

## Reminder Sent Oct 4 2023

### Wild Flower Society- Sunday Hike at Hazeldell Meadow- what you missed- coming soon

#### Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023 at 10am: *Hazeldell Meadow*, Pulaski County, KY

Please join Dave Kuehner who will lead us through Hazeldell Meadow. Hazeldell Meadow Nature Preserve is Kentucky's only protected Highland Rim Wet Barrens, a rare ecological community that does not occur anywhere in Ohio. It is a unique type of prairie that possesses characteristics of both a grassland and a wetland. It is about two acres in size. It was originally purchased by The Nature Conservancy and is currently owned by Pulaski County. More info [here](#)

We will see the gorgeous Soapwort Gentian, *Gentiana saponaria*, an endangered species in Ohio found only in the Oak Openings. We will also target Nodding Ladies'-tresses, *Spiranthes cernua*, as well as Dwarf Sundew, *Drosera brevifolia*, Kentucky's only carnivorous plant species. Hazeldell is Kentucky's only known site for this diminutive rarity which occurs nowhere in Ohio. We should also see Bushy Bluestem, *Andropogon glomeratus*; Flat Topped Aster, *Doellingeria umbellata*; Roudleaf Thoroughwort, *Eupatorium rotundifolium*, as well as other unique species.

This is an easy to moderate field trip since there are no trails once we enter the meadow. Plan on packing water, snacks and a potential lunch since this is approximately 2.5 hours from Cincinnati.

Please contact Angela Carter, [amcarter@fuse.net](mailto:amcarter@fuse.net) or 513-300-2787, for directions, carpooling info, or if you have any questions. (Confirm that the parking lot is just opposite Hazel Dell Church of Christ at 1399 Ocala Road, Somerset KY, 42503)

#### Coming Soon- Friday, October 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm: Lecture Program, Avon Woods Nature Center (and by Zoom)

##### ***"Rare Encounters in Southern Ohio" by John Howard***

Join John Howard for a guided tour of some of the unusual and rare plants and animals of southern Ohio. From obscure tiny mustards to showiest of orchids, from tiny insects to timber rattlesnakes, this presentation will take you through many habitats and show many of the things that few people ever get to see... More info at our Website.

**What you missed- On Sunday October 1, 2023** our leaders Wayne Wauligman and Denis Conover led our small group of families on a walk in Howard Creek. This is near the UC Field Station in Miami Whitewater Forest. Great adventure for the kids and adults. PHOTOS- [Group Photo](#) , [cricket frog](#) , [leopard frog](#) , [green frog](#) , [how to hold crawdad](#) , [two-lined salamander larva](#) , [soil with mystery holes](#) (?). Go to <https://www.greatoutdoorweekend.org/featured-events> for details of other upcoming events.

***As always,** our Society's events are free and open to the public, and all are welcome. If you do wish to join the Society, you may do so at our website. Or to find details of our other events. The current annual schedule and newsletter are available (small pdf's) in the upper left of our home page.*

**Sincerely, Bob Bergstein,** Communications, Cincinnati Wild Flower Preservation Society

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