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The March activity will be a hike and trail-marking party on Sunday, the 22nd. The rendezvous point will be the entrance to Cumberland Mountain State Park at 9 a.m. CST. The hike will be from Low Gap to Hicks Gap over Blady Mountain, a distance of about 8 miles. Bring small tools, such as lopping shears and hand axes. Most of this section is cleared but some trimming may be needed.

There will be a Board meeting at 7 p.m. ^{CST} Saturday, March 21 at Cumberland Mtn. State Park. Members are welcome to attend. The group will meet at the snack bar in the bath house for dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting will be held in one of the Park cabins.

The big story this month is the Trails Seminar, to be held at Montgomery Bell State Park Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. The Seminar will be divided into three sections.

First will be the Professional Panel, with representatives of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service, U. S. Forest Service, TVA and State agencies reporting on facilities and services available for the establishment and maintenance of trails.

Second, the Private Sector: organizations such as the Appalachian Trail Conference, Tennessee Trails Association, Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, TSRA, TCWP, and others, telling of the activities and desires of their respective groups.

The third section of the program will be a report by Mach Prichard, naturalist for the Division of State Parks, Dept. of Conservation, outlining trails, existing and proposed, in Tennessee. He will include the Appalachian, Cumberland and John Muir Trails, the Nickajack Trace, and an eventual state-wide trail system.

Montgomery Bell State Park is located in Dickson County, about 40 miles west of Nashville. To get there from the east, go right on State Route 96 from Interstate 40. The Post Office address is Burns, Tenn. 37029.

Both camping space and motel accommodations are available. Rates at the Lodge are: single room, \$7-8; room with double bed, \$9-10; twin beds, \$11; room with two double beds, \$12; two-room suite, accommodating four persons, \$25, and three-room suite for six persons, \$35. Send requests for reservations to Max Young, Dept. of Conservation, 2611 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37203. State how many rooms are needed, how many in party, and the number of nights you expect to stay.

As of March 7 we had 58 individual and 5 supporting members in TTA. We had a good response from the exhibit at the Nashville outdoor show and some new applications have been received.

As a result of the Nashville show, the Sewanee meeting, and contact with the hiking club at UT, President Todd reports that a considerable amount of student interest has developed.