



## What Will You Learn?

By Ellen Honeycutt

BotSoc field trips are the heart and soul of this organization—and for good reason. Fellow members (and guests) have been tromping around Georgia's forests, fields, and wetlands (even by canoe!) for many years. We even have a weekend centered around field trips: our annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage, now coming up on its 51st year, features 18 trips this year.

I'm not sure when I joined BotSoc, but I remember finally going on my first Pilgrimage in 2009 (and learning about the wonderful area called The Pocket at Pigeon Mountain). So, for at least 10 years, I've been learning and learning on BotSoc field trips. Now I'm starting to lead a few myself, but I'm still learning!

On February 1, I took a group into Big Trees Forest Preserve for a Winter Woody ID hike. That was probably my 4th or 5th time leading that trip. We see many of the same plants every year and I explain how to use the twigs, fallen or present leaves, and any leftover fruits and nuts to identify shrubs and trees in the winter. This year, Bobby Hattaway, BotSoc vice president, drove all the way from south Georgia to join us.

We stopped to look at a walnut sapling (*Juglans* sp.) that sprouted up several years ago. After we talked about the fat twig and the noticeable winter leaf buds, Bobby mentioned that looking at the pith—the inner part of the twig—would reveal the distinctive chambered arrangement that would help confirm that it was a walnut. We cut a piece off and sliced it open to reveal the beautiful arrangement. Wow!

I learn something new on every field trip, and you can too. Won't you join us in 2020 on a walk or two and see what you can learn? Check the end of each newsletter or the website for upcoming field trips.

Hope to see you soon!

Chambered walnut pith. Photo credit: Miles Hearn at <https://mileshearn.com/2016/01/23/bud-of-the-day-23-black-walnut/>



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## President's Perspective



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I'm writing this president's column on Feb. 4, but as far as I am concerned, it is the first day of spring. This afternoon I took my first wildflower pictures of the year - round-lobed hepatica, *Hepatica americana*! It seemed like January was just one continuous rain event, so seeing hepatica flowers poking through the leaf litter along a local creek really cheered me up.



It has been several years since I've been to the Georgia coast, so I am really looking forward to this year's Pilgrimage. I don't have much experience, botanically, with the coastal region, so I'm hoping to fill in some gaps in my knowledge. As with most of the Pilgrimages I have attended, it was hard picking between all the great choices. (I have to admit...when it came down to a hard choice, I picked anything that had 'Island' in the place name. I want a true coastal experience!)

There's a tremendous amount of work that goes into planning a Pilgrimage - picking field trips and finding field trip leaders, arranging for lodging and the banquet, setting up the registration process, coordinating with all the volunteers in various roles, writing the Pilgrimage brochure, begging trip leaders to send in field trip descriptions - literally hundreds of details. Bobby Hattaway, our Vice President, has done a tremendous job making our Coastal Pilgrimage a reality. When you see him that first weekend in April, be sure to give him a pat on the back.

In six months, Bobby will be our new president. Since he is a much more organized person than I am, I expect him to do a much better job

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than I have. Judging from what he has accomplished as the Vice President, I'm sure the Georgia Botanical Society is going to be in good hands.

President Hattaway is going to need some help. We're looking for someone to take the Vice President's slot when Bobby moves up and relieves me. We're also still looking for people to help with the newsletter and *Tipularia*, as well as field trips. There's plenty of work to go around and I encourage all of you to get involved.

We've had a lot of people donating to our various funds this winter and I want all of you to know how much that is appreciated. I'm working on getting personal letters out to all the donors, but I'm way behind. I haven't forgotten you. A special thank you goes to Jo Anne Romfh, our Membership Director, who keeps me straight on all the details. Jo Anne is truly one of the pillars that hold up the Georgia Botanical Society and keeps it functional.

Happy spring! I hope to see all of you on the coast in early April!

*Hal Massie*

### Botany Byte

Here's a term worth understanding: Inflorescence (in-flor-RES-uhns); the term refers to the flowering part of the plant, specifically a cluster of flowers, not a single flower. Many individual flowers make up the inflorescence. Examples include the many flowers in aster species, an elderberry, or a hydrangea. Together the many flowers are described as an inflorescence.

This is an elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *canadensis*) inflorescence, showing the dozens of tiny flowers that make it up; this particular inflorescence arrangement is further described as a cyme: A cyme is a flat-topped, determinate inflorescence in which the terminal flower blooms first.



## Society News

Welcome to our new members who have joined since Oct 1, 2019.

Beth	Wray	Athens	GA
Jennifer	Mercer	Atlanta	GA
Steve	Bowling	Avondale Estates	GA
Stephen	Sanchez	Avondale Estates	GA
Rachel	Hawthorn	Bishop	GA
Jesse	Trapani	Canton	GA
Cathy & Paul	Nix	Darien	GA
Debby	Frederes	Lexington	GA
Margaret & Joe	Molyson	Lilburn	GA
Noah	Yawn	Maylene	AL
Conor	Flynn	Prescott	AZ

### Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage 2020: April 3-5, 2020

You should have the Pilgrimage Brochure now, either distributed by email or the US Mail! Our hub will be in Port Wentworth. Currently our motel hub is called Holiday Inn Express, but by pilgrimage time it should be called the Wyndham Wingate. In the meantime, feel free to contact Bobby Hattaway via email at [botanikman@g-net.net](mailto:botanikman@g-net.net) with any questions.

If you've misplaced your brochure or registration form, you can download either from the Pilgrimage page on the website: [https://www.gabotsoc.org/?page\\_id=23](https://www.gabotsoc.org/?page_id=23)

Can't go but want one of these fabulous t-shirts?

Use the registration form to order a t-shirt or sweatshirt and have it shipped to you. All profits from the sales of shirts benefit the Marie Mellinger Research Grant Fund—a great cause!

This year's shirt features a trio of plants: bearded grass-pink orchid (*Calopogon barbatus*), white lance-leaved violet (*Viola lanceolata*), and orange candyroot (*Polygala lutea*).



## Spotlight on Species

By Jim Drake

Because of their intricate beauty and interesting life styles, orchids are beloved by many people. A large family, Orchidaceae represents thousands of species worldwide with probably dozens within Georgia alone. Members of the orchid family occur within a wide variety of habitats and locations.

Particularly interesting are members of the genus *Isotria* which contains only two species, Large Whorled Pogonia (*I. verticillata*), and Small Whorled Pogonia (*I. medeoloides*). Sparsely occurring within their limited general range of Eastern North America, plants of both species are native to Georgia.

The generic name *Isotria* likely refers to the three spreading sepals, a characteristic of both species. The two species are perennial herbs and exhibit both similar and unique characteristics. Within Georgia, Large Whorled Pogonia is known from a few scattered areas mostly northeast whereas Small Whorled Pogonia's range may be limited to the extreme northeastern counties.

In general, blooming times range from April to June. Non-flowering plants can be especially inconspicuous due to their superficial resemblance to other species often growing within the same habitat. With spring approaching, encountering one of these rare gems becomes a possibility. A closeup view is best for fully appreciating the elegance of these two native orchids.



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Unusual double-flowered Small Whorled Pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) (Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA). The Marines in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are protecting a number of rare species.

## Spotlight on Species (cont'd)



*Jim Drake*

Above: Flower structure of Large Whorled Pogonia (*Isotria verticillata*)

Right: Large Whorled Pogonia (off the Blue Ridge Parkway)

Below: Small Whorled Pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) (North Georgia)



*Jim Drake*



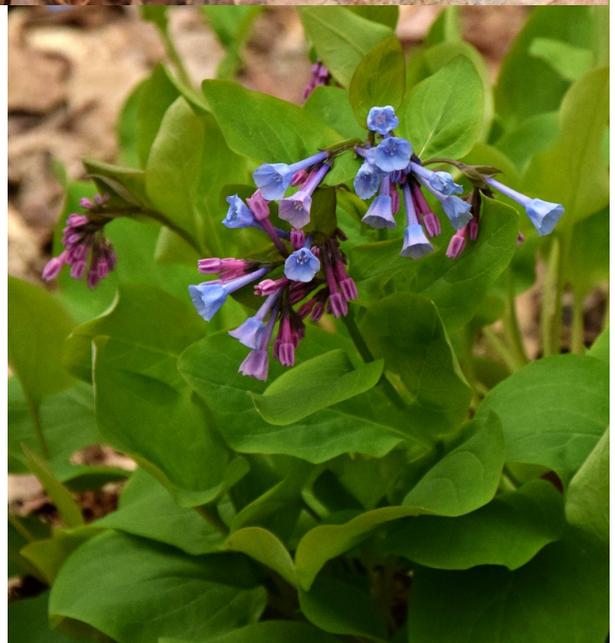
*Jim Drake*

## Spring Wildflowers in North Georgia

As spring ramps up, many of our field trips are to see ephemeral wildflowers in North Georgia. Trips to some of the hot spots are open to the public, including The Pocket at Pigeon Mountain and state parks like Cloudland Canyon. If you can't make our trips, feel free to strike out on your own to explore well-marked trails and paths. Be sure to have a hunting or fishing or sportsman license (discounts for seniors 65 and over) for Pigeon Mountain and others or pay the state park fee in state parks. In the meantime, here are a few pictures by Ellen Honeycutt of flowers that you can see in March at the Pocket or Cloudland Canyon.



Top: Spring beauty (*Claytonia caroliniana*), sharp-lobed hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*). Bottom: foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*) bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*).



## 2020 Remaining Field Trip List (more coming)

Date	Name	Leader(s)	County
Mar 7	Indian Springs State Park	Rich Reaves	Butts
Mar 14	Pocket of Pigeon Mountain	Doug Davis	Walker
Mar 28	Pocket of Pigeon Mountain	Mike Christison	Walker
Mar 29	Oconee National Forest	Elliott Horner	Greene
Apr 3-5	Spring Pilgrimage	Bobby Hattaway	
Apr 4	Arabia Mountain	Jane Trentin	DeKalb
Apr 11	Cloudland Canyon SP	Rich Reaves	Walker
Apr 11	Kearns Property	Jennifer Kearns	Floyd
Apr 18	Chickamauga Cedar Glades	Mike Christison	Walker
Apr 25	Spewell Bluff WMA	Hal Massie	Meriwether
May 2	Chattahoochee National Forest	Rich Reaves	Union
May 17	Big Lazar Creek WMA	Hal Massie	Talbott
May 23	Coweeta Hydrologic Station	Rich Reaves / Don Hunter / Hal Massie	Macon Co, NC
May 24	Blackrock Mtn State Park	Rich Reaves / Hal Massie	Rabun
May 25	Till Ridge Cove	Rich Reaves / Hal Massie	Rabun
Jun 6	Tugaloo Bend Heritage Site	Susan Caster	Stephens
Jun 13	Rabun Bald	Tom Diggs	Rabun
July 11	Annual Meeting		TBD
July 19-25	Olympic NP	Rich Reaves	Washington State
Sep 5 & 6	Okefenokee area roadside	Rich Reaves	
Oct 12	Sandhills WMA - West Tract	Hal Massie	Taylor
Nov 11	FDR State Park	Hal Massie / Chris Inhulsen	Harris / Meriwether /
Nov 27	FDR State Park or Spewell	Hal Massie / Chris Inhulsen	Harris / Meriwether /

Please see the website for more details on the field trips as the list was compressed to fit this space.

## Upcoming Field Trips

<p>March 7 1:00 PM</p> <p>Note: Late start time</p>	<p><b>Indian Springs State Park</b></p> <p>Trout lilies (<i>Erythronium umbilicatum</i>) are normally putting on a great show. Bloodroot (<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>) and round-lobed hepatica (<i>Anemone americana</i>) usually are well represented along the wooded trails.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> From I-75 southbound: Take exit 205 to Jackson (GA HWY 16). Proceed south on GA HWY 42 to the park. From I75 northbound: Take exit 188. Proceed north on GA HWY 42 to the park.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Approximately 1.25 mi, along wooded trails with uphill and downhill.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Water, snacks, raingear, insect repellent, sturdy footwear, <b>and State Park Pass or \$5.</b></p>	<p>Rich Reaves rich.reaves@att.net 770-827-5186 – cell</p>
<p>March 14 1:00 PM</p> <p>Note: Late start time</p>	<p><b>The Pocket at Pigeon Mountain</b></p> <p>The Pocket is a morphological remnant that contains the very best wildflower display I've ever seen (and I've been to two hog killin's and a county fair). Of course, what will be in bloom is dependent upon weather conditions in the intervening weeks. Most likely we will be seeing some of the earlier flowers such as Dutchman's Breeches, Bloodroot, Hepatica, and Spring Beauty. Part of the Cumberland Plateau, Pigeon Mountain also contains many species rare to our state: Virginia Bluebells, Celandine Poppy, &amp; Bent Trillium. In short, there should be a lot to see even though we'll most likely be at the onset of that area's floral parade.</p> <p>Afterwards, we may hike up the creek and/or take a short drive to a nearby location where we have found Twinleaf, Goldenseal, and Miami Mist blooming in the past.</p> <p><b>Lunch idea:</b> Pigeon Mountain Grill, 18381 GA-193, Chickamauga, GA 30707 (Service can be overwhelmed by crowds, so get there early if you want to make the 1 p.m. start.) Travel to The Pocket parking lot is less than fifteen minutes away.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> From I-75 exit 320, go west on GA 136, crossing US 27 onto GA 193 into downtown LaFayette. From South Main Street, follow GA 193 north for 8 mi. to Davis Crossroads, at intersection with GA 341. (There is a very tasty and eclectic BBQ place on the right: Pigeon Mountain Grill). Turn left on Hog Jowl Rd (sometimes unmarked but paved), go south 2.6 mi passing Mt Herman Baptist Church. At top of next hill, turn left on Pocket Rd and drive 1.2 mi to end. Road is mostly gravel and single-lane, dead ending into main parking on left, with handicapped parking on the right.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Short and easy around parking lot and then onto boardwalk. Optional moderate (and rocky) walk to falls and easy bushwhacking to twin leaf site.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Water, snacks, raingear, insect repellent, sturdy footwear, <b>and DNR hunting/fishing permit.</b></p>	<p>Doug Davis nativeson49@gmail.com 678-873-3443</p>
<p>March 28 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>The Pocket at Pigeon Mountain</b></p> <p>Every year we look forward to spring and a trip to Georgia's premier spot for early spring wildflowers. Pigeon Mountain, part of the Cumberland Plateau, contains many species rare to our state: Virginia bluebells, celandine poppy, bent trillium, Ohio buckeye, and a huge variety of other wildflowers.</p> <p>After lunch, we may take a short drive to a nearby location where we have found twinleaf, goldenseal, and Miami Mist blooming in the past.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> From I-75 exit 320, go west on GA 136, crossing US 27 onto GA 193 into downtown LaFayette. From South Main Street, follow GA 193 north for 8 mi. to Davis Crossroads, at intersection with GA 341. Turn left on Hog Jowl Rd (sometimes unmarked but paved), go south 2.6 mi passing Mt Herman Baptist Church. At top of next hill, turn left on Pocket Rd and drive 1.2 mi to end. Main parking is on left, with handicapped parking on the right.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Short and easy around parking lot. Optional moderate (and rocky) walk to falls and easy bushwhacking to twin leaf site.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> None at site. Fast food restaurants on North Main street in LaFayette.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Water, snacks/lunch, raingear, insect repellent, sturdy footwear, <b>and DNR hunting/fishing permit.</b></p>	<p>Mike Christison</p>

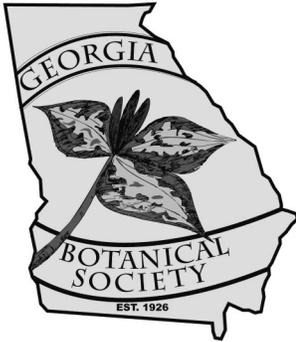
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<p>Mar 29 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Oconee Mushroom Walk at Scull Shoals</b></p> <p>Although fungi are now considered botanically illegitimate and hence excluded from the plant kingdom, we will survey an area for examples of various mushrooms, conks and allied types of fungi to review. Scull Shoals Experimental Forest is in the Oconee Nat'l Forest between Greensboro and Athens. There is a variety of drier upland (mostly pine) and wetter bottomland (mixed) habitats with different forest cover types. Prescribed fire is used in some areas of the forest which may also increase diversity, although the burns are mostly in the pine areas. We hope this combination will better our chances of finding areas with enough moisture to have several types of fungi fruiting. Oconee forest is pretty far south for morels, but we did schedule this trip early in the growing season just in case we get lucky. Morels are fond of ash so we will at least scan the riverbanks and low ground as well as any low areas that were burned.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> Starting at Greensboro GA, Exit 130 on I-20, Take GA 44 towards Greensboro for 2.6 mi. At the corner of Broad and Main, turn left on GA 15 North for 0.3 mi. At Holcomb's BBQ turn right (still on GA 15), Continue on GA 15 for 11 mi. Right on Macedonia Rd for 2.5 mi, Left on FS (forest service Rd) 1234 for 0.1 mi (stop and see Dr. Durham's herb walk). Continue on FS 1234 for 2.9 mi to Scull Shoals historical site. (33.733155, -83.289843 approx location)</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> A hand lens will be useful.</p> <p><a href="https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2014/10/30/scull-shoals-experimental-forest/">https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2014/10/30/scull-shoals-experimental-forest/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.scullshoals.org/images_photos/Scull-Shoals-Durham-Herb-Walk.pdf">http://www.scullshoals.org/images_photos/Scull-Shoals-Durham-Herb-Walk.pdf</a></p>	<p>Elliott Horner elliott.horner@encee.org 678-249-8856</p>
<p>April 3-5</p>	<p><b>Spring Pilgrimage</b></p> <p>Registration for this annual event closes on March 3rd. Visit our website to download the registration form: <a href="https://www.gabotsoc.org/?page_id=23">https://www.gabotsoc.org/?page_id=23</a></p>	<p><b>Hub:</b> Port Wentworth, GA</p>	<p>Bobby Hattaway 912-481-3011</p>
<p>April 4 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Arabia Mountain Solution Pits</b></p> <p>Early April is peak wildflower time on this rock outcrop near Lithonia. Solution pits on the mountain host colorful diamorpha, sandwort, and hairy spiderwort to name just a few of the plants we'll see on this field trip.</p> <p>Note: You can choose your difficulty level by opting only for the walk over Bradley Peak and placing a car near the AWARE facilities and shuttling back to the Nature Center. We can also work out a shuttle for those who want a shorter walk.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve is located at 3787 Klondike Road Lithonia GA. There is ample free parking.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> There are pit toilets at the meeting place and at another parking lot we will pass on our way.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Unless we plan to shuttle or park elsewhere (see note), plan on an 8 mile relatively gentle hike around the preserve which will take us to some wooded areas as well as more rock outcrop.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> A lunch for the longer walk, sun protection, and water. Also rain gear if it looks like rain.</p>	<p>Jane Trentin janetrentin@yahoo.com 770-598-5291</p>
<p>April 11 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Shooting Stars and Other Flowers</b></p> <p>We will explore at least two different sites on Jennifer and David Kearns property in northeastern Floyd county. There are natural populations of several beautiful and rare plants including shooting stars (<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>), dwarf larkspur (<i>Delphinium tricorne</i>), Jacob's Ladder (<i>Polemonium reptans</i>), buckeyes (<i>Aesculus sp.</i>) and other wildflowers. Afterward, time permitting, there may be an additional opportunity to botanize. Since the last field trip here, the owners have worked yearly to remove invasives: privet, multi-flora rose, eleagnus, japanese honeysuckle, japanese stilt grass, etc. While not completely successful, the invasive removal has increased the presence of some native plants.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> Take I-75 north from the Atlanta / Marietta area. Take exit #306 (Ga. 140) in Adairsville. Turn left (west) on Ga. 140 and continue for 7 miles. Turn left onto Rush Chapel Road (look for Rush Chapel United Methodist Church sign on the right). If you get to Ga. 53 you have gone too far, turn around and Rush Chapel will be 1 mi. on the right. Once on Rush Chapel the driveway is 1.5 mi. on the right, #670.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Walking will be approximately 1 to 1 ½ mi. total for the day. Trails are relatively flat, easy.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Lunch to eat outside (weather permitting), water, hand lens, camera, bug spray .</p>	<p>Jennifer Kearns davjen@bellsouth.net 706-409-0946 (Cell) 706-232-4213 (Home)</p>

## Upcoming Field Trips

<p>April 18 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Chickamauga Battlefield</b></p> <p>Spring is a great time to visit Chickamauga National Battlefield Park, one of the nation's largest and best preserved Civil War sites, and also home to Cedar Glades, one of Georgia's rarest habitats. Here, the thin layer of soil covering a limestone bedrock restricts trees to red cedars growing at the edge of the glades and in cracks between the rocks. The wildflowers, while generally not numerous, include some found nowhere else in Georgia. We will explore a few of the two dozen glades in the park and look for some of the rare wildflowers found there, such as Nashville breadroot, <i>Pediomelum subacaule</i>, Least Glade cress, <i>Leavenworthia exigua</i> var. <i>exigua</i>, and heart-leaf plantain, <i>Plantago cordata</i>.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> From Interstate 75: At Exit 350, take Battlefield Parkway (Georgia Hwy 2) west for 7 miles to Fort Oglethorpe. Turn left at the intersection with Lafayette Road (US Hwy 27 south). Go one mile on Lafayette Road to the park entrance and visitor center on the right.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Easy.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Lunch to eat at picnic tables in the park. Pick up a copy of the excellent park trail map in the office upon arriving in the park, if desired.</p>	<p>Mike Christison mikepaddler@aol.com 770-596-3564</p>
<p>April 25 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Sprewell Bluff WMA</b></p> <p>This trip will be to a part of Sprewell Bluff that was purchased by the DNR in late 2016. Extensive restoration efforts have begun on most of the tract, including planting over a million montane longleaf pine seedlings. Included in the new area is a bluff overlooking Pigeon Creek that may have the largest population of turkeybeard, <i>Xerophyllum asphodeloides</i>, in the state. The turkeybeard has not flowered the last two years, so this year should be the charm! The slopes are a heath bluff with mountain laurel and Piedmont rhododendron, <i>Rhododendron minus</i>, both of which should be in flower. Montane longleaf pines are the dominant tree on much of the bluff.</p> <p>We should also see showy skullcap, <i>Scutellaria pseudoserrata</i>, which has the largest flower of all Georgia's skullcap species. After the Turkeybeard Bluff, we will drive toward the confluence of Pigeon Creek and the Flint River. Along the way, we should encounter a good variety of wildflowers, including squareheads, <i>Tetragonotheca helianthoides</i>.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> From the Atlanta area, take I-85 south to Exit 41, US 27 Alt, and head south. Stay on US 27 Alt through Warm Springs, and 3 more miles to the crest of Pine Mountain. Turn left onto GA 190 and take it to GA 41, just outside of Manchester. Turn right on GA 41, heading south. In about 5 miles, just as you are approaching the small town of Woodland, turn left onto Pleasant Valley Road. There is a sign here for Old South Farm Museum. Take Pleasant Valley Rd. to where it dead ends at Chalybeate Springs Rd. Turn left and take Chalybeate Springs to where it crests Pine Mountain at Mitchell Gap. There is a large brown and white sign for Sprewell Bluff WMA at the gap. Turn right on to the dirt road and park along the road at the bottom of the hill. If you are using Google for navigation, you can search for 'Mitchell Gap'.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> None. Strategically placed trees and shrubs will be provided.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Mostly easy, starting on an old logging road, then a small bit of bushwacking to see interesting plants, and the actual bluff.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Water, lunch, bug spray, hand lens, dress for the weather. Bring a camera for some spectacular views. A high clearance vehicle is recommended, but not always necessary, as the roads vary from year to year. We can share rides if you aren't comfortable with the rocky roads.</p>	<p>Hal Massie 478-550-1062</p>
<p>May 2 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Chattahoochee National Forest</b></p> <p>We expect to see a lot of trilliums – at least 3 species, pink ladyslippers, plus the usual suspects of mid-spring wildflowers common in the mountains of central north Georgia.</p>	<p><b>Directions:</b> Proceed north from Dahlonega on US 19. Continue north (left) when US 19 joins US 129. Pass entrance to Vogel State Park and upon reaching the intersection with GA Hwy 180, pull off on the west shoulder just north of 180.</p> <p><b>Facilities:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Walking:</b> Easy to moderate – mostly will follow an old roadbed. Distance is indeterminant – dependent on what we are finding - but you can turn back at any time and return to the vehicles.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Lunch to eat during walk, water, raingear, insect repellent, sturdy footwear.</p>	<p>Rich Reaves rich.reaves@att.net 770-827-5186 – cell</p>

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