

Ohio Heritage Naturalists
Inventorying Ohio's Biodiversity



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Showy Orchis

2008 Field Season Schedule



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Wednesday, April 23rd, Halls Creek Woods SNP, Warren County — We will visit a mesic woods in the Little Miami River watershed. The site has a spectacular spring wildflower display. Difficulty: 2

Saturday, May 17th, Shawnee State Forest, Scioto County — Shawnee State Forest is one of Ohio's best natural areas. We will visit one or two sites searching for rarities and whatever else we can find. Difficulty: 4

Wednesday, May 21st, Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area, Lawrence County — This area is a lesser known botanical hotspot in Ohio. Many rare and uncommon species occur here. We'll be focusing on finding the extirpated black-seeded needle grass. Difficulty: 3

Wednesday, June 11th, Lake Katharine SNP, Jackson County — Lake Katharine is one of Ohio's best kept secrets. We will explore some new areas of this fantastic preserve. Prepare for steep cliffs! Difficulty: 4

Wednesday, July 2nd, Bonnett Pond Bog SNP, Holmes County — Bonnett Pond Bog is a small bog that has open water with sphagnum mat and shrub zones. Warning: Poison sumac is common and the moat is deep! **Limit: 5** Difficulty: 5

Saturday, July 12th, Fryman & Spring Valley Reserves, Licking County — We will search some areas owned by the Licking County Land Trust. Both properties are forested with small streams. Difficulty: 2

Wednesday, July 23rd, Gallagher Fen SNP, Clark County — Gallagher Fen is arguably the second best fen in Ohio. We will visit this amazing wetland that has a large number of state rare plants and animals. The preserve also has a bur oak savanna. **Limit: 5** Difficulty: 4

Saturday, August 16th, Hague Property, Fairfield County — The Hague family, who are dedicated land stewards, have asked for a biological inventory of their property in northern Fairfield County. The property has a man-made wetland, plus fields, mature woods, and a stream. Difficulty: 1

Saturday, August 23rd, Crystal Lake NP, Portage County — We will visit a preserve owned by The Nature Conservancy which has a pond and a swamp and beech-maple woods as well as high-quality glacial lake. Difficulty: 2

Saturday, September 6th, Lou Campbell SNP, Lucas County — Lou Campbell has wet prairie, oak barren, and oak woodland communities with numerous rare plants. Difficulty: 1

Wednesday, September 24th, Little Rocky Hollow SNP, Hocking County — This great natural area has many narrow ravines with sandstone cliffs. Difficulty: 4

Saturday, September 27th, Edge of Appalachia Preserve, Adams County — Our annual trip to this fantastic natural area. We will visit an area near Lynx Prairie which TNC purchased a few years ago. Difficulty: 2

Scale of Difficulty:

1 = Easy. Relatively flat topography and mostly or completely dry, e.g. Campbell SNP, Smith Cemetery SNP.

2 = Somewhat Easy. Relatively flat with some inclines, and/or a rare chance of mucky wetlands, e.g. Hueston Woods SNP, Culberson Woods SNP.

3 = Moderate. Frequent inclines and/or a good chance for a few mucky, knee deep wetlands, e.g. Clear Creek Metro Park, Gott Fen SNP.

4 = Moderately Strenuous. Frequent hills, some steep inclines and/or occasional mucky, knee deep wetlands, e.g. Lake Katharine SNP, Myersville Fen SNP.

5 = Strenuous. Frequent steep inclines and/or high frequency of mucky, knee (possible waist) deep wetlands, e.g. Raven Rock (Scioto Co), Singer Lake Bog NP.

Field Trips

Please register for the field trips by contacting Rick Gardner with the information below. Once registered you will receive directions and other information about the field trip. Bottled water and a snack will be provided for each field trip.

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