

# Wildflowers

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## Field Trip Schedule

Saturday,  
March 29, 1997 -

Crouse Run, Allegheny County  
Leader: Esther Allen  
Time: 1:00

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Rte 28 to Rte 8 North. Travel 6.6 miles to make a left on Craighead Road. (This left turn is about 0.7 miles after Harts Run Road). Travel Craighead Road 0.2 miles, then make a left at the North Hills Church of Nazarene. After 0.4 miles, make a right onto Sample Road. Travel 0.7 miles to a highway bridge over Crouse Run and park on left just before Royal View Road. If you cross a second highway bridge over Willow Creek you've gone too far.

Expectations: Snow Trillium, and maybe snow! Be prepared for several stream crossings...waterproof boots are recommended.

Saturday,  
April 5, 1997 -

Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver Cty  
Leader: Esther Allen  
Time: 1:00

Directions: From Pgh, take I-279 south/US 22-30 (Parkway West). After about 7.5 miles, exit this highway to continue west on U.S. 22-30. After 3.9 miles, exit this highway to continue on U.S. 30 (Imperial exit). 9.5 miles from this exit, watch for the entrance for the Wildflower Reserve, on the right, just over the hill. Meet in the parking lot.

Saturday,  
April 12, 1997 -

Duff Park, Allegheny County  
Leader: Veronique Schreurs  
Time: 1:00

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Rte 22 East (Parkway East) past Monroeville, to Murrysville. Make a right onto School Road at a red light just before the Sheetz Shrine Gas Station. Traveling about 1/8 of a mile, cross the bridge over Turtle Creek, and park in the parking lot on the right.

Expectations: Spring wildflowers among century-old oaks.

Saturday,  
April 19, 1997 -

Cedar Creek County Park, Westmoreland Cty  
Leader: Mark Bowers  
Time: 1:00

Directions: Meet in the parking lot of Howard Johnson's (on the left side of the road when going south on Rte. 51) at the intersection of Rte. 51 South and I-70.

Sunday,  
April 27, 1997 -

Enlow Forks Natural Area, Greene County  
Leader: Bob Morgan  
Time: 1:00

Directions: I-79 south to I-70 west. Proceed 11.6 miles to the Claysville exit (Exit 2). At the stop sign at the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right and right again on U.S. 40 towards Claysville. At center of town, 0.8 mile, turn right just beyond Sacred Heart Church on PA 231 South. Proceed 3.5 miles to a fork; PA 231 goes left, but you should bear right on the high road toward Good Intent and West Finley. Continue 8 miles into West Finley. At the stop sign in West Finley bear left towards Graysville. Cross the bridge over Enlow Fork after 2.4 miles, and turn right immediately onto a small bridge. Follow the dirt road 1.6 miles; then make a very sharp right onto another dirt road, which leads downhill 1.3 miles to a pull-off. Park here.

Expectations: Blue-eyed Mary, red and white Trillium, and many others in a valley where northern and southern species overlap. (And we're meeting on Sunday!)

Saturday,  
May 3, 1997 -

Roaring Run, Armstrong County  
Leader: Scott Speedy  
Time: 1:00

Directions: Take Rte. 22 east from Monroeville to PA Rte. 286 (Golden Mile Highway), which eventually becomes Rte. 380 after the commercial development. Stay north on Rte. 380 to Rte. 66. Take Rte 66 north (right) to Apollo. Cross the Kiskiminetas River into Apollo. After crossing the bridge you will see a traffic light, and a shopping center to the left. Park in the lot; we will meet in the corner of the lot closest to the bridge.

For field trip questions, comments, ideas, please call Loree Speedy at 521-9425.

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## CYPRIPEDIUM ACAULE

One of our members submitted this sketch of the Pink Lady's-Slipper to be printed in *Wildflowers*. It was something he or she made for an art project.

I say "he or she", because the artist signed the note "Anonymous". There were three additional sketches of orchids, and I will use them in future issues if Anonymous will own up to them. On second thought, I might use them any way; I'll just put my own name on them. I wish I could sketch like that.



## OUR "GET WELL" LIST

We have two members champing at the bit, impatient at recuperating.

Eleanor Grove had a stroke. Her address is 463 Biddle Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

We mentioned before that Eva Emmerich had broken her hip in a ski accident. Her address is 1883 Beulah Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.



## A HOST OF GOLDEN ERYTHRONIUM

we re-print this from last year's bulletin. We'll be back next month, and this time we'll have our Nikon with us.

*"When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils"*

Even though they resembled something from "Dr. Zhivago", I knew they couldn't be daffodils. The whole hillside was covered with yellow flowers, thousands of them, but what were they? Dandelions? No! I was in the car. I turned around and parked in a "No Parking" zone.

I was flabbergasted when I checked them out and realized I was looking at several acres of yellow trout lilies.

Where was this amazing display? Was it two hundred miles away in some pristine wilderness? Would you believe it was within the city limits?

From Saw Mill Run Boulevard, take Woodruff Ave. toward Mt. Washington. To your left going up Woodruff Ave. is a very steep wooded hillside. That is where they are, all over the place.

The trout lilies were fully in bloom on April 22. I didn't have my camera with me, and I was leaving for Philadelphia the next morning, so I couldn't go back to get a photograph.

*Deo volente*, I'll be there next April...with my camera.

Bob Bahl



## A SPECIAL NOTE TO THOSE WHO DIDN'T GET THIS BULLETIN

If you didn't get this issue of *Wildflowers* and you happen to see one that had been sent to another member, this is for you. We have culled our list of those who haven't paid their 1997 dues. If you want re-instated, just send your dues to me Robert F. Bahl, 401 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. It's \$5 for a single membership, \$8 for the whole family.



## APRIL MEETING

Once again, our meeting will be held in the Kresge Theatre on the Carlow College Campus, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. It will be Monday, April 14 at 8:00 P.M. sharp.

Our program is entitled *A Nature Sampler*. It is an audio-visual extravaganza, "naturally" by the "Kammer man", Paul E. Kammer.

This program has so much promise, we can't do it justice in a few lines. So, we have enclosed an extra sheet to describe it.

