

2011 Georgia Botanical Society Field Trips

Date	Trip	Leader(s)	County
17 Jan	Pine Mountain	Hal Massie	Harris
20 Feb	Wolf Creek	Ed McDowell	Grady
25 Feb	Paces Mill	Maureen Donohue	Cobb
4 Mar	East Palisades	Maureen Donohue	Fulton
19 Mar	Beech Creek	Eddi Minche	Towns
26 Mar	West Palisades	Jerry Hightower	Fulton
26 Mar	Pigeon Mountain	Mike Christison	Walker
27 Mar	Cabin Creek	Jerry Hightower	Fulton
2 Apr	Coosawattee Bluffs/Carters Lake	Richard Ware	Murray
8 Apr	Cochran Shoals	Maureen Donohue	Cobb
9 Apr	Cloudland Canyon	Rich Reaves	Walker
15-17 Apr	Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage	Jerry Hightower	Carroll
20 Apr	Sope Creek	Jerry Hightower	Cobb
23 Apr	Till Ridge Cove/Hambidge Ctr	Brooks Franklin /Linda Chafin	Rabun
28-30 Apr	Smokies Wildflower Pilgrimage	Camp with Amy Delaplaine	NC/TN
1 May	Lake Winfield Scott Loop	Linda Chafin	Union
4 May	Vickery Creek	Jerry Hightower	Fulton
6 May	Paces Mill	Maureen Donohue	Cobb
7 May	Rabun Bald	Ben Cash	Rabun
8 May	Cypripedium Gulch	Jim Drake	
14 May	Cascade Springs Nature Preserve	Leslie Edwards/Steve Bowling	Fulton
21 May	Appalachian Trail	Tom Patrick/Eddi Minche	Rabun/Towns
21 May	Flint River Spider Lilies	Jerry Hightower	Upson
28 May	Chestatee Canoe Float	Jerry Hightower	Dawson
28 - 30 May	Cohuttas Roadside (28th), Woody Gap (29th), Arkaqua Trail (30th)	Rich Reaves/Hal Massie	Fannin
3 June	Paces Mill	Maureen Donohue	Cobb
4 June	Oaky Woods	Ed McDowell	Houston
5 June	Dwarf Hatpins	Tom Patrick	Walton
16 July	Roadside Botanizing	Rich Reaves	S. Georgia
22 July	West Fork Montgomery Creek	Hal Massie	Lumpkin
13 Aug	Rare Plants Slide Show	Richard Ware	TBA
20 Aug	Freeman Trail	Linda Chafin	Union
20 Aug - 3 Sept	Wrangell-St. Elias NP/Cordova	Amy Delaplaine	Alaska
27 Aug	Palisades Canoe Float	Jerry Hightower	Fulton
10 Sept	Montezuma Bluffs/ <i>Silene ovata</i>	Tom Patrick	Macon
17 Sept	Workshop/Berry College	Richard Ware	Floyd
24 Sept	Stamp Creek Road/Pine Log WMA	Charles Hunter/Richard Ware	Bartow
TBA	Annual Meeting	Jim Drake	TBA
10 Oct	Black Creek Natural Area	Hal Massie	Taylor
22 Oct	Ocmulgee Bottom Land	Ed McDowell	Houston
29 Oct	Fall Color Hike	Teresa & Richard Ware	TBA
11 Nov	AT Walk Unicoi Gap loop	Eddi Minche	White
19 Nov	Tree ID/Walk	Richard Ware/Linda Chafin	TBA
3 Dec	Holiday Party		TBA

BotSoc Field Trips...

... are open to everyone interested in Georgia's native plants.

Newcomers to our field trips are encouraged to ask questions and not be intimidated by overheard esoteric discussions of whether that protrusion at the end of a leaf is a spine or a bristle. Questions like "What is it, how can you tell, does it have a use?" are always in order. We've heard more dumb answers than dumb questions! Many of our members simply enjoy seeing beautiful plants in natural settings; some go well beyond that. We accommodate all levels of interest enthusiastically!

Trips usually meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Directions to the meeting site are published in the BotSoc News and on the BotSoc website (www.gabotsoc.org). You can also receive email reminders of upcoming field trips by including an email on your BotSoc renewal form or by contacting Anita Reaves (rich.reaves@att.net). Unless the trip leader has asked for participants to register ahead of time, you can simply show up at the site to join the trip.

Before a field trip, it is a good idea to see if anything has changed by calling the field trip chair (Eddi Minche 678.313.2582 edadmin@gmail.com) or the trip leader listed for the trip in the BotSoc News. Remember that all trips are tentative. We rarely cancel a trip, but they do change occasionally.

If overnight accommodations are needed for a weekend trip, you are expected to arrange them on your own, but we often list suitable local places.

Please be aware that these are **outdoor** field trips, and there is some risk involved. An indication of the physical nature of the trip is included in BotSoc News so that you may determine if the trip is appropriate for your abilities. Most trips involve easy to moderate walking at a leisurely pace suitable for virtually anyone who goes outdoors. Trips marked "exploration" can mean strenuous, long, cross-country travel in difficult terrain, and that we don't know what we're going to find. Canoe trips expect that all attending can swim and have at least novice ability at canoeing (these trips are **not** the time to learn to paddle a canoe!) and that personal flotation devices will be worn when on the water. Summer trips can be blisteringly hot and insects can be miserable accompaniments to your hike. Trips in the mountains usually involve some strenuous stretches of trail. If you have any question about the physical nature of the trip, ask the leader at the site before heading out. All participants in BotSoc field trips are expected to sign a liability waiver as a condition of attending.

A few rules for those attending BotSoc field trips:

NO PLANT COLLECTING: We sometimes collect specimens for a recognized herbarium, but please don't use our trips to "scout" for plants. It is unethical to return to a botanical site to dig plants for your garden or for any other purpose.

NO PICKING OF PLANTS: We often pick part of a plant for teaching identification of the plant, but please, no bouquets!

STAY ON THE TRAILS: If there is a trail, we expect you to stay on it.

DON'T TRAMPLE VEGETATION: When we go cross-country, there is no choice but to walk through, over, and on vegetation. On those occasions, we don't walk single-file but spread out so that we do not all stomp the same plants.

NO SMOKING: Except in your privately owned vehicle.

NO PETS: On the trail.

It is our policy to visit private property only with permission of the owner.