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Money has been recommended to develop the state park at Pilot Mountain.

Budget Requests Funds for Two State Parks in Northwest

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RALEIGH — Funds for two new state parks in Northwest North Carolina were recommended in the 1969-71 budget sent to the General Assembly yesterday.

Pilot Mountain State Park would get \$47,000 the first year and \$52,977 the second year to meet the costs of its maintenance and operation. Stone Mountain State Park near the Alleghany-Wilkes line would get \$30,880 the first year and \$43,136 the second year for the same purpose. The state park division's request for additional funds to

finance general improvements and development of the two parks was rejected by the budget commission.

The parks people had asked for \$250,000 for each of the parks over the next two years, of which the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation would have paid half.

These funds would have been used to develop access roads, picnic and camping facilities at both parks, and to renovate a swimming pool at Pilot Mountain.

The recommended budget also contains funds to operate Hanging Rock State Park in Stokes County and Mount Jefferson State Park in Ashe-

County over the next two years. But they, like Pilot Mountain and Stone Mountain, did not fare well when it came to requests for capital outlay funds to construct general improvements.

The parks people were turned down on these requests for Mount Jefferson: —\$15,000 to buy 42 acres bordering the present park, and \$15,000 to build two small shelters with fireplaces, picnic tables and 15 outdoor fireplaces.

Requests for capital improvement funds at Hanging Rock, rejected by the budget group, were: —\$37,000 for paving camping area and surface roads, \$37,500

to begin a natural history display for school children and \$20,000 to finance the relocation of the fire lookout tower at Roaring Gap.

But the C&D's Division of



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GETTING ACQUAINTED following the breakfast which opened the Northwest Day Executives tour are (left to right) A. E. Gotsch of Studebaker-Packard

Corp., South Bend, Ind.; Roy Fruehauf of Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit; T. O. Moore of P. H. Hanes Knitting Co., and Gerald W. Chamberlin of Chamberlin Products, Detroit.