

Tennessee State Natural Areas

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2011 EVENTS

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Events are as accurate as possible but are subject to change. Please call hike leader to verify.



Natural areas represent some of Tennessee's best examples of intact ecosystems and serve as reference areas for how natural ecological processes function.



January - December

Tennessee is fortunate to have more than 80 natural areas across the state. Guided hikes and tours of these ecologically significant areas are offered throughout the year and are sponsored by the Division of Resource Management and regional conservation groups.

Please Note: For most events space is limited and reservations are required. Be sure to sign up by the RSVP deadline. Trips may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Leave your phone number and/or email address with the hike leader so they can reach you if plans change. If you have reserved a spot on a hike but are unable to attend, please let the hike leader know, so someone on the waiting list may take your place. Events are as accurate as possible but are subject to change. Please check with the hike leader to verify.

For more information about a specific Natural Area, including descriptions, directions and maps, [click here](#).

- Jan. 22** Winter Hike at Taylor Hollow
- Feb. 20-26** Weed Awareness Week (Events TBA)
- March 26** Spring Hike at Walls of Jericho
- April 10-16** Tennessee State Natural Areas Week (Events TBA)
- April 22** Earth Day Events (Events TBA)
- May 14** Wildflower Hike at John Ross Registered Natural Area
- June 4** National Trails Day (Events TBA)
- June 25** Tennessee Coneflower Tour
- July 23** Canoe Float on the Duck River State Scenic River
- Aug. 6** Crawdad Hootenanny and Hike at Montgomery Bell
- Sept. 10** Late Summer Hike at Carter State Natural Area
- Sept. 24** National Public Lands Day (Events TBA)
- Oct. 14** Hill Forest Natural Area Hike
- Nov. 2** Habitat Hike at Stinging Fork Falls
- Dec. 10** Winter Hike at Stillhouse Hollow Falls

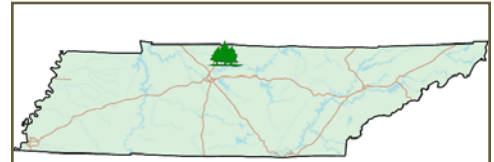
January

Taylor Hollow

Jan. 22

Winter Hike

Join Roger McCoy with the Division of Resource Management, Natural Heritage Inventory Program for a guided hike at Taylor Hollow State Natural Area in Sumner County. Winter provides an opportunity to observe the landscape of the Eastern Highland Rim and even in the coldest months, Taylor Hollow does not disappoint its visitors. Winter also allows for hiking off-trail without fear of trampling the hollow's sensitive vegetation. We will follow stream bottoms and hike some moderately steep slopes. Interpretation will include winter shrub and tree identification, forest ecology, viewing fossils and possible ice formations from Taylor Hollow's small waterfall. The hike is moderate to difficult, but those accustomed to hiking should have no problems. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks. Reservations are required. RSVP by January 20 to Roger McCoy, (615) 532-0437 or roger.mccoy@tn.gov.



Meet at 10 a.m. central, in front of the home of Dr. Ward, 671 Phillips Hollow Road Westmoreland, in north-east Sumner County
<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=671+Phillips+Hollow+Rd,+Westmoreland,+TN+37186,+USA&sa=X&oi=map&ct=title>.

February

Weed Awareness Week

Feb. 20-26

(Events TBA)

March

Walls of Jericho

March 26

Early Spring Hike

Journey through the springtime beauty at the Walls of Jericho State Natural Area in Franklin County. This strenuous 8-mile hike descends 600 feet into the "Walls" and continues along the creek to an amazing canyon of sheer rock bluffs, caves, and waterfalls. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy boots and bring plenty of water and lunch. This hike is strenuous and participants should be in good physical condition. The trip will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Reservations required: RSVP by March 25 to Forrest Evans, (615) 532-0431, or Forrest.Evans@tn.gov. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.



Meet at 7:30 a.m. central, at the Nashville Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow Mall.

April

TN Natural Areas Week

April 10-16

(Events TBA)

Earth Day

April 22

(Events TBA)

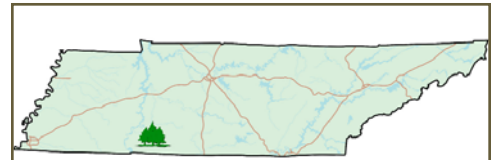
The Natural Areas Program administers the *Natural Areas Registry Program* which develops non-binding voluntary agreements with private and public landowners to protect sites of ecological importance. There are presently over 30 such *Registered State Natural Areas*. The Natural Areas Program seeks to include adequate representation of all natural communities that make up Tennessee's natural landscape, and provide long term protection for Tennessee's rare, threatened and endangered plant and animal life.

May

John Ross Registered NA May 14

Wildflower Hike

The John Ross site is a privately owned 170-acre registered natural area in Hardin County. The area is exemplary for its spring wildflowers. We will hike up Sugar Camp Hollow along a tributary of Horse Creek to a waterfall. This waterfall is noted for its beauty and for the great diversity of flowering plants and ferns. The full hike will be about two miles. We will go at a slow pace in order to see and identify wildflowers along the way. The hike is considered easy for most people. There will be a few stream crossings so it is best to wear footwear you don't mind getting wet. Please bring a lunch and water for the event. Reservations required: RSVP by May 5th to Allan J. Trently, (731) 512-1369 or allan.trently@tn.gov. If you need to call Allan on May 7th call his cell (731) 234-4887.



Meet at 9:30 a.m. central, at the parking lot in front of Graham Methodist Church just south of Airport Market at the intersection of Airport Road (Route 226) and Route 69 in Maddox which is south of Savannah.

June

National Trails Day

June 4

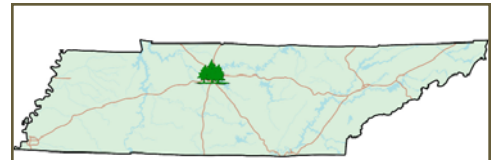
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Mid-TN Natural Areas

June 25

TN Coneflower Tour

Enjoy seeing a rare species that was once on the brink of extinction, but today can be seen in the unique habitat of many of our Middle Tennessee state natural areas, including Couchville Cedar Glade, Mt. View Glade and Vesta Cedar Glades and Barrens. It will be peak flowering time for Tennessee coneflower, and an opportunity to celebrate the success of its recovery. This a moderate, non-strenuous hike. Bring a lunch and plenty of water. Reservations required: RSVP by June 23 to Brian Bowen, (615) 532-0436 or brian.bowen@tn.gov. Transportation will be provided but space is limited.



Meet at 9 a.m. central, at the Nashville Target store parking lot off of Bell Road near Hickory Hollow Mall.

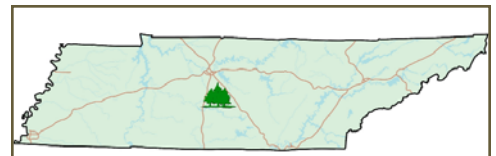
July

Duck River State Scenic River

July 23

Canoe Float

Enjoy the cool waters of the Duck River on a warm summer day. We will be on a very flat and easy stretch of river from Leftwich Bridge to the TWRA take out at Howard Bridge. This stretch of the river has a gentle current, no rapids and will take about 4 hours to float. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners to canoe. Participants are welcome to bring their own canoe or kayak, but will have to provide their own transportation if they do. Canoes can be rented at a special discount of \$12.50 per person or \$25 per canoe through a local canoe vendor. Our put in point is about a 45-minute drive south of Nashville on I-65. Bring lunch and water and perhaps a change of clothes. Reservations required: RSVP by July 22 to Forrest Evans, (615) 532-0431 or forrest.evans@tn.gov. The first 10 reservations can take advantage of transportation provided by the Tennessee Natural Areas Program.



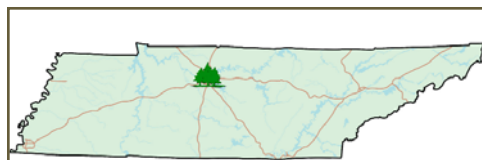
Meet at 9 a.m. central, at the Target parking area at Old Hickory Blvd. and I-65 in Brentwood.



August

Montgomery Bell Aug. 6 Crawdad Hootenanny

Don your boots and join intrepid biologists Mathes & Withers for an aquatic excursion. Montgomery Bell SNA is home to one of our most colorful crayfish, the bright blue linear cobalt crayfish (*Cambarus genyri*). This species is limited to the Central Basin and Highland Rim areas. Bring boots you don't mind getting wet and gloves you don't mind getting dirty. If the proper habitats present themselves we will learn how to coax crayfish out of active burrows ("noodling"). The trail will take us across three tributaries to Lake Woodhaven and cover approximately 3 miles there and back again. Reservations are required. RSVP by Aug. 3 to David Withers, (615) 532-0441 or david.withers@tn.gov



Meet 9 a.m. central, at the Montgomery Bell State Park visitor's center.

September

Carter Natural Area Sept. 10 Late Summer Hike

This natural area contains the most dramatic cave entrance in Tennessee as well as a number of rare and uncommon plants. Some of the unique species we will see are found only from in this area and adjacent areas in Alabama and Georgia. Other, more common, plants will be identified as we hike the trail. After a strenuous 2-mile hike to the cave entrance we will have lunch by the stream which comes out of the cave. Due to restrictions associated with White Nose Syndrome we will not tour the cave. We will return on the same route 2 miles back to the parking area. Bring lunch, plenty of water and wear boots with good ankle support. Reservations are required. RSVP by September 8 to Todd Crabtree, (615) 532-1378 or todd.crabtree@tn.us



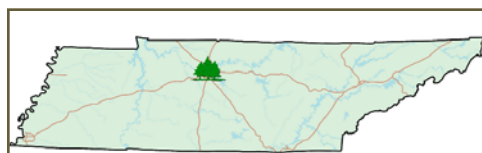
Meet at 9 a.m. central, at the Carter State Natural Area parking area on Highway 56.

National Public Lands Day Sept. 24 (Events TBA)

October

Hill Forest Oct. 14 Forest Hike

Come enjoy an October afternoon hike through the Hill Forest state natural area. Enjoy fall color while experiencing the natural areas biggest and oldest forest trees. This 2.5 mile will take approximately 3 hours. Bring water, wear sturdy walking gear and dress for the weather. Reservations are required. RSVP by October 12 to Julia Landstreet, (615) 579-6050 or julialandstreet@gmail.com

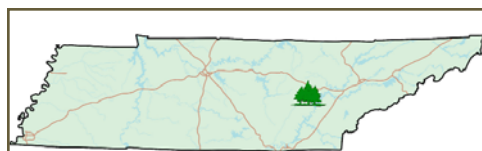


Contact Julia for parking information and directions.

November

Stinging Fork Falls Nov. 2 Habitat Hike

Come with us to Stinging Fork Falls to hike the waterfall trail and also do a little off-trail exploration of newly managed habitats. We will learn about recent management activities on the old Bower pine plantations at the natural area, including recent prescribed burns and plans for future management. This fun and interesting hike will end around noon. Bring layered clothing and footgear appropriate for November weather along with snacks and water. Reservations are not required. For more information contact Lisa.Huff@tn.gov



Meet at 8 a.m. central, at the Stinging Fork Falls State Natural Area.

Stillhouse Hollow Falls Dec. 10

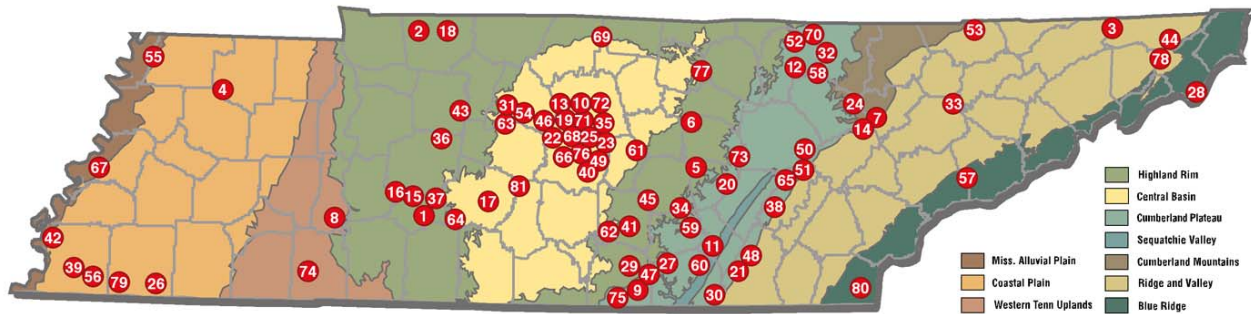
Winter Hike

This 90-acre natural area in Maury County is named for its most significant feature, Stillhouse Hollow Falls, which can be seen by walking approximately 2/3 of a mile along the Stillhouse Hollow Falls trail. The trail crosses a tributary that forms small scenic cascades before plunging approximately 75 feet over the falls. A deep hollow is formed below the falls that is surrounded by steep slopes where wet-weather springs emerge. We will hike to the falls and then hike up to the top of the ridge and back to the parking lot. The distance of the hike is approximately 1.6 miles. Please bring a lunch and water and dress appropriately for the weather. Reservations required: RSVP by December 8th to Allan J. Trently, 731-512-1369 or allan.trently@tn.gov. If you need to call Allan on December 10th call his cell (731) 234-4887.



Meet at 10 a.m. central, at the parking lot of Stillhouse Falls State Natural Area just off U.S. Route 43.

STATE NATURAL AREAS



- Highland Rim
- Central Basin
- Cumberland Plateau
- Sequatchie Valley
- Cumberland Mountains
- Ridge and Valley
- Blue Ridge
- Miss. Alluvial Plain
- Coastal Plain
- Western Tenn Uplands

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| 1 Auntney Hollow | 21 Falling Water Falls | 42 Meeman-Shelby | 62 Short Springs |
| 2 Barnett's Woods | 22 Fate Sanders Barrens | 43 Montgomery Bell | 63 Sneed Road Cedar Glade |
| 3 Bays Mountain | 23 Flat Rock Cedar Glade & Barrens | 44 Morrill's Cave | 64 Stillhouse Hollow Falls |
| 4 Big Cypress Tree | 24 Frozen Head | 45 Morrison Meadow | 65 Stinging Fork Falls |
| 5 Bone Cave | 25 Gattinger's Cedar Glade & Barrens | 46 Mount View Glade | 66 Stones River Cedar Glade & Barrens |
| 6 Burgess Falls | 26 Ghost River | 47 Natural Bridge | 67 Sunk Lake |
| 7 Campbell Bend Barrens | 27 Grundy Forest | 48 North Chickamagua Creek Gorge | 68 Sunnybell Cedar Glade |
| 8 Carroll Cabin Barrens | 28 Hampton Creek Cove | 49 Overbridge | 69 Taylor Hollow |
| 9 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Carter | 29 Hawkins Cove | 50 Ozone Falls | 70 Twin Arches |
| 10 Cedars of Lebanon State Forest | 30 Hicks Gap | 51 Piney Falls | 71 Vesta Cedar Glade |
| 11 Chimneys | 31 Hill Forest | 52 Pogue Creek | 72 Vine Cedar Glade |
| 12 Colditz Cove | 32 Honey Creek | 53 Powell River | 73 Virgin Falls |
| 13 Couchville Cedar Glade | 33 House Mountain | 54 Radnor Lake | 74 Walker Branch |
| 14 Crowder Cemetary Barrens | 34 Hubbard's Cave | 55 Reelfoot Lake | 75 Walls of Jericho |
| 15 Devil's Backbone | 35 John & Hester Lane Cedar Glades | 56 Riverwoods | 76 Walterhill Floodplain |
| 16 Dry Branch | 36 John Noel at Bon Aqua | 57 Roundtop Mountain | 77 Washmorgan Hollow |
| 17 Duck River Complex | 37 Langford Branch | 58 Rugby | 78 Watauga River Bluffs |
| 18 Dunbar Cave | 38 Laurel Snow | 59 Savage Gulf | 79 William B. Clark Conservation Area |
| 19 Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade | 39 Lucius Burch Jr. Forest | 60 Sequatchie Cave | 80 William R. Davenport Refuge |
| 20 Fall Creek Falls | 40 Manus Road Cedar Glade | 61 Short Mountain | 81 Wilson School Rd Forest & Cedar Glade |
| | 41 May Prairie | | |