

Wissahickon 2015 Outings
***Joint with Botanical Society**

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www.wissahickonnatureclub.com
for directions, changes or weather-related postponements.

Date	Day	Time	Place	Leader	Special Features
March 29	Sunday	1:00	*Cedar Creek	Mark Bowers + Loree Speedy 724-518-6022	Snow Trillium, Twin Flower
April 12	Sunday	1:00	Montour Woods Conservation Area	Sean Brady	Spring Wildflowers, Amphibians
April 19	Sunday	1:00	*Linn Run	Mark Bowers + Loree Speedy 724-518-6022	Spring Wildflowers, Round-leaved Violet
April 25	Saturday	9:00	Indian Creek w Mtn Watershed Assn.	Judy Stark Cell: 412-327-9537	Spring Wildflowers + Ramps
April 26	Sunday	8:00	Enlow Fork	Wheeling Watershed Conservancy	Birds, Creek life, Blue-eyed Mary
April 30	Thursday	10:00	Raccoon Creek	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Spring Wildflowers
May 2	Saturday	10:00	Wolf Creek	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Spring Wildflowers
May 7	Thursday	10:00	Butler-Freeport Monroe Rd	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Spring Wildflowers
May 9	Saturday	1:00	*Roaring Run, Armstrong Co.	Loree Speedy Cell: 724-518-6022	
May 22	Friday	10:00	Hartwood	Marlow Madeoy Cell: 703-509-2827	Trees, summer Wildflowers
June 13	Saturday	10:00	Nichol Road, Raccoon Creek State Park	Judy Stark Cell: 412-327-9537 and Susanne Varley	Summer Wildflowers, Hackberry Emperor
July ?		10:00	?	Sarah Lyle	Spider Walk
August 1	Saturday	10:00	Jennings Prairie	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Blazing Star, Purple Fringed Orchid
September 14	Monday	10:00	Moraine Park from bike concession	Kim Metheny and Susanne Varley Cell: 412-913-9614	Nodding Ladies Tresses, Asters

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Registration is not required. Everyone is welcome, including non-members. Trips last 3 to 4 hours but one can leave at any time. For questions, call the field trip leader or

Loree Speedy h 724.872.5232; c 724.518.6022 or loreespeedy@gmail.com.

Or **Judy Stark** 412.327.9537

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April 25, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Indian Creek Wildflower Walk, by Lisa Smith rain or shine. We cover about a mile and a half at a very gentle pace on relatively flat terrain. The walk normally lasts until around 12:00 noon. Directions: Turnpike to Donegal, Left on 31, Right on 711, Left on 381 at Normalville (T), go 2 miles, cross Iron Bridge, Right at sign for Camp Christian go to end of road and park to the right by gated trail. Bring sturdy walking shoes, water, and an umbrella, if necessary.

Come enjoy the beautiful Indian Creek Gorge with us!

(And lunch, if you like.)

April 26, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Enlow Fork Wildflower Walk by Wheeling Watershed Conservancy.

Alternate directions from Pittsburgh and points North:

Take I-79 south to I-70 west at Washington, Pa. Get off I-70 west onto Route 40 east. Turn right onto Franklin Farms Road just past Washington Crown Center. After a mile or so, you'll make a right onto Route 18 south.

Follow Route 18 south through Prosperity and Old Concord into Greene County. About a mile after you enter Greene County, Route 18 makes a very sharp curve to the left at Beulah Church. Make a right onto the road where there's a sign pointing to Ryerson Station State Park (be careful not to take the first right turn) just before the cemetery. Follow that road to Graysville (there is a point where the main road goes to the right, so be sure to stay on that).

When you come to a T in Graysville, make a right on an unnamed street and look for the signs that point to Route 21 west. Take Route 21 west for a couple miles toward Wind Ridge. Right before Wind Ridge, make a right onto Nebo Ridge Road (there is a farmhouse here on the right with stone siding on it).

Follow Nebo Ridge Road for several miles. The road will make a sweeping curve to the left and you'll come to a group of houses (old cars and junk lying around). Turn right onto Walker Hill Road. Go about 1/8th mile, make a sharp left onto Smoky Row Lane (formerly a rugged dirt road; paved in 2014!) at the sign for the state game lands; follow that to down the hill, through an S curve at the coal mine facility, then onto Enlow Fork. Go as far as you can go till you come to a gate and parking lot. Do not stop at the first lot on the left or you'll have a few hundred yards of walking to do.

Alternate directions from Morgantown, W.Va., and points south and east:

Take the Waynesburg exit off I-79 and get on Route 21 west. After about a mile, Route 21 merges with U.S. Route 19 north. Follow that into and through Waynesburg. Be sure to stay on Route 21 west.

April 30, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Raccoon Creek State Park Wildflower Reserve by Dianne Machesney cell 412.523.0368.

Meet at the parking lot of the Wildflower Reserve in Raccoon Creek State Park for this outing in search of early spring migrants, early wildflowers, courting amphibians and other signs of spring.

Everyone is welcome! Please dress for the cold, be prepared for wet ground and bring a lunch.

Directions To the Wildflower Reserve:

About 25 miles from Pittsburgh, The Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve is Beaver County, in Hookstown, PA. Take Parkway W to US 22, exit to Rt 30. Stay on Rte 30 to a right hand turn into the wildflower parking lot. There is a sign immediately before the turn. Meet in the parking lot.

Please note: -Can't use the old directions because the Clinton Road exit isn't there anymore.