

2024 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 23

DINNER	Adult	\$13 x # ___ = \$ ___
Fri. night	Child < 12	\$ 6 x # ___ = \$ ___
LUNCH Sat. (bag lunch)		\$8.00 x # ___ = \$ ___
Choose:	# ___ turkey/swiss # ___ ham/cheese	
	# ___ chicken salad # ___ pimento cheese	
DINNER	Adult	\$13 x # ___ = \$ ___
Sat. night	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 26 Conference Center Activities

5:30 pm Registration and Check-in

6:30 pm Buffet Dinner - Requires reservation prepaid by deadline of Tues April 23.

7:30 pm Program: *History of Pisgah and Cherokee National Forests* by Marci Spencer

9:00 pm

- Night Walk** (E, ☺) Cade Campbell
- Moth Viewing** (E, ☺) Larry McDaniel

SATURDAY APRIL 27

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.

- Birds of Roan Mountain** (E, ☺) Herndon Chapter TOS. Bring binoculars.
- Beginning Birding** (E, ☺) Herndon Chapter TOS. Bring binoculars.
- Salamanders** (E, ☺) Lance Jesse
- Wildflowers** (E) Guy Mauldin
- Foraging and Ethnobotany** (E, ☺) Cade Campbell
- Geo Adventure, Peg Leg Mine Trail** (E, ☺) Philip Hylan
- Hike to Jones Falls** (M/S) Marty Silver



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

- Fossil Casting** (☺) Mick Whitelaw, ETSU Dept. of Geology, Geoscience Club
- 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 23) or bring your own lunch and join us!

12:30 pm - Program: *Nature Jeopardy* by Sharon Mammoser

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

- Wildflowers** (E) Mitchell Kent
- Mosses and Liverworts** (M) Jim Goldsmith
- Aquatic Insects as Water Quality Indicators** (W, E, ☺) Gary Barrigar
- Hampton Creek Cove Hike** (M, ☺) Richard Broadwell
- Wildlife Tracking** (E, ☺) Marty Silver
- Tech in Nature** (E, ☺) Philip Hylan
- Geology/Paleo-ecology Hike** 5 mi (M/S, ☺) Jeremy Stout.

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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 23 (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, cookie, and drink.

SUNDAY APR 28

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

- Birds of Hampton Creek Cove** (M, ☺) Herndon Chapter TOS. Bring binoculars.
- Doe River Gorge** (M, ☺) Mick Whitelaw, Don Holt. All-day hike; bring water, lunch and rain gear. (No dogs!)
- Salamanders** (E, ☺) Trevor Chapman

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

- Butterflies and Other Insects** (E, ☺) Cade Campbell
- Twin Springs Ephemerals and Plant Ecology** (E) Jamey Donaldson

Lodging:

Roan Mountain State Park Cabins & Campground (423) 547-3900
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 26-27, 2024***

***The 62nd Annual Roan Mountain
Fall Naturalists Rally
September 6-8, 2024***

***The 17th Annual Roan Mountain
Winter Naturalists Rally
February 15, 2025***

This will be the 65th 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 is set to be one of the finest with evening speakers Marci Spencer and Sharon Mammoser, lunchtime activities, a lunchtime program by Sharon Mammoser, a lunchtime slide show and a great variety of field trips over the entire weekend. All activities at the rally are family-friendly, and there are a variety of difficulty levels. This rally, and all rallies, are sponsored by the Friends of Roan Mountain and 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

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 support the environmental mission of Roan Mountain State Park and the U.S. Forest Service including environmental studies and conservation projects. Our membership supports these worth projects and entitles you to free participation in all activities of the spring, fall, and winter rallies for a year plus our newsletter.

Join today!
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Friday Evening Program:
History of Pisgah and Cherokee National Forests - Marci Spencer

Marci is a retired nurse practitioner and medical missionary with a graduate degree from East Tennessee State University. She is the author of *Clingmans Dome, Highest Mountain in the Great Smokies*; *Pisgah National Forest: a*

History; Nantahala National Forest: a History; Pisgah Inn; and the upcoming, *Cherokee National Forest: a History*, all published by The History Press/Arcadia. Grateful Steps published her children's book, *Potluck, Message Delivered: "The Great Smoky Mountains are Saved!"* The Personal Story Publishing Project has published two of her essays, and Yosemite Conservancy published her essay in their book, *The Wonder of It All: 100 Stories from the National Park Service*.

Program Description: The U.S. has 154 national forests. In the Southern Appalachians, two national forests meet at the Tennessee/North Carolina border. Marci will share their USFS history of land acquisitions, wildlife protection, and resource management and their human history of the Cherokee people, settlers, and explorers

Saturday Evening Program:
Magic in the Dark: Nature's Magic Makers: Fireflies and Glowworms - Sharon Mammoser

As a child, Sharon Mammoser spent her free time outside exploring the wild land around her house in western New York. She got her first camera at age 10, fascinated with the natural world and wanting to share it with others.

Sharon earned a B. S. Degree in Education from SUNY New Paltz, and then went on to share natural history with people of all ages in several states. After completing a thru-hike of the 2000+ mile Appalachian Trail, she moved to western NC.

Program Description: Many of us have fond memories of running through a meadow on a moonless summer night, trying to catch the tiny insects blinking in the darkness. We laughed as we zigged and zagged, awed when we caught one, watching in wonder as the silent glow lit up our small hands. For me and many others, fireflies still evoke feelings of wonder.

Even though there are 2000 species of fireflies, most people know little about them. Do they all glow? What's their lifespan? Are they less common now? In this presentation we'll explore the lifecycle of fireflies and their unique adaptations. We'll also learn how to make our yards more firefly friendly.

**65th Annual
Roan Mountain
Spring Naturalists Rally
April 26–28, 2024**

Featured Speakers:



Marci Spencer



Sharon Mammoser

Sponsored by
The Friends of Roan Mountain
Gary Barrigar, President
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Deadline for meal reservations: April 23, 2024

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