

2023 SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION

Register with this mail-in form, or online at friendsofroanmountain.org, or on-site at the rally.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check if address has changed..

FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN MEMBERSHIP:

Includes all activities for spring, fall, and winter rallies for one year plus newsletter. Does not include meals.

___ New Member ___ Renewal

Individual	\$20 ___	Corporate	\$ 50 ___
Family	\$30 ___	Lifetime - individual	\$350 ___
Student	\$10 ___	Lifetime - family	\$450 ___

RALLY REGISTRATION WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP:

For this rally only. Does not include meals.

Weekend - all activities	\$15 x # ___ =	\$ ___
Evening program	Fri ___	\$ 5 x # ___ = \$ ___
	Sat ___	\$ 5 x # ___ = \$ ___
Field trips	Sat ___	\$10 x # ___ = \$ ___
	Sun ___	\$10 x # ___ = \$ ___
Under age 18	All activities	FREE

MEAL RESERVATIONS Prepaid deadline Tues. Apr 25

DINNER Fri. night	Adult	\$13 x # ___ =	\$ ___
	Child < 12	\$ 6 x # ___ =	\$ ___
LUNCH Sat. (bag lunch)	\$8.00 x # ___ =		\$ ___
	Choose: # ___ turkey/swiss # ___ chicken salad	# ___ ham/cheese # ___ pimento cheese	
DINNER Sat. night	Adult	\$13 x # ___ =	\$ ___
	Child < 12	\$ 6 x # ___ =	\$ ___

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

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

\$ _____

Total Enclosed

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY APRIL 28 Conference Center Activities

5:30 pm Registration and Check-in

6:30 pm Buffet Dinner - Requires reservation prepaid by deadline of Tues April 25.

7:30 pm Program: *Co-existing with Snakes*
by Connie Deegan

9:00 pm

1. **Night Walk** (E, J, ☺) Cade Campbell

2. **Moth Viewing** (E, ☺) Larry McDaniel

SATURDAY APRIL 29

6:30 am Early Birds (E) Herndon Chapter TOS. Meet at park Visitors Center (water wheel). Bring binoculars.

8:30 am Field Trips: Meet at the field adjacent to the park cabins entrance. On-site registration is available.

1. **Birds of Roan Mountain** (E, ☺) Herndon Chapter TOS. Bring binoculars.

2. **Beginning Birding** (E, ☺) Herndon Chapter TOS. Bring binoculars.

3. **Salamanders** (E, ☺) Tyler Wicks

4. **Wildflowers** (E) Guy Mauldin

5. **Land Snails** (E, ☺) Cade Campbell

6. **Introduction to iNaturalist** (E, ☺) Philip Hylan

7. **Hike to Jones Falls** (M/S) Marty Silver

11:00 am - 1:30 pm Conference Center Activities

1. **Fossil Casting** - (☺) Mick Whitelaw, ETSU Dept. of Geology, Geoscience Club

2. **Flint Knapping - Demonstration of ancient method of fashioning tools from stone.**
(☺) Bob Estep

11:30 pm - Nature Slide Show - Tracy Campbell

12:00 pm Lunch - Bag lunches with prepaid reservation (deadline Tues April 25) or bring your own lunch and join us!

12:30 pm - Program "Native Orchids to North American & Nearby" - Mary Ruden



2:00 pm Field Trips: Meet at the field adjacent to the park cabins entrance.

1. **Wildflowers** (E) Anne Whittemore

2. **Mosses and Liverworts** (M)
Jim Goldsmith

3. **Aquatic Insects as Water Quality Indicators**
(W, E, ☺) Gary Barrigar and Anna Grizzard

4. **Hampton Creek Cove Hike** (M, ☺) Richard Broadwell

5. **Wildlife Tracking** (E, ☺) Marty Silver

6. **Butterflies** (E, ☺) Park Greer

7. **Geology/Paleo-ecology Hike** 5 mi (M/S, ☺)
Jeremy Stout.

6:30 pm Buffet Dinner—Requires reservation prepaid by deadline of Tues. April 25.

Conference Center Activities

7:30 pm Program: *Flora Lore & Uses - Fascinating Stories About Flowers*
by Tavia Cathcart

9:00 pm

1. **Night Walk** (E, ☺) Cade Campbell

2. **Moth Viewing** (E, ☺) Larry McDaniel

KEY:	E	Easy
	M	Moderate
	S	Strenuous
	☺	Kid-friendly
	W	Wade in water



MEAL MENU

We offer meals catered by City Market of Elizabethton. You must prepay for meals by deadline of April 25 (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.

SUNDAY APR 30

5:45 am Sunrise Hike (M, ☺) Connie Deegan (meet at Carver's Gap parking area, walk up Round Bald, will be back at park for 9:00 AM field trips)

9:00 am Field Trips Meet at the field adjacent to the park cabins entrance.

1. **Birds of Hampton Creek Cove** (M, ☺)
Herndon Chapter TOS. Bring binoculars.

2. **Laurel Falls Hike: Dennis Cove to Hampton** (M, ☺)
Gabrielle Zeiger, Mick Whitelaw, Don Holt. All-day hike; bring water, lunch and rain gear.

3. **Snake Talk/Walk** Connie Deegan (E, ☺)

2:00 pm Field Trips Meet at the field adjacent to the park cabins entrance.

1. **Salamanders** (E, ☺) Lance Jesse

2. **Twin Springs Ephemerals and Plant Ecology** (E)
Jamey Donaldson

Lodging:

Roan Mountain State Park Cabins (423) 547-3900
and Campground reserve.tnstateparks.com/roan-mountain

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

Avery County Chamber of Commerce (828) 898-5605

SAVE THESE DATES!



*Xtreme Roan Adventures
Kid's Rally July 28-29, 2023*

*The 61th Annual Roan Mountain Fall
Naturalists Rally
September 8-10, 2023*

*The 16th Annual Roan Mountain
Winter Naturalists Rally
February 17, 2024*

This year marks the 64th year that naturalists and those that love nature have been gathering at Roan Mountain for the Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally. This spring's rally promises to be one of the best with evening speakers Connie Deegan and Tavia Cathcart, lunchtime activities, a lunchtime program by Mary Ruden, a lunchtime slide show and a great variety of field trips over the entire weekend. This event and all the events and activities sponsored by the Friends of Roan Mountain would not be possible without many volunteers and the support of Roan Mountain State Park. Many thanks to all!

Gary Barrigar and Larry McDaniel
Co-Directors, Spring Rally



Friday Evening Program:

Co-existing with Snakes Connie Deegan

Connie Deegan is a naturalist with the Johnson City, TN Parks and Recreation Department, specializing in herpetology. Deegan is responsible for trail signage and maps, trail design and construction, and keeping the trails clear of downed trees. She conducts week-long seasonal camps about nature and writes a popular weekly nature series, 'Naturally Yours'. Connie received the Tennessee Wildlife Federation Conservation Achievement Award in 2021 for Conservation Educator of the Year. She also received the 2022 Pinnacle Award for Adventure Tourism Leader.

Program Description:

Snakes are an amazingly important part of the ecosystem and many people happily coexist with snakes on their property. Deegan's program will include a discussion on the physiology of snakes and what to do in the event of a rare mishap.

Saturday Evening Program:

Flora Lore & Uses – Fascinating Stories About Flowers Tavia Cathcart Brown

Tavia is Executive Director of the 170-acre Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve in Goshen, Kentucky, where she has established a two-acre Woodland Garden that highlights native wildflowers and ferns, along with creating multiple Certified Monarch Waystations. With Tavia's support, Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve started Kentucky's first full-time outdoor preschool, Thrive Forest School, serving more than 350 students and campers a year. During the pandemic, Tavia created a Take a Walk with Tavia video series about plants, which may be viewed from Creasey Mahan's web site or YouTube page. She coauthored the field guide, *Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and Southern Appalachians*, which covers 16 states, 1,250 wildflowers, and presents 800 photographs. A highly regarded lecturer, educator, writer and photographer, Tavia shares her love of plants and pollinators at every opportunity, giving presentations to regional and national groups.

Program Description:

Tavia will present vivid examples of how Native Americans and early pioneers used plants as medicinal aids. You'll also discover myths, legends, and lore spotlighting wildflowers that were revered and sometimes feared.

***SIXTIETH-FOURTH ANNUAL
Roan Mountain
Spring Naturalists Rally
April 28–30, 2023***

Featured Speakers:



Connie Deegan



Tavia Cathcart Brown

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Gary Barrigar, President
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Deadline for meal reservations: April 25, 2023

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708 Allen Avenue
Elizabethton, TN 37643



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Friends of Roan Mountain

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to share and preserve the natural beauty and cultural history of Roan Mountain. We sponsor three naturalists rallies each year and a summer nature rally for kids. We also support the environmental mission of Roan Mountain State Park and the US Forest Service including environmental studies, conservation, and restoration. Your membership supports these worthy projects and entitles you to free participation in all activities of the spring, fall, and winter rallies for a year plus the newsletter.

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