

2024 FALL RALLY REGISTRATION

Name: _____

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REGISTRATION FEES

Online and on-site registration are also available.

MEMBERS: all activities free # _____

NON-MEMBERS

Weekend - all activities \$15 x # _____ = \$ _____

Fri night program only \$ 5 x # _____ = \$ _____

Sat field trips only \$10 x # _____ = \$ _____

Sat night program only \$ 5 x # _____ = \$ _____

Sun field trips only \$10 x # _____ = \$ _____

CHILDREN / STUDENTS # _____

(under 18) - all activities

MEALS must be PREPAID by TUES, Sept. 3

DINNER - FRI NIGHT

Adults \$13 x # _____ = \$ _____

Children 12 and under \$ 6 x # _____ = \$ _____

LUNCH - SAT (bag lunch) \$ 8 x # _____ = \$ _____

Choose # _____ turkey/swiss, # _____ ham/cheese
_____ chicken salad # _____ pimento cheese

DINNER - SAT NIGHT

Adults \$13 x # _____ = \$ _____

Children 12 and under \$ 6 x # _____ = \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP IN FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN

Category: _____ New Member _____ Renewal
Individual \$20 _____ Corporate \$ 50 _____
Family \$30 _____ Lifetime - individual \$350 _____
Student \$10 _____ Lifetime - family \$450 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$

MAIL this form along with your check payable to Friends of Roan Mountain to:

Nancy Barrigar, Treasurer
708 Allen Ave.
 Elizabethton, TN 37643

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY September 6: All activities take place at Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center.

5:30 PM REGISTRATION

6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER - requires PREPAID reservation by deadline of Tuesday, September 3

7:30 PM PROGRAM

“Tips for Fall Birding” Holly Taylor

9:00 PM Night Walk (E, Kf) Cade Campbell

SATURDAY September 7: Field trips will carpool from the field adjacent to the cabin area entrance.

7:00-8:00 AM Moth Viewing (Meet at the conference center) (Kf) Larry McDaniel

8:30 AM FIELD TRIPS

- 1. Birds (E) Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter TOS
- 2. Beginning Birds (E) Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter
- 3. Wildflowers (E) Guy Mauldin
- 4. Useful Plants (E, Kf) Marty Silver
- 5. Mushrooms (E) Cindy Fowler & Ken Crouse
- 6. Spiders (E, Kf) T. J. Jones
- 7. Snakes (E, Kf) Philip Hysten
- 8. Stream Ecology (E, Kf, W) Gary Barrigar & Janet Brown

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM Conference Center activities:

- 1. Fossil Casting for All Ages (Kf) Mick Whitelaw, ETSU Dept. of Geology and Geoscience Club
- 2. Flint Knapping - Demonstration of ancient method of fashioning tools from stone. (Kf) Bob Estep

Lunch Time Slide Show Marty Silver

12:00 PM Lunch - Bag lunches at Conference Center by pre-paid reservation only (deadline Tues, Sept 3) or you are welcome to bring your own lunch.

12:30 pm - Program “Insects & Traditional Medicine” Cade Campbell

2:00 PM FIELD TRIPS:

- 1. Wildflowers (E) Holly Taylor
- 2. Geology of Roan Mtn. (M) Mick Whitelaw
- 3. Wildlife Tracking (E, Kf) Marty Silver
- 4. Mosses & Liverworts (E) Jim Goldsmith
- 5. Salamanders (E, Kf) Tyler Wicks
- 6. Appalachian Cove Forest Exploration (E, Kf) Cade Campbell
- 7. Butterflies (E, Kf) Don Holt

5:45 PM Annual FORM membership meeting

6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER - at Roan Mtn. State Park Conference Center: requires PREPAID Reservation by deadline of Tuesday, September 3

7:30 PM PROGRAM

“Conserving the Stage: The Nature Conservancy’s Strategies for a Resilient Appalachian Landscape ” Gabrielle Lynch

9:00 PM Night Walk (E, Kf) Cade Campbell

SUNDAY SEPT 8: Field trips will leave from the field adjacent to the cabin area entrance.

7:30-8:30 AM Moth Viewing (Meet at the conference center) (Kf) Larry McDaniel

9:00 AM FIELD TRIPS:

- 1. Birds (E) Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter TOS
- 2. Rare Plants of the Roan Highlands Gary Kaufman (E)
- 3. Salamanders (E, Kf, W) Dale Ledford

2:00 PM FIELD TRIPS:

- 1. Butterflies and Other Insects (E, Kf) Lance Jessee
- 2. Birds of Prey (E, Kf) Philip Hysten
- 3. Mushrooms (E) Coleman McCleneghan

KEY: E Easy
M Moderate
S Strenuous
Kf Kid-friendly
W May get wet

For More Information

Gary Barrigar and Larry McDaniel, Rally Directors
friendsofroan@gmail.com

Lodging:

Roan Mountain State Park Cabins (423) 547-3900 and Campground

Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce (423) 547-3850

Avery County Chamber of Commerce (828) 898-5605

Websites

www.friendsofroanmtn.org
www.facebook.com /FriendsofRoanMountain

MEAL MENU

We offer meals catered by City Market of Elizabethton. You must prepay for meals by deadline of Sept 3 (see registration form). No meals will be available for those who have not prepaid. The evening meals are served buffet-style with salad, hot entrée, side items, drink, and dessert. The lunch is a bag lunch with sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and drink.

SAVE THESE DATES!



*Xtreme Roan Adventures
Kid's Rally July 26-27, 2024*

*The 13th Annual Roan Mountain
Winter Naturalists Rally
February 15, 2025*

*The 65th Annual Roan Mountain
Spring Naturalists Rally
April 25 - April 27, 2025*

This will be the sixty-second year the Fall Roan Mountain Naturalists Rally has drawn nature enthusiasts from all over the country to Roan Mountain, the jewel of the southern Appalachians. This event and all of the Friends of Roan Mountain events would not be possible without our volunteer field trip leaders, the support of Roan Mountain State Park and the Friends of Roan membership.

Consider joining the Friends of Roan Mountain, if you are not a member. Members get free admission to all Naturalists Rally events and our newsletter which is published twice a year.

Evening and lunch programs will take place in Roan Mountain State Park's Conference Center. Field trips will leave from the field on the left beside the entrance to the park cabins.

Gary Barrigar and Larry McDaniel - Co-Directors

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM:

“Tips for Fall Birding”

Holly Taylor graduated in 2009 from Tennessee Technological University with a BS in Conservation Biology. She spent six years working as a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger at Edgar Evins State Park and two years as a wildlife presenter for the Natural History Education Company of the Mid-South (now Animalogy). Starting in 2018 she filled the role of Assistant State Naturalist, working with State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath leading hikes, tours, classes and a variety of interpretive programs featuring the state's rich natural heritage. Holly currently works as an Interpretive Ranger, specializing in natural resources. She also serves as the chapter coordinator for the Tennessee Naturalist Program based out of Cummins Falls State Park. While she has a strong interest in anything related to the natural world, she is particularly fond of birds, flora and invertebrates. She loves nothing more than exploring Tennessee and learning about the wonders of nature and igniting that sense of wonder with others. She and her husband Mark, a Park Ranger, live on a farm in Middle Tennessee with a plethora of animals and their son, Ian.

Presentation Description:

Tips for fall birding - binos, ears, apps and more: Join TN State Parks Interpretive Ranger Holly Taylor to delve into the exciting (yet often confusing) world of fall birding. We will explore best practices for traditional birding, as well as utilizing modern technology as a helpful tool for success.

SATURDAY AFTER LUNCH PROGRAM:

“Insects & Traditional Medicine”

ETSU undergraduate researcher Cade Campbell will discuss his studies with the Whitaker Lab. He has been working to document the interactions of native insects and Appalachian medicinal plants compared to species used in the folk tradition.

SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM:

“Conserving the Stage: The Nature Conservancy's Strategies for a Resilient Appalachian Landscape”

Gabrielle (Gabby) Lynch began her conservation career with The Nature Conservancy's Tennessee Chapter in 1993. Gabby directs the Chapter's statewide land acquisition program and has closed over 250,000 acres of conservation real estate transactions, with particular focus in the Appalachian landscape. Gabby also manages the Shady Valley Stream and Wetland Mitigation Bank, where the Chapter protects and restores endangered aquatic resources and species. Gabby also serves on the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority Board, which began as an 8,600-acre land acquisition project that is now locally managed as a multi-use recreation trails system in an “At-Risk” rural east Tennessee county. Gabby was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and holds a B.S. degree in Forestry & Wildlife from Virginia Tech. She lives in Boone, North Carolina with her daughter, Dovie.

Presentation Description:

The Appalachians' varied terrain, diverse geology, and microclimates enable animals and plants to shift habitats as the climate changes. These landscapes also provide clean drinking water for at least 22 million people, and its forests reduce the volume of planet-warming carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Yet these irreplaceable landscapes face growing threats from climate change, mining, poorly planned development, and outdated dams and culverts that fragment wildlife habitat and imperil many species' very existence. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has identified the Appalachians as a globally important landscape for tackling climate change and conserving biodiversity. Gabby Lynch, TNC-TN's Director of Protection, will discuss how TNC's Appalachians initiative impacts Tennessee in three ways: connecting a network of resilient lands and waters, employing “natural climate solutions”, and supporting human communities.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL

Roan Mountain Fall Naturalists Rally **SEPT. 6 – SEPT. 8, 2024**



**Friday Night Speaker
Holly Taylor**



**Saturday Night Speaker
Gabrielle Lynch**

**Sponsored by
The Friends of Roan Mountain**

Gary Barrigar, President

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Deadline for meal reservations: September 3, 2024

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