at Indian Town Bluff March 25. It was a rather cold and blustery day, but the bracing weather only increased the appetites for hot dogs cooked in the lee of an Indian mound.

The Nashville Chapter held a work session April 8 on the new trail at Percy Priest Lake. Jack Neff led a work crew composed of Betty Smith, Oscar and Eric Krosnes, Dan Friedman and Don Nelson, all mighty workers.

The April hike of the Nashville Chapter was in the lovely wooded hills of north Treusdale County. Bill Hager led a group of 18 people about 8 miles over varied terrain, with some beautiful views and an abundance of wild flowers of many species, some uncommon. The dwarf larkspur was spectacular. Four students and a teacher from Sumner Academy were among the guests.

Evan Means met with Dr. Carl Clark, president of Kentucky Trails Association, and Richard Howerton, executive director of the Fiveco Area Development District, at Cumberland Falls April 8 to make preliminary plans for the Southeast Trails Conference. They will meet again May 10 in Corbin, Ky. The theme of the conference will be "The Next Ten Years, with an emphasis

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on planning. Registration and "Show and Tell" will be held Thursday, Sept. 21. There will be canoeing and hiking that afternoon; a get-acquainted social followed by dinner on your own. There will be panel discussions and workshops Friday and Saturday, with some free time Saturday afternoon before the banquet that evening. Backpacking and hiking trips will be arranged for those who wish to spend more time in the area. KTA and TTA will be co-sponsors for the conference.

They came by the busload to the dedication of Bowater's Piney River Trail April 22. Patches were presented to 230 people who registered for the event. The Piney River crossing on the suspension bridge was much easier than the improvised boatswain's chair used by TTA on the preview hike last October. There were many wildflowers and the dogwood was in full bloom. It was a beautiful day, to the delight of those who had cameras. The trail was designated both State and National Recreation Trail. Bill Stutz handed out Cumberland Trail and TTA brochures, then changed to his black hiking hat (minus the turkey feather) and walked on the trail.

TVA's Lady Finger Bluff Trail, on Kentucky Lake in Perry County, Tennessee, was dedicated April 13. This trail was also given State and National Recreation Trail designation. Harry Williamson, who succeeded Joe Gaines as State Trails System administrator, represented the Department of Conservation at both dedications. John Fisher made the National Recreation Trail presentations for the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Incidentally, HCRS administers the National Recreation Trail program, while the National Park Service carries on the National Scenic Trail studies authorized by Congress. Bob Fiore, formerly with BOR, transferred to NPS to work on the scenic trails and scenic rivers studies.

TTA member Cooke Morgan wrote the following letter March 4, but we ran out of space last month:

"Tennessee Trails"

Many thanks for the bulletin and invitation to go on Trail of Tears hike March 18. I would love it but due to an injured leg in car accident, I will have to pass it up. Also, I will still be in Florida until March 20.

"A bit of history on the Trail of Tears: it passes real near my home at Morgan Springs. My uncle, William Morgan, went over to Cleveland, Tennessee to act as a guide for the Indians and they were told they would be expected to travel four miles per hour on the trip. An old man and a pregnant squaw were left to die as they couldn't keep up the pace. So my uncle was crying and refused to go any farther after getting near home...this is a true story.

"So nice of you people to send me the newsletter each month. Thanks so much. Sincerely, S/Cooke Morgan."

Dr. Doug Albaugh, assistant professor of biology at Peabody College, is one of the scientific leaders on trips, arranged by Holbrook Travel, Inc., Gainesville, Fla., to the Galapagos Islands and to the Great Basin Desert in Nevada. Anyone who would like to take one of these trips may call Dr. Albaugh at 615-327-8227 or (home) 615-297-6187 for information.

A new guide book to the 10,000 square mile tri-state corner of Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina is "Joy In The Mountains", by Lou and Alice Winecur. It can be ordered by sending \$4.50 to JOY IN THE MOUNTAINS, P. O. Box 2532, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

We'll see you on the trail.