

# Spring Nature Safari: Exploring the Hills of Southern Ohio

Basecamp: Shawnee Lodge & Conference Center Ballroom



## FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

- 3:00 Registration opens Ballroom Hallway
  - Lodge and Cabin check-in hotel desk
  - Pick up your badge registration table
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm Sunset Social
  - Unwind with a drink available for purchase in the Tecumseh Lounge. Take the opportunity to meet fellow attendees and explore both our indoor and outdoor vendors.
  - 6:00 Pizza and Salad Buffet in the Ballroom
- 7:00 pm Welcome by Midwest Native Plant Society Safari Team and announcements
  - 7:45 - 8:45 pm Evening Program
  - *The Wonderful Diversity of Southern Ohio's Wildflowers, Brian Jorg*
- 9:00 pm Nocturnal activities *TBD*: General nature, nocturnal insects, nightjars, mothing or documentary screening. Bring your flashlight and a camera as we will see some amazing wildlife.

## SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

- Breakfast on your own or pre-ordered at registration.
- 8:00 / 8:30 am Field trips meet in the parking lot.
  - Grab your pre-ordered meals from the Sunshine Catering Truck before meeting your trip leader. (Your order will be on your badge.) **Drinks are not provided, be sure to bring water for your hike.** We recommend tick repellent as well.
- 8:45 am Field Trips Depart
  - Please do NOT change field trips without notice or ask the leaders if you can join their trip. We do not want to overload our leaders and cause safety issues for field trips/carpooling.
  - Most trips are ½ day with lunch in the field and return as designated by the leader but no later than 2-3 pm.
- 4:00 to 5:30 pm Sunset Social
  - Unwind with a drink available for purchase in the Tecumseh Lounge. Take the opportunity to meet fellow attendees and explore both our indoor and outdoor vendors.
- 6:00 pm Dinner Buffet in the Ballroom
  - 7:00 pm Announcements, Raffle winners
  - 7:45 - 8:45 pm Evening Program
  - *Timber Rattlesnakes, John Howard*
- 9:00 pm Nocturnal activities *TBD*: General nature, nocturnal insects, nightjars, mothing. Bring your flashlight and a camera as we will see some amazing wildlife.



## SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

- 7:30 to 8:30 am Early Bird Walks around the lodge & cabins
- 9:00 am Safari Ends. Say goodbye and grab a donut to go from our *farewell and safe travels* table in the parking lot. Thank you for joining us!

