Spring Nature Safari: Exploring the Hills of Southern Ohio

FRIDAY MAY 20
- 3:00 pm Registration opens
  - Lodge and Cabin check-in
  - Pickup your badge
  - Sign-up for nocturnal Events
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Sundowner Social
  - Butterflies of Southern Ohio, presentation by John Howard
- Dinner Buffet
  - 5:30 Dinner buffet 1; 6:15 Dinner buffet 2
- 7:00 pm Welcome by Shawnee Naturalist Jenny Richards
- 7:15 - 8:15 pm Evening Program
  - Rare Botanical Encounters in Southern Ohio, John Howard
- 8:30 pm Off-site field trips depart
- 9:00 pm Meet for nocturnal events: Astronomy, Bats, Nocturnal Insects: Mothing & More at the Sheets, Fireflies, Creatures of the Nights, Nightjars: ‘Chucks and Whips’. Bring your flashlight and a camera as we will see some amazing wildlife.

SATURDAY MAY 21
- 7:30 – 8:30am Breakfast buffet, optional at additional cost
- Morning Field Trips Depart
  - Remember to pick up your pre-ordered lunch outside the front of the lodge before you find your trip leader. Drinks are not provided, be sure to bring water for your hike. We recommend tick repellant as well.
  - 8:30am - Field trips # 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 meet in the parking lot.
  - 8:45am - Field trips # 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 meet in the parking lot.
  - Please do NOT change field trips without notice! Trips are limited and have different ratings. Your leaders have a roster and will be waiting for you in the morning before the trip departs.
  - Field trips return between 2-3pm.
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Sundowner Social
  - Woodrats on the Edge, Presentation by Laura Hughes
- Dinner Buffet
  - 5:30 Dinner Buffet 1; 6:15 Dinner Buffet 2
- 7:00 pm Announcements, raffle winners
- 7:15 – 8:15 pm Evening Program
  - The Breeding Warblers of Shawnee State Forest, presentation by Jim McCormac
- 8:30 pm Offsite Field trips depart
- 9:00 pm Meet for nocturnal events: Astronomy, Bats, Nocturnal Insects: Mothing & More at the Sheets, Fireflies, Creatures of the Night, Nightjars: ‘Chucks and Whips’. Bring your flashlight and a camera as we will see some amazing wildlife.

SUNDAY, MAY 22
- 7:00 am Pre-Breakfast Hike: Early Morning Birding and Botanizing around the lodge
  - Meet outside front of lodge
- 8:00 – 9:00am Breakfast buffet, optional at additional cost
  - Safari Ends, Field Trips on your own
    - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Photography with Jim McCormac, additional $60

Join Jim for a morning photographic foray around Shawnee. Jim will seek out some of the rare and showy plants and discuss tactics of exposure, composition, creation of backdrops (bokeh), effective aperture and shutter speeds, plus the use of flash. There will be opportunities to photograph butterflies and various pollinators too. This expedition will also serve as a lesson in field botany, and above all, you’ll have fun! All skill levels welcome. Limit 8.

Thank you for joining us! We wish you safe travels and hope to see you again at another event!