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LNPS Fall Field Trip, Sept. 19-21, 2003

The plans for the Louisiana Native Plant Society **Fall Field Trip** are well under way. Charles Allen and others have visited the Sabine Wildlife Management Area in the vicinity of Many and Zwolle to prepare the way. They promise we'll....

Have Heartwarming, Healthy Hikes along Harmonious Hurricane Creek Headwaters with Happy, Helpful Heroes and a Historical stop. We also Hope to see: Hackberry, Halesia, Hamamalis, Helianthus, Hawthorns, Hollies, Hornbeams, Hypericum, Honeysuckle, Hibiscus, Hickory, and other Herbaceous and Hardwood species.

The Schedule:

Friday, September 19

Informal gathering at **Allen Acres**, from **3 pm** until. Potluck Supper, plus slide shows and a tour of Allen Acres.

You are welcome to camp at Allen Acres, and they will provide electricity, bathrooms, coffee, and a stove or microwave for breakfast. They also offer inside space on a first-come, first-serve basis for Friday and Saturday nights.

Directions to Allen Acres -

If traveling from the *east* side of the state, take LA 10 going west out of Oakdale and follow LA 10 thru Elizabeth and Pitkin. Six miles past Pitkin, you will enter Cravens. In Cravens turn south (left) onto LA 399 which is just east of the two stores in Cravens. Follow LA 399 south for 1.8 – 1.9 miles and in a sharp curve to the left, turn right into their driveway.

If traveling from the *west*, turn onto LA 10 at Pickering. Follow LA 10 just south of Fort Polk and continue east for about 15 miles to Cravens. After entering Cravens, watch for the store on the right and then turn right onto LA 399. Follow LA 399 south for 1.8 – 1.9 miles and in a sharp curve to the left, turn right into their driveway.

If traveling from the *south*, take LA 112 (an east-west road), and turn north onto LA 399. Travel north on LA 399 for 6 miles and turn left into Allen Acres driveway.

Saturday, September 20

9 am - Meet at the McDonald's in Many.

Many is on U. S. 171 west of Natchitoches and north of Leesville. The McDonald's is on LA 6 in the NW portion of Many just a short distance past where U. S. 171 turns north. We will tour in the **Sabine Wildlife Management Area** to the northwest of Many toward Zwolle.

Plans are for the group to travel into **Zwolle** to the **Dairy Queen** for a **lunch/bathroom** break between **12 noon and 1 pm**.

2 pm - Leave from Dairy Queen in Zwolle. Afternoon tour will include a stop at a Historical Cemetery. 6:30 PM ish - until: Back to Allen's Acres for slides and Potluck supper.

Sunday, September 21

9 am - Tour of bogs and baygalls. Meet at Allen Acres again.

Hotels in Many:

Siesta Motel (318) 256-2005 Starlite Motel (318) 256-0515

South of Many adjacent to Hodge's Garden:

Emerald Hills Lodging (318) 586-4661 or 1-800-533-5031

Motels in Leesville:

Days Inn (337) 239-2612 Country Inns (337) 238-3506 Landmark Hotel (337) 239-7571

CAJUN PRAIRIE HABITAT PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING

Earth Education, Electrifying Evenings, Early Excursion to Evade Extreme Heat, Euphoric Enthusiasm, and Eventful Environmental Emphasis. Also featuring these prairie plants: Erythrina, Elms, Echinacea, Eragrostis, Eupatorium, Euphorbia, Eryngium

Friday, Aug 15

3:00 pm till 5:00 pm -Seed Gathering, cleanup, tours, etc. at the Eunice site.

5:30 pm - Assemble at Seale Guest House for Potluck Supper, followed by Slides, Music & Networking.

Saturday, Aug 16

7:00 am till 9:00 am- Tour of Eunice Restored Prairies.

9:00 am till 10:30 am - Duralde Restoration Prairie Tour.

11:00 am till 12 Noon - Andy Allen at Jean Lafitte Center in downtown Eunice "Earth Education"

12 noon till 12:30 pm - Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society meeting.

12:30 pm till 2:30 pm - Lunch on your own, but a tradition is to dine at Matilda's on the east side of Eunice.

2:30 pm till 6:00 pm - Malcolm's yard and Frey Remnant Prairie Strips. Malcolm's home number = 337-457-4497.

7:00 pm - Potluck Supper or pizza?? At Seale Guest House, followed by Slides and Party! (bring music)

Sunday, Aug 17

9:30 am - Tour of the Louisiana State Arboretum. Meet at front gate.

Accommodations: For those coming from out of town, we can stay at the Seale Guest House. You can make reservations with Mark Seale at 337-457-3753. Motels in Eunice: Best Western 337-457-2800; Howards Inn 337-457-2066; La Parisienne 337-457-4274; and LAcadinn 337-457-5211.

** For details, contact Charles Allen at native@camtel.net or 337-328-2252. **

Welcome to our new members:

Allison J. Vaughn, New Orleans; Mary Anne Levet, Mandeville; Ann Coco, Baton Rouge; Donna Johnson, Clinton; Tammy Baker, Pineville; Bette J. Kauffman, Monroe; James Henderson, Baton Rouge; Linda Baker, Mandeville; Angela L. Evans, Denham Springs; Ed Burns, LeCompte; Diana Osborne, Longville; Justin Meunier, Thibodaux; Gigi Parker, West Monroe.

More Events of Interest

July 11-13, 2003 - Second Biennial Texas Prairies and Savannahs Conference; "From Soil to Seeds" Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX.

Sept 13 - BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL; HAYNESVILLE, LA. Contact Loice Lacy at 870-234-6103 or email lklacy@magnolia-net.com

Sept 19-21 - **LNPS Fall Field Trip**; Sabine Wildlife Management Area plus Allen Acres plus Fall Bogs. Details on page 1 or contact Jackie Duncan: jduncan@fs.fed.us or Charles Allen.

Oct 9-11 - BIG THICKET SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE; Beaumont, TX. Contact Cathy Guivas, (409) 839-2689 ext. 223, cathy_guivas@nps.gov.

Oct 16-19 - TEXAS NATIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM; A chance to tour the Edward's Plateau as the meeting is in Fredericksburg, TX. Contact Peter Loos.

Nov 19-22 - SER (Society for Ecological Restoration) International 2003 Conference in Austin, TX: AS-SEMBLING THE PIECES: RESTORATION, DESIGN & LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY. info@ser.org.

Aug 8-12, 2004 - 19th North American Prairie Conference, Madison, Wisconsin. http://www.napc2004.org

Plan Ahead for LNPS Meeting February 6 & 7, 2004

Set this date on your calendars! LNPS Meeting will be February 6-7, 2004, at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, La.

Plan to arrive Friday night for potluck supper and visiting.

Tracey Banowetz has been working with Jimmy Culpepper on a great list of speakers for Saturday. Two speakers have been confirmed. Hallie Dozier, of the LSU Agriculture Center, Natural Resources Program, will speak on exotic plant species. Latimore Smith, Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, will discuss conservation projects - past and present.

A field trip is in the plans for Sunday, February 8, but the site has not been decided. If you have suggestions for a site, contact Tracey or Jimmy.



Several Strollers Stop for a Snap Shot during the Summer Solstice Safari in the vicinity of Columbia, La. during the weekend of June 20-22. Photo by Paul Fontenot.

<u>Some of the Activities Scheduled at Hilltop Arboretum</u>, 11855 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, La. For information about these and other activities, call 225-767-6916.

July 12 - 9:30 am. "Great Natural Areas to Visit in Louisiana"; Chris Reid of the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program. Admission fee.

Aug 7 - 8:30 am. Propagation workshop: Allen Ownings leads volunteers in plant propagation techniques.

Sept 13 - 9:30 am. PlantFest Teaser; sneak peak at plants to be featured at sale in early Oct. Admission fee.

Sept 21, Sunday - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Hilltop Garden Tour III of III throughout Baton Rouge. Admission fee.

Oct 3 & 4 - 21st Annual PlantFest fundraiser featuring native and hard-to-find plants. No admission fee.

Nov 1 - Emory Smith Day, Fall Edition.

Nov 5 - 8 - Hilltop hosts the southeast regional conference of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. Call 225-767-6916 for information.

The Louisiana Native Plant Society was founded in 1983 as a state-wide, non-profit organization. Its purposes are: to preserve and study native plants and their habitats. to educate people on the value of native plants and the need to preserve and protect rare and endangered species. to promote the propagation and use of native plants in the landscape to educate people on the relationship between our native flora and wildlife. Membership form: Checks payable to LNPS. Name Address City State Zip — Email address — phone — Annual dues: Student/Senior \$5 — Individual \$10 — Family \$15 — Organization \$25 — Sustaining \$50 — Corporate \$100 —

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