

2008 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) for updates to this schedule.

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>March 29, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meet at Lowe's parking lot, 430 S. Germantown Rd.</p> <p>Bart Jones 901-726-6891 cell: 901-485-2745 email: bjones7777@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Lovitt Woods, Memphis</p> <p>Join us for this joint field trip with the Wolf River Conservancy to Lovitt Woods. The Conservancy recently acquired this site and has asked for our help in doing a floral inventory. Spring ephemerals that are found in nearby tracts that we may expect to see include white trout lily (<i>Erythronium albidum</i>), spring cress (<i>Cardamine rhomboidea</i>), prairie trillium (<i>Trillium recurvatum</i>), blue phlox (<i>Phlox divaricata</i>), and sweet anise (<i>Osmorhiza longistylis</i>). There are nice stands of tupelo and cypress as well as red buckeye (<i>Aesculus pavia</i>).</p>	<p>From I-40, exit Germantown Rd. and go south. Continue approximately 5 miles. Lowe's is on the left just before you get to the Wolf River.</p> <p>Walking: Easy Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Nearby restaurant</p>
<p>April 5, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: McDonald's in downtown Ashland City</p> <p>Leader: Dennis Horn 931-461-0262</p>	<p>Rails to Trails Hike, Ashland City</p> <p>This trail is located along the base of high limestone hills and bluffs overlooking the Cumberland River west of Ashland City. When last visited by TNPS in April 1999 the flowers were phenomenal. There were dense carpets of spring ephemerals over the entire 2 or 3 miles of the trail. We should expect to see Miami Mist (<i>Phacelia purshii</i>), Shooting Star (<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>), Dwarf Larkspur (<i>Delphinium tricorne</i>), Allegheny Spurge (<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>), Yellow Corydalis (<i>Corydalis flavula</i>), among many others. As a side trip, if not too early, we may find the rare Short's Bladderpod (<i>Lesquerella globosa</i>) in bloom along Hwy 12.</p>	<p>Ashland City is about 20 miles west of Nashville on TN Hwy 12 or 10 miles south of I-24 exit 24 on TN Hwy 49.</p> <p>Walking: Easy. Walking distance 2-3 miles on easy flat rail bed. A one-way trip with car shuttle.</p> <p>Lunch: Bring with water and camera Facilities: At meeting place</p>
<p>April 12, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Cedars of Lebanon State Park Assembly Hall</p> <p>Contact Cedars of Lebanon State Park for more information, 615-443-2769</p>	<p>Cedars of Lebanon, Elsie Quarterman Weekend</p> <p>TNPS will participate in weekend events to honor Dr. Elsie Quarterman. Dr. Quarterman has supported the protection of significant natural areas since she began studying them. She helped Tennessee become one of the first states to provide legal protection for natural areas in 1971. Andrea Bishop will lead a Division of Natural Areas hike during this weekend. TNPS members are encouraged to join in this celebration of one woman's contribution to conservation in Tennessee. Wildlife hikes and other activities are planned.</p>	<p>Cedars of Lebanon State Park is located approximately 31 miles east of Nashville in Wilson County. It is 6 miles south of I-40 on US Hwy 231 (State Route 10).</p> <p>Walking: Easy to Moderate Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring</p>

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<p>May 3, 2008 (Sat.) 9 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Memphis Botanic Garden parking lot</p> <p>Bart Jones 901-726-6891 bjones7777@ hotmail.com</p>	<p>Arkansas Prairies, DeValls Bluff, Arkansas</p> <p>The Grand Prairie region of eastern Arkansas was once home to over 320,000 acres of tallgrass prairie. Today, less than 1 percent remains, much of it converted to rice cultivation. We will visit Down's Prairie Natural Area and the adjoining Railroad Prairie Natural Area where we should see a rich diversity of plants among the gold and red swaths of <i>Coreopsis</i> spp. and Indian paintbrush (<i>Castilleja coccinea</i>). The highlighted plant will be Oklahoma grass pink (<i>Calopogon oklahomensis</i>), recognized as a new species in 1995. Other flowers we may encounter include Ohio spiderwort (<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>), spider milkweed (<i>Asclepias viridis</i>), white indigo (<i>Baptisia alba</i>), smooth phlox (<i>Phlox glaberrima</i>), white beardtongue (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>), and prairie evening primrose (<i>Oenothera pilosella</i> ssp. <i>sessilis</i>). After exploring the prairies, we will go to a nearby site to see spring spider lily (<i>Hymenocallis liriosme</i>). This is a joint trip with the Memphis Wildflower Society and the Arkansas Native Plant Society.</p>	<p>Take I-40 to Memphis. Continue on Sam Cooper Blvd. (do not take I-40 W to Little Rock at the I-40/240 interchange). Exit onto Perkins Rd., go south (left) past Walnut Grove Rd. and Poplar Ave. Just past Poplar will be railroad tracks, turn right onto Southern Ave. just past the tracks. Continue about 1 mile to Cherry Rd. Turn left (look for Botanic Garden sign) and go to garden entrance. Note meeting time! We will leave for the prairies promptly at 9:30!</p> <p>Walking: Easy Facilities: At meeting place and at DeValls Bluff Lunch: Bring your own</p>
<p>May 3, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Subway in Lavergne</p> <p>Todd Crabtree 615-330-4627</p>	<p>Elsie Quarterman Glade, Couchville</p> <p>The cedar glades of middle Tennessee have been a focus for the interest of botanists and ecologists since Augustin Gattinger began visiting them in the 19th century. Dr. Elsie Quarterman and her students have been studying these same glades since the 1940s. We will see one of the remaining glade complexes which has been preserved and named in honor of Dr. Quarterman. Several rare plants will be blooming including Tennessee milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus tennesseensis</i>), Nashville mustard (<i>Leavenworthia stylosa</i>), Prairie larkspur (<i>Delphinium virescens</i>), sunnybells (<i>Schoenolirion croceum</i>) and Gattinger's lobelia (<i>Lobelia appendiculata</i> var. <i>gattingeri</i>). If time permits we will also see Couchville glade.</p>	<p>From I-24 take the Waldron Rd. exit 64. Go east on Waldron Rd/Parthenon Blvd for 2.2 miles. Turn right on Murfreesboro Rd/US 41. Go 0.9 miles and turn left on Stones River Rd. into strip mall.</p> <p>Facilities: At the meeting place Walking: Easy Lunch: Bring with water and sun protection</p>

Carpooling Is a Great Idea!

Over the years many of us have carpoled to field trips or thought, "I wonder if Bob is going to that trip to the mountains and if I could catch a ride?" Well, here's a way to make that easier. We are instituting a "carpoolers connection" that will list all members from an area that are available for a possible ride. Just send your name, phone number, and email address, and we will send you a list of other participants from your area that you can contact if you want to share a ride. It's all voluntary and only those interested will be included. If you want to become a carpooler, send your information to Bart Jones at bjones7777@hotmail.com or call 901-726-6891 by March 22.

For truth, my honored Tennessee friends, go and see, and learn to appreciate and preserve such great ornaments of your native land. —AUGUSTIN GATTINGER, 1901

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<p>May 10, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: University Book Store in Sewanee</p> <p>Dennis Horn 931-461-0262</p>	<p>Carter State Natural Area</p> <p>Carter State Natural Area is a 375-acre preserve located on the Cumberland Plateau south of Sewanee. It contains many Tennessee rare plants and a cave complex that drains Lost Cove. Steep bluffs and ravines are present and a unique feature of the area is the unusual entrance to Buggy Top Cave. There should be late spring wildflowers still blooming for this early May trip. TNPS has been asked by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to conduct a plant inventory for the Carter Caves area. As a part of this field trip (and another scheduled for Sept. 13), we plan to document all of the plant species we observe in this natural area. Please join us as we visit this unusual site and perform a plant survey for the State of Tennessee.</p>	<p>From I-24 in Monteagle take US Hwy 41A southwest to Sewanee. Follow signs from the Sewanee bypass to the campus downtown.</p> <p>Facilities: At meeting place Walking: Hiking will be moderate to difficult, 2-3 miles, some may be off trail. Bring good hiking shoes. Lunch: Bring with water</p> <p>Also bring pen and note pad.</p>
<p>Aug. 30, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Rock Creek Campground</p> <p>Allen and Susan Sweetser 865-938-7627</p>	<p>Cumberland Trail:Nemo Bridge to Alley Ford</p> <p>On this section of the Cumberland Trail (www.cumberlandtrail.org) we should see lots of different ferns, asters, magnolia species, and possibly mountain camelia (<i>Stewartia ovata</i>). The trail is 2.5 miles one way but an easy walk to a pretty spot. From Nemo Bridge the trail ascends to the top of the bluffs. The Emory and Obed rivers are visible from views along the trail. Schreber's aster (<i>Eurybia schreberi</i>) is a rare plant in Tennessee where it reaches the southern limit of its distribution. It is known from the area and we can try to find new populations below the bluffs. Bring water and wading shoes.</p>	<p>From the courthouse in Wartburg on Main Street, turn left at the Nemo Bridge sign and then right after one block onto winding Catoosa Rd. Drive 6 miles to Nemo Bridge, cross it and then turn right into Rock Creek Campground. For more information you can visit the Obed Wild and Scenic River Visitor Center. It is located around the corner from the courthouse; turn right from Main St. and look for the center on the left.</p> <p>Walking: Moderate Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring</p>
<p>Sept. 6, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Hardee's in Dayton</p> <p>Todd Crabtree 615-330-4627</p>	<p>Ridge and Valley Glades</p> <p>We will visit glades in the lower ridge and valley to see rare species adapted to dry limestone glades. Prairie goldenrod (<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>) is primarily an upper midwestern species. It is rare elsewhere within its known range of distribution including Tennessee. It grows on rocky outcrops, grassy slopes and prairies. Prairie rosinweed (<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>) is known from prairies, fens and open disturbed sites in the eastern states. In Tennessee it occurs most frequently in the ridge and valley. Several native grasses appear on these dry sites. We will see these and other species adapted to the xeric conditions of glades and barrens.</p>	<p>From Dayton go north on Rhea County Hwy /US 27 for 0.5 miles; turn right into Hardee's</p> <p>Walking: Moderate Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring</p>



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<p>Sept. 13, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: University Book Store in Sewanee</p> <p>Dennis Horn 931-461-0262</p>	<p>Carter Wildflower Hike and Plant Inventory Part 2</p> <p>This is a follow-up visit to the May 10 field trip to complete the plant survey and observe the early fall wildflowers. There should be many interesting plants in flower including rare plants like Eggert's Sunflower (<i>Helianthus eggertii</i>), Cumberland Rosinweed (<i>Silphium brachiatum</i>), and Eared Goldenrod (<i>Solidago auriculata</i>). We should also see Cutleaf Prairie Dock (<i>Silphium pinnatifidum</i>), Slender Gaura (<i>Gaura filipes</i>), and many asters, goldenrods, and other composites. We will document all of the plant species we find. Come and help with the search.</p>	<p>From I-24 in Monteagle take US 41A to Sewanee. Follow signs from the Sewanee bypass to the campus downtown.</p> <p>Walking: Hiking will be moderate, 2-3 miles, some may be off trail. Bring good hiking shoes.</p> <p>Facilities: At meeting place Lunch: Bring with water</p> <p>Also, bring pen and note pad.</p>



Sweet White Trillium (*Trillium simile*)

Mark your calendar!



Annual Meeting
Sept. 19-21

Fall Creek Falls
State Park

<p>Nov. 8, 2008 (Sat.) 10 A.M. Eastern Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Native Gardens in Greenback, Tenn.</p> <p>Ed Clebsch</p>	<p>Tellico Lake Winter Botany</p> <p>As a youngster Dr. Ed Clebsch helped rebuild the foundations of Tennessee botany. Since then he has made innumerable contributions to conservation and botany. He will share some of his extensive knowledge of woody plants as we hike on the east shore trail by Tellico Lake. Botany is a year-round pursuit for those who can identify woody plants in winter with only bark and twigs to aid them. We will learn a few of these plants in dormant condition from one who knows them well.</p>	<p>From Hwy 321 between Lenoir City and Maryville, turn on Hwy 95 toward Greenback. Go about 2 miles, turn right on Axley Chapel and then right on Fisher Lane. We're on the right— about 3/4 mile. Please park responsibly without blocking the road.</p> <p>Walking: Moderate Facilities: At the meeting place Lunch: Bring</p>
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