

## SATURDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS

### 8:00 a.m. Bird Identification

Join Dr. Richard Peake of Clinch Valley College, Ed Morgan and Wallace Coffey for sight and sound identification of migrant and resident birds. Don't forget your binoculars.

### 8:00 a.m. Chestnut-Sided Warblers

Steve Hopp of Emory and Henry College, Russell Greenberg of the Migratory Bird Center, and Brenda Hall of ETSU will concentrate on the natural history and behavior of chestnut-sided warblers. Trip is limited to twelve persons.

### 8:00 a.m. Bird Identification II

Join Dr. David Moore of Radford University for this trip to look and listen for resident and migratory birds of the region. Be sure to bring your binoculars. A field guide might be helpful too.

### 8:00 a.m. All Day Hike to Top of Mt. Rogers

Baird Lloyd and Harriet Lock of the Appalachian Trail Club and Richard Davis will lead this eight-mile trip for hardy hikers and discuss the natural history of the highest peak in Virginia and the history of the Appalachian Trail. Participants should carry food and drink.

### 8:00 a.m. Trout and Their Habitat

Join Bob Wollitz, Supervising Fisheries Biologist for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, for a field trip to Fox Creek (Fairwood Valley). Investigate stream sampling using an electro-shocker and learn about trout stream habitat improvement utilizing man-made structures.

### 8:00 a.m. Medicinal and Herbal Plants

Carolyn Widner and Bob McKinney, USFS will identify common plants and discuss medicinal and traditional uses.

### 8:15 a.m. Insect Walk

Join Dan Callahan of Abingdon on a trip to find and identify insects of the mountain region. Bring a hand lens if you have one. Children are welcome.

### 8:15 a.m. Northern Flying Squirrels

Rick Reynolds and John Baker, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will discuss the natural history of Flying Squirrels and will check boxes for active nests. Trip limited to 12 adult participants (12 years or older).

### 8:15 a.m. Salamander Hunt

Locating salamanders is always fun! Abundant populations and species unique to Mount Rogers make this field trip led by Dr. Gene Gourley of Radford University particularly interesting.

### 8:15 a.m. Flowers and Fungi

Join Pat Mikesell and Judy Niehaus of Radford University as they look for lower elevation wildflowers, as well as fungi (if we have a wet spring). Bring your field guides.

## SAT. AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

### 1:00 p.m. Moss Walk

Dr. Karen Renzaglia of ETSU will identify and discuss the biology of mosses and liverworts of the mountain region. A hand lens would be helpful.

### 1:00 p.m. Geology

Tony Scales, Geologist for the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, will examine outcrops showing the oldest known fossils in Virginia and Pre-Cambrian glaciation and Cambrian clastic sedimentation.

### 1:00 p.m. Chestnuts

Dr. Fred Hebard of the American Chestnut Foundation will lead a hike to look at chestnuts and other common trees and will discuss the past and present status of the chestnut.

### 1:00 p.m. Virginia Creeper Trail Hike

Fred Huber of the USFS will conduct this easy six-mile hike on the Virginia Creeper Trail. Fred will discuss the history of the railroad and will identify common wildflowers and discuss plant ecology.

### 1:00 p.m. Wilderness Forest & Wilderness Mgmt.

Tim Eling and Mike Evans of USFS will take a group to the wilderness area and discuss the natural history and management of the area. This trip is limited to ten participants.

### 1:15 p.m. Geology

Take a walk into the ancient past with Dr. Kimbell Knight of Radford University as he explores the eruption of volcanoes, the march of glaciers, and the birth of a new ocean.

### 1:15 p.m. Wildflower and Fern Walk

Dr. Marie Hicks from Appalachian State University and the University of Tennessee will lead this trip. Join her for an introduction to early ferns and wildflowers of the upper elevations.

### 1:15 p.m. Wildflower Walk

Join John and Susan Kell of Blacksburg on a hike to identify spring wildflowers. Bring your field guides.

### 1:15 p.m. Salamanders

Join Gregory J. McConnell for an afternoon of hunting salamanders and learning about them. He has a strong background in plethodontid salamanders.

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*At the time the program went to press several other field trips were pending. Any additional trips will be announced at the Friday dinner on May 15, or at the Saturday registration.*

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# Eighteenth Annual MOUNT ROGERS NATURALIST RALLY



Citizens Development Corporation



**MAY 15 & 16, 1992**  
KONNAROCK, VIRGINIA



# THE NATURALIST RALLY

*This year's rally will be held at the Konnarock Community Center located in Smyth County at the intersection of Virginia Route 600 and Route 603, northeast of Damascus, Virginia.*

The eighteenth annual Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally is sponsored by the Mount Rogers Citizen Development Corporation and the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, Jefferson National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service.

Regardless of your level or interest the rally has something to offer everyone.

Welcome to this exciting weekend. Mount Rogers, along with sister peaks of Pine Mountain and Whitetop Mountain, form Virginia's highest land masses. The intermingled woods and pastures have been extremely popular among naturalists of this beautiful area.

We hope you will enjoy your visit and learn much about the natural history of this beautiful area.

The 1993 Rally will be held May 7 and 8.

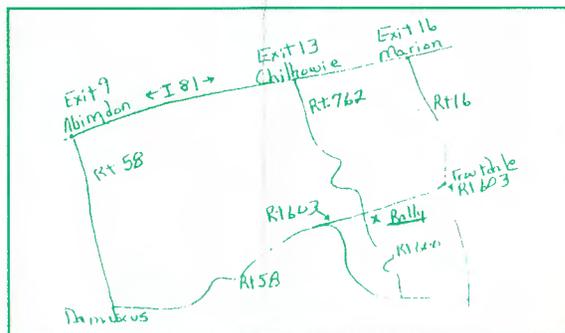
## FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

All field trips leave from the Konnarock Community Center unless otherwise indicated. Please note departure times and allow yourself extra time to register (if you have not already done so) and to sign up with field trip leader.

Times indicated are **departure** times. Trips will be conducted regardless of weather. Be prepared in case of rain.

## LODGING

Two U.S. Forest Service campgrounds are available near the Rally site. You may contact the Forest Service at 703-783-5196 for more information. Motels are available at the Fox Hill Inn in Troutdale 703-677-3313. You may contact the Chamber of Commerce in Smyth County at 703-783-3161 for details.



## DR. RUSSELL GREENBERG Smithsonian Institute of Technology SPEAKER - MAY 15, 1992

*"Birds Over Troubled Forests: Natural History and Conservation of Migratory Song Birds"*

Dr. Greenberg is currently a Research Fellow at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. He has recently been appointed director of the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center which was established by an act of the United States Congress in 1990.

Dr. Greenberg earned his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley and has been at the Smithsonian for ten years. He is an expert in small migratory song birds. The title of his talk is "Birds Over Troubled Forests: Natural History and Conservation of Migratory Song Birds."

## 1992 RALLY COMMITTEE

Chairman ..... Sam Hambrick  
Field Trip Coordinators ..... Steve Hopp/Pat Mikesell  
Registration ..... Carrie Sparks  
Treasurer ..... Marge Pedigo  
Secretary ..... Sharon Hayden

John Baker • Lew Purcell  
Steve Sherwood • Bob McKinney

## PAST SPEAKERS

1977 .....	Dr. Fred Alsop, III
	East Tennessee State University
1978 .....	Dr. Douglas Boyce
	Emory & Henry College
1979 .....	Dr. Aaron Sharp
	University of Tennessee
1980 .....	Dr. Charles Handley
	Smithsonian Institute
1981 .....	Dr. James Huheey
	University of Maryland
1982 .....	Dr. Warren Wagner
	University of Michigan
1983 .....	Dr. Ritchie Bell
	University of North Carolina
1984 .....	Dr. Tom Cade
	Cornell University
1985 .....	Dr. Carroll Parkins
	Mississippi State University
1986 .....	Dr. George Folkerts
	Auburn University
1987 .....	Dr. Peter White
	University of North Carolina
1988 .....	Michael R. Pelton
	University of Tennessee
1989 .....	Doug Ogle
	Virginia Highlands Community College
1990 .....	Annemarie Steeman-van Diepenbeek
	Royal Dutch Society for Natural History
1991 .....	Dr. Phil Shelton
	Clinch Valley College/University of Virginia

## FRIDAY, 15 MAY 1992

**5:00 p.m.** Registration Begins - Konnarock Community Center - Fee is \$3.00 for all persons twelve years of age or older. Please register in advance using the attached form if at all possible.

**6:00-7:00 p.m.** Dinner - Konnarock Community Center - It is necessary to make dinner reservations. The cost is \$5.50 per person and should be paid in advance. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Those of you who eat early will have time to work on your camp site or take a stroll before the program at 8:00 p.m. The longer serving time should also alleviate long lines and crowding at dinner. The main course for the meal will be fried chicken.

**8:00 p.m.** Featured Speaker - Konnarock Community Center - Dr. Russ Greenberg of the Smithsonian Institute

**Immediately Following the Speaker** - Stargazing - Several members of the Bays Mountain Astronomy Club will have telescopes set up in the field below the parking lot. Don't miss this opportunity to view faraway galaxies, nebula, planets and the stars.

## SATURDAY, 16 MAY 1992

**7:00 a.m.** Continued Registration - Anyone who has not registered is encouraged to do so at the Konnarock Community Center.

**8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.** Morning Field Trips Depart From Konnarock Community Center - See listing for trips and time of departure information.

**11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Lunch Break - Pack your own or purchase at one of the nearby stores.

**1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.** Afternoon Field Trips Depart From Konnarock Community Center - See listing for individual trips and departure times. Any afternoon participants who are not registered should do so.

**5:00 p.m.** Conclusion of Field Trips.

### OTHER AREA EVENTS:

**Appalachian Trail Days Festival**  
May 15, 16, 17 - Damascus, VA

**Mt. Rogers Ramp Festival**  
May 17 - Whitetop, VA

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