



Blackwater Falls State Park May 5-8, 2011

FIFTIETH ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE

We will be celebrating the “FIFTIETH WEST VIRGINIA WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE” May 5-8, 2011. The event will be held at the beautiful Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, West Virginia.

Each year approximately 300 people attend this event. Professional and amateur botanists as well as bird watchers are among those in attendance from some 16 states and plus two (2) foreign countries. Speakers, interesting programs, and exhibits will be featured throughout the evenings.

To help identify particular plants and birds, point out interesting flora and fauna, and answer questions, specialists will be on hand from West Virginia University; West Virginia Division of Natural Resources; West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.; Brooks Bird Club; and various colleges.

All tours will depart from Blackwater Lodge and will include the following:

#	FRIDAY TOURS	#	SATURDAY TOURS
1.	SMOKE HOLE	1.	SENECA ROCKS BIRDING TOUR
2.	CRANESVILLE SWAMP	2.	SINKS OF GANDY & SPRUCE KNOB
3.	GERMANY VALLEY	3.	LOWER SMOKE HOLE
4.	DOLLY SODS	4.	DOLLY SODS WILDERNESS HIKE
5.	SMITH MOUNTAIN ROAD	5.	UPPER DRY FORK – SOUTHERN CANAAN VALLEY
6.	PLANTS, ANIMALS, & GEOLOGY OF CANAAN VALLEY	6.	DOLLY SODS
7.	CAMP 70 ROAD WALKING TOUR	7.	BEAR HAVEN – BICKLE KNOB TOWER
8.	FERNOW FOREST	8.	FERNOW FOREST
9.	JENNINGSTON – GLADWIN	9.	OTTER CREEK HIKE
10.	FERNS AND BIRDS	10.	HAND LENS EXPLORATION OF TREES, FERNS & MOSSES OF CATHEDRAL
11.	NATURAL HISTORY OF WV WILDFLOWERS	11.	RED CREEK TRAIL FOR WILDFLOWERS & BIRDS
12.	WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP	12.	KID'S WORKSHOP

TOURS:

Participants will choose one tour per day. Tour #1 on Friday departs at 8:00 a.m. with other tours leaving every 10 minutes thereafter. On Saturday, tour #1 will depart at 6:30 a.m. with all other tours leaving every 10 minutes starting at 8:00 a.m. All tours and motorcades will depart from Blackwater Lodge and will be limited to ten cars.

Registration will be from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Thursday and will be open at 7:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. A tour of Blackwater Falls State Park will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday with the banquet starting at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Wildflower Pilgrimage is offered in a "package deal." A reservation form is enclosed for your use. These may be copied and given to friends. Rates are based on *double occupancy* in the lodge and *full capacity* of cabins. If a single reservation is required or you do not have full capacity of the cabins, an additional cost will be charged.

Please note the difference of cost for lodge room and cabin. Be sure to mark your preference and forward the correct payment. All reservations will be honored on a first-come basis. If you have persons you wish to room with, please note this on your reservation form. Payment must accompany all reservations when they are made. Blackwater has two-person, four-person, and eight-person cabins. You must have the specified number in each cabin. There are only three (3) two (2) person cabins.

Refunds will be honored until April 22. After April 22, refunds will be made only if your accommodations can be sold. In the past, this event has sold out with a waiting list. Therefore, if you find you must cancel, let us know at once.

Camping is available at Blackwater. If you wish to camp, pay at the park and make a reservation for banquet and registration only.

If you would like information on other accommodations available in the Davis area, please call Tucker County Visitors Bureau, (800) 782-2775.

Box lunches are required for all tours. You may purchase tickets for these at the Tour Desk upon your arrival at Blackwater. The cost will be \$7.50 each (children 10 and under - \$4.50). Box lunch menus will be available for you upon your arrival at the registration desk. All travel is by your personal vehicle. Please have adequate gasoline in your car before arriving at the park.

If you have any questions, please call Emily Fleming or Trena McKinney at (304) 558-2754 or write WV Division of Natural Resources, 324 4th Avenue, Room 328, So. Charleston, WV 25303.

The Wildflower Pilgrimage is sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

Checks are to be made payable to **WV Division of Natural Resources** and must accompany this reservation form for all reservations. Mail as directed below. Deadline for all reservations, including those who plan to participate in tours only, is April 22 or until space is filled if this should be prior to April 22, 2011.

MAIL TO:

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NAME OF PERSON(S) REQUIRING VEGETARIAN BANQUET.

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