

HIKE THE HERMITAGE!

SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2008

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

In 2003, The Hermitage acquired the Hermitage Wildlife Management Area from the State of Tennessee. Nearly all of these preserved 460 acres were once part of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage plantation. The Hermitage has returned hundreds of acres to farming and ceased public hunting. Today, crops such as soybeans, winter wheat, and corn are grown here. An archery range is operated by a local club. Thriving wildlife includes deer, wild turkeys, raccoons, rabbits, groundhogs, squirrels, opossums, mink, and red-tailed hawks as well as many other bird species.

On Sunday, March 30, you can hike these historic grounds and witness the natural beauty of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage as few people have experienced it before. The hike will be led by Heather Gallagher, a Naturalist at Nashville's Warner Park Nature Center, and Robbie Jones, the Director of Preservation at The Hermitage. This is a joint public educational program between The Hermitage and Metro Nashville Parks.

Families and beginners are welcome, but the 3.5-mile hike isn't intended for small children. Meet at the Andrew Jackson Visitor Center breezeway. The hike begins at 2:00pm, ending around 3:30pm. Remember to bring bottled water, snacks, insect repellent, cameras, binoculars, and proper hiking clothing and gear.

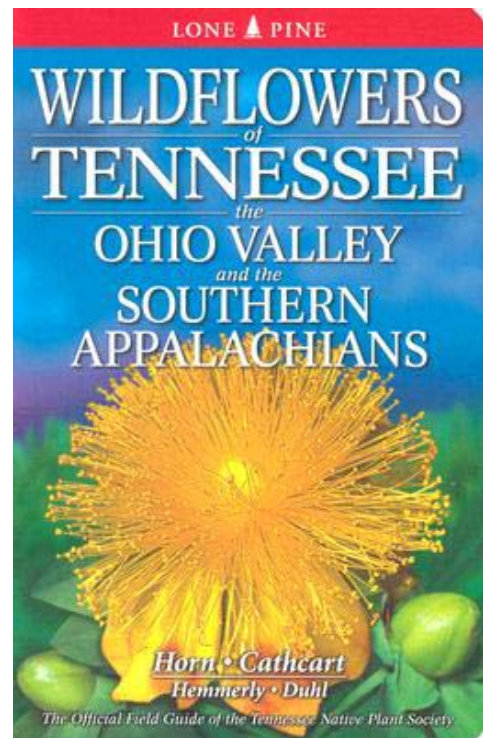
There is no cost for the Spring Hike, but donations are encouraged; this will allow us to continue offering this public program.

Please RSVP by contacting Robbie Jones at (615) 889-2941 extension 201 or preservation@thehermitage.com.

Provide the names of everyone in your group and whether they are an adult or child. We'd also like to know where you're traveling from and how you heard about the hike program.

Space is limited and reservations are on a first-come basis so RSVP today!

Copies of "Wildflowers of Tennessee" (\$22.95) and other wildflower-related items will be for sale at our Museum Store.



Summer Full Moon Hike – August 16, 2008 from 8:00-9:30pm

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