

Saturday, April 13 - Natural History Course at Samford !

"Spring Blooms and Birds"

Course will be offered from 9-1 p.m., Room 238 by Dr. Ellen McLaughlin, Ret. Samford Biology Professor. To register, please contact Dr. McLaughlin at ewmclaug@samford.edu 205-595-0806.



Sunday April 28 -

Wildflower hike at Ruffner Mtn. Nature Preserve

Plan on a moderate 1.2 mile hike up the Quarry Trail and then a 1.8 mile hike on the Possum Loop Trail which goes around the outside of the Quarry. We should see Hoary Puccoon, Red Buckeye, Rue Anemone, False Rue Anemone, Liverwort, Wild Ginger, Oak Leaf Hydrangea, Trillium and much more. Please wear hiking boots or other appropriate footwear for rocky terrain. Bring walking sticks, water, bug spray and snacks. Meet Linda Sherk in the parking lot at Ruffner Mt. Nature Preserve at 1:00PM. Address is 1214 81th Street South, Birmingham, AL.35206. Questions: Linda Sherk 205-415-1643 or email blt111@bellsouth.net

Native Plant Conference 2019 May 30–June 2 Birmingham Botanical Gardens

This four-day event will feature pre-conference workshops, field trips, plant vendors, sales of books authored by presenters, a student poster session, art exhibit, and special evening dinner by Spencer Farm. Lunches will be catered by Brick & Tin. See bbgardens.org/npc.php for a schedule of events and conference details. Please join us! Registration is open now!

MAY 17 and 18th 2019 Natural Heritage Section of Uchee Creek in Russell County BIO BLITZ

All are invited to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 2019 Natural Heritage Section BioBlitz, to be held on the newly acquired Uchee Creek Forever Wild tract in Russell County, AL. We will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17th and end roughly at 3 pm Saturday, May 18th. This bioblitz is for biologists, ecologists, scientists, teachers, dedicated students, and those who have an interest in plant/animal life, water resources, etc. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to me.

The tract is approximately 4,735 acres and there is no shortage of diversity. Additionally, there are folks interested in spearheading a nightblitz, for those interested in creatures of the night.

Attendees will be responsible for bringing their own camping equipment, food, water/beverages, and bioblitz gear.

Arrival: Friday morning/day/evening for campers, or Saturday morning for those who cannot attend Friday. If you arrive after folks have headed out into the woods, don't worry – we will help get you to some good hotspots.

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June 7-9 Alabama Wildflower Society Meets in Anniston. We will see the Longleaf Pines on the Fort McCall property. Hayes Jackson will be our guide. More information coming soon.