



Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally
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124 Sugar Hollow Ridge Road
Roan Mountain, TN 37687

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally

Friday - Sunday
May 4 – 6, 2012

**Friday's
Guest Speaker:**
John Pickering



Program:
Discover Life:
Public Participation
in Natural History
Surveys

**Saturday's
Guest Speaker:**
Leonard Atkins



Program:
Traversing Ancient
Mountains: 2000
Miles on the
Appalachian Trail

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On Saturday evening, our featured speaker will be award-winning Virginia author, Leonard M. Adkins. Profiled by *Backpacker* magazine and referred to as "The Habitual Hiker," Mr. Adkins has hiked the entire Appalachian Trail five times and is the author of 17 books about the outdoors and travel. He has aided the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in protecting endangered plants by being a Natural Heritage Monitor and a ridgerunner. He has served on the Board of Directors for both the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club and the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club, and he has been a volunteer maintainer of the trail near McAfee Knob. Six of Leonard's books are about the AT, including *The Appalachian Trail: A Visitor's Companion* (Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award) and *Wildflowers of the Appalachian Trail* (National Outdoor Book Award). He is currently a columnist for *Blue Ridge Country* and the hiking blogger for www.richmondoutside.com.

Mr. Adkins will present *Traversing Ancient Mountains: 2,000 Miles on the Appalachian Trail*. The presentation, accompanied by folk and classical music, is a compilation of his treks on the Appalachian Trail and depicts a typical "thru-hike" from late winter to fall, and from Georgia to Maine. Mr. Adkins will have several of his books for sale before and after his presentation.

We hope that you will come celebrate the natural history of Roan Mountain with us and our wonderful field trip leaders and excellent guest speakers!



Sincerely,
Jennifer Bauer and James Neves
Spring Rally Directors

*The 48th Annual Roan Mountain Fall Naturalists' Rally
will be held September 7-9, 2012*

*The 55th Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists
Rally will be held May 3-5, 2013*

Dear Friends,

The 54th annual Spring Rally will continue the tradition of offering field trips led by top naturalists and engaging programs given by celebrated naturalists. While there will always be field trips that are favorites and are offered every spring, we are excited to offer several brand new field trips this year. One of the new offerings is bird banding in Hampton Creek Cove early Saturday morning with Mark Hopey of Southern Appalachian Raptor Research. On Saturday, Mark will also give our lunchtime, Raptors of the Southern Appalachians, highlighting his research.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. John "Pick" Pickering of Discover Life as our featured speaker on Friday night. Dr. Pickering has been a naturalist since his childhood in England. He received a Ph.D. in Biology from Harvard in 1980 and has lived in Athens, Georgia since 1984, where he serves on the faculty of the Odum School of Ecology. He co-founded the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Discover Life website, and the Georgia Natural History Survey. His passions include understanding insects, plants, and their interactions. Every morning he gets up before dawn and has fun taking photographs of moths. His online album includes 95,000 photographs of nearly 2,000 species.

Discover Life (www.discoverlife.org) is collecting data to monitor the impacts of climate, pollution, and invasives on species and their interactions. The research methods are simple: use digital photography and web tools to monitor key groups of organisms such as moths, bees, wildflowers, and lichens. Individuals and study sites wishing to participate should contact Nancy Lowe (nancy@discoverlife.org).

Please join John for "Moth Parties" (www.discoverlife.org/moth) with Larry McDaniel after the evening programs on Friday and Saturday nights, and for his photography workshop and photowalk on Saturday afternoon to document wildflowers and their pollinators.

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Naturalists' Rally Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

BOTH EVENING PROGRAMS AND ALL HIKES :

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

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

ALL MEALS BY PRE-PAID RESERVATION ONLY

RESERVATION DEADLINE- Tuesday, May 1st

Friday, May 4, 2012- Dinner

____ Adults @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

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

Saturday, May 5, 2012 - Bag Lunch

(Pick up at Conference Center at 12:00 Noon) Choose sandwich :

____ Turkey/Swiss # ____ Ham/Cheese

____ Chicken Salad # ____ Pimento Cheese

Total lunches # ____ @ \$5.50 ea. = \$ _____

Saturday, May , 2012- Dinner

____ Adults @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

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

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 ____ = \$ _____

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, May 4, 2011

Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center

5:30 pm **Registration**

6:30 pm **Dinner** - **Reservations Required**

Catered by City Market, Elizabethton, TN. (\$9.00/adults; \$5.00/12 & under): Grilled or Breaded Chicken, Vegetable selection, salad, bread, dessert, drink.

7:30 pm **PROGRAM – Dr. John Pickering** **Discover Life: Public Participation in** **Natural History Surveys**

9:00 pm **Moth Party** (E/KF)

John Pickering & Larry McDaniel

Saturday, May 5, 2011

Morning Tours:

6:00 am **Nature Photography – Sunrise at Carver's** **Gap** (M)

Jerry Greer

Meet at Carver's Gap

6:30 am **Birds of East Tennessee** (E)

Lee & Lois Herndon Bird Club

Meet at Sycamore Shoals State Park in Elizabethton

7:00 am **Bird Banding – A Closer Look at Birds for** **Bird Watchers of All Ages and Abilities**

(E/KF)

Southern Appalachians Raptor Research

Meet at Hampton Creek Cove Natural Area

8:30 am

Meet in the field on the left of the Cabin area entrance:

1 **Birds of Roan Mountain** (E/CP)

Lee & Lois Herndon Bird Club

2 **Jones Falls Hike** (M-S/CP)

Hike is ~3 miles, out and back

Marty Silver

3 **River & High Mountain Wildflowers** (E/CP)

Guy Mauldin

4 **Nature Discoveries for Young Folks** (KF/CP)

Nora Schubert

5 **Nature Photography** (E/CP)

Jerry Greer

6 **Wildflowers of the Turkey Trot Trail** (M)

Tim McDowell

9:30 am **Kids Field-Shops!**

Birding for Beginners (E/KF/CP)

Meet in the field on the left of the Cabin area
entrance

Lee & Lois Herndon Bird Club

Fossils for All Ages (E/KF)

Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center

J.R. Arnold and Mike Zavada, Mick Whitelaw, and

ETSU Dept. of Geology and Geoscience Club

Make your own plaster cast of animals!!!

12:30 pm **PROGRAM – Mark Hopley**

Raptors of the Southern Appalachians

Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center

Bag Lunches

Available by reservation only. Choice of sandwich (see form), chips, cookie, drink - \$5.50/ea.

Afternoon Tours:

Meet in the field on the left of the Cabin area entrance

2:00 pm



1 **Photowalk: Wildflowers and their Pollinators**

(E/CP)

John Pickering

2 **Wildflowers of Heaton Creek Ridge** (M/CP)

David Hall & Patsy Schang

3 **Reptiles and Amphibians of Roan Mountain**

(E/KF/CP)

Jacob Young

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 & Cathy Landy

Evening Activities:

Roan Mtn. State Park Conference Center

6:30 pm **Dinner** - **Reservations Required**

Catered by City Market, Elizabethton, TN (\$9.00/Adults, \$5.00/12 and under): Roast Pork or Lasagna, Vegetable selection, salad, bread, dessert, drink.

7:30 pm **PROGRAM – Leonard Adkins**

Traversing Ancient Mountains: 2,000 Miles **on the Appalachian Trail**

Silent Auction – Selections of Ed Schell's photography prints will be auctioned to benefit the Friends of Roan Mountain and the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. A huge thank you goes to Ed for his donation and Gabrielle Zeiger for handling the logistics.

9:00 pm **Viewing the Summer Skies** (E/KF/CP)

Event at the Dave Miller Homestead

Gary Henson, ETSU

9:00 pm **Moth Party** (E/KF)

John Pickering & Larry McDaniel

Sunday, May 6, 2011

8:30 am

Meet in the field on the left of the Cabin area entrance

1 **Birds of Hampton Creek Cove** (M/CP/KF)

James Neves

2 **Doe River Gorge Wildflowers and Geology**

(M/CP)

All Day Hike – Alternative meeting place at the McDonald's in Hampton

Gabrielle Zeiger & Mick Whitelaw

3 **Wildflowers of Cates Hole** (E/CP)

Angela Hoover

2:00 pm

1 **Butterflies** (E/KF/CP)

Don Holt

2 **Salamanders** (E/KF)

Gregory McConnell

Key for Hikes and Tours

E – Easy; **M** – Moderate; **S** – Strenuous

CP – Carpooling; **KF** – Kid Friendly

W – Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet.

Additional Information

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James Neves – 706-224-3355 or jamesneves@gmail.com

LODGING

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