

Program Number	Start time	End time	Title	Location	Description	Similar Programs
<b>April 27 Wednesday Morning Wednesday Morning Wednesday Morning Wednesday Morning Wednesday Morning Wednesday Morning Wednesday</b>						
1	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	Birding for the Experienced	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Start at low elevation and end high in this search for spring migrants and Appalachian specialties. Bring binoculars and rain gear. Short, easy walks. Limit 12 people. DT:15 min.	25, 29, 57, 69, 73, 97, 109, 133
2	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	Wildflower Walk: Ash Hopper Branch	Sugarlands Visitor Center — park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Join long-time Park volunteer Frances Hensley to learn the common species and some folk stories about their use. A 1.5 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	36, 89, 155
3	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	Terrestrial Insect Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	For the veteran, novice, and kid insect searcher. Join Park Museum Curator Adriean Mayor to study the most diverse group of organisms on the planet first hand. Bring a hand lens. Short easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min.	45, 76, 85, 125
4	8:25 AM	11:00 AM	Wildflower Walk: Cove Hardwood Nature Trail	Chimneys Picnic Area (F)	A wildflower walk through recovering and old-growth forests. Short, easy walk. Limit 24 people. DT:25 min.	39,131
5	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Fern Walk: The Sinks	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off Little River Road to begin carpool (U)	See a variety of the park's ferns and fern allies such as bristle fern, log fern, royal fern, and walking fern. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy to moderate off-trail walk. Limit 20 people. DT:30 min	35, 77, 129
6	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Wildflower Walk: Porters Creek Trail	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	See a wide variety of flowers: painted trillium, pink lady's slipper, and many more. Pass old homesteads and a cemetery along this popular trail which leads to an old-growth cove hardwood forest. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	53,121,130
7	8:45 AM	11:00 AM	Wildflower Walk: Chestnut Top Trail	Townsend "Y" on Little River Road (FF)	A great introduction to wildflowers of the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 20 people. DT:45 min	40, 94, 122
8	8:45 AM	11:00 AM	Trees of the Smokies near Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont	GSM Institute at Tremont Welcome Center (Q)	Join Tremont Director Ken Voorhis to Learn methods for identifying trees in the cove hardwood forest. Short, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:45 min.	16, 34, 88, 113, 134, 141
9	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Monarch Butterflies. One of Nature's Miracles – Wanda DeWaard	Mills Conference Center Room A (V)	Observe the complete metamorphosis of this fascinating member of the Lepidoptera order as Wanda explains the step by step process and brings you up to date on recent research and migration and how you can get involved.	82, 85
10	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Welcoming Luncheon. Speaker J.D. Sutton discusses "Why Bartram Matters"	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms C & D (V) "\$25.00 Luncheon Ticket. See note."	The renowned naturalist, William Bartram, explored throughout the southeastern US from 1773-1777 and later provided vivid accounts, of the plants, animals and the Native American people he encountered, in his book "Bartram's Travels." <b>Note: Luncheon tickets are available online ONLY. There will be no tickets for sale at the door. Pick up your luncheon ticket at on-site registration. Online registration has a special registering box for those attending the luncheon only with no registration fee. When registering for other events, you can add the luncheon, program #10, to your registration cart. Sponsored by the Gatlinburg Garden Club. No daily pilgrimage fee.</b>	none
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11	1:15 PM	2:45 PM	A Walk through a Woodland Spring – Carol Liguori Wolfe,	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	A great way to start a springtime pilgrimage! Enjoy the beauty of the wildflowers and the landscape as the season unfolds through photography during our journey together through a woodland Spring. Website: <a href="http://www.carolwolfe.org">www.carolwolfe.org</a>	none

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12	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Going Natural in the Garden	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Explore the principles of Mother Nature's aesthetic design in wild landscapes and discover ways to utilize her natural beauty in your garden. Led by Nancy Rennie a retired landscape designer and horticultural consultant. A 2- mile easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	none
13	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Walk: Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of this farmstead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:10 min.	32, 72, 111
14	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Moss Walk: Injun Creek Trail in Greenbrier	Greenbrier Ranger Station (K)	Discover the elegant forms of moss, liverwort, and hornwort and how to distinguish them. Bring a hand lens. A 3-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	52, 92
15	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Salamander Foray from Low to High Elevation	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Join retired Park ranger Carey Jones to discover some of the 24 species of woodland and stream-side salamanders, and discuss their unique life history. 1 mile of easy walking. Prepare to get wet and bring a hand lens. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min	47, 93, 140
16	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Tree and Shrub Identification Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	An introduction to identification of woody plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT:15 min	8, 34, 88, 113, 134, 141
17	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Meadow And Wetland Restoration In Cades Cove High Elevation	Cades Cove Loop Road Entrance To Begin Carpool (D)	Join forestry technician Steven Shaper on short walks to see and understand native plant restoration efforts. Few wildflowers will yet be in blossom but they will be profuse. Limit 20 people. Easy. DT:50 min.	48, 61, 90, 101, 141
18	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Beginner's Photographic Workshop	Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room — park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	See a short visual presentation, then travel outdoors for hands-on instruction of composition and photo techniques. Bring a film or digital camera and tripod. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min	33, 87, 116
19	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Bear Management and Hog Reduction	Sugarlands Visitor Center—Bus Parking Lot to Begin Carpool (EE)	Join wildlife technician Jay Carr for an overview of the life history and control methods related to these major wildlife want-a-sees. Short walks. Limit 20 people. Easy. DT:15 min	37, 74, 112
20	1:45 PM	5:15 PM	The Walker Sisters' Cabin and Little Greenbrier School	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Join long-time school marm Robin Goddard on a stroll back in time to the Little Greenbrier Schoolhouse and the famous Walker Sisters' home and farmstead. A 3.4 mile, moderate hike. Limit 25 people. DT:30 min.	21, 50, 64, 86, 89, 119
21	1:45 PM	5:15 PM	History Walk: Porters Creek Trail	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	Hike with long-time Park volunteer Raymond Palmer past old home sites to a cabin and cantilevered barn, through cove wildflowers, and cross a creek on a unique footlog. A 3 mile, moderate hike. Limit 20 people. DT:30 min.	20, 50, 59, 64, 86, 89, 99, 119
22	1:45 PM	4:15 PM	Cascades and Wildflower Walk: Lynn Camp Prong	End of Tremont gravel road (I)	A diversity of wildflowers will be seen as you stroll past a number of cascades. A 4 mile moderate walk. Allow 45 minutes driving time. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.	none
23	1:45 PM	5:15 PM	Wildflower Walk: West Prong Trail	GSM Institute at Tremont Welcome Center (Q)	Walk with Tremont naturalist Jeremy Lloyd through a cove hardwood forest to see a variety of wildflowers and woodland plants. A 2.5 mile, moderate hike. Limit 16 people. DT:45 min.	none
24	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Wildflower Walk: Oconaluftee River Trail	Oconaluftee Visitor Center (Z)	Explore the Oconaluftee River Trail with a Park Ranger. For novice wildflower searchers, but others welcome. A 3 mile, easy walk. Limit 25 people. DT:50 min.	none

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25	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Introduction to Birdwatching – Liz Domingue,	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	In April the Smokies are springing to life as birds flood into the forests and fields, showing off their colors and filling the air with their vibrant songs. Become better acquainted with birds as you investigate the basics of bird identification, behavior, and ecology.	1, 29, 57, 69, 73, 97, 109, 133
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26	8:45 AM	5:30 PM	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Fork Ridge and Deep Creek Trails	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin car shuttle (BB)	CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING! For the experienced hiker only! Join Doris Gove, author of "Exploring the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee," on a 9-mile hike descending Fork Ridge Trail 2,800 ft to intersection with Deep Creek Trail, then ascending Deep Creek Trail to Newfound Gap Road, a climb of 1,500 ft. See Backcountry Hike Suggestions. Limit 15 people. DT:45 min	58, 65, 102, 136
27	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Road Prong Trail	Chimney Tops Trailhead parking area to begin car shuttle (E)	A 5 mile, moderate-to-strenuous hike from Newfound Gap south on the Appalachian Trail (400 ft ascent) to Indian Gap then descend 1500 ft on the Road Prong Trail to the Chimney Tops trailhead. Trip descends from spruce-fir forest through Northern hardwood forest into a cove hardwood forest community. Trail can be rocky and wet with stream crossings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT:30 min	103
<b>April 27 Wednesday Evening Wednesday Evening Wednesday Evening Wednesday Evening Wednesday Evening Wednesday Evening Wednesday Evening Wednesday</b>						
28	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	An Encounter with William Bartram – J. D. Sutton	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms C & D (V)	Bartram (1739-1823) was America's first native-born naturalist and an author who portrayed nature through personal experience and scientific observation. His travels took him from the foothills of the Appalachians to Florida and through the southeastern interior to the Mississippi River. Bartram's Travels, depicting his adventures through eight states, was published in 1791. Now you have a chance to "meet" this "grand old man" of natural science in the guise of actor J. D. Sutton... in full period dress.	none
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29	7:00 AM	11:00 AM	Birding for the Novice	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Join retired Park ranger Carey Jones for an introduction to birding in the Smokies at several locations. For novice birders, but others welcome. Some binoculars for loan. 1 mile of walking. Limit 20 people. Easy. DT:15 min	1, 25, 57, 69, 73, 97, 109, 133
30	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Quiet Walkway	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	This easy walk from Newfound Gap Road to the river has a rich diversity of wildflowers. Dutchman's pipe vine and pawpaw can usually be seen in flower along the path. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 28 people.	71,
31	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Baskins Creek Trail	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Stroll through wildflowers and homesteads on your way to Baskins Creek Falls. Elevation change: 700'. A 3-mile, strenuous walk. NOTE: A short segment of trail is narrow, rocky, and steep sloped, requiring a sure-footed hiker. Limit 28 people.	84
32	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of this homestead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:10 min.	13, 72, 111
33	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Beginner's Photographic Workshop	Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room — park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	See a short visual presentation, travel outdoors for hands-on instruction on composition and photo techniques. Bring a film or digital camera and tripod. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	18, 87, 116
34	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Tree and Shrub Identification Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	An introduction to identification of woody plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT:15 min	8, 16, 88, 13, 134, 141

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35	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Fern Walk: Greenbrier Cove	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Have you ever seen an adder's tongue? Come see a variety of the park's more common ferns and fern allies. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min.	5, 77, 129
36	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Ash Hopper Branch	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	A diverse wildflower display including yellow lady's slipper, Vasey's trillium, and rare trees like alternate-leaved dogwood and yellow-wood. A 1.5-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	2, 89, 115
37	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Black Bear and Wild Hog Walk	Little River Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (T)	An overview of black bear and wild hog life histories, tracking signs, human impacts and environmental issues. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min.	19, 74, 112
38	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Cove Hardwood Nature Trail	Chimneys Picnic Area (F)	Observe a rich diversity of wildflowers, including dwarf ginseng and fringed phacelia, in this old-growth forest. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:25 min.	4,131
39	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Native Peoples use of Nature's Garden	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Gather at the cook fire with Native American Karen LaMere (Ho-Chunk) and listen to an oral history which has been passed down through the generations by America's indigenous people. Taste and discover ingenious uses of native plants gathered from nature's garden. Short easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	91,120
40	8:45 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Chestnut Top Trail	Townsend "Y" on Little River Road (FF)	One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.	7, 94, 122
41	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Wildscaping Making Your Yard Greener than Grass – Kara Remington	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Learn how to make planting and design choices on your property that enhance wildlife food and shelter and increase the diversity of native plants. Program presented by Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville.	none
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42	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	From Grits to Mustard Plasters Grannie's Home Remedies – Darryl Patton	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	You won't want to miss this informative program as Darryl Patton, known as The Southern Herbalist, takes you on an armchair walk in the woods to explain how to make some old-timey "fixer uppers", from salves to tonics. Learn how to find, identify, and use medicinal plants like our mountain ancestors did years ago.	43, 79, 124
43	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Herb Lore of Appalachia	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area. Short, easy walk. Limit 28 people.	42, 79, 124
44	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Walk: Noisy Creek Falls	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	The unusual geological phenomena of this stream and falls add a mystique to this unique assemblage of wildflowers. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 28 people.	110
45	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Bugs and Butterflies Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	For the veteran, novice, and kid terrestrial insect searcher. Learn about the most diverse group of organisms on the planet first hand. Bring a hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	3, 76, 85, 125
46	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Sketching - Andrea Wilson	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	View nature through the eyes of artist Andrea Wilson, the 2009 winner of the Wildflower Pilgrimage art competition. Bring your own art materials. Short, easy walk. Limit 12 people. DT:15 min.For more information about the artist see <a href="http://www.AndreaWilsonArtist.com">http://www.AndreaWilsonArtist.com</a>	75,114
47	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Salamander Motorcade in the Smokies	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Travel to a diversity of habitats discovering some of the 30 species of woodland and aquatic salamanders which reside in the park. Short, easy walks en route. Prepare to get wet and bring a hand lens. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	15, 93, 140

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48	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	The Changing Forest: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid And Other Pests	Chimney Tops Trailhead to begin car shuttle (E)	Non-natives have profound effects on Park vegetation and challenge efforts to control them. Join HWA Crew Leader Troy Evans on this 3.3 mile Road Prong hike to see hemlock, the potential effects of the adelgid, and other forest insects and diseases. Learn what is being done to combat these threats. Limit 20 people. Moderate DT:15 min.	17, 61, 90, 101, 141
49	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Identification for Beginners	Chimneys Picnic Area (F)	Learn some basic rules for identifying wildflowers. Bring pencil, paper, and hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:25 min.	78
50	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Cultural History of Elkmont	Little River Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (T)	From hunting ground to campground, take a stroll back in time with long-time Park volunteer Raymond Palmer to visit the Elkmont settlement, the logging camp, and the resort area that were involved in shaping the area we now know as Elkmont. A 2 mile easy walk. Limit 25 people. DT: 30 min	20, 21, 64, 86, 89, 119
51	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Walk: Cucumber Gap Trail	Jakes Creek Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (R)	Walk through a secondary cove hardwood forest and enjoy the diversity of wildflowers. This trip ascends toward Cucumber gap then returns. A 2-mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min	98,118
52	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Moss Walk: Injun Creek Trail in Greenbrier	Greenbrier Ranger Station (K)	Discover the elegant forms of moss, liverwort, and hornwort and ways to distinguish them. Bring a hand lens. A 3-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min	14, 93
53	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflowers and Rare plants along Porters Creek Trail	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	Discover a diversity of wildflowers and rare plants with Park Botanist Janet Rock. A 3.5 mile, moderate hike. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min	6,121,130
54	1:45 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Walk: Appalachian Trail from Indian Gap to Newfound Gap	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin car shuttle (BB)	Pass from the closed canopy of the old growth Spruce – Fir forest into the open canopy of a pristine Beech Gap Forest where a display of the early first spring ephemeral wildflowers abound. A 1.5 mile moderate walk. Elevation change 500'. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.	81
55	1:45 PM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Walk: Kanati Fork Trail	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap (BB)	An exceptional site to see a diversity of spring wildflowers including painted trillium and Canada mayflower. A 2-mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.	63,132
56	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Capturing the Beauty of Wildflowers through Photography – Carol Wolfe	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	This presentation focuses on both the technical and artistic aspects of composing wildflower photographs, with a special emphasis on close-up photography. Learn about equipment and working in the field.	none
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57	8:15 AM	4:30 PM	Birding and Wildflower Motorcade: Mynant Park to Newfound Gap	Mynatt Park Parking Area off of Cherokee Orchard Road to begin carpool (X)	We'll stop along the way to discover the diversity of birds and plants as we ascend in elevation and look for "specialty" species at high elevations. Short, easy walks en route. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:10 min.	1, 25, 29, 69, 73, 97, 109, 133
58	8:15 AM	5:30 PM	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Mt LeConte via Trillium Gap and Rainbow Falls Trails	Rainbow Falls parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road to begin car shuttle (AA)	CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING! For the experienced hiker only! Follow Ed Lickey and Joey Shaw on a one-way 13.2 mile journey, ascending (3191 ft) Mt LeConte via Trillium Gap trail (from Grotto Falls trailhead) and descending (3795 ft) via Rainbow Falls trail, passing two spectacular water falls in route. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT:20 min.	26, 58, 65, 102, 136

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59	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Porters Creek Trail	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	Pass old homesteads and a cemetery along this popular trail which leads to an old-growth cove hardwood forest. See a wide variety of flowers: painted trillium, pink lady's slipper, and many more. A 3-4 mile, moderate hike. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	6, 21, 53, 99, 121, 130
60	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Old Settlers Trail	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Walking through these former homesteads, discover the many wildflowers now growing in the abandoned fields and among the stone chimneys and fences. Elevation change: 700' ascent. A 6-8 mile, strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	80,101
61	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Old-growth Forests of the Smokies	Grotto Falls parking area on Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail (P)	Experience the changing forest as you ascend this trail through wet and dry habitats and changing climatic zones. Elevation change: 2,000' ascent. An 8-mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	17, 48, 90, 101, 141
62	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Meigs Creek & Curry Mtn. trails Loop	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road to begin carpool (U)	A diversity of wildflowers are scattered along this trail as we pass through several wet and dry habitats. An 8.7-mile, strenuous loop hike from Metcalf Bottoms to the Sinks. Sixteen non-bridge stream crossings and waterfalls. Elevation change: 1,400' ascent. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT:30 min.	none
63	8:45 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Thomas Divide to Kanati Fork	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin carpool (BB)	Walk along Thomas Divide then to a steadily descending route, with vistas of the surrounding ridges. The trail passes through a grove of chestnut tree remnants and hemlock and into a magnificent cove hardwood forests. We'll see many spring wildflowers, including painted trillium and Canada mayflower and umbrella leaf. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. A 5-mile, strenuous hike. Elevation change: 2,300' descent. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min	55,132
64	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	The History Of Cades Cove Motorcade	Cades Cove Loop Road entrance to begin carpool (D)	Join Park Ranger Mike Meldrum for an in-depth look at some of the people and places of this special corner of the National Park, and how they were important in the creation and the history of the Park. 11 mile Loop Road. Bring drinks and lunch. Easy walk. Limit 25 people. DT: 45 min.	20, 21, 50, 86, 89, 119
65	9:15 AM	3:00 PM	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Mill Creek Falls	Cades Cove Visitor Center (S)	CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING! For the experienced hiker only! Follow Ken Wise, author of <i>Hiking Trails of the Great Smoky Mountains and A Natural History of Mt Le Conte</i> on an 8-mile round-trip hike through beautiful displays of wildflowers. A journey to one of the little-known but one of the largest and most spectacular waterfalls in the Park. Elevation change: 2,200' ascent. See Backcountry Hike Suggestions. Limit 20 people. DT:75 min.	26, 58, 102, 136
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66	5:00 PM	7:15PM	Smokies Life Magazine Reception and Celebration	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms A & B (V)	Come meet the authors, photographers, designers, illustrators, and editors behind the sensational new Smokies Life Magazine. Get your copies signed. Hors d'oeuvres will be available. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the Public	none

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67	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	An Appalachian Spring - Scott Dean	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms C & D (V)	Scott Dean, a southern Appalachian naturalist, will describe the spring flora life cycles and its correlation to seasonal change. Scott will also discuss the origins of common names and cultural and medical beliefs of some spring ephemeral plants. Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public. New!	none
68	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Nighttime Bat Walk: Twin Creeks Area	Twin Creeks Pavilion off Cherokee Orchard Road (GG)	Learn about the biology of bats and their important place in the ecosystem. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight. Short, easy walk. Limit 50 people. DT:15 min	none
<b>April 29 Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday Morning Friday</b>						
69	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Morning Bird Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Get a start on the day with a 1-hour short walk to hear and see the morning birds of forest and edge habitats. For the beginner and experienced bird watcher. Note: all day birding event will follow for those registered for it. Bring binoculars. Short, easy walk. Limit 60 people. DT:15 min	1, 25, 29, 57, 73, 97, 109, 133
70	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Courthouse Rock	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Ascend through beautiful wildflowers and old homesteads to a huge block of Thunderhead Sandstone outcropping at the end of this walk. A 1.2 mile, strenuous 950' climb. Limit 28 people.	none
71	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Quiet Walkway	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	This easy walk from Newfound Gap Road to the river has a rich diversity of wildflowers. Dutchman's pipe vine and pawpaw can usually be seen in flower along the path. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 28 people.	30
72	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	See a splendid variety of wildflowers and American chestnut tree remnants in the reforested fields of this homestead. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:10 min.	13, 32, 111
73	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Birding and Wildflower Motorcade to Newfound Gap	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	We'll stop along the way to discover the diversity of birds and plants as we ascend in elevation. We'll also look for "specialty" species at high elevations. Short, easy walks en route. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	1, 25, 29, 57, 69, 97, 109, 133
74	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Black Bear and Wild Hog Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	An overview of black bear and wild hog life histories, tracking signs, human impacts and environmental issues. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min.	19, 37, 112
75	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Sketching	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	View wildflowers through the eyes of a botanist-artist Maurice Edwards. Bring your own art materials. Short, easy walk. Limit 12 people. DT:15 min. For more information contact the artist at medwards@netscape.com	46,114
76	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Aquatic Insect Diversity Walk	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Enjoy short walks on different order streams with Park entomologist Becky Nichols. Learn to collect and identify a variety of insects in pristine streams. Limit 16 people. Easy. DT:15 min.	3, 45, 85, 125
77	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Fern Walk: Little River above Elkmont	Little River trailhead past Elkmont Campground (T)	In and around the historic houses of Elkmont, and along the path up Little River, we encounter a high diversity of pteridophytes. Bring a hand lens. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	5, 35, 129
78	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Identification for Beginners	Chimney Picnic Area (F)	Learn some basic rules for identifying wildflowers. Bring pencil, paper, and hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:25 min.	49
79	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Forest Foods and Pharmacy	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area. A 3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	42, 43, 124
80	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Wildflower Walk: Old Settlers Trail	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Walking through these former homesteads, discover the many wildflowers now growing in the abandoned fields and among the stone chimneys and fences. Elevation change: 200' ascent. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	60,101



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93	1:45 PM	4:00 PM	Salamander Walk: Cosby Camp Ground Area	Cosby Picnic Area Parking Area off of Route 32 (H)	Discover some of the 30 species of woodland and aquatic salamanders which reside in the park. Prepare to get wet and bring a hand lens. Elevation change: 300' ascent. A 2 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.	15, 47, 140
94	1:45 PM	4:00 PM	Wildflower Walk: Chestnut Top Trail	Townsend "Y" on Little River Road (FF)	One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 30 people. DT:45 min.	7, 40, 122
95	1:45 PM	4:00 PM	Fungal Roles in Forest Ecology	End of Tremont gravel road (I)	Fungi are essential organisms in the nutrient and life cycles within ecosystems. Learn their biology and their importance in a forest community. Classification and edible vs. poisonous fungi will be discussed. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people DT:45 min.	96,135
96	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	There's a Fungus Amongus: the Odd but Fascinating World of Mushrooms – Fred Bradley	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Take a walk in the woods and you're sure to find these sometimes peculiar, sometimes beautiful organisms that survive on organic matter and do not photosynthesize. They may sprout out of the ground or grow on tree trunks. Some are edible and considered a delicacy in the culinary world. Some are deadly to consume. Join us and enter into the fascinating world of fungi!	95,135
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97	8:15 AM	4:30 PM	Birding and Wildflower Motorcade: Sugarlands to Cades Cove	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	We'll stop along the loop to explore birds and wildflowers in the Cove's varied habitats, including pine-and-oak forests, streams and wetlands, and open fields. Short, easy walks en route. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	1, 25, 29, 57, 69, 73, 109, 133
98	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Cucumber Gap Trail	Jakes Creek Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (R)	Walk through a cove hardwood forest and enjoy many wildflowers. Along this trail you could encounter painted trillium, yellow lady's slipper, Dutchman's pipe, yellow-wood and pawpaw in flower. Elevation change: 400'. A 5-mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min	51, 118
99	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Porters Creek Trail	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	Highlights of this hike include pink lady's slipper, painted trillium, fields of phacelia, old home sites, a cemetery, and old-growth forest. Elevation change: 600' ascent. A 6-7 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min	6, 21, 53, 59, 99, 121, 130
100	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Ramsey Cascades Trail	Greenbrier Road, carpool from first parking lot on right, 200 feet from Route 321 (M)	A rich diversity of wildflowers including umbrella leaf await you as you walk through one of the more spectacular old-growth forests up to the 100' falls. Elevation change: 2,100' ascent. An 8-mile, strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 30 min	135
101	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Restoration of Wetlands Habitat in the GSMNP	Greenbrier Road at Old Settlers trailhead to begin car shuttle, 3 miles from Route 321 (L)	Join Kristine Johnson, Vegetation Specialist for GSMNP, on a tour of the recently restored Soap Ash Marsh and Copeland Creek Wetland. Learn about the parks efforts in exotic plant management and wildlife restoration. Discover the birds and wildflowers of this habitat. Hiking boots will make walking easier in this wet habitat. A 9 mile strenuous hike. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min	17, 48, 60, 61, 80, 90, 141
102	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Goshen Prong Trail	Little River Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (T)	Join Doris Gove, author of "Exploring the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee," on a 11-mile hike ascending 1,100 ft up Little River trail to campsite 23 on Goshen Prong Trail. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 15 people. DT: 30 min	26, 58, 65, 136







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139	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	Wildflower Hike: Gabes Mountain Trail	Cosby Picnic Area parking lot off of Route 321 to begin van shuttle to Maddron Bald Trail - Vans (H)	An 8-mile, moderate, one-way hike passing through many wildflower displays and old-growth forests from Maddron Bald Trail to Cosby Picnic Area with a visit to 90' Hen Wallow Falls. Elevation change: 1,400'. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 28 people. DT:60 min.	none
140	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Salamanders of the Smokies' mid and lower elevations	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Join John Byrd and Floyd Scott, two of the state of Tennessee eminent herpetologist, on an exploration tour evaluating the salamander species diversity at different elevation in the Smokies. Prepare to get wet and bring a hand lens. Short, easy walks en route. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min	15, 47, 93
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141	9:00 AM	4:30 PM	The Big Trees in Fork Ridge	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin carpool (BB)	The first Wildflower Pilgrimage in 1951 was a Friday and Saturday event with ten hikes and two evening talks. "Special field trips as desired" were offered to those who stayed over until Sunday—and about thirty people stayed. The Sunday walk is a tribute to the 61 years of this annual event. Join Will Blozan, President of the Eastern Native Tree Society, on a hike in to see some of the record sized trees in the Fork Ridge area. A 11 mile, strenuous hike. Elevation change: 2,800 ft. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT:90 min. No daily pilgrimage fee required, but please register.	8, 16, 34, 48, 61, 88, 90, 101, 113, 134
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