

Program Number	Start time	End time	Meeting Place	Title	Description	Similar Programs
20	1:45 PM	5:15 PM	GSM Institute at Tremont Welcome Center (Q)	Wildflower Walk: West Prong Trail	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.	
21	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Traditional Cherokee Plants - Ila Hatter, Interpretive Naturalist and Wildcrafter	Join the Lady of the Forest as she teaches you how field and forest provided the Cherokee with a "General Store" for food and "farmacy".	
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22	8:45 AM	5:30 PM	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin car shuttle (BB)	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Fork Ridge and Deep Creek Trails	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.	56, 90, 130
23	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Chimney Tops Trailhead parking area to begin car shuttle (E)	Wildflower Hike: Road Prong Trail	A 3.3-mile, moderate-to-strenuous hike from Indian Gap to Chimney Tops trailhead descending from spruce-fir forest through Northern hardwood forest into a cove hardwood forest community. Trail is rocky and wet with stream crossings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min	94
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24	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts (C)	Featured Wildflower Artist Reception	Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is proud to feature Cindy Carlson. Carlson's painting Red Trillium was selected as the image for this year's pilgrimage brochure, website, and T-shirts. Her artwork will be on exhibit from March 30th- April 29th. Refreshments provided. DT: 15 min. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.admission. DT:15 min	
25	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms C & D (V)	Weeds, Woodslore, and Wildwoods Wisdom - Doug Elliott, Naturalist, Storyteller, and Author	From pointing out poison ivy, pontificating on poke sallet, picking up pawpaws, telling wild snake tales, or wailing out a jived harmonica riff, Doug will be celebrating Nature with a collection of songs, stories, lore, and lots of belly laughs. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.	
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26	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Quiet Walkway	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.	63
27	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Baskins Creek Trail	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.	77
28	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	Wildflower Walk: Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail	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.	12, 64, 105
29	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room — park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Beginner's Photographic Workshop	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.	16, 80, 98, 110
30	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Tree and Shrub Identification Walk	An introduction to identification of woody plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT:15 min	7, 15, 107, 128
31	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Wildflower Walk: Ash Hopper Branch	A rich wildflower display including Vasey's trillium, and trees like alternate-leaved dogwood and yellow-wood. A 1.5-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	21, 09
32	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Little River Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (T)	Black Bear and Wild Hog Walk	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.	66, 106
33	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Chimneys Picnic Area (F)	Wildflower Walk: Cove Hardwood Nature Trail	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.	3, 125
34	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Native Peoples use of Nature's Garden	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.	82,113
35	8:45 AM	11:30 AM	Townsend "Y" on Little River Road (FF)	Wildflower Walk: Chestnut Top Trail	One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 15 people. DT:45 min.	6, 85, 115
36	8:45 AM	11:30 AM	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	The Walker Sisters' Cabin and Little Greenbrier School	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.	18, 45, 69, 79, 95, 116
37	10:00 PM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Gathering Seeds by Peg Beute, Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville	Join Peg, naturalist educator at Ijams Nature Center in Knoxville, for a workshop that gives you the information you need to gather, store, and propagate seeds. Focus will be on native plants and some of their cultivars.	

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38	1:00 AM	2:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Scavenger Hunt by Wanda DeWaard, Naturalist, M.S., Recreation & Environmental Education	There's more to a wildflower than its name! This session will be an interactive and fun opportunity to learn some interesting facts about the wildflowers we come to celebrate during the Pilgrimage. Be the first person to complete the scavenger hunt and win a prize!	
39	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Herb Lore of Appalachia	Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area. Short, easy walk. Limit 28 people.	72, 118
40	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Noisy Creek Falls	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.	104
41	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Bugs and Butterflies Walk	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.	50, 68, 75, 78, 119
42	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Wildflower Sketching by Andrea Wilson	View nature through the eyes of artist Andrea Wilson, the 2008 winner of the Wildflower Pilgrimage art competition. Bring your own art materials. Short, easy walk. Limit 12 people. For more information about the artist, see www.AndreaWilsonArtist.com.	67, 108
43	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Salamander Motorcade in the Smokies	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.	14, 84, 134
44	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Chimneys Picnic Area (F)	Wildflower Identification for Beginners	Learn some basic rules for identifying wildflowers. Bring pencil, paper, and hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:25 min.	71
45	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Little River Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (T)	Cultural History of Elkmont	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	18, 36, 69, 79, 95, 116
46	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Jakes Creek Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (R)	Wildflower Walk: Cucumber Gap Trail	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	89, 112
47	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Greenbrier Ranger Station (K)	Moss Walk: Injun Creek Trail in Greenbrier	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	13, 83
48	1:45 PM	4:30 PM	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin car shuttle (BB)	Wildflower Walk: Appalachian Trail from Indian Gap to Newfound Gap	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.	74
49	1:45 PM	4:30 PM	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to rendezvous (BB)	Wildflower Walk: Kanati Fork Trail	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.	17, 126
50	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Bees: Precious Pollinators by Peg Beute, Ijams Nature Center, Knoxville	Many of our food crops are dependent on insect pollinators. Learn the behaviors of these social insects and how their success is tied to our own.	41, 68, 75, 78, 119
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51	8:15 AM	4:30 PM	Mynatt Park Parking Area off of Cherokee Orchard Road to begin carpool (X)	Birding and Wildflower Motorcade: Mynant Park to Newfound Gap	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, 52, 61, 65, 88, 102, 103, 127
52	8:30 AM	2:00 PM	Alum Cave Trailhead: 8.7 miles south on US 441 from Sugarlands Visitor Center (LL)	Birds and Blooms on Alum Cave Trail	Walk with Park Forestry Technician Troy Evans to look and listen for the signs of spring in the park's middle elevations. Enjoy the sights at Arch Rock and Alum Cave Bluff along the way. 4.6 mile strenuous hike. Limit 25 people. DT: 30 min.	1, 51, 61, 65, 88, 102, 103, 127
53	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Wildflower Hike: Old Settlers Trail	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.	73
54	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Grotto Falls parking area on Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail (P)	Old-growth Forests of the Smokies	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.	
55	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road to begin carpool (U)	Wildflower Hike: Meigs Creek & Curry Mtn. trails Loop	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.	

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56	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Greenbrier Pinnacle	CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING! For the experienced hiker only!. Follow Ken Wise, author of "Hiking Trails of the Great Smoky Mountains" and "A Natural History of Mt Le Conte" on a 7-mile, round trip ascending 2,800' to Greenbrier Pinnacle. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people See Backcountry Hike Suggestions. DT:30 min.	22, 90, 130
57	9:30 AM	4:30 PM	Abrams Falls parking area in Cades Cove (S)	Wildflower Hike: Abrams Falls Trail	Stroll along this river trail and discover wildflowers like gay wings which flourish in this limestone valley and view one of the more picturesque waterfalls. Elevation change: 500' ascent. A 5-mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 75 min	
58	9:30 AM	4:30 PM	Deep Creek Trail Head: North of Bryson City on West Deep Creek Rd (HH)	Fern diversity along the Deep Creek Trail	Near Bryson City, North Carolina, the Deep Creek Trail is home to over 20 species of ferns and three beautiful waterfalls. A 2 mile, moderate hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and sturdy walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 90 min.	4, 70, 123
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59	5:00 PM	7:15PM	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms A & B (V)	Smokies Life Magazine Reception and Celebration	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	
60	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Ballrooms C & D (V)	State of the Park Report by Bob Miller GSMNP Public Affairs Officer	Bob Miller, GSMNP Public Affairs Officer and primary park liaison with the Friends of the Smokies, will provide an overview of the park's major attractions and resources, describe the most significant issues facing the park, including updates of the major new or on-going park programs that are conducted to respond to the threats and issues. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public.New!	
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61	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Morning Bird Walk	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, 51, 52, 65, 88, 102, 103, 127
62	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Courthouse Rock	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.	
63	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Quiet Walkway	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.	26
64	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	Wildflower Walk: Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail	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.	12, 28, 105
65	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Birding and Wildflower Motorcade to Newfound Gap	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, 51, 52, 61, 88, 102, 103, 127
66	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Black Bear and Wild Hog Walk	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.	32, 106
67	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Wildflower Sketching by Maurice Edwards	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	42, 108
68	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Aquatic Insect Diversity Walk	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.	41, 50, 78, 119
69	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Greenbrier Road Terminus at Porters Creek Trailhead 4.5 Miles from Route 321 (O)	Wildflowers, Folklore and History of Big Greenbrier	Discover a diversity of wildflowers and hear stories Of days gone by with Granny Frannie (Park Volunteer Frances Hensley) A 3.5 mile, moderate hike. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min.	18, 36, 45, 79, 95, 116
70	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Fern Walk: Greenbrier Cove	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.	4, 58, 123
71	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Chimneys Picnic Area (F)	Wildflower Identification for Beginners	Learn some basic rules for identifying wildflowers. Bring pencil, paper, and hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:25 min.	44

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72	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Forest Foods and Pharmacy	Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area. A 3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	39, 118
73	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Greenbrier Road, carpool from picnic area, 2.5 miles from Route 321 (N)	Wildflower Walk: Old Settlers Trail	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.	53
74	8:45 AM	11:30 AM	Rockefeller Memorial at Newfound Gap to begin car shuttle (BB)	Wildflower Walk: Appalachian Trail from Indian Gap to Newfound Gap	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.	48
75	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Butterflies Flying Flowers by Kris Light, Teacher, Naturalist, and Photographer	Learn about the beautiful butterflies of East Tennessee, their life cycles and how to attract them to your garden.	
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76	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Looking and Seeing: The Hidden Lives of Plants by Alan Heilman, Botanist and Photographer	Alan Heilman has spent many years of his life looking through the camera lenses visually documenting the intricate details of form, texture and color palette of the plant world. Alan's images open the viewer's eyes to different ways of seeing a plant's beauty. His images have won national awards and now over 1,000 of them are now available to the public at the University of Tennessee Knoxville Library : http://kiva.lib.utk.edu/heilman/	
77	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Baskins Creek Trail	Stroll through wildflowers and homesteads on your way to Baskins Creek Falls. Elevation change: 700' ascent. 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.	27
78	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	Bugs and Butterflies Walk	Discover the diversity and beauty of the largest group of macro organisms in the Park. Bring a hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:10 min.	41, 50, 68, 75, 119
79	1:15 PM	4:45 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Homestead History of Old Sugarlands and the CCC Camp	Discover old home sites, abandoned roads, and remnants of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp with long-time Park volunteer Raymond Palmer. A 3 mile, moderate walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min.	18, 36, 45, 69, 95, 116
80	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room — park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Photography Workshop	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.	16, 29, 110
81	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Tree and Shrub Identification Walk	An introduction to identification of woody plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT:15 min	7, 15, 30, 107, 128
82	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Native Peoples use of Nature's Garden	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.	34, 113
83	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Greenbrier Ranger Station (K)	Moss Walk: Injun Creek Trail in Greenbrier	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.	13, 47
84	1:45 PM	4:00 PM	Cosby Picnic Area Parking Area off of Route 32 (H)	Salamander Walk: Cosby Camp Ground Area	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.	14, 43, 134
85	1:45 PM	4:00 PM	Townsend "Y" on Little River Road (FF)	Wildflower Walk: Chestnut Top Trail	One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 15 people. DT:45 min.	6, 35, 115
86	1:45 PM	4:00 PM	End of Tremont gravel road (I)	Fungal Roles in Forest Ecology	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.	
87	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Exploring Nature in the Digital Age by Chris Fleming Botanist and Photographer	Learn about the diversity of mobile applications for nature lovers from the developer of the Guide to the Common Wildflowers of the Great Smoky Mountains and Mammals of the Great Smoky Mountains & Southern Appalachians. Chris will demonstrate how easy it is to use his and other mobile apps and how to acquire them.	
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88	8:15 AM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Birding and Wildflower Motorcade: Sugarlands to Cades Cove	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, 51, 52, 61, 65, 102, 103, 127
89	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Jakes Creek Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (R)	Wildflower Hike: Cucumber Gap Trail	Walk through a cove hardwood forest and enjoy many wildflowers. Along this trail you could encounter painted trillium, 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	46, 112

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90	8:00 AM	4:30 PM	Little River trailhead past Elkmont Campground for van shuttle to Clingmans Dome (T)	Backcountry Wildflower Hike: Clingmans Dome to Elkmont	CAUTION: VERY PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING! For the experienced hiker only. Join Doris Gove, author of "Exploring the Appalachian Trail: Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee," on a one-way, 13.2-mile, 4,600' descent from Clingmans Dome to Elkmont via Appalachian Trail to Goshen Prong Trail to Little River Trail. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. See Backcountry Hike Suggestions Limit 10 people. DT: 30 min	22, 56, 130
91	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	Wildflower Hike: Porters Creek Trail	Highlights of this hike include 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	5, 114, 124
92	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Greenbrier Road, carpool from first parking lot on right, 200 feet from Route 321 (M)	Wildflower Hike: Ramsey Cascades Trail	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	129
93	8:45 AM	4:30 PM	Cosby Picnic Area Parking Area off of Route 32 to begin car shuttle (H)	Wildflower Hike: Lower Mt Cammerer	Join Kristine Johnson, Vegetation Specialist for GSMNP, on a hike from Gilliland cemetery to Cosby Picnic Area, passing old home sites while enjoying a wide diversity of wildflowers. Elevation change: 700'. A 7-mile, strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 45 min.	
94	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Chimney Tops Trailhead parking area to begin car shuttle (E)	Wildflower Hike: Road Prong Trail	A 3.3-mile, moderate-to-strenuous hike from Indian Gap to Chimney Tops trailhead descending from spruce-fir forest through Northern hardwood forest into a cove hardwood forest community. Trail is rocky and wet with stream crossings. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 20 people. DT: 30 min	23
95	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	CADES COVE LOOP ROAD ENTRANCE TO BEGIN CARPOOL (D)	The History of Cades Cove Motorcade	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.	18, 36, 45, 69, 79, 116
96	9:30 AM	4:30 PM	Mt. Sterling Gap on Old NC 284, 7 miles southeast of Big Creek to begin carpool (W)	Wildflower Hike: Long Bunk, Mt. Sterling, and Little Cataloochee Trails	A splendid wildflower show awaits those who venture on these little-traveled trails which lead through a rich, second-growth forest. Bring a hand lens. Elevation change: 1,120' descent. A 5.2-mile, moderate, one-way hike. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and comfortable walking shoes. Limit 30 people. DT: 70 min.	
April 27 Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening Friday Evening						
97	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Oconalufee Visitor Center (Z)	Return of the Elk – in the Smokies	Woodland elk were experimentally reintroduced in the park in 2001 & 2002. Join Park elk project manager Joe Yarkovich for an overview of the research and long term management plans for the Elk now in the Smokies. Some of the 130+ elk will be seen on short walks. Limit 24 persons DT=60 minutes. Easy.	
98	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	Mills Conference Center - Ball Room C&D (V)	Photography Awards Presentation	Join us at the awards presentation for this years photography winners. Awards will be presented before evening speaker. No daily pilgrimage fee. Free and open to the public.	
99	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Mills Conference Center - Ball Room C&D (V)	Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains by Tim Spira Botanist	Botanist Tim Spira introduces you to a new way of looking at wildflowers by emphasizing their relationship with each other. Tim will reveal the multi-layered tapestry of plant life in the Southern Appalachian Mountains by briefly describing representative plant communities with particular attention given to rich cove forests, the most species-rich community in the region. Interesting features of wildflowers, including how they interact with each other, and the animals that pollinate their flowers and disperse their fruits/seeds will be discussed. No daily pilgrimage fee or registration required. Open to the public. New!	
100	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Twin Creeks Pavilion off Cherokee Orchard Road (GG)	Nighttime Bat Walk: Twin Creeks Area	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	
101	8:00 PM	9:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Nighttime Natural History Walk	Discover the night activities of many organisms in the wilderness and see foxfire and other glowing things. Bring warm clothes, flashlight, and hand lens. Short, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT: 15 min	

Program Number	Start time	End time	Meeting Place	Title	Description	Similar Programs
April 28 Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday Morning Saturday						
102	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Morning Bird Walk	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, 51, 52, 61, 65, 88, 103, 127
103	7:00 AM	9:30 AM	CADES COVE CAMPGROUND STORE PARKING LOT (MM)	Cades Cove Birding	Join NPS Volunteers and enthusiastic birders Warren Bielenburg and Jennie Burke for a morning Bird walk in Cades Cove. See and hear birds of the forest and streamside. For birders of all levels. Bring Binoculars. A 1.5 mile easy walk. Limit 15. DT: 50 min	1, 51, 52, 61, 65, 88, 102, 127
104	8:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildflower Walk: Noisy Creek Falls	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.	40
105	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Noah "Bud" Ogle parking area off of Cherokee Orchard Road (Y)	Wildflower Walk: Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail	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.	12, 28, 64
106	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Black Bear and Wild Hog Walk	An overview of both black bear and hog life histories, tracking signs, human impacts and environmental issues. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT:15 min	32, 66
107	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Tree and Shrub Identification Walk	An introduction to identification of woody plants. Bring a hand lens. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 40 people. DT:15 min	7, 15, 30, 81, 128
108	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Wildflower Sketching by Maurice Edwards	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	42, 67
109	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Wildflower Walk: Ash Hopper Branch	A rich wildflower display including Vasey's trillium, and unique trees like alternate-leaved dogwood and yellow-wood. A 1.5-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	2, 31
110	8:15 AM	11:30 AM	Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room - park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Photography Workshop	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.	16, 29, 80,
111	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Little River Trailhead Past Elkmont Campground (T)	Wildflower Walk: Little River above Elkmont	Walk up this former logging railroad bed and discover the tenacity of nature in recovering from the massive logging operations which cleared this valley early in the 20th century. Many wildflowers and ferns dot the landscape. Elevation change: 200' ascent. A 2-mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:30 min.	
112	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Jakes Creek Trailhead past Elkmont Campground (R)	Wildflower Walk: Cucumber Gap Trail	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	46, 89
113	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area off of Little River Road (U)	Native Peoples use of Nature's Garden	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.	34, 82
114	8:30 AM	11:30 AM	Greenbrier Road terminus at Porters Creek trailhead 4.5 miles from Route 321 (O)	Wildflower Walk: Porters Creek Trail	See a wide variety of flowers including painted trillium 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.	5, 91, 124
115	8:45 AM	11:30 AM	Townsend "Y" on Little River Road (FF)	Wildflower Walk: Chestnut Top Trail	One of the grandest wildflower displays in the Smokies. A 2 mile, moderate walk. Limit 15 people. DT:45 min.	6, 35, 85
116	9:00 AM	12:30000 PM	SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER—BUS PARKING AREAS TO BEGIN CARPOOL (EE)	History Walk In The Fighting Creek Community	Join park ranger Brad Free to discover old home sites, a church, cemeteries, and remnant roads that speak of pre-park families near park headquarters. 1 mile, easy walk. Limit 20 people. DT: 15 min.	18, 36, 45, 69, 79, 95
117	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Mills Conference Center Gatlinburg Room A (V)	Wildflowers, wildflowers, wildflowers by Liz Domingue, Naturalist, Photographer, and Writer	Their beauty is all around us throughout our Smoky Mountain spring, summer, and fall. Learn some identification tips, medicinal & edible uses, and where and when you can find the many colorful varieties of wildflowers, flowering trees, and shrubs.	
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118	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Mills Conference Center - Vans (V)	Wildcrafting Walk	Learn about the edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants of our area. Short, easy walk. Limit 28 people	39, 72
119	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center bus parking lot to begin carpool (EE)	Aquatic Insects Walk	For the veteran, novice, and kid aquatic insect searcher. Learn about the most diverse group of organisms on the planet first hand. Bring hand lens and mud shoes. Short, easy walk along streams and ponds. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	41, 50, 68, 75, 78
120	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sugarlands Visitor Center—park in 3rd lot on right (EE)	Exotic Plant and Wildflower Walk: Old Sugarlands	Learn to identify exotic plants and their impact on the native flora. A 2-3 mile, easy walk. Limit 30 people. DT:15 min.	

