

# 2007 TNPS Field Trip Schedule

Field trips are designed to promote informed interest in Tennessee's native plants. They are led by persons familiar with native plants of the area and are open to nonmembers as well as members. We encourage our more experienced members to share their knowledge with those who are new to the group. Since conservation is a primary objective of our society, plant collecting is not allowed. The physical nature of the trip is described to the extent known at publication time. Attendees are responsible for judging whether the trip is suitable for their particular abilities. All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver as a condition of attending. Trips are rarely cancelled, but sometimes changes are unavoidable. Contact the trip leader a day or two before attending to get an updated status and to let them know who is coming.

Keep the schedule and attend as many trips as you can. Check the website ([www.tnps.org](http://www.tnps.org)) for updates to this schedule.

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p><b>March 31, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: McDonalds in Waynesboro on US 64 (east side of town)</p> <p>Andrea Shea Bishop 615-833-4338, Cynthia Rohrbach 931-964-5271, Bart Jones, and Todd Crabtree</p>	<p><b>Beech Creek Bluffs, Leatherwood</b></p> <p>The Beech Creek Bluffs site is privately owned by local citizens; one tract is owned by Hassell-Hughes. It is located in Western Wayne County near the community of Leatherwood. The bluff is a moist, steep north-facing wooded slope with some rock outcrops above Beech Creek. The forest is composed of oak, hickory, and maple with an understory of yellowwood, dogwood, oak-leaf hydrangea, leatherwood, snowbell and many other species. The rare beaked trout-lily (<i>Erythronium rostratum</i>) will be in flower along with other spring wildflowers. This is a joint field trip with the Swan Conservation Trust.</p>	<p>Waynesboro is about 40 miles southeast of Columbia.</p> <p>Walking: Creek crossing and moderate hiking Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring along with drinking water</p>
<p><b>April 7, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Parking lot at natural area</p> <p>Bart Jones 901-726-6891, <a href="mailto:bjones7777@hotmail.com">bjones7777@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Riverwoods State Natural Area, Germantown</b></p> <p>This is a joint field trip with the Memphis Garden Club, which helps maintain the natural area. This is an event to help tag spring wildflowers for subsequent rescue from an area slated for road construction to the natural area proper. Riverwoods is a remnant of the mixed mesophytic/bottomland hardwood forest that once covered the area. Its urban locale has also contributed to a high impact by invasive non-native species, particularly privet.</p>	<p>From I-40, exit at Germantown Road and go south. Follow Germantown Road under Walnut Grove and across Wolf River. Turn left onto Wolf River Parkway. As Wolf River Parkway curves right at a 90 degree angle, look for parking area across from Kimbrough Grove neighborhood entrance.</p> <p>Walking: Easy Lunch: At a nearby restaurant Facilities: None</p>
<p><b>April 14, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Shell station at intersection of Hwys 43 and 20</p> <p>Bart Jones 901-726-6891, <a href="mailto:bjones7777@hotmail.com">bjones7777@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Stillhouse Hollow Falls State Natural Area, Summertown</b></p> <p>Designated a state natural area last year, the 90-acre site is home to a beautiful waterfall and numerous spring wildflowers including jack-in-the-pulpit (<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>), bellwort (<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>), dwarf crested iris (<i>Iris cristata</i>), doll's eyes (<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>), blue phlox (<i>Phlox divaricata</i>), purple phacelia (<i>Phacelia bipinnatifida</i>), and several species of trilliums (<i>Trillium</i> spp.) and violets (<i>Viola</i> spp.). This is a joint field trip with the Swan Conservation Trust.</p>	<p>From Nashville, take I-65 south to Saturn Parkway toward Columbia. Turn right onto Hwy 43 and go approximately 24 miles to the intersection of Hwys 43 and 20. Shell station is on the right.</p> <p>Walking: Moderate Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring</p>

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<p><b>April 21, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: At home of Dr. Ward, 671 Phillips Hollow Rd. in northeast Sumner County</p> <p>Roger McCoy and Todd Crabtree 615-532-0431, roger.mccoy@state.tn.us</p>	<p><b>Taylor Hollow State Natural Area, Westmoreland</b></p> <p>Join Tennessee's Natural Heritage Coordinator Roger McCoy and botanist Todd Crabtree for an outstanding wildflower hike to Taylor Hollow, a Tennessee Chapter of The Nature Conservancy-owned state natural area. Taylor Hollow is renowned for its spring flora, especially the extensive display of the blue-eyed Mary, a state-endangered plant.</p> <p>This is a State Natural Areas Week hike arranged by the Natural Heritage Inventory Program of the Division of Natural Areas.</p>	<p>Reservations requested. Please call for directions.</p> <p>Walking: This is a moderately difficult hike. Participants should bring water and sturdy footwear, and dress appropriately for the weather.</p> <p>Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Optional at a local restaurant</p>
<p><b>April 21, 22, 2007</b> Saturday &amp; Sunday</p> <p>Mary Priestley 931-598-0157, marypriestley@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>Trails and Trilliums</b> <b>St. Andrews-Sewanee School, Sewanee</b></p>	<p>Approximately four miles west of I-24 at exit 134. Flashing yellow light marks the entrance to St. Andrews-Sewanee. Meet in front of the school's chapel.</p> <p>Facilities: at the meeting place Walking: You will need water and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch: Optional brunch (\$5) at the school after the hike</p>
<p><b>May 5, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Nature Center at Warner Park</p> <p>Rita Venable 615-503-9631, rita@godtheartist.com and Jane Norris</p>	<p><b>Butterfly/Wildflower Identification Walk</b> <b>Warner Park, Nashville</b></p>	<p>Approximately eight miles south of I-440 at 7311 Highway 100 Nashville. From I-40 go south on Old Hickory for about four miles to Hwy 100. Turn left and go about a half mile. <a href="http://www.nashville.gov/parks/wpnc.htm">http://www.nashville.gov/parks/wpnc.htm</a></p> <p>Facilities: At the meeting place Walking: You will need water and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch: Optional in picnic area</p>
<p><b>May 5, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Alabama trailhead, Walls of Jericho State Natural Area</p> <p>Todd Crabtree 615-330-4627</p>	<p><b>Walls of Jericho,</b> <b>Tennessee/Alabama Line</b></p>	<p>From Nashville take I-24 east toward Chattanooga. Take exit 127 on Hwy 64 and turn toward Winchester. Stay on Hwy 64 for about 15 miles and turn south on Hwy 16 and go 18 miles to the Alabama trailhead one mile south of the stateline. See <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/jericho/">www.state.tn.us/environment/na/natareas/jericho/</a> and <a href="http://www.wpln.org/news/jericho/">www.wpln.org/news/jericho/</a></p> <p>Walking: Very Strenuous. Wear boots with good ankle support. Bring plenty of water.</p> <p>Facilities: None Lunch: Bring</p>

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<b>May 12, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Eastern Time	<b>North Chickamauga State Natural Area, Chattanooga</b>	From the Chickamauga Dam (Hwy 153) go north, past Northgate Mall. Continue on Hwy 153 north and go under Hwy 27. At this point Hwy 153 turns into Dayton Pike. Continue north for approximately two miles until you get to a stoplight where there is a BP gas station (last place to get water, snacks, use the toilet). At this stoplight make a left on Montlake Rd. After about a mile (as the road begins to gain elevation), turn right at the large boulder with a sign for North Chickamauga State Natural Area and/or Bowater Pocket Wilderness. Facilities: None Walking: Strenuous at times. Wear boots with good ankle support. Lunch: At the picnic area
Meeting Place: North Chickamauga Creek picnic area  Joey Shaw joey-shaw@utc.edu	Joey Shaw of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences University of Tennessee, Chattanooga will guide us to three of Tennessee's rare plants. We hope to see northern bush honeysuckle ( <i>Diervilla lonicera</i> ), Virginia spiraea ( <i>Spiraea virginiana</i> ), and mountain skullcap ( <i>Scutellaria montana</i> ) although it may be a little early for the skullcap to have flowers. After lunch we will check on the status of the newly discovered population of Fremont's clematis ( <i>Clematis fremontii</i> ) near Hixson.	
<b>May 19, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time	<b>Caney Fork River Bluffs / Center Hill Dam</b>	From I-40 between Carthage and Cookeville, take the Buffalo Valley Exit 268, go south on TN Hwy 96, cross the dam, then right on TN Hwy 141. Look for the picnic area on the right. Walking: Easy Facilities: At the picnic area Lunch: Bring to eat at the picnic area
Meeting Place: Picnic area just below Center Hill Dam  Dennis Horn 931-461-0262	This rich limestone bluff along the Caney Fork River harbors many interesting plants, including an unusually large number of native vines. It is located about two miles downstream from the dam and is nearly vertical in places. Expect to see the following in flower: Wahoo ( <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i> ), moonseed ( <i>Menispermum canadense</i> ), spinypod ( <i>Matelea carolinensis</i> ), woolly Dutchman's pipe ( <i>Aristolochia tomentosa</i> ), western wallflower ( <i>Erysimum capitatum</i> ), widow's cross ( <i>Sedum pulchellum</i> ), downy wood mint ( <i>Blephilia ciliata</i> ), and Chapman's meadow parsnip ( <i>Thaspium chapmanii</i> ). In an abandoned limestone quarry nearby, we may find the rare northern orchid, Loesel's twayblade ( <i>Liparis loeselii</i> ). Come join us as we explore this unique bluff habitat.	
<b>May 26, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time	<b>Horse Mountain, Shelbyville</b>	From I-24 take exit 117 towards Tullahoma. In Tullahoma turn right (north) on 41A. Follow 41A to second traffic light at Regions Bank in Shelbyville. Turn right. Go to Horse Mountain road and turn right. Go 1.2 miles to just past white church and turn left onto paved driveway at "Horse Mountain Orchids" sign. Walking: Easy Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring
Meeting Place: Horse Mountain Orchids  Alice Jensen 931-684-7851, AliceJen@bellsouth.net	Alice Jensen will give detailed explanations as we walk through the Sassafras woods and cedar glade on her 70 acres. We will see Kentucky coffee tree ( <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i> ) and a large specimen of Shumard oak ( <i>Quercus shumardii</i> ). In the meadow we will see Indian pink ( <i>Spigelia marilandica</i> ), ground cherry ( <i>Physalis heterophylla</i> ), and foxglove beardtongue ( <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> ). In addition to the extensive woodland and meadow, we will see a pioneer homestead and greenhouses with exotic orchids. This is a joint field trip with the Georgia Botanical Society.	

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<b>June 2, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time	<b>Butterfly/Wildflower Identification Walk, Barfield-Crescent Park, Murfreesboro</b>	From I-24 go south on Hwy 231 for about 2.1 miles to Barfield Crescent road and turn right. Go about one mile to park entrance and turn left. The Wilderness Station is past the baseball fields and disc golf course at the back of the park—697 Barfield Crescent Road, Murfreesboro— <a href="http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/government/parks_rec/Parks/barfield_crescent.htm">http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/government/parks_rec/Parks/barfield_crescent.htm</a> Walking: You will need water and comfortable walking shoes. Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Optional in picnic area
Meeting Place: Wilderness Station at Barfield-Crescent Park	People wanting to participate in this easy-level walk will meet at the Wilderness Station at Barfield-Crescent Park and we will observe wildflowers and butterflies as we walk the trail. All ages are welcome but children under 12 must be accompanied by adults. Binoculars are helpful but not necessary. This butterfly/wildflower walk is sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association and the Tennessee Native Plant Society.	
Rita Venable 615-503-9631, <a href="mailto:rita@godtheartist.com">rita@godtheartist.com</a> , and Jane Norris.		
<b>July 28, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time	<b>Big South Fork Rockhouses            Middle Creek Nature Trail</b>	Take I-40 to Exit 317 and take Hwy 127 north for 46 miles. Turn right on Hwy 154 and travel another 12 miles to the park entrance— 4605 Pickett Park Hwy, Jamestown, TN Walking: Some steep areas on the trails. Wear boots with good ankle support. Bring plenty of water. Facilities: At the meeting place Lunch: Bring
Meeting Place: Pickett State Park. Picnic area at the lake near restrooms.	Rockhouses of the Cumberland Plateau harbor some endemic plants such as Cumberland Sandwort ( <i>Arenaria cumberlandensis</i> ) and the newly described Cumberland featherbells ( <i>Stenanthium diffusum</i> ). We hope to see these flowering, and we may catch Lucy Braun's snakeroot ( <i>Ageratina luciae-brauniae</i> ) just beginning to flower. Aside from botany this is just a nice trail, one of the best in the Big South Fork area. It has a nice forest and geologic features, probably the best access to rockhouses. The trail is about a 3.5-mile loop, but can also be connected to the slave falls loop sawmill trailhead via a short shuttle and make a slightly shorter 3.3-mile hike.	An extra option could be added to the main hike afterwards to either visit slave falls and needle arch (more rockhouses too), another three-mile hike, or visit Indian rockhouse, one of the largest in the park at 75' deep x 100' high, about a two-mile hike.
David Lincicome 615-532-0439		
<b>Aug. 18, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Central Time	<b>Sunk Lake State Natural Area / Anderson Tully            Wildlife Management Area , Henning</b>	From I-40, take the Brownsville exit (exit 56) and go north on Hwy 76 to the Hwy 70/79 bypass south of Brownsville, where you will take a left and go west to Hwy 54. Take a left onto Hwy 54 and go to Covington. In Covington, take a right onto Hwy 51. Go on Hwy 51 to Hwy 87 in Henning. Turn left onto Hwy 87 and go about 6.5 miles to Woodard's Store on the right side of the highway. Walking: Easy Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring
Woodard's Store in the Three Points community	Sunk Lake State Natural Area is a collection of six lakes formed during the 1811-12 earthquakes that also formed Reelfoot Lake. Bottomland hardwood forests and cypress groves surround the lakes and support a wide range of habitat for waterfowl, birds, and animals. Five rare plants can be found here, two of which will be in flower during our trip: creeping spotflower ( <i>Acmella oppositifolia</i> ) and ovate-leaved arrowhead ( <i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i> ). We may also encounter cedar elm ( <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> ) which is a rare tree of the Mississippi River Valley. Additionally, we should see many late summer wetland plants in flower.	
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<b>Aug. 25, 2007 (Sat.)</b> 10 A.M. Eastern Time  Meeting Place: Newfound Gap near Rockefeller Memorial.  Allen and Susan Sweetser 865-938-7627	<b>Indian Gap Trail Great Smoky Mountains National Park</b>  A streamside downhill hike in the mountains where it will be cooler than most places in Tennessee at this time of year. We will hike from Indian Gap down to the Chimney Tops parking area. There will be lots of interesting plants and we may get to see Rugels Ragwort ( <i>Rugelia nudicaulis</i> ) in flower.	From Gatlinburg travel 21.5 miles south on US-441 to Newfound Gap. Walking: Mostly downhill but good hiking boots will be required. Be prepared for changing weather. Bring water. Facilities: At the meeting place Lunch: Bring

<b>Sept. 14-16 2007</b>  Planned hikes all day Saturday in the surrounding area.	<b>TNPS Annual Meeting, Beersheba Springs</b>
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<b>November 3, 2007</b>  We hope to get Dr. Clebsch or another capable botanist to lead a hike to see some interesting trees in the forest. More information later.	<b>Fall Dendrology Hike</b>
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Mark your calendar!



Annual Meeting  
Sept. 14-16

## Other Wildflower Events Across the State

André Michaux Day at Tipton-Haynes State Historic March 31. Dedication of historical marker co-sponsored by TNPS. See [www.tipton-haynes.org/](http://www.tipton-haynes.org/) for more information.

State Park Wildflower Weekends: See [www.state.tn.us/environment/na/](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/na/) for more information:

Fall Creek Falls— March 31 & April 1: 26th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage

Norris Dam— March 31: Spring Wildflower Hikes

Frozen Head— All April Weekends: 39th Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage

Edgar Evins— April 6 & 7: Sixth Annual Spring Fling

Cordell Hull Birthplace— April 7, 14 & 28: Bunkum Cave Trail Spring Wildflower Walks

Natural Areas Week— April 15-22: Hikes throughout the state ([www.state.tn.us/environment/nh/natareas](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/nh/natareas))

Fall Creek Falls— May 5 & 6: Lady Slipper Weekend

Roan Mountain— June 23 & 24: Rhododendron Festival



Spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*)