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Dwarf Crested Iris

By Donna Bollenbach

My husband and I were camping at Tim's Ford State Park when we decided to go for a hike in Short Springs State Natural Area in nearby Tullahoma. While everyone else headed for the waterfalls, we opted to walk on the Wildflower Trail. It was mid-April, so there were many spring flowers to see.

One of them was the Dwarf crested iris, *Iris cristata*. The Dwarf crested iris is endemic to the eastern United States.

The Wildflower Trail skirts a wooded, rocky stream bank. We spotted a large colony of Dwarf crested iris on the upper banks, growing in rich, well-drained soil.

The flowers are often pale lavender with a frilly white patch and a yellow crest, but some blooms may be nearly all white, or shades of blue. It blooms in early to late spring (Late March through May).

The Dwarf crested iris spreads by shallow rooted rhizomes and makes a great groundcover in a native woodland or rock garden.

Unlike its tall cousins, the stems of the Dwarf crested iris are only 3"-6" high. What they lack in height, these flowers make-up for in quantity and presentation. Multiple showy flowers are bunched together in swirls of bright green sword shaped leaves.



Dwarf Crested Iris, *Iris cristata*
Photo by Donna Bollenbach

They are an attractive nectar source for hummingbirds and bees.

Many believe flowers in the iris family were named after the Greek goddess of the rainbow. Iris flowers certainly come in a rainbow of colors.

From Van Gogh's painting "Irises" to the work of contemporary artists, the iris has been an inspiration for art and prose for decades.

In Tennessee, the Iris was designated as the official state "cultivated" flower in 1973. While hybrids exist, there are many suitable native irises to adorn our gardens and landscapes, one of which is the Dwarf crested iris.

TNPS Newsletter

This newsletter is a publication of the Tennessee Native Plant Society and is published four times a year, generally March, June, September, and December.

The Tennessee Native Plant Society (TNPS) was founded in 1977. Its purposes are to assist in the exchange of information and encourage fellowship among Tennessee's botanists, both amateur and professional; to promote public education about Tennessee flora and wild plants in general; to provide, through publication of a newsletter or journal, a formal means of documenting information on Tennessee flora and of informing the public about wild plants; and to promote the protection and enhancement of Tennessee's wild plant communities.

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President's Musings

A fresh new year has begun, with new opportunities and new challenges. Flowers are stirring from their wintry beds, warmed by the increasing sunshine. The roadside clusters of jonquils come first, followed by swaths of Virginia bluebells. They portend the coming explosion of wildflowers, which we will joyfully seek as we stride along fresh paths and familiar trails. What's not to love about the promises of spring?

In this newsletter and on our TNPS website, our field trips and monthly seminars are listed for 2023. We also have included

information and a registration form for our annual conference, which will be held this year at Cedars of Lebanon State Park in conjunction with the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glades Festival, May 5-7. I look forward to seeing friends old and new at these events and learning more about our beautiful native plants. Will I see you at any of these events?

We also have a slew of Education Outreach events planned across the state, where our Coordinators will man booths with information on our native plants, TNPS membership applications, and often books. Payment is now accepted by cash, check, and credit card/ PayPal (via our QR Code).

Speaking of books, our publisher is once again out of our Wildflower book, but they have been reprinted and, hopefully,

will be available soon. In the meantime, we may experience some availability issues, but they should be of a very short duration (unlike last time).

In the past few years, we have incorporated the use of more and more technology in our activities. So much so that I am now seeking a volunteer Technology Assistant to help manage our use of Zoom, Dropbox, PayPal, Quick Books, and our website. This assistant would be a non-voting member of our Board, helping us use our technology programs successfully and fully. If interested, you need not be proficient in all aspects of these programs but

should be comfortable working with some of them and willing to learn more about the rest of them. If you are willing to assist us with our technology, or just want to know more, please send me an email at info@tnps.org.

This newsletter is packed with activities and events for those of us who study and/or enjoy our native Tennessee plants. So, select those that suit you best, and hopefully, I'll see you somewhere on the trail!




2023 Annual Meeting and Conference

The TNPS 2023 Annual Conference will be held at the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Festival Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. It will start with check-in and an opening reception beginning at 3:00 PM on Friday for early arrivals, continuing into a leisurely opening reception at Cedar Forest Lodge. There will be a barbecue dinner (requires a meal ticket) at 5:30 PM at the Assembly Hall, followed by evening lectures (Hobart Aiken, state cultural interpretive specialist, and Todd Crabtree, state botanist) at 7:00 PM at the Cedar Forest Lodge.

On Saturday, there is something for everyone, starting with an early morning bird-watching hike, longer cedar glade field hikes in the morning and afternoon, and botany by bike. There will also be programs on photography, painting a wildflower, geology hikes, wild edible foods, gardening with native plants, managing cedar glades in action, and some activities for kids. In the event of inclement weather, events may be shifted around.

There will be an opportunity to sign up for Saturday field trips and Glade Festival activities before and after the Friday evening lectures. Most of the activities are free (Note: on the website you may be asked to donate to state parks, there is no need to do so for free events), but several programs require a small fee: Botany by Bike, Photography, and Paint a Coneflower. Registration for field trips and activities can also be completed online at: <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/cedars-of-lebanon/#/?park=cedars-of-lebanon>.

After our Saturday activities, we will have an Italian dinner (requires a meal ticket) in the Assembly Hall,

followed by a brief meeting of all TNPS members and a lecture by Pandy Upchurch at 7 PM. On Sunday morning, May 7, there will be a hike to Couchville Glade/Long Hunter State Park.

We have reserved a block of rooms at Comfort Suites, just south of I-40 Exit 238 (Lebanon); the room rate is \$129.95 + tax per night. Breakfast is included. The motel is an easy 10-15 minute drive down Hwy 231 (Murfreesboro Road) to the Cedars of Lebanon entrance. Please make your own reservation by calling (615) 443-0027; make sure to mention the Tennessee Native Plant Society. *Our special rate expires at the end of the day on April 5, 2023*, so please make reservations prior to that time. Reservations can be canceled up to 4 PM on Friday, May 5.

There are several other motel choices in the area. It would be wise to make reservations as soon as possible, as there are other activities (including a college graduation) in the area that weekend. There are a few tent camping spots and some RV camping spots still available in the park, although they will probably go fast; these can be booked online or by calling the Cedars of Lebanon camp store at (615) 453-3031.

Please register by filling out the Registration Form in this newsletter (page 11) or on the Conference Registration page of our website (tnps.org); you will receive information about purchasing dinner tickets after you sign up. The cost is \$12 per dinner/person with a vegetarian option on Saturday.

We're really excited about this joint meeting. There are many unique and beautiful things to see!



2023 TNPS Field Trip & Events Schedule

MARCH 18 (SATURDAY) Wild Ones Native Plant Symposium

Info: [Symposium - Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones \(tnvalleywildones.org\)](https://www.tnvalleywildones.org)

MARCH 25 (SATURDAY) Wild Ones Native Plant Sale & Expo

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MARCH 25 (SATURDAY) Early Spring at Soak Ash Creek, Sevier Co., TN

Description: We will take an early spring hike around the Soak Ash Creek area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Pittman Center, TN. This 20-acre addition to the National Park was made possible in 2011 by the Friends of the Smokies and has been the site of extensive invasive removal throughout the last decade.

There is a grove of native American plum as well as many early successional communities along the creek that will be in full bloom later in the spring. In the woodlands, we should see early spring wildflowers (hepatica, anemone, toothwort, bloodroot, etc.) and species like blue phacelia, spring beauty, and other grasses/sedges in the open areas.

Meeting Place/Time: Parking lot of Steiner Bell Lodge, will access Soak Ash Creek via Old Settler's Trail at 10:00 AM EDT

Difficulty: Easy to moderate. There are some wet areas and narrow pathways along wooded slopes, so waterproof hiking boots may be of use.

Lunch: Late lunch at WaFloy Restaurant close by.

Facilities: At the restaurant/lodge

Leader: Shelby Lyn Sanders, ph. 405-301-0915, email slsanders@foothillsland.org

MARCH 26 (SUNDAY) Taylor Hollow Outing

Description: The Tennessee Native Plant Society will have an early spring hike in Taylor Hollow State Natural Area. After parking at Larkspur Conservation, we'll walk to the trailhead of Taylor Hollow, then walk about 2 ½ miles. Trail etiquette and group dynamics will be emphasized. If we've had a warm spring and we're lucky, we will see the first blooms of Blue-eyed Mary (*Colinsia verna*).

For those who would like, we'll visit Larkspur Conservation (maybe around lunch time). The group will explore some of the roads and trails of Larkspur.

Meeting Place/Time: The meeting time will be 9:00 AM CDT at Larkspur Conservation off Bear Creek Rd which turns off Phillips Hollow Road. Phillips Hollow Rd. turns off Highway 31 E/231 between Lebanon and Westmoreland, TN. You should be able to put Larkspur Conservation in your cell phone.

Difficulty: Moderate

Lunch: Bring lunch, water, and bug spray

Leaders: Allen Sweetser (865-223-9914), Larry Pounds (865-705-8516, poundsL471@aol.com), and Margie Hunter.

APRIL 8 (SATURDAY) Prairie Grove Glade, Lawrence Co., Alabama

Description: Prairie Grove Glade is the largest remaining intact limestone cedar glade in north Alabama and is home to many rare plants, including two that are federally endangered. We should see the following on our trip: lyreleaf bladderpod (*Paysonia lyrata*) - Federally endangered 3 counties in NW AL, Alabama glade cress (*Leavenworthia alabamica*) - endemic to 3 or 4 counties in NW AL, TN, Tennessee milkvetch (*Astragalus tennesseensis*), Harper's umbrella plant (*Eriogonum harperi*) - only see rosettes in the spring, limestone hedge-hyssop (*Gratiola quartermanniae*), Nashville breadroot (*Pedimelum subacaule*), limestone fameflower (*Talinum calcaricum*), sunnysbells (*Schoenolirion croceum*), Gattinger's prairie clover (*Dalea gattingeri*), limestone quillwort (*Isoetes butleri*), fleshy-fruit glade cress (*Leavenworthia crassa*) - Federally endangered, we may find some populations along roadsides.

Meeting Place/Time: Love's Travel Center, 2048 State Hwy 20, Tuscumbia, AL at 10:00 AM CDT.

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Lunch: Bring to eat in the field. **Facilities:** At Love's.

Leaders: Dennis Horn, email: horndd@lighttube.net; Bart Jones, email: bjones7777@hotmail.com ph. 901-485-2745, and David Webb.

APRIL 26-29 (WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY)

Wildflower Pilgrimage, Smoky Mountains

Info: <https://www.wildflowerpilgrimage.org/>



Blue-eyed Mary
Photo by D. Bollenbach



Limestone Fameflower
Photo by Dennis Horn



Phacelia
Photo by D. Bollenbach



Tennessee Milk Vetch
Photo by Dennis Horn

APRIL 15 (SATURDAY) Frozen Head Wildflower Walk

Description: This is a joint outing sponsored by TNPS and TCWP. All are welcome. We will have an excellent opportunity to see spring wildflowers. The first mile is ideal for those with limited hiking capabilities; the trail is wide and flat. For those continuing the next 2 miles are steeper and rougher but still moderate.

Meeting Place/Time: Frozen Head State Park Visitor Center parking area, 964 Flat Fork Rd, Wartburg, TN (36.12491565416323, -84.50464400941911) at 10:00 EDT.

Difficulty:

Option 1. Just one mile of wide flat trail. Easy.

Option 2. Continuing another three miles with a stream crossing and some steep places. Moderate.

Lunch: Bring water, lunch, and bug spray

Facilities: At meeting place

Leaders: Larry Pounds and Jimmy Groton, Phone/email: 865-705-8516, PoundsL471@aol.com

APRIL 29 (SATURDAY) Haw Ridge Park

Description: This is sponsored by TNPS and TCWP. We should be able to see an inconspicuous orchid, Wister's coralroot, among many other spring wildflowers. Some of these flowers are growing on a small cedar barren.

Meeting Place/Time: In Oak Ridge at the west terminal trailhead of the greenway along Edgemoor Rd. (TN 170). (Don't go down Old Edgemoor Rd.) at 10:00 AM EDT. (36.00048827951083, -84.18509207320274)

Difficulty: We will walk a loop of less than 2 miles. The trail is rough in places.

Lunch: Bring water, lunch, and bug spray

Facilities: A portable at the meeting place

Leader: Larry Pounds. If you RSVP it helps with planning, Phone/email: 865-705-8516, PoundsL471@aol.com

MAY 5-7 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) Annual Meeting, Cedars of Lebanon State Park, coinciding with the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glades Festival

Info: Our field trips Saturday will be those led by Festival volunteers. Sunday we will hike nearby Couchville Cedar Glade. Check the website for more information closer to meeting time.

MAY 13 (SATURDAY) Peavine Rd to Devil's Breakfast Table

Description: This is sponsored by TNPS and TCWP. We will start at Peavine Rd. and hike along Daddy's Creek staying mostly up on the bluffs. At the halfway point the trail drops to the creek. We will eat lunch there. You will see many rock formations and a wide array of flowers along this section of the Cumberland Trail (CT). We end at the shuttle point near the Devil's Breakfast Table Area. This is a spot to see the federally listed Cumberland rosemary. As usual you may do this hike as an out-and-back. You can turn back to Peavine Rd. at any point making a hike of the length you desire. See <https://www.cumberlandtrail.org/> for map and description of the Devil's Breakfast Table Section of the CT.

Meeting Places/Times:

1. Marathon Gas Station (52 Main St, Crab Orchard) at the Crab Orchard exit (329) off I-40 east of Crossville (9:00 AM CDT, 10:00 AM EDT) (35.908715047614265, -84.87526755741177)
2. Oak Ridge at the Gold's Gym/Books-A-Million parking lot (meet at the end close to S. Illinois Avenue, near Salsarita's) in time to leave Oak Ridge at 8:45 AM EDT.

Difficulty: 7.6 miles for those going the full distance. This does not count short side trails to overlooks. There are steep sections. Difficulty based on length and steepness.

Lunch: Bring water, lunch, and bug spray

Facilities: At meeting places

Leader: Larry Pounds. If you RSVP it helps with planning,

Phone/email: 865-705-8516, PoundsL471@aol.com



Cumberland Rosemary
Photo by Dennis Horn

MAY 20 (SATURDAY) Center Hill Dam

Description: It has been about 15 years since TNPS visited the rich hillsides along the Caney Fork River below Center Hill Dam in DeKalb County, TN. Since then the Corp of Engineers has completed 3 major construction projects to stabilize the dam and eliminate safety hazards from water leakage and erosion. I hope the 12 years of repair work have not significantly impacted the interesting and rare plants we plan to observe on this trip. Along the river bluffs grow several rare and endemic plants. A primary target species is the newly described Wofford's wood mint (*Blephilia woffordii*). It is found only in the Caney Fork River basin. We also will look for western wallflower (*Erysimum capitatum*), a beautiful orange flowered member of the Mustard Family (Brassicaceae), and woolly Dutchman's pipe (*Isotrema tomentosum*), formerly (*Aristolochia tomentosa*). Other plants include large stem alumroot (*Heuchera macrorrhiza*), Svenson's wild rye (*Elymus svensonii*), and a mock vervain (*Glandularia* sp.) plant yet to be formally described. At the base of a rock quarry below the dam we will look for Loesel's twayblade (*Liparis loeselii*), a TN threatened species known to occur there from previous years along the spring emerging from the base of the quarry.

Meeting Place/Time: Long Branch Recreation Area (picnic pavilion below the Dam), accessed from I-40, Buffalo Valley exit 268, then south on TN Hwy 96 about 5 miles to the Dam, then cross the Dam and turn right on TN Hwy 141, go 0.5 mile to picnic area on the right. 10:00 AM CDT.

Difficulty: Easy, mostly roadside botanizing. Boots may be needed at the orchid (*Liparis*) site.

Lunch: Bring to eat in our vehicles or at the picnic area.

Facilities: At meeting place.

Leaders: Louise Gregory, Dennis Horn 931-581-9901, horndd@lighttube.net



Western Wallflower
Photo by Dennis Horn

MAY 27 (SATURDAY) Oak Ridge Greenway—Paved Section

Description: This is sponsored by TNPS and TCWP. We will emphasize tree and shrub identification along the paved greenway.

Meeting Place: At the end of Old Edgemoor Rd. in Haw Ridge Park in Oak Ridge at 9:00 AM EDT (36.01034, -84.16753). Near the former Life Development Center (299 Old Edgemoor Rd. Oak Ridge).

Difficulty: This should work for those with limited walking ability. Wheelchairs are a possibility. We will walk or roll on a flattish paved trail. Total out and back distance is perhaps 1.5 miles. As usual attendees can turn back when they want.

Lunch: Bring water, lunch, and bug spray

Facilities: None

Leader: Larry Pounds. If you RSVP it helps with planning, Phone/email: 865-705-8516, PoundsL471@aol.com

JUNE 3-4 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) Ketona Glades of Bibb County, ALABAMA

Description: Discovered in 1992 by Jim Allison while surveying the Cahaba River for *Sedum neviusii*, these glades are home to over 60 rare plants, 8 of which are endemic. The glades are comprised of dolomite with high levels of magnesium, an element usually toxic to plants. The soil formed from this rock has induced adaptations leading to unique species. For our trip, we expect to see Alabama pinkroot (*Spigelia alabamensis*), Cahaba prairie clover (*Dalea cahaba*), Cahaba paintbrush (*Castilleja kraliana*), Mohr's Barbara buttons (*Marshallia mohrii*), Cahaba daisy fleabane (*Erigeron strigosus* var. *dolomitica*), and possibly small horsenettle (*Solanum pumilum*), a plant that was thought to be extinct for over 100 years. The second day of our trip will see us return to the glades to look for plants we might have missed on Saturday, then finish up at the Cahaba River to catch the last of the Cahaba lilies (*Hymenocallis coronaria*).

Meeting Places/Times: Lobby of Hampton Inn, Calera at 9:15 AM CDT (preferred place to stay and meet) or the parking area of Kathy Stiles Freeland Bibb County Glades Preserve at 10:00 AM CDT.

Difficulty: Moderate. The glades are on hillside slopes and the rock outcrops are jagged.

Lunch: Bring to eat in the field.

Facilities: At hotel. There are no facilities at the glades.

Leaders: Bart Jones, email – bjones7777@hotmail.com, Ph. 901-485-2745. Plus, special guest leader Jim Allison.



Mohr's Barbara Buttons
Photo by Dennis Horn

JUNE 17 (SATURDAY) Andrews Bald

Description: This is a joint outing for TNPS and TCWP. I am hoping to catch many azaleas in bloom. We will see interesting high elevation plants such as southern bush honeysuckle and southern mountain cranberry. To park at the trailhead will require a parking pass. Five dollars for the day and \$40 for the year. More info will be coming from GSMNP. Parking may be difficult at the Clingmans Dome parking lot, so we need to carpool as much as possible.

Meeting Places/Times:



Southern Bush Honeysuckle
Photo by Dennis Horn

1. Oak Ridge at the Gold's Gym/Books-A-Million parking lot (meet at the section close to S. Illinois Avenue, near Salsarita's) in time to leave Oak Ridge at 7:30 AM EDT
2. Newfound Gap parking area, find me near the Rockefeller Memorial at 10:00 AM EDT (parking tag required)

Difficulty: 3.6 miles round trip with 1,200 ft. of elevation change

Lunch: Bring water, lunch, and bug spray

Facilities: at trailhead

Leaders: Larry Pounds and Allen Sweetser. If you RSVP it helps with planning and carpooling.

Phone/email: 865-705-8516, PoundsL471@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 2 (SATURDAY) Big South Fork

Description: This is sponsored by TNPS and TCWP. We will visit a powerline for goldenrods, asters, and a striped gentian and then walk Middle Creek Loop, a scenic area with rockhouse endemic species, Cumberland sandwort and rockhouse white snakeroot.

Meeting Places/Times:

1. Oak Ridge at the Gold's Gym/Books-A-Million parking lot (meet at the end close to S. Illinois Avenue, near Salsarita's) in time to leave Oak Ridge at 8:00 AM EDT.
2. Go as if you were going to Picket State Park on TN 154. Look for the gravel parking area and trailhead for the Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area (Astronomy field) on the left at 9:30 AM EDT (8:30 AM CDT) (36.52193252784118, -84.81758297017807). We will caravan from there into the Big South Fork.

Difficulty: Middle Creek Loop is 3.5 miles of moderate difficulty. The distance on the powerline will be less than a mile out and back.

Lunch: Bring water, lunch, and bug spray

Facilities: At meeting places

Leader: Larry Pounds. If you RSVP it helps with planning, phone/email: 865-705-8516, PoundsL471@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 23 (SATURDAY) Exploring the Sands of Ghost River State Natural Area

Description: Since this is a scheduled natural areas event, you must register as it is open to everyone, so TNPS members that want to join should sign up early here: https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/division-of-natural-areas/#/?event=exploring-the-sands-of-ghost-river-state-natural-area. There is a limit of 20 participants.

Be the first to explore the newly acquired sand hill community at Ghost River State Natural Area. The community is the only place in Tennessee to see sand post oak and capillary hair sedge and one of the few areas to see Plukenet's flat-sedge. For this event, we will meet in the Mineral Slough parking lot and car-pool over to the sand hill community. The event is considered easy. It is recommended that participants wear insect repellent that repels ticks. There is no fee for this program.

Meeting Place/Time: Mineral Slough, Ghost River State Natural Area at 10:00 AM CDT. Parking lot coordinates are 35.026757, -89.272203.

Difficulty: Easy

Facilities: None

Lunch: None, the trip will end early afternoon.

Leaders: Allan Trently, email: allan.trently@tn.gov, ph. 731-571-9729, and Caitlin Elam.



The Tennessee Native Plant Society Presents **2023 Native Plant Seminars**

The Tennessee Native Plant Society will again host monthly Native Plant Seminars beginning in January 2023. These events will be held via Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Central (7:30 p.m. Eastern) and lasting about one hour. All members, and potential members, are welcome to join the seminars at no cost. The link to join each seminar will be posted on the *Seminars* and *Calendar* pages of our website: www.tnps.org

Seminar speakers are drawn from our knowledgeable membership, from professionals across the state, and from the professors and students studying our Tennessee native plants. A range of topics will be covered that may include plants that are currently blooming, native plants in our yards, current research on native plants, protections for native plants, and so much more.

Join us for an hour a month to learn more about Tennessee native plants.

2023 TNPS Native Plant Seminar Schedule

January 17 – Dennis Bishop, *Designing in Nature: Transforming Lawns to Native Plants*

February 21 – Allan Trently, *Native Plant Highlights from West Tennessee: 2008 to Present*

March 21 – Todd Crabtree, *Rare Plants and Plant Communities of Southeast Tennessee*

April 18 -- Erin Tripp, *Lichens of Tennessee*

May 16 – Rita Venable, *Bumble Bees of Tennessee and What They Do*

June 20 – Dennis Whigham, *Native Orchids in Tennessee - Ecology & Conservation Needs*

July 18 – Nate Fields, *Plant for a Change: Cultivating Native Habitats and Nurturing Greener Communities Alongside People With and Without Disabilities*

August 15 – Sam King, *Removing Invasive Plants*

September 19 – Tony Lance, *Certify Your Yard (TWF)* (tentative)

October 17 – Round Table, *Legislative Protections for Native Plants*

November 21 – Dennis Horn, *Tennessee Orchids*



2023 TNPS Conference Registration Lebanon, TN ~ May 5-7, 2023

Please complete and return with payment by **April 15th**. Online registration and payment are also available at:
<https://www.tnps.org/conference/>

Please note:

Our meetings and events will be held at Cedars of Lebanon State Park ten miles south of Lebanon, TN, and headquartered at the Cedar Forest Lodge on Cedar Forest Road. The park entrance is on Hwy 231 (Murfreesboro Road).

A block of rooms has been reserved at the discounted room rate of \$129.95 + tax per night (2 double beds or one king bed) at Comfort Suites (904 Murfreesboro Road, Exit 238 south off I-40). Reservations can be made by calling Comfort Suites directly at 615-443-0027 (mention the Tennessee Native Plant Society for the discount). This special rate expires two weeks before the event. Breakfast is included.

A food truck is tentatively scheduled to be at the park for lunch on Saturday; a Subway is also near the hotel. Dinner on Friday and Saturday will be catered at the park before evening programs.

Cost is \$12 per person per meal. A vegetarian option is available for Saturday dinner.

A schedule of hikes and talks are posted on our website and will be emailed to those who register.

Registration fee \$25 per person	# People _____@\$25	= _____
Friday Evening Dinner	# People _____@\$12	= _____
Saturday Evening Dinner	# People _____@\$12	= _____
Total Payment		\$ _____

Registrant #1 Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Special Needs _____

Registrant #2 Information:

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Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Special Needs _____

Make check(s) payable to **TNPS** and send to: Karen Hill, 2152 Ravenscourt Drive, Thompsons Station, TN 37179. Questions? Email: treas@tnps.org

When Are Dues Due?

All membership dues are due on January 1, including those who joined during the year up to and including June 30. If you joined on or after July 1, you receive the partial year free, then need to renew annually by the following January 1st.

To make payment go to www.TNPS.org. Click on “Membership” on the bottom left side of any page and follow the directions for either printing a form and mailing it with a check OR using the online form. Once the online form is complete, you will be sent to the PayPal page for payment with either a credit card or through your PayPal account. You have the option of making a one-time payment or making recurring annual payments.

Either way, **UNTIL PAYMENT IS MADE VIA CHECK OR PAYPAL YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER AND WILL NOT RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS.** If your address has changed, please email your new address to info@TNPS.org.

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