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**Outings are not exclusive to members.
Everybody is welcome to come to our outings.
Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear
hiking shoes and a hat. Bring sun block, field
guides and binoculars. Bring a lunch. Don't
forget water and snacks for the trail. If you
have any questions or concerns please call the
trip leader.**

Thursday, May 07, 2015, 10:00 AM

**Butler-Freeport Trail, Monroe Road Trailhead,
Butler County**

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This is one of the best rail trails for botany.

There are no restrooms at the trailhead, so stop at Sheetz.

Directions: From Pittsburgh: take PA-28 North to Exit 17 (PA-356/Butler/Freeport). At end of ramp, turn right to travel PA-356 for a little less than a mile. At the Sheetz, turn right onto Monroe Road and travel about 0.8 mile and turn left into a driveway for an unmarked building, just before the bike trail.

Saturday, May 09, 2015, 1:00 PM

100 Year Anniversary of the Marvels of Roaring Run, Apollo, Armstrong County by Botanical Society of Western PA

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Check the latest issue of the Wildflowers Bulletin of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania for the report of a trip to this dashing stream on May 8, 1915. Join us 100 years later, still a strange looking company arrayed in outing clothes, with cameras and boxes of queer shape, for more excitement in Apollo, PA!

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-376 Parkway East and continue on US 22 east for 1.5 miles to PA 286 (Golden Mile Highway). Continue on PA

286 – it will become PA 380 after the commercial development and Dairy Queen. Continue on PA 380 to PA 66 and travel PA 66 north (right at end of ramp) to Apollo. Cross the bridge into Apollo and turn right at the traffic light immediately after the bridge onto Kiski Avenue. Follow this road through the town about 0.8 mile until a fork; take the right fork onto Canal Road. The road dead-ends at the Roaring Run trailhead parking lot. We will meet here and then proceed to a second parking lot at the head of the ravine.

Sunday, May 10, 2014, 10:00 AM

Keystone State Park, Westmoreland County

Leader: Mary Ann Pike, c 412-855-8239 mapike@earthlink.net Directions: From Pittsburgh, travel US22 east to New Alexandria. At the intersection of US22 & PA981 (not 819), at the Sheetz, turn right onto PA 981 and travel a few blocks. At the Y, bear left onto Keystone Park Rd (SR1018). Continue 2 miles to the park. Follow signs to James A Kell Visitor Center, where we will meet.

This is a new spot for botanical exploration. Children, bring your mothers; mothers, bring your children!

Sunday, May 17, 2015, 1:30 PM

Powdermill Nature Center, Rector, Westmoreland County by Botanical Society of Westmoreland County. Loree Speedy H 724-872-5232, C 714-518-6022 loreespeedy@gmail.com

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the PA Turnpike east to Exit 91/Donnegal. At the end of the tollbooth ramp, turn left (east) onto PA 31. Follow PA 31 east for 2.7 miles. Turn left onto PA 381 North. Follow PA 381 North for 6.4 miles to the Nimick Nature Center on your left.

Friday, May 22, 10:00 AM

Hartwood Acres Park, by Marlow Madeoy h 412-264-0195 c 703-509-2827 madeoyma@aol.com and Judy Stark 412-327-9537 starkj2@aol.com

Come out for a lovely late spring walk to enjoy the colors of spring wildflowers and learn how to identify trees.

Directions: From Route 28, take Route 8 N for 1.8 miles, turn Right on Saxonburg Boulevard, go 4.6 miles (crossing Harts Run Rd), turn left into Hartwood Acres Park and drive up the hill to the parking lot for the Mansion.

Or set your GPS for: Hartwood Acres Park, 200 Hartwood Acres, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Bring a picnic lunch if the weather is warm, otherwise

there are several restaurants on Harts Run Road.

Saturday, June 13, 10 AM

Nichol Road, Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver County, Leaders: Judy Stark h 412-363-0462 c 412-327-9537 starkj2@aol.com and Susanne Varley h 412-771-4737 c 412-913-9614 mywintermoon@verizon.net

There should be lots of early summer flowers and many butterflies. We may discover the Hackberry Emperor. Bring binoculars, field guides, water and a lunch.

Directions: Parkway West to US 22/30 West. Exit US 22 at Florence, Rte 18. Drive north to the town of Frankfort Springs. At the north end of town, bear left onto PA Rte 168, Drive 3.6 miles to Nichol Road parking lot and trail head on the right.