SATURDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS

8:00 a.m. Bird Identification
Join Dr. Dick Peake, Clinch Valley College, Dr. Dave Moore, Radford University and Dr. Steve Hopp, Emory & Henry College, for sight and sound identification of migrant and resident birds. Don't forget your binoculars.

8:00 a.m. All Day Hike To Top of Mt. Rogers
Dr. Phil Shelton, Clinch Valley College, will include a detailed look at flora and fauna during this 8-mile hike to the highest peak in Virginia. Participants should carry food and drink. This trip is recommended for hardy hikers.

8:00 a.m. Atmospheric Deposition Research Project
Members of the research team headed by the Tennessee Valley Authority will outline the current vegetative management and meteorological studies currently being conducted on Whitetop Mountain. Two trips limited to 20 participants each will be conducted.

8:15 a.m. Chestnuts
Dr. Fred Hebard of the American Chestnut Research Foundation will lead a hike to look at chestnuts and other common trees, and will discuss the past and present status of the chestnut.

8:15 a.m. Geology
Join Dr. Charles Bartlett of Bartlett Geological Consultants, Abingdon for an examination of the various geological features of the Mount Rogers Area.

8:15 a.m. Wildflower Identification
Lower elevation wildflowers will be the focus of this trip led by Dr. Pat Mikesell, Radford University. Using common field guides, the leader will instruct the group on the basics of identifying unknown flowering plants.

8:00 a.m. Nature Walk For Young People
A chance for young people to learn first hand about plant and animals under the leadership of Virginia Small, Liz Hiebert, Lee and Mary Alice Formo. Children should be accompanied by an adult and should be prepared for creek exploring.

8:15 p.m. Trout and Their Habitat
Bob Wollitz, Supervising Fisheries Biologist of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Cecil Thomas and John Jessee of the U.S.F.S. will lead a trip to Fox Creek (Fairwood Valley). Investigate stream sampling using an electro-shocker and learn about trout stream habitat improvement using artificial structures.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

1:00 p.m. Northern Flying Squirrels
Mike Fies and John Baker, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will discuss the natural history of Northern and Southern Flying Squirrels and will check nest boxes for active nests. Trip limited to 12 adult participants (12 years or older).

1:00 p.m. Virginia Creeper Trail Hike
Ranger Larry Grimes, U.S.F.S., Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area, will conduct this six-mile round-trip hike. Larry will talk about the history of the railroad and forest service as well as identify plants. This trip is designed for easy hiking.

1:15 p.m. Raven Watch
Dr. Steve Hopp, Emory & Henry College, and Ed Morgan of Abingdon will take a group to sit on the Whitetop bald and wait for passing Ravens and other soaring birds and identify other birds in the area. Bring lawn chairs and binoculars.

1:00 p.m. Geology
Take a walk into the ancient past with Dr. Kimbell Knight, Radford University, as he explores the eruption of volcanoes, the march of glaciers, and the birth of a new ocean.

1:15 p.m. Salamander Hunt
Locating salamanders is always fun! Abundant populations and species unique to Mount Rogers make this field trip led by Dr. Gene Gourley, Radford University, particularly interesting.

1:00 p.m. Wildflower and Fern Walk
Dr. Marie Hicks, Appalachian State University, is leader on this trip. Join Marie for an introduction to early ferns and wildflowers of the upper elevations.

At the time the program went to press several other field trips were pending. Any additional trips will be announced at the Friday dinner on May 11 or at the Saturday registration. These trips may include a "mammal" walk and additional "wildflower" walks.
THE NATURALIST RALLY

This year's rally will be held at the Konnarock Community Center located at the intersection of Virginia Route 600 and Route 603, northeast of Damascus in Washington County, Virginia.

The sixteenth annual Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally is sponsored by the Mount Rogers Citizen Development Corporation and the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, Jefferson National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service.

Regardless of your level or interest the rally has something to offer everyone.

Welcome to this exciting weekend. Mount Rogers, along with sister peaks of Pine Mountain and White top Mountain, form Virginia's highest land masses. The intermingled woods and pastures have been extremely popular among naturalists for many years.

We hope you will enjoy your visit and learn much about the natural history of this beautiful area.

The 1991 Rally will be held May 10 and 11.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

All field trips leave from the Konnarock Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Please note departure times and allow yourself extra time to register (if you have not already done so) and to sign up with field trip leader.

Times indicated are departure times. Trips will be conducted regardless of weather. Be prepared in case of rain.

LODGING

Two U.S. Forest Service campgrounds are available near the Rally site. You may contact the Forest Service at 703-783-5196 for more information. Motels are available in Chilhowie and Marion. Lodging is also available at the Fox Hill Inn in Troutdale (703) 677-3313. You may contact the Chamber of Commerce in Smyth County at 703-783-3161 for details.

Annemarie Steeman-van Dippenbeek
Royal Dutch Society For Natural History

As a member of the "Committee Nature Study Travels of the Royal Dutch Society for Natural History," Annemarie will be guiding a group of twenty Dutch naturalists in the Appalachians for two weeks in May. She has agreed to present a slide and lecture program on the flora, fauna, and the technical adaptations made by naturalist organizations in the Netherlands and other parts of Western Europe.

She has done extensive field study of small and medium size mammals and, as a consequence, animal tracks. She is active in the "Badger and Tree Society," a group which is working for the preservation of native mustelids and their natural habitats. Mustelid habitats are being affected by the continued development of highways, land consolidation, canalization, water pollution, and urbanization.

In 1982 she founded a sanctuary for orphaned badgers (primarily because of road casualties) which is today the nationally well known "Badger Sanctuary."

She has written a number of articles for nature magazines and has done interviews on Dutch and Belgian television and radio. Her work has stimulated national interest in the study of animal tracks and signs. She has delivered a number of lectures, workshops, and courses for nature guides, foresters, and other groups. Annemarie is currently working on a European nature guide/text book on animal tracks.

Annemarie, who is a "naturalist of a late vocation," is married and has children ages 12 and 14.

The group she will be guiding is composed of both professional and amateur naturalists representing varied backgrounds, expertise, and interests. This group will be in attendance Friday night and Saturday to share information and ideas with local naturalists.

1990 RALLY COMMITTEE

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FRIDAY, 11 MAY 1990

5:00 p.m. Registration Begins - Konnarock Community Center - Fee is $3.00 for all persons twelve years of age or older. Please register in advance using the attached form if at all possible.

7:00 p.m. Dinner - Konnarock Community Center - It is necessary to make dinner reservations. The cost is $5.50 per person and should be paid in advance. The Konnarock Community Association provides a home-cooked meal you will not want to miss!

8:00 p.m. Featured Speaker - Konnarock Community Center - Annemarie Steeman-van Dippenbeek of the Royal Dutch Society of Natural History.

SATURDAY, 12 MAY 1990

7:00 a.m. Continued Registration - Anyone who has not registered is encouraged to do so at the Konnarock Community Center.

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Morning Field Trips Depart from Konnarock Community Center - See listing for trips and time of departure information.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break - Pack your own or purchase at one of the nearby stores.

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Field Trips Depart from Konnarock Community Center - See listing for individual trips and departure times. Any afternoon participants who are not registered should do so.

5:00 p.m. Conclusion of Field Trips

PAST SPEAKERS

1977 .................................................. Dr. Fred Alsop, III
East Tennessee State University
1978 .................................................. Dr. Douglas Boyce
Emory & Henry College
1979 .................................................. Dr. Aaron Sharp
University of Tennessee
1980 .................................................. Dr. Charles Handley
Smithsonian Institute
1981 .................................................. Dr. James Hubley
University of Maryland
1982 .................................................. Dr. Warren Wagner
University of Michigan
1983 .................................................. Dr. Ritchie Bell
University of North Carolina
1984 .................................................. Dr. Tom Cade
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1985 .................................................. Dr. Carroll Parkins
Mississippi State University
1986 .................................................. Dr. George Folkers
Auburn University
1987 .................................................. Dr. Peter White
University of North Carolina
1988 .................................................. Michael R. Pelton
University of Tennessee
1989 .................................................. Doug Ogle
Virginia Highlands Community College