

Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society

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Southwestern Ohio Chapter of the Ohio Native Plant Society

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Greetings!

Newsletter for May-August 2014

The Society's field trips are off to a great start. Hikes to California Woods, Bender Mountain and Scioto Brush Creek State Nature Preserve were excellent. Western Wildlife Corridor has done an outstanding job of eliminating invasives, allowing Bender Mountain to have extremely nice, local plant diversity. The new Scioto Brush Creek preserve was a delightful visit. We have some upcoming trips in the field planned with Bob Glotzhober, John Howard, and David Brandenburg, which will be extra special as this is the first time they've led hikes for us. Of course, the rest of the field trips will be a treat too and we will be visiting new locations, which is always exciting. Note that a June 28 field trip has been added to the schedule to visit Chrys Cook's property.

I want to commend Society President Emeritus, Dr. Victor Soukup, who was awarded the "E. Lucy Braun Award of Appreciation" on April 14 by the University of Cincinnati, Department of Biological Sciences. This was a well-deserved award for Vic's 39 years of volunteer dedication and his tireless preservation of botanical specimens at the UC Herbarium.

Hope to see you on the trail soon!

For the Society,
Christine Hadley, President

General Notes

We welcome visitors and guests. If you're not already a member, please consider joining the Society. Individual memberships are \$12 and family memberships are \$20. Not only would we love to have you as members, but these modest fees provide our operating budget for the year. Write the check to "Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society" and mail to Randy Johnson, Treasurer, 947 Volterra Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Thank you!

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders of events, write this on your membership form or email bbergstein@fuse.net.

Most of our Friday evening lectures (September through March) are held at Avon Woods Nature Center (a Cincinnati city preserve), 4235 Paddock Road, Cincinnati 45229. From the Norwood Lateral (SR #562), drive 0.9 mile south on Paddock to the Avon Woods Park driveway, which is in the middle of the Avon Field golf course. Turn sharp right onto the drive next to the park sign (on the west side of Paddock) and go to the lodge at the end of the long dark drive. If you're coming the other way, the driveway is 0.4 mile north of Paddock's intersection with Reading Road.

Please remember our motto: "Enjoy: Do Not Destroy." It is up to Society members to set the standard for the rest of the public: respecting all rules at the places we visit, staying on trails when required, and not collecting seeds or plants without permission or permits.

Events

Note: Events identified with ** are sponsored by or with other organizations.

Remember that all event information is up to date and available on our website, www.cincywildflower.org, with map links to all events.

----- May 2014 -----

Saturday, May 24, 10 am: *Garbry Big Woods Sanctuary and Kiser Lake Wetlands State Nature Preserve, Miami and Champaign Counties, Ohio*

Dan Boone will lead this hike, which is very easy over flat terrain. Rich mesic woods, fen wetlands, the rare *Carex timida*, herbaceous smilax species, and native grape honeysuckle are just some of the goodies we will see, along with many native flowering plants. Let Christine know if you will be attending at 513-850-9585 or christinehadley@earthlink.net.

Directions: From Cincinnati, take I-75 North to Piqua. At exit 82, US 36, turn right onto US 36 heading east and drive 3.2 miles to N. Union Shelby Road. Turn right on N. Union Shelby Rd. and drive 1 mile to E. Statler Road. Turn left on E. Statler Rd. and drive ½ mile to Garbry Big Woods Sanctuary. Turn right and meet in the parking lot. The address is 2540 E. Statler Road, Piqua, Ohio 45356.

To get to Kiser Lake Wetlands from Garbry Big Woods, turn right onto E. Statler Rd. After 1 mile the road ends; turn left onto N. Casstown Sidney Road. Drive 1 mile to US 36, turn right onto US 36 East, and drive 9.1 miles (into St. Paris). Turn left onto N. Springfield Street, which turns into Kiser Lake Road. The Kiser Lake Wetlands are about 4 miles down the road.

Saturday, May 31, 10 am: *Cedar Bog State Nature Preserve, Champaign County, Ohio*

Bob Glotzhober, Curator Emeritus for the Ohio Historical Society, will lead this hike. Bob is enthusiastic about all aspects of natural history and enjoys sharing his excitement for the fantastic natural wonders that Ohio has to offer, including a vast knowledge of the dragonflies that occur at Cedar Bog. Cedar Bog is the largest and best example of a boreal and prairie fen complex in Ohio. It has many rare plants and animals, as well as excellent orchid, prairie, and woodland wildflower displays. One of the most characteristic plants of this preserve is white cedar or arbor-vitae. Some of the more unusual plants include small yellow and showy lady's-slipper orchids, round-leaved sundew, smaller fringed gentian, swamp birch, shrubby cinquefoil, prairie valerian, Riddell's goldenrod, and queen-of-the-prairie. Let Christine know if you will be attending at 513-850-9585 or christinehadley@earthlink.net.

Directions: From Cincinnati, take I-75 north towards Dayton. Take exit 43 to merge onto I-675 North. Drive 26 miles and take exit 26A to merge onto I-70 East toward Springfield. Travel 2.6 miles and exit at OH 4 East. Travel for 6.3 miles on OH 4; merge onto US 68 North and drive 10.4 miles to Woodburn Road. Turn left and drive 1 mile to Cedar Bog, which will be on the right. The address for Cedar Bog is 980 Woodburn Rd., Urbana, OH 43078.

----- June 2014 -----

Saturday, June 7, 10 am: *Meander with John Howard in Adams County, Adams County, Ohio*

John Howard will lead this excursion into southern Adams County in search of the elusive wood lily and other rare plants and animals. The area is known for dozens of state listed species and for its high diversity of butterflies, dragonflies, and other creatures. This trip will be off trail, and may involve some hill climbing and creek crossing. Since most of the areas we will visit are part of the Edge of Appalachia Preserve, there will be no collecting. Let Christine know if you will be attending at 513-850-9585 or christinehadley@earthlink.net.

Directions: From Cincinnati, take I-275 to exit 63B and merge onto OH 32 East. Drive 41 miles to OH 247, turn right (south) and drive 9.7 miles, into West Union. Turn left onto W. Main Street, which is also OH 125. After 0.6 miles you'll hit the edge of town; continue on OH 125 East another 5.8 miles. Just after you cross Ohio Brush Creek, turn right onto Waggoner Riffle Road. Travel for 2.3 miles to the Creeks Bend Preserve parking lot. We will carpool from here. The address for Creeks Bend Preserve is 3223 Waggoner Riffle Rd., West Union, OH 45693.

****Sunday, June 8, noon: *Potluck Picnic with Northside Greenspace Inc. and CWFPS at Keystone Flora in Wooden Shoe Hollow, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio***

Join us at native plant nursery Keystone Flora, located in historic Wooden Shoe Hollow, whose greenhouses and truck farms once provided fresh produce to urban Cincinnati. There will be informal tours of the nursery, prairie, bioswale, and some of the properties that have been purchased by the native plant conservationists who are slowly colonizing the neighborhood.

Bring a dish to share. Contact Diana Boyd at 513-921-2250 if you have questions and Keystone Flora at 513-961-2727 if you get lost.

Directions: From either direction on I-75, take the Mitchell Avenue exit (exit #6). Head north on Mitchell Avenue (left if you were on 75 north; right if you were heading south). Turn left onto Spring Grove Avenue (the first major intersection). Turn right onto Winton Road (at second traffic light). Turn right onto Kings Run (at third traffic light). Turn left onto Winton Ridge (at first intersection). Veer left onto Wooden Shoe Hollow Lane (about 1000 feet from turn onto Winton Ridge). Follow Wooden Shoe Hollow Lane for 0.3 miles. It goes straight, then curves to the right, goes straight until entering a wooded canopy area curving left. As soon as you come out of the trees you'll see a red mailbox numbered 5081. The address for Keystone Flora is 5081 Wooden Shoe Hollow Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45232.

Saturday, June 28, 10 am: *Chrys Cook's Meadow, Dearborn County, Indiana*

Chrys Cook has invited the Society to visit her property nearby in Indiana. Expect to see butterfly weed, common milkweed, purple coneflower, grey-headed coneflower, penstemon, wild bergamot, cup plant and more in bloom. Chrys will share her restoration efforts for this property with us.

Everyone should bring binoculars. Warblers, orioles and buntings all make their appearance, as well as, of course, the butterflies. Whoever has 4-wheel drive is welcome to drive the mile up to the upper meadow.

Directions: Take I-275 to the west of Cincinnati and take exit 16 for US 50 toward Lawrenceburg/Aurora. Turn left onto US 50 West/E. Eads Parkway. Travel for 6 miles on US 50 (into Aurora) to IN 56 West/Importing Street. Turn left onto IN 56 West. Follow IN 56 as it jogs through Aurora. Travel on IN 56 for 2.3 miles to E. Laughery Creek Road. Turn right onto E. Laughery Creek Road. Travel for 0.7 miles. Address on Google Maps is 4286 E. Laughery Creek Rd., Aurora, Indiana 47001. Park about 1/10 mile before that driveway at the tractor road.

----- July 2014 -----

Saturday, July 12, 10 am: *Beavercreek Wetlands Mitigation, Greene County, Ohio*

The Beavercreek Wetlands Mitigation site is part of a large, contiguous natural area that has great wetland plant diversity along with good bird habitat. The Beaver Creek flows through the property. Don Geiger and Jim Mason will lead this field trip and share the history of the site. This is an easy, flat hike. Let Christine know if you will be attending at 513-850-9585 or christinehadley@earthlink.net.

Directions: From Cincinnati take I-75 north towards Dayton to exit 43 and merge onto I-675 North. Travel 13 miles to exit 13A and merge onto US 35 East towards Xenia. Travel 3.8 miles on US 35. Turn left on Alpha Road and travel for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Dayton Xenia Road. Travel for about 0.2 miles to Phillips Park on the left and park there.

****Saturday, July 12, 9 am-5 pm: *Butterfly Workshop, Caesar Creek Visitors Center, Warren County, Ohio***

This workshop hosted by the Midwest Native Plant Society includes speakers Jaret Daniels and Jeff Belth. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. For more info, visit www.midwestnativeplants.org.

Saturday, July 26, 10 am: *Lynx and Chaparral Prairies, Adams County, Ohio*

Randy Johnson will lead this hike. Lynx Prairie is an Edge of Appalachia preserve that is managed by the Nature Conservancy and the Cincinnati Museum Center. The hike is rather easy on flat terrain and will go through a number of remnant prairies and border woodlands. Hopefully we will find a number of blazing stars (bring your book to differentiate), crested coralroot, blue hearts, Carolina wild petunia, and other prairie plants. We will eat lunch at the parking lot of Lynx Prairie (bring a bag lunch) and then go to Chaparral Prairie State Nature Preserve for an afternoon hike. In the past, we have seen a couple of lady's tresses and many prairie plants in this prairie. Let Randy know if you will be attending at 513-751-2503 or randy.johnson@uc.edu.

Directions: From Cincinnati to Lynx Prairie, take I-275 to OH 32 and go east for about 41 miles. Turn right (south) on OH 247 to West Union. Turn left (east) on OH 125 (Main Street) and travel about 7 miles toward Lynx. Turn right (south) onto Tulip Road. There is a new entrance to Lynx Prairie. Drive past the first left (the old entrance to East Liberty Church and Cemetery) and take the second left onto Cline Road. Drive to the end of Cline Road, where you will find a parking lot to the preserve. Directions to Chaparral Prairie from Lynx Prairie: To get to Chaparral Prairie, retrace your steps to OH 247. Turn right (north) on OH 247 and drive 0.7 miles to Chaparral Road. Turn left onto Chaparral Rd. and drive 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Hawk Hill Road and drive 0.2 miles. Entrance to the prairie is on the left.

----- August 2014 -----

****Friday-Sunday, August 1-3: 6th Annual Midwest Native Plant Conference, Bergamo Center, Dayton, Ohio**

This event, hosted by the Midwest Native Plant Society, has many excellent speakers as well as a variety of field trips. There will be a native plant sale on Saturday that will be open to the public. The full weekend is \$150, which includes all meals, speakers, and field trips. For more info, visit www.midwestnativeplants.org.

Saturday, August 9, 10 am: *The Dawes Arboretum, Licking County, Ohio*

At 1,800+ acres, the Dawes Arboretum is one of the country's largest gardens open to the public. Join botanist David Brandenburg for a Dawes tour that will highlight both the Main Grounds, featuring uncommon & fascinating woody species from temperate North America, Europe, and Asia, as well as the Dutch Fork area, a 70-acre mitigation native wetlands/grasslands ecosystem.

Participants are asked to wear attire appropriate for a field trip (long pants and boots). Pack a lunch and extra water.

This is much more than just a sightseeing trip! If you own a hand lens, kindly bring it along; if not, David will let attendees borrow one for the day. We will stop frequently to explore the botanical intricacies of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, sedges, and aquatic plants. Birders are welcome to carry binoculars if they wish. Let Christine know if you will be attending at 513-850-9585 or christinehadley@earthlink.net.

Directions: From Cincinnati, take I-71 North towards Columbus. Take exit 101 to merge onto I-270 East. Take exit 43B to merge onto I-70 East toward Wheeling. Travel for about 24 miles on I-70. Take exit 132 for OH 13 toward Newark. Turn left onto OH 13 North and travel for 2.7 miles. Turn left into Dawes and meet in the gift store. The address for Dawes is 7770 Jacksontown Rd., Newark, OH 43056.

Saturday, August 16, 10 am: Whipple State Nature Preserve, Adams County, Ohio

Rick Gardner, Ohio Chief Botanist, will lead us through the latest addition to the 448-acre Whipple State Nature Preserve near the Ohio River in Adams County. The area has cedar glades, 40-ft. dolomite cliffs, and springs. Noteworthy plants include: slender blazing star, American aloe, crossvine, southern blackhaw, and tall larkspur. There are no trails and some steep inclines. Recommend hiking boots, hiking poles and tick repellent. Let Christine know if you will be attending at 513-850-9585 or christinehadley@earthlink.net.

Directions: From Cincinnati, take I-275 to exit 63B to merge onto OH 32 East. Travel for 41 miles on OH 32. Turn right onto OH 247 South and travel for 9.7 miles. Turn right onto W. Main St (which is also OH 41 and OH 125) and travel for 0.1 miles. Turn left onto S. Manchester St./OH 41 South and drive 1.1 miles to Wal-Mart, on the right, where we will meet in the parking lot and then carpool from there. The address for Walmart is 11217 OH 41, West Union, OH 45693.

----- September 2014 -----

Friday, September 12, 7:30 pm: Member Photo Sharing Program, Avon Woods Nature Center

Please bring your photos (on thumb drive or CD) and slides, to share with friends. We will have a digital projector and computer, and cookies and coffee, too. Come early, at 6:30 pm, and bring a picnic dinner, if you like. Call Bob Bergstein at 513-477-4438 for computer information.

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