SATURDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS

8:00 a.m. All-Day Hike to Mount Rogers
Dr. Phil Shelton, Clinch Valley College, will lead this popular trip for hardy hikers to the highest peak in Virginia and discuss the unique flora and fauna of the region. Bring food, water and appropriate clothing, including gloves and hat, for cold high-elevation weather.

8:00 a.m. Bird Identification
Allan Trendly, East Tennessee State University, leads this popular trip for the identification of local birds. Bring binoculars and a good field guide.

8:00 Birding
Join Dr. Bob Sheehy from Radford University for sight and sound identification of resident and migratory birds. Don't forget your binoculars and field guides.

8:00 a.m. Spring Walk
This new trip with Gretchen and Robert Boeren, Area Forester for Roanoke and Craig counties, will combine a spring walk in the woods with information on plants and folklore of the region.

8:00 a.m. Appalachian Trail Hike
Tom Davenport, Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club, discusses trail maintenance and interesting facts about the AT through our area. This moderate hike will begin at the Fox Creek trailhead and continue to Old Orchard Shelter, round trip of about 3.5 miles. Bring drinking water and a snack.

8:15 a.m. Small Mammals of MRNRA
Kevin Hamed, Naturalist at Steel Creek Park, will lead you on a trip checking pre-set live traps in hopes of examining a small sample of the great mammal diversity of the region.

8:15 a.m. Tree Identification and Appreciation
Join Larry Wilhite, retired USFS, on an informative hike to emphasize tree identification and appreciation, beginning in the wooded lot surrounding the Konnarock Community Center.

8:15 a.m. Going On A Bear Hunt
Freda Zachary leads this trip for children on learning how natural things combine to make our environment usable - how we affect it and how we can help it.

8:15 a.m. Wildflower Identification
Join Dr. Pat Mikeall, Radford University, on a lower-elevation wildflower walk.

8:15 a.m. Salamander Hunt
Locating salamanders is always fun! Abundant populations and species unique to MRNRA make this field trip led by Prf. Gregory McConnell of Emory & Henry College particularly interesting.

8:15 a.m. Take This: You'll Feel Better (If It Don't Kill You)
Learn some of the ways our mountain ancestors dealt with aches, pains, rattlesnake bites, bad breath and unrequited love in the days before antibiotics and Viagra. Trip leader Bob McKinney is a Forest Service Interpreter, local historian and survivor of fresh-brewed horehound tea, spring "greasy greens," and spoonfuls of sugar soaked in lamp oil.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

1:00 p.m. Wildflower Walk
Join Butch Kelly from the Blue Ridge Wildflower Society on a hike to identify spring wildflowers. Bring your field guides.

1:00 p.m. Aquatic Insects
Join Frank Taylor and discover the amazing diversity and natural history of aquatic insects in several nearby streams. Boots or "river shoes" are recommended but not needed.

1:00 p.m. Nature for Young People
Ginny Small and Jean Terry pair up to lead youngsters on a nature adventure which is sure to be fun as well as educational.

1:00 p.m. Geology Along the Virginia Creeper Trail
Jon Tao, Radford University, will take you on a walk along the Virginia Creeper Trail and describe the ancient past as told in the rocks.

1:00 p.m. Biking the Creeper Trail
Richard Davis, Clinch Valley College, will exhibit several aspects of natural history of the area on this bike ride from Green Cove Campground to Damascus. Meet at Green Cove at 1:00; shuttle back to Green Cove will be provided for $5. Bikers must have their own complete gear.

1:15 p.m. Christmas in May
Get a close-up look at Christmas tree farming in the area with Ronnie Richardson, owner of Mount Rogers Tree Farm.

1:15 p.m. Birding
Ed Morgan, noted regional naturalist and co-author of The Virginia Trail Companion, will lead a trip to identify birds in the lower elevations. Bring your binoculars and field guide.

1:15 p.m. Mountain Weather, Climate and Elevation Measuring
Dan Graybeal, University of Delaware, examines abiotic factors of mountain regions and current methods of measuring elevations. Also expect to be enlightened about the diversity of wildlife in different zones.

1:15 p.m. Herbal Uses of Plants
Tim Phillips, Hungry Mother State Park, will lead a walk to find and identify plants and wildflowers and discuss their many uses. The community center fencelows will provide an abundant plant habitat for this trip. Bring a hand lens if you have one.
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.

Welcome to the twenty-fifth annual Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally.

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

Mount Rogers, along with sister peaks 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 2000 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 540-783-5196 for more information. Accommodations are available at the Fox Hill Inn in Troutdale (540) 677-3313. You may contact the Chamber of Commerce in Smyth County at 540-783-3161 for details.

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 Institution
1981 Dr. Warren Wagner, University of Maryland
1982 Dr.下面的内容被截断了。