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This is the last call for reservations for the Trails Seminar at Montgomery Bell State Park on Saturday, April 11. Send requests to Max Young, Dept. of Conservation, 2611 West End Ave., Nashville 37203, stating how many rooms are needed, how many in party and how many nights you expect to stay,

The Seminar Program:

- 9:30 a.m. Call to order, Seminar Director Robert D. Brown.
Keynote address, Rep. Robert J. Bible, Kingsport.
- 10 a.m. Film of trails, U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in cooperation with Humble Oil and Refining Co.
- 10:30 a.m. Panel discussion, problems associated with planning, development and maintenance of trails, by U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and BOR.
- 12 m. Lunch.
- 1 p.m. Appalachian Trail movie.
- 1:30 p.m. Panel discussion, local efforts, by Stan Murray, Appalachian Trail Conference; Donald Todd, TTA; Ed Williams, West Tennessee, and representative of Smoky Mountains Hiking Club.
- 2:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3 p.m. Map overlays and discussion of what trails should be included in Tennessee Trails System, Mack G. Prichard, Division of State Parks.
- 3:30 p.m. Open discussion, chaired by Division of Planning and Development, Dept. of Conservation, of a working task force to prepare a report for presentation to the 87th General Assembly.
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn.

TTA will be joint sponsor with Environmental Action Council of Oak Ridge and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning of wildflower hikes in Morgan State Forest April 18 and 19. This will be a part of the activities connected with "Earth Day" and the environmental Teach-in on April 22. The rendezvous point will be the caretaker's residence in Flat Fork Valley near the Prison Honor Farm at Wartburg.

There will be a long hike to higher elevations, starting at 9:30 a.m. EST on Saturday. A canteen of water and a lunch is recommended for this hike. Two shorter hikes of about two hours each will leave at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If there is enough interest, another hike will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. In case of rain on Saturday, that program will be carried over to Sunday.

We have also been invited to take part in a dedication hike to Bowaters' pocket wilderness at Virgin Falls on the Caney Fork River. The tentative date is May 2. We hope to have complete details by April 11.

We expect to take part in the environmental fair which will be part of the Earth Day observance on the 22nd at Oak Ridge High School. The fair is being coordinated by the Oak Ridge JayCees and we expect to show slides of our Cumberland Trail Project.

This month we have a brief biography of our Recording Secretary, Robbie Hassler. She writes:

"I was born in Pickett County, Tenn. Jan. 26, 1925. I was taught a love of nature by parents who instilled in their five children a vital interest in the preservation of our natural resources.

"I was married to David Hassler in 1943. We feel that we are very fortunate to be able to continue living in this relatively pollution-free section of Tennessee. Our log home is situated on a bluff overlooking the Wolf River arm of Dale Hollow Reservoir. Our 250-acre farm is mostly woodland. We have access to hundreds of acres of U. S. Corps of Engineers land adjoining our property. On our farm, we have built and maintain about five miles of hiking trails and plan more. We have planted wildlife borders, built two ponds, and at present we are encouraging the nesting of wood ducks. "No Hunting" signs are posted quite conspicuously.

"When I first read a notice of a meeting of the TTA and a hike over Brady Mountain, I said to myself, "This is something in which I would like to get involved"--and get involved I got!! But I have enjoyed every minute of every activity.

"Aside from my work with TTA, I am an active member at large of the Tennessee Ornithological Society and the National Audubon Society (birding running a close race with hiking as a favorite form of relaxation). I also have membership in dozens of other conservation clubs. My hobbies are too numerous to list, including sewing, photography, collecting and singing old folk songs; painting and, of course, hiking and bird watching.

"For the past seventeen years I have been employed as a career clerk in the Post Office at Byrdstown, enjoying everyday association with people. I have been youth counselor and song leader at our church for about 20 years. Dave and I have always been active in civic affairs, the most recent being the Red Cross Bloodmobile."

How's that for a busy lady?

Next month we'll bring you the profile of our corresponding secretary-treasurer, Susan McIntyre.

We'll see you on the trail.