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## Future Activities

Watch email for notices of impromptu hikes. **Please offer suggestions of your favorite walking destinations** to Paula or Becky; we will get them posted as soon as weather permits. **PLEASE call or email Becky 657-2314 or Paula 474-4225 as soon as you know you will attend an activity.** We don't want to leave anyone behind if weather or plans change. Leave your name and PHONE # if you leave a message. If you do not communicate by email and have a suggested destination or want notice of a walk, call Paula 474-4225 to get on the phone list. Carpool meeting place, MDC Research Center, is on College just north of Stadium.

### April

**4 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark.** 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP

**[8 Easter]**

**11 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark.** 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP

**14 Saturday 10 am – 2pm: Plant Sale at Bradford Farm.** 9 am Booth set up.

**April 13-15, 2012 – State Branson area/Bull Shoals Reservoir, etc. Details in Petal Pusher.** [16 April – 6 May = Turkey Season: can go in woods only after 1 pm; State Parks = OK any time]

**18 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark.** 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP

**19 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts** 11:30 am RagTag, 10 Hitt St. Just south of Broadway. **After lunch we could go see shooting stars at 3-Creeks. SIGN UP and receive email updates.**

**22 Sunday: Earth Day Columbia,** Noon to 6pm. Booth set up [10am] and plant sale.

**25 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark.** 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP

**28 Bird Walk at PGT.** Jim D. Wilson retired MDC Ornithologist. 7 am. To register email [henry@prairiegardentrust.org](mailto:henry@prairiegardentrust.org). There will be plenty of opportunity to see wildflowers between bird stops.

### May

**2 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark.** 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP.

**4-6 Camping weekend at Hawn SP: Friday evening thru Sunday noon. Room for one more tent with up to four people.** Call Paula 573-474-4225 See article inside.

**9 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark.** 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP

**12 Wildflower walk at PGT.** Kay and George Yatskievych [Steyermark revisionist.] 9 am To register email [henry@prairiegardentrust.org](mailto:henry@prairiegardentrust.org).

**12 Earthquake Hollow [Callaway Co]:** ladyslipper orchids and other woodland spring flowers. Leave MDC in Columbia 9 am. Difficult.

**13 Mothers' Day**

**14 Membership Meeting 7pm** Unitarian Church, 2615 Sheppard Blvd. Program will be given by David S. Kubiak, [BSNursing, MHA with an earlier background in Biology and Ecology] who is an avid Orchid fancier and grower. He will speak to us about native orchids.

**Call Vanessa or Paula for more information**

**Editor would like to receive any submissions at any time.**





## Hawthorn Camping Weekend 4-6 May

Paula has organizing our chapter camping trip to Hawn State Park May 4-6. We chose the first weekend in May because **it is our best chance to see azaleas and orchids in bloom**. It is also the best time for migratory birds and good for insect emergence.

Two tents and up to six people can be set up on each site. Each site costs \$36.50 for the weekend. So campsite costs will be split among the people occupying each site. **There is still room for one tent with up to four people.**

No one is excluded from this outing; please come and bring friends. Just because you don't camp doesn't mean you can't come and have a good time. If you don't want Paula to coordinate your campsite, you may go on your own, find a campsite or motel, and meet us for hikes.

Trails out of the campground and to the wildflower areas are of easy to moderate difficulty. The campground has a modern bath house, tables, and fire pits [buy firewood there; DO NOT bring firewood to the park]. Our tent sites are shaded.

Last year we had a GREAT time in spite of the heat in early June. There were plenty of unusual plants, insects, and other animals around the streams. Bird watching was good. We combined the food we brought and ate well.

We will finalize our plans as it gets closer to the date, and we see how many people are going, and what activities the group is interested in.



Pickle Creek

BE photo

## Mosey to Jim's Thicket

Submitted by Becky Erickson

Twelve people and four dogs had a fine morning exploring Jim Whitley's 100-acre Thicket Saturday morning [24 March].

John George and Mark McCullough [MDC] have been cutting cedars by the hundreds. In January they burned about 70% of the land. As John puts it, "reconstruction is messy". If you have ever rebuilt the inside of a house, you understand the concept. Weaving through and over the downed timber was a chore, but new sprouts of many species of native plants were visible. In the next two to five years, the place will be breathing with a whole new life.

John also showed us some amazing cliffs, a cave, and three waterfalls. The daffodil patch was in full bloom and we found a small but highly diverse glade. Half the group went down the hill to Silver Fork bottom; couldn't cross the creek to see if snow trillium were still blooming, but found bluebells and sweet william. Exploring is so much fun!



John explains management plan.



Famous daffodil patch



Waterfall just below daffodil patch

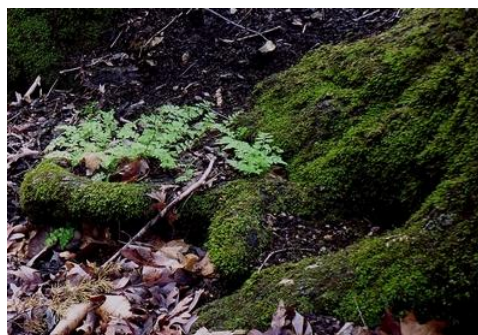
BE photos



Third waterfall



Cliff cedar



Moss and fragile fern



Bluebells

**Please Step Forward For Service**

Please contact one of the officers ready to volunteer a little time to a very good environmental and educational service. We need people to serve as officers, to grow plants for fundraising and we need people to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Bradford Plant Sale. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money.

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