

Dear Friends,

The 57th annual Spring Rally will continue the tradition of offering nature enthusiasts the opportunity to enjoy field trips and engaging programs that cover many aspects of the natural history of Roan Mountain and the surrounding area.

The Roan Mountain State Park's Conference Center will host programs, meals, information booths and registration, while field trips will leave from the field on the left before entrance to the cabins in the park. Registration will also be available at the field prior to the field trip departures.

Because of the continued support of the Friends of Roan Mountain, the Naturalists Rallies have the resources they need to prosper and grow. The Friends of Roan Mountain also provides support for research and restoration projects on the Roan. Consider joining the Friends of Roan Mountain, if you are not a member. Members receive free admission to all Naturalists Rally events and our newsletter, "Friends of Roan Mountain." The Friends of Roan Mountain thanks Roan Mountain State Park for their long-time support of the Naturalists Rallies.

We look forward to celebrating the natural history of Roan Mountain with you!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Bauer and James Neves
Spring Rally Directors

Friday Program:
Randy Hedgepath
The Tennessee River

Randy Hedgepath, State Naturalist for Tennessee State Parks, will present a photographic and narrative program on the watershed of Tennessee's namesake river. Flowing down from the highest mountains in the eastern United States, our streams make a long journey to the largest river in the country. Along the way are outstanding natural landmarks and a cross section of our history and culture. Travel with the water of the Doe and Watauga in this entertaining program. Randy is a native of West Tennessee where the family farm was just 15 miles from the Tennessee River. After graduating from UT-Martin and working seasonally for several years for the National Park Service and Tennessee State Parks, he has spent the last 31 years with state parks. Randy worked as a Ranger-Naturalist at South Cumberland State Park on the Cumberland Plateau and at Radnor

Lake Natural Area in Nashville until 2007 when he was given the opportunity to be the statewide naturalist for the state park system.

Saturday Program:
Tavia Cathcart Brown
How Flowers Flirt and Flourish:
The tricks and trials of floral reproduction

We are very excited to have Tavia back as a speaker! Her presentation will describe how flowers use color, scent, shape, and tricks to attract pollinators. Tavia is Executive Director of Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve in Goshen, KY, where she has established a two-acre Woodland Garden that highlights native wildflowers and ferns. The Nature Preserve hosted a record number of 38,000 visitors in 2014. Tavia is highly regarded as a lecturer, educator, writer, and photographer and routinely offers lectures on wildflowers, flora-lore, creating woodland gardens, and gardening with native plants to regional and national groups that include gardeners, college students, and academic audiences. She is co-author and the lead photographer of Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, winner of a 2011 Gold Nautilus Book Award, and co-author of the 16-state field guide Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and Southern Appalachians, which covers 16 states, 1,250 wildflowers, and presents 800 photographs. She currently is writing and taking photographs for her third book, titled How Flowers Flirt and Flourish – The Tricks and Trials of Floral Reproduction. She was selected as "Today's Woman" in the September 2011 issue of Today's Woman magazine, is serving her third term on the executive board of the Louisville Audubon Society, and is on the board of the Prospect Area Chamber of Commerce. Tavia considers herself a very lucky woman to be married to Matthew H. Brown. They garden and live on a family farm in Louisville.

The 50th Annual Roan Mountain Fall Naturalists' Rally will be held September 11-13, 2015

The 58th Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally will be held April 22-24, 2016

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

Roan Mountain *Spring Naturalists Rally* April 24 – 26, 2015

Speakers:



Randy Hedgepath



Tavia Cathcart Brown

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Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally
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Roan Mountain, TN 37687



Naturalists' Rally Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Members, please check if this is a change of address.
BOTH EVENING PROGRAMS AND ALL HIKES:

Non-member Adults # _____ @ \$5.00 = Amount _____

*(Children & Friends of Roan Mountain members—FREE)

ALL MEALS BY PRE-PAID RESERVATION ONLY
RESERVATION DEADLINE—(Tues, April 21st)

Friday, April 24 - Dinner

_____ Adults @ \$9.00 = Amount _____

_____ Children (12 & under) @ 5.00 = Amount _____

Saturday, April 25 - Bag Lunch (Pick up at Conference Ctr. at 12:00 Noon) Note sandwich choice below:

_____ Turkey/Swiss # _____ Ham/Cheese
_____ Chicken Salad # _____ Pimento Cheese

Total lunches # _____ @ \$6.00 ea. = Amount _____

Saturday, April 25 - Dinner

_____ Adults @ \$9.00 = Amount _____

_____ Children (12 & under) @ \$5.00 = Amount _____

FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN MEMBERSHIP

*(You will not need to pay for Program/Hikes)

Check Category: New Member _____ Renewing _____

Individual \$15 _____ Family \$20 _____ Student \$10 _____

Corporate \$45 _____ Lifetime Ind. \$350 _____

Lifetime Family \$450 _____
= Amount _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED= \$ _____

MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN to:

NANCY BARRIGAR, TREASURER

708 ALLEN AVENUE, ELIZABETHTON, TN 37643

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FRIDAY, April 24, 2015

Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center

5:30 pm Registration

6:30 pm Dinner - **Pre-paid Reservations are required and must be received by Tuesday, April 21st. Catered by City Market, Elizabethton, TN. (\$9.00/adults; \$5.00/6 & under): Grilled or Breaded Chicken, Vegetable selection, salad, bread, dessert, drink.

7:30 pm Program – Randy Hedgepath
The Tennessee River

9:00 pm Moth Party (E/KF)
Larry McDaniel and Merrill Lynch

SATURDAY, April 25, 2015

Unless otherwise noted**, field trips will depart/carpool from the field on the left of the Cabin area entrance:

Morning Field Trips:

6:30 am Early Birds at Hampton Creek Cove (E/CP)
Lee & Lois Herndon Bird Club
** Meet at State Park Welcome Center **

8:30 am



- 1 Birds of Roan Mountain** (E/CP)
Lee & Lois Herndon Bird Club
- 2 Strawberry Mountain Trail** (M/CP)
(Approximately 3 miles)
Randy Hedgepath
- 3 Yellow Mountain Gap Hike** (S/CP)
(Approximately 8 miles; bring a lunch)
Marty Silver
- 4 River & High Mountain Wildflowers** (E/CP)
Guy Mauldin
- 5 Tree Identification Basics** (A/KF)
Meg Guy
- 6 Birding for Beginners** (E/KF/CP)
Joe McGuinness
- 7 Birds and Birding Educational Station** (A/KF)
Lee and Lois Herndon Bird Club – Picnic Shelter 1**

Conference Center Displays and Field Stations:

Natural Wool Dyes
Jennifer Bauer

Fossil Casting for All Ages (KF)

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Mick Whitelaw and the ETSU Dept. of Geology and Geoscience Club

12:00 pm Lunch

Bag lunches are available by pre-paid reservation only. Choice of sandwich (see form), chips, cookie, drink - \$6.00. Reserve by Tuesday, April 21st.

12:30 pm Program – Tavia Cathcart Brown
Beyond the Feeder: Gardening to Attract Birds

Afternoon Field Trips:



2:00 pm

- 1 Land Snails and Invertebrates** (E/KF)
Dan Dourson
- 2 Nature Walk for Everybody** (A/KF)
TBD
- 3 Wildflowers and Trees of Heaton Creek Ridge** (M/CP)
David Hall
- 4 Baatany Goat Project & Roan's Unique Alder Bald** (M/CP)
Jamey Donaldson
- 5 Aquatic Insects as Water Quality Indicators** (E/KF/W)
Gary Barrigar
- 6 Butterflies and Insects** (E/KF/CP)
Larry McDaniel

Evening Activities:

Roan Mtn. State Park Conference Center

6:30 pm Dinner - **Pre-paid Reservations are required and must be received by Tuesday, April 21st. Catered by City Market, Elizabethton, TN (\$9.00/Adults, \$5.00/6 and under): Roast Pork or Veggie Lasagna, Vegetable selection, salad, bread, dessert, drink.

7:30 pm Program – Tavia Cathcart Brown
How Flowers Flirt and Flourish: The tricks and trials of floral reproduction

9:00 pm Viewing the Summer Skies (E/KF/CP)
** Event at the Dave Miller Homestead **
Gary Henson, ETSU

Moth Party (E/KF)
Larry McDaniel and Merrill Lynch

SUNDAY, April 26, 2015

Field trips will depart/carpool from the field on the left of the Cabin area entrance:

Morning Field Trips:

8:30 am

- 1 Birds of Hampton Creek Cove** (M/CP/KF)
James Neves
- 2 Ed Schell Memorial Doe River Gorge Wildflowers & Geology Hike** (M/CP/KF)
(All-day hike; bring water, lunch, and rain gear)
Gabrielle Zeiger & Mick Whitelaw

Afternoon Field Trips:



2:00 pm

- 1 Salamanders** (E/KF/CP)
Dale Ledford
- 2 Butterflies and Dragonflies** (E/KF/W/CP)
James Neves

Key for Hikes and Tours

E – Easy; **M** – Moderate; **S** – Strenuous;
A – Accessible.
CP – Carpooling; **KF** – Kid Friendly
W – Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

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Lodging

Roan Mountain State Park	423-772-0190
Americourt, Elizabethton	423-542-4466
Travelers Inn, Elizabethton	423-543-3344
Spencer's Mountain Cabins, Roan Mtn	423-772-0059
Roan Mountain Bed & Breakfast	423-772-3207
Lakeshore Resort & Marina	423-725-2201
Beech Mtn. Slopeside Chalets	800-692-2061
Pinnacle Inn Resort	800-405-7888
Safe Haven Farm	423-725-4262
Doe River Inn	423-543-1444
Mountain Harbour	866-772-9494