SATURDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS

8:00 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 check boxes for active nests. Trip limited to 12 adult participants (12 years or older).

8:00 a.m. Basic Tree Identification
Paul Clements and Martin Agee of the Virginia Department of Forestry will lead a group on tree identification and the silvics of various species.

8:00 a.m. Wildflower Identification
Join Pat Mikesell of Radford University on a lower elevation wildflower walk.

8:00 a.m. Mushrooms and Fungi
Join mycologists Coleman McClellan 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.

8:00 a.m. Helping to Protect Yourself and the Environment
Join Forest Service law-enforcement officer, Mike Evans, to learn ways you can help the Forest Service protect the environment and ensure your personal safety in the woods.

8:00 p.m. Natural Writing
Add zest to diaries, enliven your letters, or even write a publishable magazine article or book, using the helpful hints you'll learn on this writers' walk with author Bob McKinney.

8:00 a.m. Mt. Rogers Geologic Past
Join Dan Manweiler and James Lovett 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.

8:00 a.m. Resource Issues in the Mt. Rogers High Country
Grayson Highlands is a complex ecosystem of almost 5,000 acres. Sandie Purick, Assistant Park Manager of Grayson Highlands State Park, will lead a field trip and discuss resource management issues including plants, animals, and human visitors in the Park.

8:00 a.m. Bird Identification
Join Dr. Steve Hopp, Emory & Henry College, Carol Boone of Saltville and Ed Morgan of Radford University for sight and sound identification of resident and migratory birds. Don't forget your binoculars!

8:00 a.m. Moss Walk
An introduction to mosses, liverworts, and lichens will be provided by leader Dr. David Breit, Lurgoo College. A 10X hand lens will be useful for identification of these small plants while exploring trails or near Mt. Rogers.

8:00 a.m. All Day Hike to the top of Mount Rogers
Dr. Phil Shelton, Clinch Valley College and Richard Davis, 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. Bring clothing for high-elevation chilly weather.

8:00 a.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 of Radford University particularly interesting.

8:00 a.m. Trout and Their Habitat
Bob Wolitz, Supervising Fisheries Biologist of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, 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. Chestnut 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.

1:00 p.m. Salamanders
Join Gregory McConnell of Emory & Henry for an afternoon of hunting and learning about salamanders. Greg is an expert on plethodontid salamanders.

1:00 p.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.

1:00 p.m. Wilderness Forest & Wilderness Mgmt.
Tim Eling 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. Edible & Herbal Uses of Plants
Carolyn Wisner 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. Journey Into the Past
Accompany Dr. Jerry McDonald on a journey into the past. Dr. McDonald will lead a fieldtrip to Saltville valley where stream and lake deposits contain clues to the area's diverse history. The fieldtrip will focus on sites that have yielded the most unusual and important fossil finds. Interested parties may intercept this group at the overlook on Hwy. 107 at 1:45 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Wildflowers
A walk around the Elk Garden area to observe the conspicuous wildflowers, particularly the outstanding population of trout lilies, will be led by Dr. John Bond, Appalachian State University. John will also identify mushrooms if any can be found.

1:00 p.m. Forest Ecology
Dr. Gary Walker of Appalachian State University will discuss forest ecology and identify wildflowers and understory plants. Bring a hand lens and plant field guides if you have them.

1:00 p.m. Wildflower Walk
Join John Dell of Blacksburg on a hike to identify spring wildflowers. Bring your field guides.

1:00 p.m. Geology
Take a walk into the ancient past with Rod Brame of Radford University as he explores the eruption of volcanoes, the march of glaciers, and the birth of a new ocean.
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 twentieth 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 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 1995 Rally will be held May 12 and 13.

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.

The cost is $6.00 per pack.

FRIDAY, 13 MAY 1994

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.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner - Konnarock Community Center. It is necessary to make dinner reservations. The cost is $6.00 per person and should be paid in advance. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Those of you who eat early will have time to work on your campsite or take a stroll before the program at 8:00 p.m. The longer serving time should also alleviate long lines and crowding at dinner. The main course for the meal will be fried chicken.

8:00 p.m. Featured Speaker - Konnarock Community Center - Tom Dierauf, chief of research with Virginia Department of Forestry.

Immediately following the Speaker - Stargazing - Several members of the Bays Mountain Astronomy Club will have telescopes set up in the field below the parking lot. Don't miss this opportunity to view faraway galaxies, nebulas, planets and the stars.

SATURDAY, 14 MAY 1994

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. Morning 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.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break - Pack your own purchase at one of the nearby stores. Courtesy lunch provided for field trip leaders.

1:00 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

Tom Dierauf
Virginia Department of Forestry
"Virginia's Changing Forests"

How Virginia's forests have changed -- and are still changing -- will be the subject of the keynote presentation of the 1994 Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally in Konnarock, Virginia, on Friday evening, May 13. The presenter will be Tom Dierauf, chief of research with the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Mr. Dierauf holds a bachelor of science degree in general agriculture from Rutgers and a master of forestry from Yale. He has had a lifelong interest in silviculture and both a professional and a personal interest in how forests have affected and been affected by human history.

1994 RALLY COMMITTEE

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PAST SPEAKERS

1977 ..................................... Dr. Fred Atlee, 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 Huheey
University of Maryland
1982 ..................................... Dr. Warren Wagner
University of Michigan
1983 ..................................... Dr. Richie Bell
University of North Carolina
1984 ..................................... Dr. Tom Cade
Cornell University
1985 ..................................... Dr. Carroll Parks
Mississippi State University
1986 ..................................... Dr. George Folkerts
Auburn University
1987 ..................................... Dr. Peter White
University of North Carolina
1988 ..................................... Michael R. Pelton
University of Tennessee
1989 ..................................... Doug Ogle
Virginia Highlands Community College
1990 ..................................... Annemarie Steeman-Van Denhoven
Royal Dutch Society for Natural History
1991 ..................................... Dr. Phil Shelton
Clinch Valley College/University of Virginia
1992 ..................................... Dr. Russ Greenberg
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.
1993 ..................................... Dr. Fred Atlee
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