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The next activity for Tennessee Trails Association members will be a work hike on Saturday, June 20 in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. The starting point will be the parking lot for Tri-state Peak, in the Gap, at 9:30 a.m. EDT.

John McIntyre, chairman of the Cumberland Mountain section of the Cumberland Trail, has made arrangements with the National Park Service for us to route the trail into the park. The Park Service people told him they can build a shelter for us when the Trail is further developed.

There is an excellent camping area, called the Wilderness Road Campground, on U. S. Highway 58 in the Park. John says, "Bring tools." It is four miles from the starting point to a fire road where John can ferry the workers back to Tri-state Peak in his jeep, so he plans to clear that far. There are some spectacular views from the trail in that area.

To get to Cumberland Gap from the west, leave I-40 at Exit 91 and follow highways Tenn. 58, 95 and 61 to Clinton. 61 runs straight into U.S. 25W and you follow it to LaFollette, again continuing straight ahead on State Route 63 to 25E, then left to Cumberland Gap.

From Knoxville the best route will be Tenn. 33 (Broadway) to Tazewell and turn left on U.S. 25E. Upper East Tennesseans should take 25E from Morristown.

On May 18, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin designated the 28-mile Gabriellino Trail in the Angeles National Forest, in California, as the first National Recreation Trail on Federal lands. It begins north of Arcadia and extends to the Pasadena city limits.

East Bay Skyline Trail, a 14-mile long route between two major regional parks in the San Francisco Bay area, has been selected by Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel as the first National Recreation Trail on non-Federal land. The Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail were designated by Congress as the first components of the National Trail System under Public Law 90-453.

Neither Roy Hall nor Frank Bruce came thru with biographies this month, so you're stuck with Tennessee Trails Editor and lame duck director, Evan Means.

Born in Illinois in 1912, the son of a country editor, I have been doing some kind of news reporting most of the time since age 16. After high school, I studied electrical engineering by correspondence and at Washington University and have made my living in the electrical trade.

I got into outdoor writing by doing publicity for the Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Association, becoming outdoor columnist for the daily Oak Ridger in 1949, an assignment I still have. This has led to many honors, including president of the Tennessee Outdoor Writers, Outdoor Writers Association of America, and other organizations. It also brought me the Cartter Patten Award in 1967 for work in conservation, plus a lot of free labor, including 3 other club publications like this one.

And that's all the space in this issue.