ANPS SPRING 2023 MEETING FIELD TRIPS - FULL DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- On all trips, please wear long pants, sturdy boots, and a hat (a wide-brimmed hat if you’ll be on a prairie trip), and bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

- Saturday and Sunday morning field trips leave from the hotel except where noted. Departure times vary. Saturday afternoon field trips meet at the trailheads at 2:00 p.m.

- All directions given for each trip use Holiday Inn Express and Suites Bentonville, 2205 S.E. Walton Boulevard, Bentonville, AR as the starting point. But please note that Saturday afternoon field trips will not depart from the hotel. Instead, you will meet at the trailhead.

- Where addresses were not available, GPS coordinates are listed instead. You should be able to enter these coordinates into a map app (such as Google Maps) and generate directions from them. Also, a Google Maps Link is given for each field trip. You should be able to enter that address into a browser and generate directions from it as well.

- A map is included with each description and should be used for general reference only, not for step-by-step directions.

- The field trip leaders are volunteering their time to show us special and botanically interesting natural areas in and around the NWA area. We appreciate that they have given their time and expertise to help ANPS members learn more about the native plants of our beautiful state!

- The hotel referenced in the descriptions is the **Holiday Inn Express and Suites Bentonville, 2205 S. E. Walton Boulevard, Bentonville, AR 72712**
CHESNEY PRAIRIE NATURAL AREA

**When:** Saturday Morning - Caravan/carpool from hotel at 8:30 a.m. or meet at the Chesney Prairie Natural Area parking lot at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Afternoon - Meet at the Chesney Prairie Natural Area parking lot at 2:00 p.m.

**Address:** GPS for parking area: 36.218674, -94.482130; Google Maps Link: [https://goo.gl/maps/YNndvxc8xCY9oKpt5](https://goo.gl/maps/YNndvxc8xCY9oKpt5)

**Directions:** From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn right onto US 71 and follow for 1.2 mi. Turn left onto AR-12 W/W Hwy 12/SW Regional Airport Blvd and follow for 12.6 miles. Turn left onto Fairmount Rd. and follow for 3.3 mi. Turn right onto Bill Young Rd and follow for 2 mi. Turn right onto gravel road and follow 0.6 mi. to the natural area.

**Trip Details:** See the [Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission website](https://www.arkansansheritage.org/) for details of this natural area.

**Length & Difficulty:** This is an easy, mostly flat walk on a mowed trail in full sun. Trail length depends on how much we see along the way, but likely less than 2 miles.

**Trip Leaders:** Saturday morning: Virginia McDaniel (828-545-2062), Brent Baker (501-282-5365)
Saturday afternoon: Virginia McDaniel (828-545-2062), Jennifer Ogle (479-957-6859)
CAVE SPRINGS CAVE NATURAL AREA

When:  Saturday & Sunday Mornings - Meet at the Illinois River Watershed Partnership Pavilion at 8:30 a.m.


Directions: From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn right onto US 71 and follow for 1.2 mi. Turn left onto AR-12 W/W Hwy 12/SW Regional Airport Blvd and follow for 1 mi. Turn left onto SE Rainbow Rd. and follow for 3.1 mi. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto W. Pleasant Grove Rd. then follow for 0.9 mi. Turn left onto N. Main St. and continue for 2.1 mil. Turn left onto Glenwood Ave (a gravel parking area).

Trip Details: See the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission website for details of this natural area.

Length & Difficulty: The walk will be moderately strenuous, as the main trail loop takes visitors up and back down a steep but short slope. But we’ll take it slow, as always!

Trip Leaders: Saturday & Sunday mornings – Joe Ledvina (702-281-4610), Nate Weston (479-879-7489)
WOOLSEY WET PRAIRIE

When: Saturday Morning - caravan/carpool from hotel at 8:30 or meet in parking area at 9:00 a.m.

Address: GPS: 36.064319, -94.232437. Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/io5kSf3geSnDrEKM9

Directions: From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn left onto SE Walton Blvd and continue for 0.2 mi. Turn right onto the I-49S onramp, then continue south on I-49 for 20.3 mi. Take Exit 64 then turn right onto Wedington Dr. and follow for 1.6 mi. Turn left onto N. Broyles Ave. and follow for 1 mi. then turn right into the paved parking area at the West Side Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Trip Details: See the City of Fayetteville’s website for details about this mitigated wetland.

Length & Difficulty: Easy walk on mowed berms, with some short, sloped areas.

Trip Leader: Karen Willard (802-324-2587)
**SHADDOX HOLLOW WOODLANDS AND GLADES at HOBBNS STATE PARK**

**When:** Saturday Morning. Caravan/carpool from the hotel at 8:00 a.m. or meet at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m.

**Address:** GPS: 36.318446, -93.961850. Google Maps Link: [https://goo.gl/maps/jkDiAcWExkfkKe3A](https://goo.gl/maps/jkDiAcWExkfkKe3A)

**Directions:** From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn left onto SE Walton Blvd and follow for 3.5 mi. Continue onto Walnut St. for 0.5 mi., then turn left onto N. 2nd St. and follow for 0.3 mi. Turn right onto W. Locust St., which becomes AR-12 E/E Hwy12/Prairie Creek Dr. Follow this road for 10.3 mi. then turn left onto AR-303 and continue for 0.9 mi. Turn left into the Shaddox Hollow Natural Area parking lot.

**Trip Details:** See the [Arkansas Parks website](https://arkansasstateparks.org/) for details about this natural area. We will see woodlands and glades being restored by Hobbs State Park staff.

**Length & Difficulty:** Rugged, steep, moderately strenuous to strenuous hike, about 1.5 miles in length. We will be walking off trail through a glade for part of the walk.

**Trip Leaders:** Jennifer Ogle (479-957-8659), Mark Clippinger (479-640-3047)
**NEESE FARM RESTORATION**

**When:** Saturday Afternoon. Meet at the Neese Farm at 2:00 p.m.

**Address:** 15250 Roberts Loop, Garfield, AR 72732. Google Maps Link: [https://goo.gl/maps/WiGP3tfeQDmsURpD8](https://goo.gl/maps/WiGP3tfeQDmsURpD8)

**Directions:** From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn left onto SE Walton Blvd., then turn left onto the I-49N onramp and continue north for 1 mi. Take Exit 86 then turn right onto US-62 E/SE 14th St. and continue for 3 mi. Turn left onto N. 8th St. then continue on US-62 E/W Hudson Rd for 12.2 mi. Turn right onto Roberts Loop.

**Trip Details:** The Neese family is restoring the former cattle pastures on their land to prairie using a combination of management techniques. Their land borders Devil’s Eyebrow Natural Area and has many naturally occurring grassland species on it.

**Length & Difficulty:** This is an easy walk on mowed paths through the restoration area.

**Trip Leader:** Nate Weston (479-879-7489)
WILSON SPRINGS NATURE PRESERVE

When: Saturday Afternoon. Meet at the Wilson Springs Trailhead at 2:00 p.m.

Address: 3081 N, AR-112, Fayetteville, AR 72704. Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/u52R8bGKWhSUzYW76

Directions: From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn left onto SE Walton Blvd and continue for 0.2 mi. Turn right onto the I-49S onramp, then continue south on I-49 for 18 mi. Take Exit 67A then turn left onto Hwy 112, then make another left onto N. Shiloh Dr. Turn right into the Sam’s Club parking lot, drive past the gas station, then park on the left near the Wilson Springs trailhead sign.

Trip Details: See the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust website for details about this natural area.

Length & Difficulty: Easy walk on natural surface trails. Parts may be muddy due to recent rains.

Trip Leaders: Brittney Booth (479-422-8346), Samantha Heller (479-531-9794)
LAKE WILSON

When: Sunday Morning. Meet at the Lake Wilson Pavilion at 9:00 a.m.


Directions: From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn left onto SE Walton Blvd and continue for 0.2 mi. Turn right onto the I-49S onramp, then continue south on I-49 for 23.6 mi. Take Exit 61 toward Fulbright Expressway and follow for 0.7 mi., then turn right onto S. School Ave. and continue for 0.6 mi. Turn left onto W. Willoughby Rd. and follow for 1.4 mi., then turn right onto Wilson Hollow Rd. Continue for 1.4 mi. then run left onto S. Lake Wilson Rd. and drive 0.8 mi. to the pavilion parking area.

Trip Details: Lake Wilson is a forested park and lake, about 350 acres in size, owned by the City of Fayetteville. The park has a diverse assemblage of native plants in a variety of habitats. The Shadwicks have been working with the city to remove invasive plants and restore wildlife habitat, and they have also engaged in seed collection activities for Pollinator Partnership at the park.

Length & Difficulty: Easy to moderately strenuous walk on an old road and natural surface trails, across a creek (on a bridge) and along the lake, on flat to sloping and uneven terrain.

Trip Leaders: Lora Shadwick (479-200-5835), John Shadwick (479-445-5747)
KINGS RIVER FALLS NATURAL AREA

When: Sunday Morning. Meet at the Kings River Falls Trailhead at 9:30 a.m.

Address: GPS: 35.894524, -93.584959. Google Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/ce8gmhYjQ3fQrJqv7

Directions: From Holiday Inn Express & Suites, turn left SE Walton Blvd then turn right onto the I-49S onramp and continue south on I-49 for 6.2 mi. Take Exit 78 then turn left onto AR-264 E/W Monroe Ave in Lowell and continue for 0.3 mi then turn right onto S. Bloomington St. and follow for 1 mi., then continue on N. Thompson St. for 1 mi. Turn left onto AR-264/W State Hwy 264 and follow for 1.3 mi., then turn right onto E. Randall Wobbe Ln. and follow for 2.7 mi. Turn left onto E. Huntsville Ave and follow for 1.5 mi., then continue onto Butterfield Coach Rd. for 1.1 mi. Turn left onto Hwy 412 and continue for 21 mi., then take US-412 BUS E to downtown Huntsville. At the Huntsville square, turn right onto S. Harris St. and stay on this road for 7.3 mi. (it turns into State Hwy 23 S). Turn left onto AR-127 E and continue for 12.1 mi. Continue onto Madison 3345 for 5.1 mi. then turn left onto Madison 3500 and follow for 1.5 mi. The parking area will be on your left.

Trip Details: See the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission website for details of this natural area. We will see many native plants along the trail, including early azaleas in full flower!
**Length & Difficulty:** This is an easy, mostly flat 2-mile out and back walk to the falls, on a natural surface trail. There are a couple steps up and down here and there over boulders, and there is a lot of uneven terrain with large rocks on the trail. The rocks may be wet and slippery due to recent rains.

**Other Notes:** The drive on county roads is somewhat rough (small, sharp rocks on road and large potholes throughout), but a 2wd drive car should be able to make it just fine if you take it slow.

**Leaving Kings River Falls to Points South:** Head southeast on Madison 3500 for 4.3 mi., then turn right onto Madison 3605 and follow for 1.1 mi. to AR-16 E. Turn left and continue for 10.6 mi., then turn right onto AR-21 S and continue for 28.1 mi. to Clarksville.

**Trip Leaders & Contact Info:** Jennifer Ogle (479-957-6859), Virginia McDaniel (828-545-2062)