SATURDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS

8:00 a.m. Chesnut Trees and Blight
Dr. Fred Hebard of the American Chestnut Foundation will lead a hike to examine the effect of different site conditions on chestnut trees.

8:00 a.m. Salamanders
Join Gregory McConnell of Virginia Intermont College for a morning of hunting and learning about salamanders. Greg is an expert in plethodontid salamanders.

8:00 a.m. Bird Identification
Join trip leaders for sight and sound identification of resident and migratory birds. Bring binoculars and field guides.

8:00 a.m. Bird Census
Part of our bird field leaders will lead teams in a bird survey for the North American Migration Count. Leaders of these two trips will be Dr. Steve Hopp of Emory & Henry, Dr. Fred Alspop of ETSU, Dick Peake of CVC/U.Va., Dr. David Moore of Radford, Carol Boone of Tannersville, Wallace Coffey of Bristol, and Ed Morgan of Abingdon.

8:00 a.m. Medicinal and Herbal Plants
Bob McKinney, interpreter with the USFS, will lead a hike to identify common flowers and plants and discuss medicinal and traditional uses. Group will be limited to 25.

8:00 a.m. All Day Hike to Top of Mt. Rogers
Richard Davis and Randy Stanley will lead this eight-mile trip for hardy hikers and discuss the natural history of the highest peak in Virginia, and the history of the Appalachian Trail. Participants should carry food and drink.

8:15 a.m. Northern Flying Squirrels
Rick Reynolds and John Baker, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will discuss the natural history of Flying Squirrels and will check boxes for active nests. Trip limited to 12 adult participants (12 years or older).

8:15 a.m. Creeper Trail Walk
Join Steve Shelley of the Virginia Department of Forestry on a hike of the Creeper Trail. He will identify local plants and trees as well as talk about the history of the trail.

8:15 a.m. Basic Tree Identification
Paul Clements and Dwayne Huff of the Virginia Department of Forestry will lead a group on tree identification and the silvics of various species.

8:15 a.m. Wildflower Identification
Join Pat Mikesell of Radford University on a lower elevation wildflower walk.

10:00 a.m. Raven Cliff Furnace and Plantation
Meet Mike Barber at entrance to Raven Cliff campground. Program will include introduction to cultural resource management, importance of iron industry in Virginia history, working of iron furnaces, history of Raven Cliff Furnace, tour of Raven Cliff Plantation, and discussion of future interpretation and preservation efforts and needs.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

1:00 p.m. Wilderness Forest & Wilderness Mgmt.
Tim Eling and Mike Evans of USFS will take a group to the wilderness area and discuss the natural history and management of the area. This trip is limited to ten participants.

1:00 p.m. Mushrooms and Fungi
Join mycologists Coleman McClenehan of the University of Tennessee Knoxville and Jack Murphy of V.P.I. to identify common fungi and mushrooms of the region. Bring a hand lens if you have one.

1:00 p.m. Edible & Herbal Uses of Plants
Carolyn Wincher of V.P.I. will lead a hike to identify common plants and wildflowers and discuss their uses by Native Americans and early pioneers.

1:00 p.m. Children’s Nature Program
Youngsters explore “Project Wild” through observation games and activities with Ginny Small, Dayle Zanninger, Judy Green and Teresa Frazier. Parents must attend.

1:00 p.m. Mt. Rogers Geologic Past
Join Dan Manweiler of the Virginia Water Control Board to explore the rock types of the Mt. Rogers complex and how they reveal the different mountain building events of the past. Bring a hand lens if you have one.

1:00 p.m. Climatology
Travel to Whitetop Mountain with Fred and Cindy Huber to see and discuss sensitive natural communities and learn how air pollution and other human activities are affecting them. Binocs and hand lenses may be helpful. Children are welcome. Trip limited to 10 participants.

1:00 p.m. Native Wildflowers
Join Dr. John Palisano of Emory & Henry College for identification of common wildflowers of the Mount Rogers area. Bring field guides and hand lenses if you have them.

1:00 p.m. Basic Tree Identification
Paul Clements and Dwayne Huff of the Virginia Department of Forestry will repeat the morning walk.

1:00 p.m. “The Summer of ’33”
A slide show and lecture by Lloyd Jones, Environmental Specialist with the Virginia Department of Transportation—a cultural interlude in a naturalist weekend. Lloyd will present an interpretive overview of the sights and sounds encountered on White Top Mountain in July and August of 1933—to include the White Top Folk Festival held that summer. If you have photographs or memorabilia to share, bring them with you!
THE NATURALIST RALLY

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

The nineteenth 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 of interest the rally has something to offer everyone.

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

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

The 1994 Rally will be held May 13 and 14.

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 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.

1993 Rally Committee

Chairman: Sam Hambrick
Field Trip Coordinators: Steve Hopp & Pat Mikess
Registration: Carrie Sparks
Treasurer: Marge Pedigo
Secretary: Sharon Hayden

1993 PAST SPEAKERS

Dr. Fred Alsop, III
East Tennessee State University

SPEAKER - MAY 7, 1993

"Trekking with a Wildflower Photographer"

Dr. Fred Alsop is Chairman and Professor of Biological Sciences at East Tennessee State University. Dr. Alsop has a degree in biology and fine arts from Austin Peay State University and a M.S. in Zoology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and a Ph.D. in Zoology also from U.T. Knoxville.

His illustrated lecture emphasizes techniques of photographing wildlife, chiefly birds; his philosophy of nature photography; and a lot of natural history/ecology information about the subjects. Locations range from the Eastern U.S. to Arctic Canada, the Galapagos Islands, and Eastern Africa.

SATURDAY, 8 MAY 1993

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.