in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

# April 23-27, 2013



have been canceled due to a landslide closing Route 441 south of Newfound Gap. Programs 25, 33, 112, 142 have been chan UPDATED BROCHURE: Please note programs 63, 139, 144

SPRING WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE

Great Smoky Mountains Association

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Don't wait in line! Register online at www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org



The 63rd Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage is a four day event offering 146 professionally guided walks and indoor presentations which explore the region's rich wildflowers, fauna, ecology, cultural and natural history.

Most programs are conducted on the trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, while indoor offerings are held in Mills Conference Center and Sugarlands Training Room in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. All programs will be held rain or shine.

Registration pick-up, on-site registration, indoor seminars, and van departures will be conducted from Mills Conference Center.

#### How to Use This Booklet

Descriptions of all pilgrimage programs are listed by date and time. Each description includes starting points (capital letters in parentheses are keyed to map on pages 27-28), walking distances, hiking difficulties, and registration limits. Driving time (DT) is from Mills Conference Center in Gatlinburg, Tennessee to the meeting site. Popular programs are repeated at different times and days and are referenced under "similar programs."

There's also an alphabetical index of all program topics and destinations on page 21.

Programs meeting at trailheads or other sites in the park require participants to arrange their own transportation. Vans are provided where trailhead parking is limited. Participants are strongly encouraged to use the free van service.

#### ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration will be held at Mills Conference Center, April 23-27, at the following times:

Tuesday 5 PM-9 PM

Wednesday–Friday 7 AM–1 PM & 5 PM–7:30 PM

Saturday 7 AM–12 PM

Please have your program choices and alternative selections, as well as your credit card information, in hand when you register on-site. A handy "Program Planner" is available on page 4 to record your program choices.

#### REGISTRATION FEES

All events are covered by the following registration fees, except for Wednesday's luncheon event, program number 14. This event costs \$25.00 and registration is not required to attend.

**Adults**—\$50.00 for one day \$75.00 for two or more days

#### **BACKCOUNTRY HIKE SUGGESTIONS**

Backcountry hikes will be led by seasoned hikers and interpreters. Safety is paramount. You should be prepared for a long, strenuous day. Carry plenty of water and high-energy food. Your equipment should include functional rain gear, hat, change of socks, fitted broken-in footwear, comfortable backpack, and wicking type fabric clothing. Wear clothing in layers so you can add or remove to adjust to weather changes. Include a small first-aid kit, a small flashlight, and toilet paper. Leave heavy cameras, tripods, radios, and other unnecessary weight at home.



Program is held indoors



Program is held outdoors



Van service is provided



Program is in North Carolina



Program is led by National Park Service staff



Program is led by National Park Service volunteer



Program is led by Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont staff

DT

Estimated driving time from Gatlinburg in minutes

**Students**—\$15.00 for one or more days (high school/college status will be verified at on-site registration with ID)

**Children under 12**—Free (must be accompanied by a registered adult. All children must be registered for programs they are attending.)

Payment may be made with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover credit cards (cash or check at on-site registration only).

Refunds are <u>NOT</u> provided and your fees will be used as a contribution to help support this event.

#### EXHIBITS, ARTISTS, & MERCHANTS

A gallery of exhibitors, artists, native plant vendors, and merchants located in Mills Conference Center will be open to the public during the pilgrimage at the following hours:

Tuesday 5:00 PM-9:00 PM Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM-9:00 PM Saturday 8:00 AM-Noon

If you would like information about operating a booth at the next pilgrimage, please contact Judy at (865) 436-7318, ext. 222.



Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a sanctuary. Plants and animals are fully protected. Regulations prohibit picking and digging plants. Pets are prohibited on most trails. For more details or to learn more about the park, visit www.nps.gov/grsm.

Next year's 64th Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage will be held April 15-19, 2014.

Liriodendron tulipifera artwork on the cover is by Maurice Edwards. Maurice's artwork is on display at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts from April 13th–May 11th. Join us for his reception! See event #36.

See page 24 for a listing of hotels in Gatlinburg offering rooms at a special discounted rate for pilgrims!

#### For Local Info:

Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau P.O. Box 527 Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (800) 568-4748 or visit www.gatlinburg.com

#### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION INFO

Photographers are invited to celebrate Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) by entering the 2013 Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage photography competition.

Entries for the photography competition categories include:

- 1.) **Flora** (flowers, trees, shrubs, and other plant life)
- 2.) Fauna (insects and animals)

#### 3.) Landscape

People or pets may be in the photographs, but must not be the predominant subject of the image.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners, and one honorable mention for each category. Winners for each category will be determined by the votes of the registered pilgrims attending the 2013 pilgrimage. Awards will be given at the 63rd Photography Awards Ceremony, program number 113.

For more photography competition information, visit www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org or call the photography competition coordinator, Darrell Manis, at (865) 436-0505.

#### PARKING

Free parking is available for pilgrimage participants <u>ONLY</u> in the municipal parking lot on Reagan Drive (next to the fire station).

Unauthorized parking at the adjacent church and motel parking areas may result in an expensive towing bill. Additional parking is available (for a fee) at public parking lots scattered throughout Gatlinburg (see enclosed map).

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals interested in helping at the registration tables during the pilgrimage should contact Holly at 800-845-5665 for more information.

#### **EMERGENCY INFO**

In the event of an emergency, contact 911. To contact someone within the National Park Service, dial (865) 436-1294. Mills Conference Center phone number, (865) 436-1130, for Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage will ONLY be active April 23-27, 2013 during operation times posted on page 2.



#### PROGRAM PLANNER

Use this page to plan your week at the pilgrimage. Read through the program descriptions on the following pages, then record the program numbers of events you wish to attend here. If your first choice has an attendance limit, list alternate program choices. Remember

that popular programs are repeated throughout the week, and a listing of similar programs is included at the end of each program description.

Please have this sheet filled out when you arrive if you plan to register on-site.

	FIRST CHOICE	ALTERNATE	ALTERNATE		FIRST CHOICE	ALTERNATE	ALTERNATE
WEDNESDAY	Cı		ELCOMING LUNCHEON ORE WITH ILA HATTER (\$25.00 ADMISSION)				
Morning				ALL-DAY			
AFTERNOON				EVENING			
ALL-DAY							
						Photograph	Y Awards Ceremony (Free admission)
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	CHEROKEE F	LUTE PLAYING W	(Free admission) ITH RANDY McGinnis (Free admission)	MORNING			
Thursday Morning				AFTERNOON			
				ALL-DAY			
ALL-DAY							
EVENING							

Smokies Life Magazine Reception and Celebration (Free admission) Ecology's Movers and Shakers: Ants in Great Smoky Mountains National Park with Nathan Sanders (Free admission)



## Wednesday 4.24.13

In recognition of the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears, Wednesday's indoor programs focus on Cherokee culture.

#### **MORNING PROGRAMS**

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: COURTHOUSE ROCK

8:00 AM-11:00 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—VANS (V)



Ascend through beautiful wildflowers and old homesteads to a huge block of Thunderhead Sandstone outcropping at the end of this walk. A 1.2 mile, strenuous 950' climb. Limit 28 people. Similar program: 77 NEW!

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: BASKINS CREEK TRAIL

8:00 AM-11:00 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—VANS (V)



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Stroll through wildflowers and homesteads on your way to Baskins Creek Falls. Elevation change: 700'. A 3 mile, strenuous walk. NOTE: A short segment of trail is narrow, rocky, and steep sloped, requiring a sure-footed hiker. Limit 28 people.

Similar programs: 39, 92 NEW!

#### BIRDING FOR THE EXPERIENCED

7:00 AM-11:00 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



Start at low elevation and end high in this search for spring migrants and Appalachian specialties. Bring binoculars and rain gear. Short, easy walks. Limit 12 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 66, 67, 76, 80, 105, 116, 117, 140

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: ASH HOPPER BRANCH

8:00 AM-11:00 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Join long-time park volunteer Frances Hensley to learn the common species and some folk stories about their use. A 1.5 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 18, 43, 123

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: COVE HARDWOOD NATURE TRAIL

8:00 AM-11:00 AM CHIMNEYS PICNIC AREA (F)



Observe a rich diversity of wildflowers, including dwarf ginseng and fringed phacelia, in this oldgrowth forest. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:25 min.

Similar programs: 46, 138 NEW!

#### FERN WALK: THE SINKS

8:00 AM-11:00 AM **METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF LITTLE RIVER ROAD TO BEGIN CARPOOL (U)



See a variety of the park's ferns and fern allies such as bristle fern, log fern, royal fern, and walking fern. **Bring a hand lens.** A 2 mile, easy to moderate off-trail walk. Limit 20 people. DT:30 min.

Similar programs: 44, 85, 136

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: GROTTO FALLS

8:00 AM-11:00 AM See a splendid variety of wildflowers as you pass GROTTO FALLS PARKING under the canopy of an old-growth forest on AREA ON ROARING FORK MOTOR NATURE TRAIL (P) your way to the spectacular Grotto Falls. A 2.4 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.



#### WILDFLOWER WALK: PORTERS CREEK TRAIL

8:00 AM-11:00 AM See a wide variety of flowers including painted GREENBRIER ROAD trilliums and many more. Pass old homesteads TERMINUS AT PORTERS CREEK TRAILHEADand a cemetery along this popular trail which 4.5 MILES FROM leads to an old-growth cove hardwood forest. A ROUTE 321 (O) 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 84, 107, 128, 137



#### **EDIBLE MUSHROOM WALK**

8:00 AM-11:00 AM GREENBRIER RANGER STATION (K)

Learn the do's and don'ts about recognizing edible mushrooms and their habitat preference with Christine Braaten, field and culinary mycologist. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.



Similar program: 102

#### 8:00 AM-11:00 AM **METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF LITTLE

RIVER ROAD (U)

#### NATIVE PEOPLES USE OF NATURE'S GARDEN

Gather at the cook fire with Native American Karen LaMere (Ho-Chunk) and listen to an oral



history which has been passed down through the generations by America's indigenous people. Taste and discover ingenious uses of native plants gathered from nature's garden. Short easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min. Similar program: 47, 97, 127

#### 11 8:00 AM-11:00 AM TOWNSEND "Y" ON LITTLE RIVER ROAD (FF)

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: CHESTNUT TOP TRAIL

One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 15 people. DT: 45 min.



Similar programs: 48, 101, 129



AFTERNOON PROGRAMS



#### 8:00 AM-11:00 AM GSM INSTITUTE AT TREMONT WELCOME CENTER (O)

#### TREES OF THE SMOKIES NEAR GREAT SMOKY **MOUNTAINS INSTITUTE AT TREMONT** Join Tremont Director Ken Voorhis to learn

methods for identifying trees in the cove hard-

wood forest. Short, easy walk. Limit 20 people.

15 1:15 PM-2:45 PM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—GATLINBURG ROOM A (V)

# TRAIL OF TEARS

Jon Flder



A communications professional experienced in public relations, special events, advertising, and marketing, Jon is currently Program Sales Manager at Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. To recognize the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Tears, this presentation explores the forced relocation and movement of several southeastern Native American nations following the Indian Removal Act of 1830. The Cherokee were the last to move to Oklahoma in 1838, with thousands perishing along the way. Similar programs: 13, 14, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103, 113, 114 NEW!



Similar programs: 22, 42, 96

#### CHEROKEE CULTURE AFTER THE TRAIL 13

DT: 45 min.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM **MILLS CONFERENCE** CENTER—GATLINBURG ROOM A (V)

**Eddie Swimmer** 

Native American dancer, storyteller, and public speaker, Eddie Swimmer held the title of World Champion Hoop Dancer for several years and toured the world with Native American dance groups. Learn how the Cherokee were able to rebuild their civilization after the devastating Trail of Tears by converting from a traditional hunter-gatherer system to a more industrial, agricultural society.

Similar programs: 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103 NEW!

#### 16 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

GREENBRIER ROAD-**CARPOOL FROM FIRST** PARKING LOT ON RIGHT, 200 FEET FROM ROUTE 321 (M)



Travel with Tom Patrick, botanist with the Georgia Natural Heritage Program and trillium expert, to focus on the biology and diversity of trilliums in the park. Short, easy walks en route. Bring a hand lens. Limit 20 people. DT:30 min. Similar program: 99

NEW!

#### 14 11:30 AM-1:00 PM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—BALLROOMS C&D(V)

\$25.00 LUNCHEON TICKET. SEE NOTE.





#### WELCOMING LUNCHEON CHEROKEE PLANT LORE

lla Hatter

The Lady of the Forest is an interpretive naturalist, artist, and wildcrafter, with over 38 years of experience teaching the cultural heritage of native plants. Instructor for the Smoky Mountain Field School (UTK), Cleveland Clinic Symposium, and John C. Campbell Folk School, lla is also a living history demonstrator at Stone Mountain State Park, interpretive hike leader for Cullowhee Native Plant Conference, and Guest Chef at Blackberry Farms for Smoky Mt wild food dinners. She has been featured on 14 documentaries and produced two books. **Note:** Luncheon tickets are available online ONLY. There will be no tickets for sale at the door. Pick up your luncheon ticket at onsite registration. Online registration has a special registering box for those attending the luncheon only with no registration fee. When registering for other events, you can add the luncheon, program #14, to your registration cart. Sponsored by the Gatlinburg Garden Club. No daily pilgrimage fee.

Similar programs: 13, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103, 113, 114 NEW!

#### 17 BLACK BEAR AND WILD HOG WALK

GOING NATURAL IN THE GARDEN

TRILLIUMS OF THE SMOKIES WALK

1:30 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL



Walk with David Whitehead, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Manager, as he describes the life history, tracking signs, human impacts, and environmental issues of black bears and wild hogs in the Southern Appalachians and GSMNP. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min. Similar programs: 45, 81, 120

# 18 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Explore the principles of Mother Nature's aesthetic design in wild landscapes and discover ways to utilize her natural beauty in your garden. Led by Nancy Rennie, a retired landscape designer and horticultural consultant. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.

### WILDFLOWER WALK: NOAH "BUD" OGLE TRAIL

1:30 PM-4:30 PM NOAH "BUD" OGLE PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (Y)



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See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of this farmstead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 10 min. Similar programs: 40, 79, 119



20 1:30 PM-4:30 PM GREENBRIER RANGER STATION (K)



#### Moss Walk along Injun Creek Trail IN GREENBRIER

Discover the elegant forms of moss, liverwort, and hornwort and how to distinguish them. **Bring a hand lens.** A 3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people, DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 64, 98

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#### 1:30 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



#### SALAMANDER FORAY FROM LOW TO HIGH ELEVATION

Discover some of the 24 species of woodland and stream-side salamanders and discuss their unique life history. A 1 mile, easy walk. **Prepare** to get wet and bring a hand lens. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 56, 100, 146

#### 1:30 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

**CENTER TRAINING** 

LOT ON RIGHT (EE)

SUGARLANDS VISITOR

ROOM—PARK IN 3RD



#### TREE AND SHRUB IDENTIFICATION WALK

An introduction to the identification of woody plants. **Bring a hand lens.** A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 12, 42, 96



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#### BEGINNER'S PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

See a short visual presentation, then travel outdoors for hands-on instruction of composition and techniques by Jack Carmen, author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, and Robert Hutson, author of Great Smoky Mountain Wildfowers: When and Where to Find Them. Bring a camera and tripod. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 41, 57, 95, 124

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: APPALACHIAN TRAIL FROM INDIAN GAP TO NEWFOUND GAP

1:45 PM-4:30 PM ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL AT **NEWFOUND GAP TO** BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE (BB)



NEW!

Pass from the closed canopy of the old-growth spruce-fir forest into the open canopy of a pristine beech gap forest where a display of the early first spring ephemeral wildflowers abound. A 1.5 mile, moderate walk. Elevation change 500.' Limit 30 people. DT:45 min. Similar programs: 62,89

25 1:45 PM-4:30 PM

RAINBOW FALLS

PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: BULLHEAD TRAIL

Hike with Park Botanist Janet Rock and discover a diversity of wildflowers and unique plants. A 2 mile, moderate hike. Note: This program has changed location which appeared in the earlier edition of the brochure. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min.



ROAD (AA)

NEW!

#### 26 HISTORY WALK: FIGHTING CREEK AND FORKS OF

1:45 PM-5:15 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (FF)



Hike with long-time park volunteer Raymond Palmer to learn the history of these communities and see some of the remnants of days gone by. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 49, 60, 70.1, 84, 94, 130

#### CASCADES AND WILDFLOWER WALK ALONG LYNN CAMP PRONG

1:45 PM-5:15 PM **END OF TREMONT** GRAVEL ROAD (I)



A diversity of wildflowers will be seen as you stroll past a number of cascades. A 4 mile, moderate hike. Limit 30 people. DT: 45 min.

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: WEST PRONG TRAIL

1:45 PM-5:15 PM **GSM INSTITUTE AT** TREMONT WELCOME CENTER (O)

CENTER—GATLINBURG



Walk with Tremont naturalist Jeremy Lloyd through a cove hardwood forest and see a variety of wildflowers and woodland plants. A 2.5 mile, moderate hike. Limit 16 people. DT: 45 min.

#### EXPLORING THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHEROKEE AND THEIR PLANTS 3:00 PM-4:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE

Davey Arch

ROOM A (V)

Cherokee woodcarver and storyteller, Davy Arch lectures on Cherokee culture and demonstrates carving, flint knapping, and mask making. Learn how the Cherokee used plants in their arts and crafts, dating to the Ice Age. With masks, blowguns, and textiles, Davy demonstrates plants as functional items.

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90.91.103.113.114

NEW!

#### **ALL-DAY PROGRAMS**

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#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: ROAD PRONG TRAIL

8:30 AM-4:30 PM **CHIMNEY TOPS** TRAILHEAD PARKING AREA TO BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE (E)



A 3.3 mile, moderate-to-strenuous hike from Indian Gap to Chimney Tops trailhead, descending from spruce-fir forest through Northern hardwood forest into a cove hardwood forest community. Trail is rocky and wet with stream crossings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min. Similar program: 110

31 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

GREENBRIER RANGER STATION TO BEGIN



WILDFLOWER HIKE: GRAPEYARD RIDGE TRAIL

Stroll through the abandoned farm fields and stone artifacts of former settlers and discover the rich wilderness now covering the landscape. Elevation change: 700' ascent. A 3 mile, moderate hike. Limit 30 people. NFW!

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

ROUTE 321 (M)

GREENBRIER ROAD-

CARPOOL FROM FIRST

PARKING LOT ON RIGHT, 200 FEET FROM WILDFLOWER HIKE: RAMSEY CASCADES TRAIL

A rich diversity of wildflowers, including umbrella leaf, can be seen as you walk through one of the more spectacular old-growth forests up to the 100' falls. Elevation change: 2,100' ascent. An 8- mile, strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.

Similar program: 108

NEW!

33 8:45 AM-5:30 PM **CLINGMANS DOME** 

PARKING AREA (G)

**BACKCOUNTRY WILDFLOWER HIKE:** FORNEY RIDGE TRAIL **CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING!** 



For the experienced hiker only! Join Doris Gove, author of Exploring the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, on a 9-mile hike descending, then returning, on Forney Ridge Trail. Elevation change 2,000.' See backcountry hike suggestions on page 2. Note: This program replaces the canceled program which appeared at this event number in the earlier edition of the brochure. Limit 15 people. DT: 60 min.

Similar programs: 71, 104, 142

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#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: WHITE OAK SINKS

8:45 AM-5:30 PM TOWNSEND "Y" ON LITTLE RIVER ROAD TO BEGIN CARPOOL (FF)



This geological formation is one of a few areas in the park where exposed limestone is found. The alkaline "sweet" soil and low elevation create an environment suitable for a wide variety of spring wildflowers. Elevation change: 400' ascent. A 6 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.

Similar program:143 NEW!

35 WILDFLOWER HIKE: GABES MOUNTAIN TRAIL

9:00 AM-4:30 PM COSBY PICNIC AREA PARKING LOT OFF ROUTE 321 (H)



A 6 mile, moderate, hike passing through many wildflower displays and old-growth forests from Cosby Picnic Area past the 90' Hen Wallow Falls and beyond. Elevation change: 1,000' ascent. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:60 min. Similar program:145

**EVENING PROGRAMS** 

FEATURED WILDFLOWER ARTIST RECEPTION

NEW!

5:30 PM-7:00 PM **ARROWMONT** SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS (C)



Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is proud to feature Maurice Edwards. Maurice's painting Liriodendron tulipifera was selected as the image for this year's pilgrimage brochure, website, and T-shirts. His artwork will be on exhibit from April 13th-May 11th. Refreshments provided. DT: 15 min. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.

NEW!

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#### CHEROKEE FLUTE PLAYING

7:30 PM-8:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE BALLROOMS C & D (V)



Randy McGinnis

Board member of the International Native American Flute Association, Randy has released two CDs, Ancient Voices and Walking with the Spirits, the latter of which won the Native American Music Award for Best Compilation Album. Sit back and relax to melodies Randy learned from his mother and grandmother. The flute has been a part of Cherokee culture for thousands of years...listen to Randy bring it to life! **No** daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.

NEW! 8



## Thursday 4.25.13

#### **MORNING PROGRAMS**

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: QUIET WALKWAY

8:00 AM-11:30 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—VANS (V)



This easy walk from Newfound Gap Road to the river has a rich diversity of wildflowers. Dutchman's pipe vine and paw-paw can usually be seen in flower along the path. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 28 people. Similar program: 78

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: BASKINS CREEK TRAIL

8:00 AM-11:30 AM **MILLS CONFERENCE** CENTER—VANS (V)



Stroll through wildflowers and homesteads on your way to Baskins Creek Falls. Elevation change: 700.' A 3 mile, strenuous walk. **NOTE:** A short segment of trail is narrow, rocky, and steep sloped, requiring a sure-footed hiker. Limit 28 people. Similar programs: 2, 92

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: NOAH "BUD" OGLE TRAIL

8:15 AM-11:30 AM NOAH "BUD" OGLE PARKING AREA OFF OF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (Y)

See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of this homestead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 10 min.



Similar programs: 19, 79, 119

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#### POINT AND SHOOT FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR **CENTER TRAINING** ROOM—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Learn how to improve your wildflower images with a point and shoot camera. Jack Carmen, author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, and Robert Hutson, author of Great Smoky Mountain Wildflowers: When and Where to Find Them, will give you hands-on instruction in composition and techniques. Bring a point and shoot camera and tripod. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min. Similar programs: 23, 57, 95, 124

#### TREE AND SHRUB IDENTIFICATION WALK

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



*An introduction to identification of woody* plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 12, 22, 96

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: ASH HOPPER BRANCH A rich wildflower display including Vasey's

8:30 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



trillium and unique trees like alternate-leaved dogwood and yellowwood. A 1.5 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 4, 18, 123

#### FERN WALK: GREENBRIER COVE

8:30 AM-11:30 AM GREENBRIER ROAD-CARPOOL FROM PICNIC AREA, 2.5 MILES FROM **ROUTE 321 (N)**  Have you ever seen an adder's tongue? Come see a variety of the park's more common ferns and fern allies. Bring a hand lens. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people.



Similar programs: 6, 85, 136



#### BLACK BEAR AND WILD HOG WALK

8:30 AM-11:30 AM LITTLE RIVER TRAILHEAD **PAST ELKMONT** CAMPGROUND (T)



Walk with David Whitehead, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Manager, as he describes the life history, tracking signs, human impacts, and environmental issues of black bears and wild hogs in the southern Appalachians and GSMNP. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 17, 81, 120

### WILDFLOWER WALK: COVE HARDWOOD

8:30 AM-11:30 AM **CHIMNEYS PICNIC** AREA (F)



Observe a rich diversity of wildflowers, including dwarf ginseng and fringed phacelia, in this oldgrowth forest. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 25 min.

Similar programs: 5, 138

NATURE TRAIL



#### NATIVE PEOPLE'S USE OF NATURE'S GARDEN

8:30 AM-11:30 AM **METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF OF LITTLE RIVER ROAD (U) *Gather at the cook fire with Native American Karen* LaMere (Ho-Chunk) and listen to an oral history which has been passed down through the generations by America's indigenous people. Taste and discover some uses of native plants gathered from nature's garden. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.



#### Similar programs: 10, 97, 127

8:45 AM-11:30 AM TOWNSEND "Y" ON

LITTLE RIVER ROAD (FF)

One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 15 people. DT: 45 min.

WILDFLOWER WALK: CHESTNUT TOP TRAIL



Similar programs: 11, 101, 129

#### THE WALKER SISTERS' CABIN AND LITTLE **GREENBRIER SCHOOL**

8:45 AM-11:30 AM **METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF OF LITTLE RIVER ROAD (U)

Join long-time school marm Robin Goddard on a stroll back in time to the Little Greenbrier Schoolhouse and the famous Walker Sisters' home and farmstead. A 3.4 mile, moderate hike. Limit 25 people. DT:30 min.



Similar programs: 26, 60, 70.1, 84, 94, 130

#### LEM OWNBY-SAGE OF ELKMONT

10:00 AM-11:30 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—GATLINBURG ROOM A(V) Carroll McMahan, Special Projects Facilitator at Sevierville **Chamber of Commerce** 



Carroll is a newspaper columnist and local historian. Blind for most of his life, the remarkable Lem Ownby was the last lifetime leaseholder to reside in the park. He spent his life as a bee-keeper, lived off the land, and was renowned for his mountain wisdom.

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103, 113, 114 NEW!

#### AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

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#### BIRDS AND BEES OF WILDFLOWERS

1:00 PM-2:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—GATLINBURG ROOM A (V)

Kris Light, Naturalist and Science Education Outreach Educator at American Museum of Science and Energy

Nothing gets the birds and bees motivated more than springtime. Kris delves into the importance of birds and insects to pollination.

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103, 113, 114 NEW!

#### 52 HERB LORE OF APPALACHIA

1:00 PM-4:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER-VANS (V)



Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area with Ila Hatter, Wanda DeWaard, and Brittney Hughes. Short, easy walk. Limit 28 people.



Similar programs: 87, 131

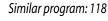
1:00 PM-4:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE

CENTER—VANS (V)

A great diversity of spring wildflowers greets visitors in this secluded site. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 28 people.

WILDFLOWER HIKE: NOISY CREEK FALLS





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#### **BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES WALK**

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



For the veteran, novice, and kid terrestrial insect searcher. Learn about the most diverse group of organisms on the planet first hand. Bring a hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 83, 93, 132

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#### WILDFLOWER SKETCHING

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)

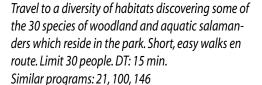


View nature through the eyes of artist Andrea Wilson, the 2008 winner of the Wildflower Pilgrimage art competition. Bring your own art materials. Short, easy walk. Limit 12 people. For more information about the artist, see www.AndreaWilsonArtist.com. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 82, 122

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#### SALAMANDER MOTORCADE IN THE SMOKIES

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER— **BUS PARKING LOT TO** BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



#### WILDFLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY MOTORCADE

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER— **BUS PARKING LOT TO** BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



Travel with Jack Carmen, author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, and Robert Hutson, author of Great Smoky Mountain Wildflowers: When and Where to Find Them, to nearby wildflower locations to learn techniques for photographing wildflowers. They will provide hands-on instruction and assistance. Short, easy walks en route. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min. Similar programs: 21, 100, 146

NEW!

#### 58 ANT WALK

1:15 PM-4:30 PM TWIN CREEKS PAVILION OFF **CHEROKEE** ORCHARD ROAD (GG)

Thursday evening speaker Nathan Sanders will quide you on a walk discovering the importance of ants in the ecosystem. Short, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. NEW!



#### WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION FOR BEGINNERS

1:30 PM-4:30 PM CHIMNEYS PICNIC AREA (F) Learn some basic rules for identifying wildflowers. Bring pencil, paper, and hand lens. Short, easy



walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 25 min. Similar program: 86



#### **CULTURAL HISTORY OF ELKMONT**

1:30 PM-4:30 PM LITTLE RIVER TRAILHEAD PAST ELKMONT CAMPGROUND (T)



From hunting ground to campground, take a stroll back in time with long-time park volunteer Raymond Palmer to visit the Elkmont settlement, the logging camp, and the resort area that were involved in shaping the area we now know as Elkmont. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 25 people. DT: 30 min.

Similar programs: 26, 49, 70.1, 84, 94, 130

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: CUCUMBER GAP TRAIL

1:30 PM-4:30 PM JAKES CREEK TRAILHEAD PAST ELKMONT CAMPGROUND (R)



Walk through a secondary cove hardwood forest and enjoy the diversity of wildflowers. This trip ascends toward Cucumber Gap then returns. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 106, 126

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: APPALACHIAN TRAIL FROM INDIAN GAP TO NEWFOUND GAP

1:45 PM-4:30 PM ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL AT NEWFOUND GAP TO BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE (BB)



Pass from the closed canopy of the old-growth spruce-fir forest into the open canopy of a pristine beech gap forest where a display of the early first spring ephemeral wildflowers abound. A 1.5 mile, moderate walk. Elevation change: 500.'Limit 30 people. DT: 45 min.

Similar programs: 24,89

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#### **CANCELED:**

WILDFLOWER WALK: KANATI FORK TRAIL

This program has been canceled because of the Route 441 closure south of Newfound Gap.





#### Moss Walk: Andrews Bald Trail

2:00 PM-5:00 PM CLINGMANS DOME PARKING AREA (G)

1:45 PM-4:30 PM

NEWFOUND GAP (BB)

**ROCKEFELLER** 

MEMORIAL AT



Discover the distinctive flora of the high elevation mosses and liverworts along the trail. Bring a hand lens. A 3.6 mile, moderate walk, Elevation change 600.'Limit 30 people. DT: 60 min. Similar programs: 20, 98 NEW!

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#### Spring Wildflowers, Carol Wolfe

3:00 PM-4:30 PM **MILLS CONFERENCE** CENTER—GATLINBURG ROOMA(V)



Carol Wolfe, Writer and Nature Photographer Carol specializes in wildflowers of the Midwest and Appalachians. Her presentation takes you through a woodland forest awakening in early spring. A great way to introduce yourself to some of the beauties you may encounter during the pilgrimage!

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 73, 74, 90.91, 103, 113, 114

NEW!

#### **ALL-DAY PROGRAMS**

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#### BIRDING AND WILDFLOWER MOTORCADE: MYNATT PARK TO NEWFOUND GAP

8:15 AM-4:30 PM MYNATT PARK PARKING AREA OFF OF CHEROKEE ORCHARD **ROAD TO BEGIN** CARPOOL (X)



We'll stop along the way to discover the diversity of birds and plants as we ascend in elevation and look for "specialty" species at high elevations. Short, easy walks en route. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 10 min. Similar programs: 3, 67, 76, 80, 105, 116, 117, 140

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#### BIRDS AND BLOOMS ON ALUM CAVE TRAIL

8:30 AM-2:00 PM ALUM CAVE TRAILHEAD—8.7 MILES **SOUTH ON US 441** FROM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER (LL)

8:30 AM-4:30 PM GREENBRIER ROAD-

CARPOOL FROM PICNIC

AREA, 2.5 MILES FROM

**ROUTE 321 (N)** 



Walk with Park Forestry Technician Troy Evans to look and listen for the signs of spring in the park's middle elevations. Enjoy the sights at Arch Rock and Alum Cave Bluff along the way. Elevation change 1,100.' A 4.6 mile, strenuous hike. Limit 25 people. DT: 30 min.

Similar programs: 3, 66, 76, 80, 105, 116, 117, 140 NEW!

#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: OLD SETTLERS TRAIL

Walking through these former homesteads, discover the many wildflowers now growing in the abandoned fields and among the stone chimneys and fences. Elevation change: 700' ascent. A 6-8 mile, strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.



Similar program: 88

**OLD-GROWTH FORESTS OF THE SMOKIES** 

Experience the changing forest as you ascend this trail through wet and dry habitats and changing climatic zones. Elevation change: 2,000' ascent. An 8 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.



8:30 AM-4:30 PM **GROTTO FALLS PARKING** AREA ON ROARING FORK MOTOR NATURE TRAIL (P)





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# WILDFLOWER HIKE: MEIGS CREEK AND CURRY MOUNTAIN TRAILS LOOP

8:30 AM-4:30 PM METCALF BOTTOMS PICNIC AREA OFF OF LITTLE RIVER ROAD TO BEGIN CARPOOL (U)



Diverse wildflowers are scattered along this trail as we pass through several wet and dry habitats. An 8.7 mile, strenuous loop hike from Metcalf Bottoms to the Sinks. Encounter 16 non-bridge stream crossings and waterfalls. Elevation change: 1,400' ascent. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min.

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#### THE HISTORY OF CADES COVE MOTORCADE

9:00 AM-3:30 PM CADES COVE LOOP ROAD ENTRANCE TO BEGIN CARPOOL (D)



Join Park Ranger Mike Meldrum for an in-depth look at some of the people and places of this special corner of the National Park. Learn how they were important in the creation and the history of the park. 11 mile Loop Road. **Bring drinks and lunch**. Easy walk. Limit 25 people. DT: 45 min. Similar programs: 26, 49, 60, 84, 94, 130



71 9:15 am-4:30 pm

# BACKCOUNTRY WILDFLOWER HIKE: MILL CREEK FALLS

CADES COVE VISITOR CENTER (S)

CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING! For the experienced hiker only! Follow Ken Wise, author of Hiking Trails of the Great Smoky Mountains and A Natural History of Mt Le Conte, on an 8 mile, round-trip hike through beautiful displays of wildflowers. A journey to one of the lesser-known, largest and most spectacular waterfalls in the park. Elevation change: 2,200' ascent. See Backcountry Hike Suggestions. Limit 20 people. Similar programs: 33, 104, 142



#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: ABRAMS FALLS TRAIL

9:30 AM-4:30 PM ABRAMS FALLS PARKING AREA IN CADES COVE (S)



Stroll along this river trail and discover wildflowers like gay wings which flourish in this limestone valley and view one of the more picturesque waterfalls. Elevation change: 500' ascent. A 5 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 75 min.

#### **EVENING PROGRAMS**

5:00 PM-7:15 PM
MILLS CONFERENCE
CENTER—BALLROOMS

# SMOKIES LIFE MAGAZINE RECEPTION AND CELEBRATION

A & B (V)

Come meet the authors, photographers, designers, illustrators, and editors behind the sensational new Smokies Life Magazine. Get your copies signed. Hors d'oeuvres will be available. Sponsored by Great Smoky Mountains Association. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 74, 90, 91, 103, 113, 114

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7:30 PM-8:30 PM
MILLS CONFERENCE
CENTER—BALLROOMS
C & D (V)



ECOLOGY'S MOVERS AND SHAKERS: ANTS IN GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Nathan Sanders, James R. Cox Professor of Ecology at the University of Tennessee, studies biodiversity in mountains around the world. He will discuss the significance of biodiversity in ecosystems in a changing world. **No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.** 

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 90, 91, 103, 113, 114
NEW!

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#### NIGHTTIME NATURAL HISTORY WALK

8:00 PM-9:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Discover the night activities of many organisms in the wilderness and see foxfire and other glowing things. **Bring warm clothes, flashlight, and hand lens.** Short, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT: 15 min.

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#### **MORNING PROGRAMS**

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#### MORNING BIRD WALK

7:00 AM-8:00 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Get a start on the day with a 1 hour short walk to hear and see the morning birds of forest and edge habitats. For the beginner and experienced bird watcher. Note: Half-day (program #80) and all-day (program #105) birding events will follow for those registered for them. Bring binoculars. Short, easy walk. Limit 60 people. DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 3, 66, 67, 80, 105, 116, 117, 140



#### WILDFLOWER WALK: COURTHOUSE ROCK

8:00 AM-11:30 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—VANS (V)



Ascend through beautiful wildflowers and old homesteads to a huge block of Thunderhead Sandstone outcropping at the end of this walk. A 1.2 mile, strenuous 950' climb. Limit 28 people. Similar program: 1

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: QUIET WALKWAY

8:00 AM-11:30 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—VANS (V)



This easy walk from Newfound Gap Road to the river has a rich diversity of wildflowers. Dutchman's pipe vine and paw-paw can usually be seen in flower along the path. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 28 people.

Similar program: 38

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: NOAH "BUD" OGLE TRAIL

See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American 8:15 AM-11:30 AM NOAH "BUD" OGLE chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of PARKING AREA OFF this homestead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (Y) DT: 10 min.



Similar programs: 19, 40, 119

#### BIRDING AND WILDFLOWER MOTORCADE TO **NEWFOUND GAP**

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



We'll stop along the way to discover the diversity of birds and plants as we ascend in elevation. We'll also look for "specialty" species at high elevations. Short, easy walks en route. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 3, 66, 67, 76, 105, 116, 117, 140

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#### BLACK BEAR AND WILD HOG WALK

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



Walk with David Whitehead, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Manager, as he describes the life history, tracking signs, human impacts, and environmental issues of black bears and wild hogs in the southern Appalachians and GSMNP. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 17, 45, 120

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#### WILDFLOWER SKETCHING

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



View wildflowers through the eyes of botanistartist Maurice Edwards, this year's Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage featured artist. **Bring your** own art materials. Short, easy walk. Limit 12 people. For more information contact the artist at medwards@netscape.com. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 55, 122

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#### **AOUATIC INSECT DIVERSITY**

8:30 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Enjoy short, easy walks on different order streams with park entomologist Becky Nichols. Learn to collect and identify a variety of insects in pristine streams. Limit 16 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 54, 93, 132

#### WILDFLOWERS, FOLKLORE, AND HISTORY OF **BIG GREENBRIER**

8:30 AM-11:30 PM GREENBRIER ROAD TERMINUS AT PORTERS CREEK TRAILHEAD— 4.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 321 (O)



Discover a diversity of wildflowers and hear stories of days gone by with Park Volunteer Frances Hensley, also known as Granny Frannie. A 3.5 mile, moderate hike. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 26, 49, 60, 70.1, 94, 130

FERN WALK: GREENBRIER COVE

8:30 AM-11:30 AM GREENBRIER ROAD-CARPOOL FROM PICNIC AREA, 2.5 MILES FROM **ROUTE 321 (N)**  Have you ever seen an adder's tongue? Come and see a variety of the park's more common ferns and fern allies. A 2-mile, easy walk. Bring a hand lens. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.



Similar programs: 6, 44, 136

#### WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION FOR BEGINNERS

8:30 AM-11:30 AM CHIMNEYS PICNIC AREA (F)



Learn some basic rules for identifying wildflowers. **Bring pencil, paper, and hand lens.** Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 25 min. Similar program: 59

#### **FOREST FOODS AND PHARMACY**

8:30 AM-11:30 AM **METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF LITTLE RIVER ROAD (U)



Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area with Ila Hatter, Wanda DeWaard, and Brittney Hughes. A 3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.

Similar programs: 52, 131

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#### WILDFLOWER WALK: OLD SETTLERS TRAIL

8:30 AM-11:30 AM GREENBRIER ROAD-CARPOOL FROM PICNIC AREA, 2.5 MILES FROM **ROUTE 321 (N)** 



Walking through these former homesteads, discover the many wildflowers now growing in the abandoned fields and among the stone chimneys and fences. Elevation change: 200' ascent. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar program: 68



8:45 AM-11:30 AM **ROCKEFELLER** MEMORIAL AT **NEWFOUND GAP** TO BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE (BB)



#### WILDFLOWER WALK: APPALACHIAN TRAIL FROM INDIAN GAP TO NEWFOUND GAP

Pass from the closed canopy of the old-growth spruce-fir forest into the open canopy of a pristine beech gap forest where a display of the early first spring ephemeral wildflowers abound, A 1.5 mile. moderate walk. Elevation change 500.' Limit 30 people. DT: 45 min.

Similar programs: 24, 62

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#### HEIRLOOM GARDENING

10:00 AM-11:30 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—GATI INBURG ROOM A (V) Peg Beute, Senior Naturalist and Programs Manager at Ijams

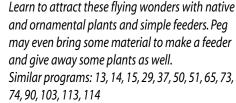


Peg will introduce you to heirloom gardening with historical plants. Propagate a plant to take home and look at plants Ms. Ijams grew at what is now the liams Nature Center during the time the GSMNP was being established. Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 91, 103, 113, 114 NEW!

#### **AFTERNOON PROGRAMS**

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES**

1:00 PM-2:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—GATLINBURG ROOM A (V) Peg Beute, Senior Naturalist and Programs Manager at Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville



NEW!

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: BASKINS CREEK TRAIL

1:00 PM-4:30 PM **MILLS CONFERENCE** CENTER—VANS (V)





Stroll through wildflowers and homesteads on your way to Baskins Creek Falls. Elevation change: 700' ascent. A 3 mile, strenuous walk. NOTE: A short segment of trail is narrow, rocky, and steep sloped, requiring a sure-footed hiker. Limit 28 people.

Similar programs: 2, 39

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#### **BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES WALK**

1:15 PM-4:30 PM NOAH "BUD" OGLE PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (Y)

Discover the diversity and beauty of the largest group of macro organisms in the park. Bring a hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 10 min.



Similar programs: 54, 83, 132

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#### HOMESTEAD HISTORY OF OLD SUGARLANDS AND THE CCC CAMP

1:15 PM-4:45 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Discover old homesites, abandoned roads, and remnants of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp with long-time park volunteer Raymond Palmer. A 3 mile, moderate walk. Limit 20 people. . DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 26, 49, 60, 70.1, 84, 130

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#### ADVANCED FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY FOR **SLR CAMERA**

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR **CENTER TRAINING** ROOM—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Learn how to improve your wildflower images with a SLR. Jack Carmen, author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, and Robert Hutson, author of Great Smoky Mountain Wildflowers: When and Where to *Find Them,* will give a short visual presentation then migrate outside to give you hands-on instruction in composition and photo technique. **Bring a SLR camera and tripod.** Open to all but this program is oriented towards people using a SLR camera. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min. Similar programs: 23, 41, 57, 124 NEW!

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#### TREE AND SHRUB IDENTIFICATION WALK

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



An introduction to identification of woody plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 12, 22, 42

#### NATIVE PEOPLE'S USE OF NATURE'S GARDEN

1:30 PM-4:30 PM **METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF LITTLE RIVER ROAD (U)



Gather at the cook fire with Native American Karen LaMere (Ho-Chunk) and listen to an oral history which has been passed down through the generations by America's indigenous people. Taste and discover some uses of native plants gathered from nature's garden. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 10, 47, 127

MOSS WALK: INJUN CREEK TRAIL IN GREENBRIER

1:30 PM-4:30 PM GREENBRIER RANGER STATION (K)



Discover the elegant forms of moss, liverwort, and hornwort and ways to distinguish them. **Bring** a hand lens. A 3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.

Similar programs: 20, 64



#### TRILLIUMS OF THE SMOKIES WALK

1:30 PM—4:30 PM GREENBRIER ROAD— CARPOOL FROM FIRST PARKING LOT ON RIGHT, 200 FEET FROM ROUTE 321 (M)



Travel with Tom Patrick, botanist with the Georgia Natural Heritage Program and trillium expert, to focus on the biology and diversity of trilliums in the park. Short, easy walks en route. **Bring a hand lens.** Limit 20 people. DT:30 min. Similar program: 16

NEW!

100 SALAMANDER WALK: COSBY CAMPGROUND AREA

1:45 PM-4:00 PM COSBY PICNIC AREA PARKING AREA OFF ROUTE 32 (H)



aquatic salamanders which reside in the park. **Prepare to get wet and bring a hand lens.**Elevation change: 300' ascent. A 2 mile, easy walk.

Discover some of the 30 species of woodland and

Limit 30 people. DT: 45 min. Similar programs: 21, 56, 146

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WILDFLOWER HIKE: CHESTNUT TOP TRAIL

1:45 PM—4:00 PM One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate hike. Limit 15 people. DT: 45 min.



Similar programs: 11, 48, 129

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#### **FUNGAL ROLES IN FOREST ECOLOGY**

1:45 PM-4:00 PM END OF TREMONT GRAVEL ROAD (I)



Fungi are essential organisms in the cycle of nutrients and life within ecosystems. Learn their biology and their importance in a forest community.

Classification and edible vs. poisonous fungi will be discussed. A 2-3 mile, easy hike. Limit 30 people.

DT: 45 min.

Similar program: 9

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BARTHSHINE NATURE

3:00 PM-4:30 PM
MILLS CONFERENCE
CENTER—GATLINBURG
BALLROOMS C & D (V)

Steve O'Neil, Naturalist and Outdoor Educator, Earthshine Nature Programs

Steve conducts hundreds of nature and wildlife presentations for adults and children, and serves as a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator specializing in reptiles and opossums. Meet the wildlife you love to hate—from snakes and salamanders to roaches and 'possums—and learn the truth about these misunderstood creatures. An added bonus...hear Steve perform a short didgeridoo concert. LIVE ANIMALS!

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 113, 114
NEW!

#### **ALL-DAY PROGRAMS**

1 04 8:00 am–4:30 pm FIGHTING CREEK GAP (J) BACKCOUNTRY WILDFLOWER HIKE: SUGARLAND MOUNTAIN TRAIL

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**CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING!** 

For the experienced hiker only! Join Doris Gove, author of Exploring the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, on a one-way, 12 mile, 3,500' descent from Mt. Collins to Fighting Creek Gap. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. See Backcountry Hike Suggestions on page 2. Limit 10 people. DT: 25 min. Similar programs: 33, 71, 142

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5 BIRDING AND WILDFLOWER MOTORCADE:

SUGARLANDS TO CADES COVE

8:15 AM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



We'll stop along the loop to explore birds and wildflowers in the Cove's varied habitats, including pine and oak forests, streams and wetlands, and open fields. Short, easy walks en route. **Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes.** Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 3, 66, 67, 76, 80, 116, 117, 140

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WILDFLOWER HIKE: CUCUMBER GAP TRAIL

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

JAKES CREEK

TRAILHEAD PAST

ELKMONT

CAMPGROUND (R)



Walk through a cove hardwood forest and enjoy many wildflowers. Along this trail you could encounter painted trillium, Dutchman's pipe, yellowwood, and paw-paw in flower. Elevation change: 400.' A 5 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.

Similar programs: 61, 126

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WILDFLOWER HIKE: PORTERS CREEK TRAIL

8:30 AM-4:30 PM GREENBRIER ROAD TERMINUS AT PORTERS CREEK TRAILHEAD-4.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 321 (0) Highlights of this hike include painted trilliums, fields of phacelia, old homesites, a cemetery, and old-growth forest. Elevation change: 600' ascent. A 6-7 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes.



Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 8, 84, 128, 137

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WILDFLOWER HIKE: RAMSEY CASCADES TRAIL

A rich diversity of wildflowers (including umbrella leaf) await you as you walk through one of the more spectacular old-growth forests up to the 100' falls. Elevation change: 2,100' ascent. An 8 mile, strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.



Similar program: 32

8:30 AM-4:30 PM GREENBRIER ROAD— CARPOOL FROM FIRST PARKING LOT ON RIGHT, 200 FEET FROM ROUTE 321 (M)



#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: LOWER MT CAMMERER

8:45 AM-4:30 PM COSBY PICNIC AREA PARKING AREA OFF OF **ROUTE 32 TO BEGIN** CARPOOL (H)



Join Kristine Johnson, Vegetation Specialist for GSMNP, on a hike along the Lower Mt. Cammerer Trail from the Cosby Picnic Area. Pass old homesites while enjoying a wide diversity of wildflowers. A 7 mile, strenuous hike. Elevation change 300. 'Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 45 min.

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NEW!

#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: ROAD PRONG TRAIL

8:30 AM-4:30 PM **CHIMNEY TOPS** TRAILHEAD PARKING AREA TO BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE (E)



A 3.3 mile, moderate-to-strenuous hike from Indian Gap to Chimney Tops trailhead descending from spruce-fir forest through Northern hardwood forest into a cove hardwood forest community. Trail is rocky and wet with stream crossings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min. Similar program: 30

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#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: LONG BUNK, MT. STERLING, AND LITTLE CATALOOCHEE TRAILS

9:30 AM-4:30 PM MT. STERLING GAP ON OLD NC 284—7 MILES **SOUTHEAST OF BIG CREEK TO BEGIN** CAR SHUTTLE (W)



A splendid wildflower show awaits those who venture on these less-traveled trails leading through a rich, second-growth forest. Elevation change: 1,120' descent. A 5.2 mile, moderate, oneway hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, a hand lens, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 70 min.



#### **EVENING PROGRAMS**

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#### RETURN OF THE ELK IN THE SMOKIES

6:00 PM-8:00 PM CATALOOCHEE RANGER STATION— 12 MILES FROM I-40 AT EXIT 20 (DD)







Woodland elk were experimentally reintroduced in the park in 2001 and 2002. Join park elk project manager Joe Yarkovich for an overview of the research and long-term management plans for the elk now in the Smokies. Some of the 130+ elk will be seen on short, easy walks. Note: This program has changed location which appeared in the earlier edition of the brochure. Limit 24 persons. DT: 60 min.

113 7:15 PM-7:30 PM MILLS CONFERENCE

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#### PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS CEREMONY

Join us at the awards ceremony for this year's photography winners. No daily pilgrimage fee. Free and open to the public.



Afterwards plan to attend the evening talk American Freedom of Choice—What Forests Will There Be in the Future? By Scott E. Schlarbaum. No daily pilgrimage fee. Free and open to the public.

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103, 114

114 7:30 PM-8:30 PM **MILLS CONFERENCE** 

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**BALLROOMS** 

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#### AMERICAN FREEDOM OF CHOICE—WHAT FORESTS WILL THERE BE IN THE FUTURE?

Scott E. Schlarbaum, James R. Cox Professor of Forest Genetics in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries at the University of Tennessee, conducts research on forest genetics, tree improvement, forest health, and plant cytogenetics. He will discuss impacts of climate change and exotic forest pests on the future of our forests. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.

Similar programs: 13, 14, 15, 29, 37, 50, 51, 65, 73, 74, 90, 91, 103, 113 NEW!

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# 7:30 PM-9:30 PM

TWIN CREEKS PAVILION OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (GG))



NIGHTTIME BAT WALK: TWIN CREEKS AREA Learn about the biology of bats and their important place in the ecosystem. Short, easy walk. **Bring warm clothes and a flashlight.** Limit 50 people. DT:15 min.

Saturday 4.27.13

#### **MORNING PROGRAMS**

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#### MORNING BIRD WALK

7:00 AM-8:00 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



Get a start on the day with a 1-hour short walk to hear and see the morning birds of forest and edge habitats. For the beginner and experienced bird watcher. Note: All-day birding event (program #140) follows for those registered. Bring binoculars. Short, easy walk. Limit 60 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 3, 66, 67, 76, 80, 105, 117, 140



#### CADES COVE BIRDING

7:00 AM-9:30 AM

CADES COVE
CAMPGROUND STORE
PARKING LOT (MM)



Join National Park Service Volunteer Warren Bielenburg and Tremont Naturalist Tiffany Beachy for a morning bird walk in Cades Cove. See and hear birds of the forest and streamside. For birders of all levels. **Bring Binoculars.** A 1.5 mile, easy walk. Limit 15 people. DT: 50 min.

A great diversity of Spring wildflowers greets visi-

tors in this secluded site. A 2 mile, moderate walk.

Similar programs: 3, 66, 67, 76, 80, 105, 116, 140

#### 118

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: NOISY CREEK FALLS

8:00 AM-11:30 AM MILLS CONFERENCE CENTER—VANS (V)



Limit 28 people. Similar program: 53

# 119

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: NOAH "BUD" OGLE TRAIL

8:15 AM-11:30 AM NOAH "BUD" OGLE PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (Y) See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of this homestead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 10 min.

Similar Programs: 19, 40, 79



#### 120 BLACK BEAR AND WILD HOG WALK

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



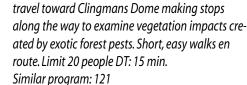
Walk with David Whitehead, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Manager, as he describes the life history, tracking signs, human impacts, and environmental issues of black bears and wild hogs in the Southern Appalachians and GSMNP. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 17, 45, 81

### 121

# FADING FORESTS: A LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF EXOTIC FOREST PESTS

Saturday evening's speaker, Scott Schlarbaum, will

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



#### 122 WILDFLOWER SKETCHING

NEW!

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



View wildflowers through the eyes of botanist-artist Maurice Edwards, this year's Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage featured artist. **Bring your own art materials.** Short, easy walk. Limit 12 people. For more information contact the artist at medwards@netscape.com. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 55, 82

#### 123

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: ASH HOPPER BRANCH

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



A rich wildflower display including Vasey's trillium and unique trees like alternate-leaved dogwood. A 1.5 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.

Similar programs: 4, 18, 43

#### 124 PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

8:15 AM-11:30 AM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER TRAINING ROOM—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)



This program starts with a short visual presentation, then travel outdoors for hands-on instruction by Jack Carmen, author of *Wildflowers* of *Tennessee*, and Robert Hutson, author of *Great Smoky Mountain Wildflowers: When and Where to Find Them*, on composition and techniques. **Bring a camera and tripod.** A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min.

Similar programs: 23, 41, 57, 95

LITTLE RIVER ABOVE ELKMONT

#### 125

#### WILDFLOWER WALK:

LITTLE RIVER TRAILHEAD PAST ELKMONT CAMPGROUND (T)

8:30 AM-11:30 AM

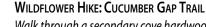


Walk up this former logging railroad bed and discover the tenacity of nature in recovering from the massive logging operations which cleared this valley early in the 20th century. Many wildflowers and ferns dot the landscape. Elevation change: 200' ascent. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.
Similar program: 60

#### 126

# 8:30 AM-11:30 AM JAKES CREEK TRAILHEAD PAST ELKMONT

CAMPGROUND (R)



Walk through a secondary cove hardwood forest and enjoy the diversity of wildflowers. This trip ascends toward Cucumber Gap then returns. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 61, 106



#### 127 Native People's Use of Nature's Garden

8:30 AM-11:30 AM
METCALF BOTTOMS
PICNIC AREA OFF OF
LITTLE RIVER ROAD (U)



Gather at the cook fire with Native American Karen LaMere (Ho-Chunk) and listen to an oral history which has been passed down through the generations by America's indigenous people. Taste and discover some uses of native plants gathered from nature's garden. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.

Similar programs: 10, 47, 97



#### WILDFLOWER WALK: PORTERS CREEK TRAIL

8:30 AM-11:30 AM **GREENBRIER ROAD TERMINUS AT PORTERS** CREEK TRAILHEAD— 4.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 321 (O) See a wide variety of flowers including painted trilliums and many more. Pass old homesteads and a cemetery along this popular trail which leads to an old-growth cove hardwood forest. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 8, 84, 107, 137



#### 129 WILDFLOWER HIKE: CHESTNUT TOP TRAIL

8:45 AM-11:30 AM TOWNSEND "Y" ON LITTLE RIVER ROAD (FF) One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate hike. Limit 15 people. DT: 45 min.



Similar programs: 11, 48, 101

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

HISTORY WALK IN THE FIGHTING CREEK COMMUNITY

SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)

Join park ranger Brad Free to discover old homesites, a church, cemeteries, and remnant roads that speak of pre-park families near park headquarters. 1 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 26, 49, 60, 70.1, 84, 94



#### AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

#### 131

#### WILDCRAFTING WALK

1:00 PM-4:30 PM **MILLS CONFERENCE** CENTER—VANS (V)

Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area with Ila Hatter, Wanda DeWaard, and Brittney Hughes. Short, easy walk. Limit 28 people.



Similar programs: 52,87

#### **AQUATIC INSECTS WALK** 132

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE) For the veteran, novice, and kid aquatic insect searcher. Learn about the most diverse group of organisms on the planet first hand. Bring hand lens and mud shoes. Short, easy walk along streams and ponds. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 54, 83, 93



#### EXOTIC PLANT AND WILDFLOWER WALK: OLD 133 SUGARLANDS

1:15 PM-4:30 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)

Learn to identify exotic plants and their impact on the native flora. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.



#### 134

#### WILDFLOWER WALK: GRASSY BRANCH IN TWIN CREEKS AREA

1:15 PM-4:30 PM MYNATT PARK PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (X)

Just a short distance from downtown Gatlinburg, come enjoy the wildflower display along Grassy and Two Mile Branch. Short, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min.



#### 135

#### WILDFLOWER MOTORCADE: ROARING FORK MOTOR NATURE TRAIL

1:15 PM-4:30 PM RAINBOW FALLS PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD (AA)



See wonderful displays of wildflowers as you pass through old-growth forest, drive around boulders, pass historical buildings, and end at a waterfall. Short, easy walks en route. Limit 30 people. DT: 15 min.

#### 136

#### FERN WALK: LITTLE RIVER ABOVE ELKMONT

1:30 PM-4:30 PM LITTLE RIVER TRAILHEAD PAST **ELKMONT** CAMPGROUND (T)

See a variety of the park's 25 more common ferns and fern allies. **Bring a hand lens.** A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 6, 44, 85



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#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: PORTERS CREEK TRAIL

1:30 PM-4:30 PM **GREENBRIER ROAD TERMINUS AT PORTERS** CREEK TRAILHEAD-4.5 MILES FROM HIGHWAY 321 (O)



Pass old homesteads and a cemetery along this popular trail which leads to an old-growth cove hardwood forest. See a rich variety of wildflowers including painted trillium and many more. A 2-3 mile, moderate hike. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min. Similar programs: 8, 84, 107, 128



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#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: COVE HARDWOOD NATURE TRAIL

1:30 PM-4:30 PM CHIMNEYS PICNIC AREA (F)



Observe a rich diversity of wildflowers, including dwarf ginseng and fringed phacelia, in this oldgrowth forest. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 20 min.

Similar programs: 5, 26



#### 139 **CANCELED:**

1:45 PM-4:30 PM ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL AT NEWFOUND GAP (BB)

WILDFLOWER WALK: KANATI FORK TRAIL This program has been canceled because of the Route 441 closure south of Newfound Gap.



#### **ALL-DAY PROGRAMS**

#### 140

#### WOOD WARBLERS OF THE SMOKIES

8:15 AM-2:00 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—PARK IN 3RD LOT ON RIGHT (EE)

We will study behaviors, habitats, and songs of this often brilliantly colored family of birds as we search low and mid elevations. **Bring binocu**lars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Short, easy walks. Limit 12 people. DT: 15 min.



Similar programs: 3, 66, 67, 76, 80, 105, 116, 117



#### **BIG TREES HIKE: ALBRIGHT GROVE**

8:00 AM-4:30 PM **MILLS CONFERENCE** CENTER—VANS (V)



Hike to one of the most magnificent groves of large, old-growth trees in the park. Pass wonderful displays of wildflowers and an 1889 cabin made of chestnut. Elevation change: 1,600' ascent. A 6.5 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 28 people.

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HEAD (I)

8:30 AM-5:30 PM

**END OF TREMONT** 

GRAVEL ROAD TO

**BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE** 

TO JAKES CREEK TRAIL

#### **BACKCOUNTRY WILDFLOWER HIKE:**

**ELKMONT TO TREMONT** 

### **CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING!**

**For the experienced hiker only!** Follow Joey Shaw and Ed Lickey on a one-way 13.1 mile journey. Acend 2,100' on Jakes Creek and Miry Ridge trail, then descending 2,500' on Lynn Camp Prong and Middle Prong Trails. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. See Backcountry Hike Suggestions on page 2. **Note:** This program replaces the canceled program which appeared at this event number in the earlier edition of the brochure. Limit 20 people. DT: 60 min.

Similar programs: 33, 77, 104 NEW!

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#### PLANT TAXONOMY WORKSHOP: WHITE OAK SINKS

8:45 AM-5:30 PM TOWNSEND "Y" ON LITTLE RIVER ROAD TO BEGIN CARPOOL (FF)



This geological formation is one of a few areas in the park where exposed limestone is found. The alkaline "sweet" soil and low elevation create an environment suitable for a wide variety of spring wildflowers. Join Tom Patrick, botanist with the Georgia Natural Heritage Program, to learn about this geological and wildflower paradise. Elevation change: 400.' A 6 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min. Similar program: 34

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#### **CANCELED:**

8:45 AM-5:30 PM ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL AT NEWFOUND GAP TO REGIN CAR SHUTTLE (BB)

WILDFLOWER HIKE: SWEAT HEIFER TRAIL TO KEPHART PRONG

This program has been canceled because of the Route 441 closure south of Newfound Gap.



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#### WILDFLOWER HIKE: GABES MOUNTAIN TRAIL

9:00 AM-4:30 PM COSBY PICNIC AREA PARKING LOT OFF ROUTE 321 TO BEGIN VAN SHUTTLE TO **MADDRON BALD** TRAIL—VANS (H)



An 8 mile, moderate, one-way hike passing through many wildflower displays and old-growth forests from Maddron Bald Trail to Cosby Picnic Area with a visit to 90' Hen Wallow Falls. Elevation change: 1,400' Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 28 people. DT: 60 min.

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#### 10:00 AM-3:00 PM SUGARLANDS VISITOR

CENTER—BUS PARKING LOT TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)



#### SALAMANDERS OF THE SMOKIES' MID AND LOWER **E**LEVATIONS

Join John Byrd and Floyd Scott, two of Tennessee's eminent herpetologists, on an exploration evaluating the salamander species diversity at different elevations in the Smokies. Prepare to get wet and bring a hand lens. Short, easy walks en route. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min. Similar programs: 21, 56, 100

7:00 PM-10:00 PM (GATE OPENS AT

6 PM)

MILLS CONFERENCE CFNTFR-BALLROOMS C & D (FOR PARKING GO TO MUNICIPAL LOT, NEXT TO GATLINBURG FIRE STATION ON REAGAN DRIVE. SEE PAGE 26)



#### **GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS SALAMANDER** BALL

*In this concluding event of the Spring* Wildflower Pilgrimage, join DLIA to support America's species through science and education. Come in masquerade attire to celebrate your favorite wildflower or Smoky Mountain creatures! Salamander Ball Tickets \$75.00 for adults, \$50.00 for Wildflower Pilgrims, Kids 12 & under FREE. Register online at www.dlia.org, by phone at (865) 430-4757, or visit the DLIA information booth in the vendor area. See DLIA poster on page 22. This is not a pilgrimage registered event. Registration is required with DLIA. See DLIA poster on Page 22. Open to the public.

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# Smokies Life Magazine Reception and Celebration

Thursday · April 25, 2013

5:00 PM -7:J5 PM

Free to the public

Pre-registration required

Mills Conference Center · Ballrooms A & B

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ou're invited!



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Saturday Evening, April 27th, 7-10pm (Gates open at 6) Gatlinburg Convention Center

Live music with the Johnson Swingtet | Salamanders of the Smokies beauty pageant (and best costume award!) | Kid's area with games | Silent and live auction | Wild flora and fauna trivia! | Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages | Dancing

Salamander Ball Tickets \$75 adults /\$50 Wildflower Pilgrims /\$Kids 12 & under free! Visit our website for more information! www.dlia.org, or call (865)430-4757





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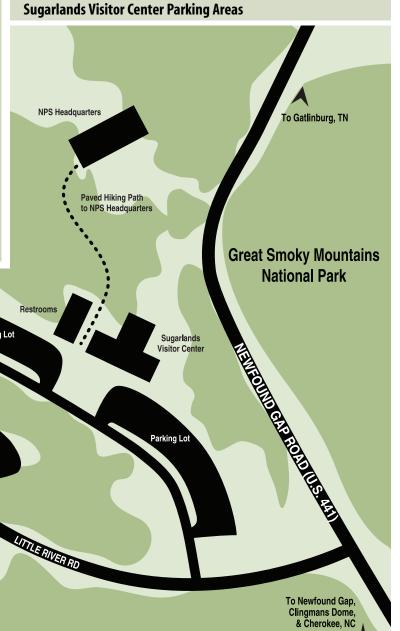
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- INDOOR DAYTIME PROGRAMS

# HISTORIC NATURE TRAIL—AIRPORT ROAD Ballroom Mills **Conference Center** Ballroom Ballroor Gatlinburg **Convention Center** 3rd Lot on Right

To Cades Cove, Laurel Falls,

Tremont, & Townsend, TN





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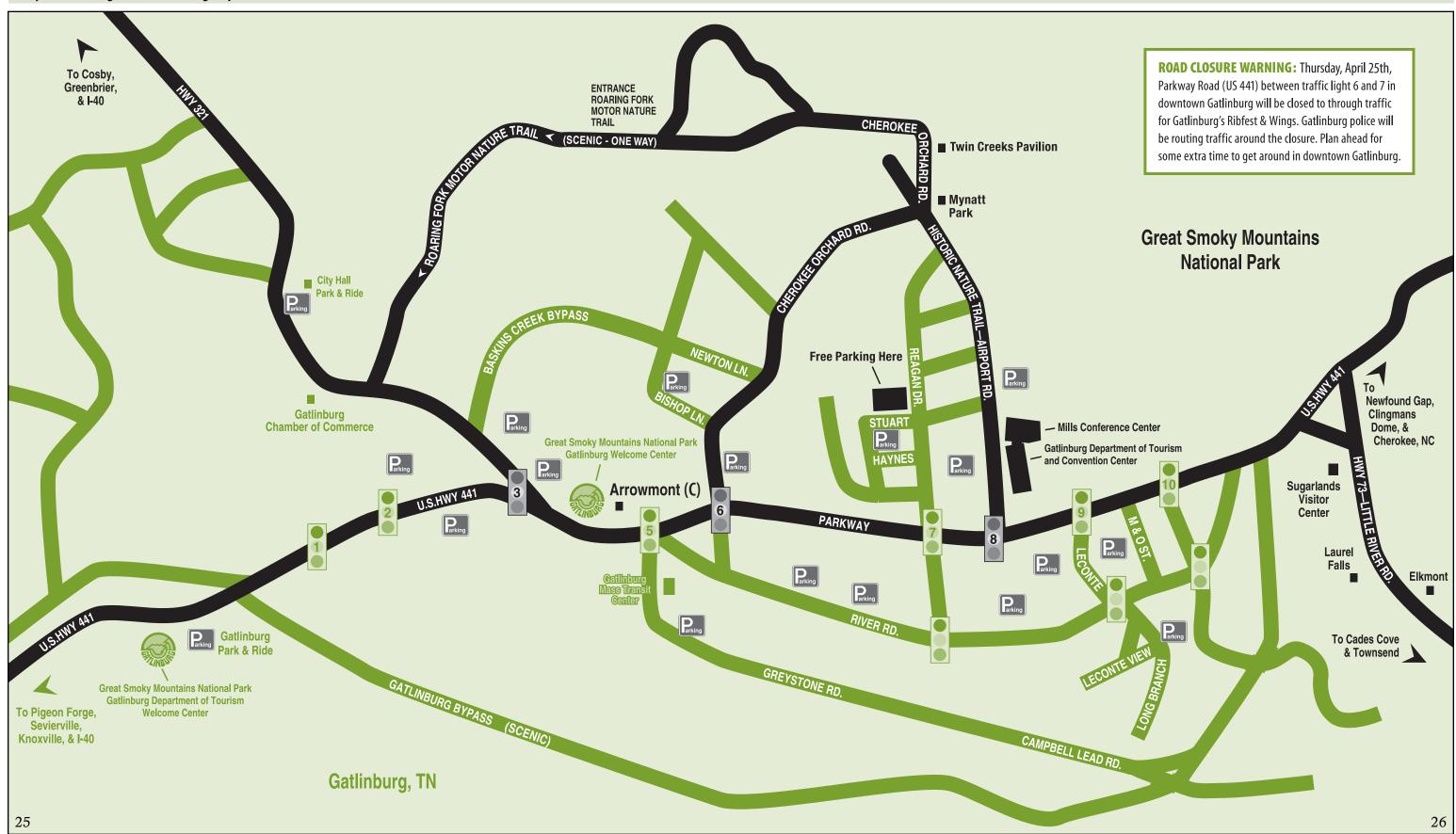


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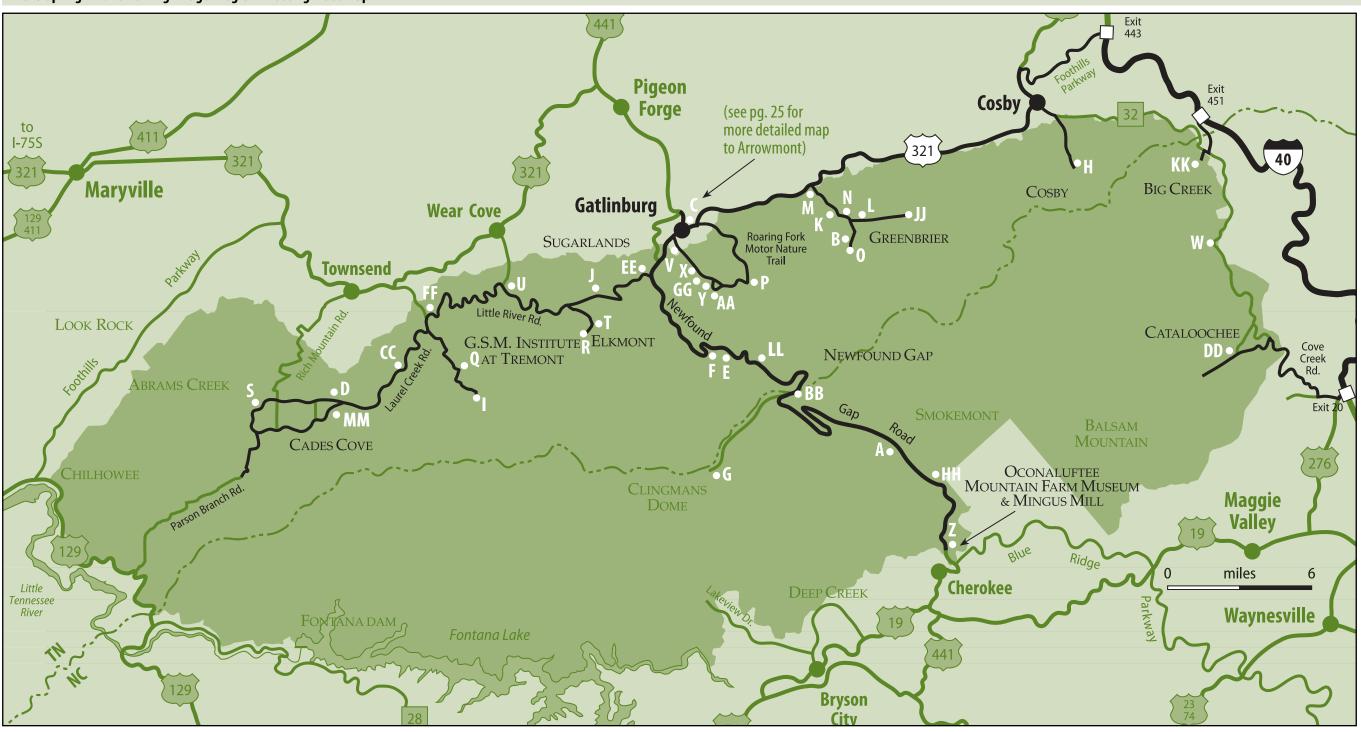
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KANATI FORK TRAIL

GREENBRIER PICNIC SHELTER ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF

GREENBRIER RD-4.2 MILES FROM ROUTE 321

**ARROWMONT** SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

CADES COVE LOOP ROAD **ENTRANCE** 

**CHIMNEY TOPS** TRAILHEAD TO BEGIN CAR SHUTTLE

CHIMNEYS PICNIC AREA

CLINGMANS DOME PARKING AREA

COSBY PICNIC AREA PARKING AREA OFF ROUTE 32

END OF TREMONT GRAVEL ROAD

FIGHTING CREEK GAP

GREENBRIER RANGER STATION

RAMSEY CASCADES ROAD OFF GREENBRIER ROAD—OLD SETTLERS TRAILHEAD, 3 MILES FROM ROUTE 321

GREENBRIER ROAD-CARPOOL FROM FIRST PARKING LOT ON RIGHT, 200 FEET FROM ROUTE

GREENBRIER ROAD-CARPOOL FROM PICNIC AREA, 2.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 321

GREENBRIER ROAD TERMINUS AT PORTERS CREEK TRAILHEAD—4.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 321

**GROTTO FALLS** PARKING AREA ON ROARING FORK **MOTOR NATURE TRAIL** 

GSM INSTITUTE AT TREMONT WELCOME CENTER

JAKES CREEK TRAILHEAD PAST **ELKMONT** CAMPGROUND

ABRAMS FALLS PARKING AREA

LITTLE RIVER TRAILHEAD PAST **ELKMONT** CAMPGROUND

**METCALF BOTTOMS** PICNIC AREA OFF LITTLE RIVER ROAD TO **BEGIN CARPOOL** 

MILLS CONFERENCE (see inset on

page 23)

MT. STERLING GAP ON OLD NC 284—7 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BIG CREEK TO BEGIN CARPOOL

MYNATT PARK PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD

NOAH "BUD" OGLE PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD

OCONALUFTEE VISITOR CENTER

RAINBOW FALLS PARKING AREA OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD

ROCKEFELLER BB MEMORIAL AT NEWFOUND GAP

SCHOOLHOUSE GAP TRAILHEAD ON LAUREL CREEK ROAD

> CATALOOCHEE RANGER STATION— 12 MILES FROM I-40

SUGARLANDS VISITOR EE CENTER (see inset on page 23)

> TOWNSEND "Y" ON LITTLE RIVER ROAD

TWIN CREEKS PAVILION OFF CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD

NORTH END OF **SMOKEMONT** CAMPGROUND AT BRADLEY FORK TRAILHEAD—BEGIN CARPOOL TO NEWFOUND GAP (HH)

RAMSEY CASCADES ROAD—RAMSEY CASCADES PARKING AREA

BIG CREEK PARKING AREA—WATERVILLE EXIT OFF I-40

ALUM CAVE TRAILHEAD

CADES COVE **CAMPGROUND** STORE

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