

DVFWS 2022 Field Trips – July 2022

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MONDAY, April 11, Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve, Lancaster Co., PA

This is an annual trip to one of the most extensive natural displays of native wildflowers in SE Pennsylvania. We will meet at the parking area at the foot of the trail between 10 AM and 10:30 and proceed upward at our own pace. <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/preserves/shenks-ferry-wildflower/> ; <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ShenksFerryHikingMap2019.pdf>

Directions: Coordinates- 39.902012, -76.366648 Go to Google Maps, enter these coordinates and obtain directions to the Preserve from your home or departure point. Alternative: use your driving app on your cell phone

TUESDAY May 10, 10 AM. Henry Foundation for Botanical Research: A Wilderness Garden

Gladwyne, PA Guide/Leader: Susan Treadway

We visited this wonderful location last summer along with members of the local Rock Garden Society and the Philadelphia Botanical Club. It was a wonderful visit and we resolved to return this spring to see the many early blooming ephemerals, shrubs and trees, many of which are unusual. Please return with us. A \$5 donation to the Foundation is recommended. Upon entry, please proceed to the parking area in front of the large barn.

<https://www.henrybotanicgarden.org/>

Directions: The Henry Botanic Garden is accessible ONLY from Henry Lane off of PA Route 23, Conshohocken State Road. With the closure of Rt 23 Conshohocken State Road from the Gladwynne side, **approach only from the west, the Conshohocken/Blue Route side of Rt 23**, and request that the road crew let you through. Let them know you are going to Henry Lane. The Henry folks will alert the construction road crew we are coming and to let us through from that direction. Here are the directions: From Conshohocken: Drive east on PA Route 23 about two miles. Turn left onto Henry Lane. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Stony Lane and then right at 801 Stony Lane and follow the driveway through the gates to the main building. **GPS Coordinates: 40.048015, -75.287949**

FRIDAY, May 20, 2022, 10:30 AM: Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden; Leader: Leslie Morris Smith
Chanticleer in Wayne is a 35 acre "pleasure" garden with more than twelve "gardens" and plant groupings. In their busiest month of the year, Chanticleer has graciously arranged for us to have twelve parking reservations on May 20th and will coordinate with our former member Przemyslaw Walczak to accompany us on part of our visit. Bell's Woodland, his latest project, was presented to our group one fall before the pandemic and he is delighted we are coming to visit it. Bell's Woodland celebrates the flora of eastern North American forests. This relatively new planting is still being developed. The area is carpeted with spring ephemerals that capitalize on the short window of light between snowmelt and the trees fully leafing out. Spring beauties (Calytonia), trilliums, Virginia bluebells, and trout-lilies emerge with life-affirming optimism.

For a map, click on https://www.chanticleergarden.org/garden_guide.html.

While parking is free, we are limited to twelve spots, so sign up in advance with the leader. Admission is collected by the leader in advance; there is an admission charge of \$10 for a member of PHS, Morris, or other arboreta with their card, or \$12 for non-members. See "individual tours" at www.chanticleergarden.org for more options. Afterwards we will meet for lunch in one of the four picnic areas at 12:30 with our bag lunches. Following lunch people are welcome to stay and explore.

Directions: Chanticleer is located at 786 Church Rd, Wayne, PA, a short distance from the intersection of Rt. 30 and 320. See detailed directions on their web site. www.chanticleergarden.org. It is 1.5 miles from the Wayne Train Station; contact Leslie to arrange pickup; 215-805-2591 or 215-233-3532 (home), email: leslm579@gmail.com

SATURDAY June 4, Monocacy Hill, Berks Co., PA 10 AM; Leaders: Brian and Karen Mohn

A favorite place to view spring wildflowers, this will be a return trip for us. Trails are well maintained and are not too rocky, so come and enjoy the plants, wildlife and views. <https://monocacyhill.org/>
Directions and trail maps are available at the above website.

FRIDAY, June 24 10:30 AM Duke Farms, Hillsborough NJ Leader: David Lauer

This 1,000 acre non-profit specializing in native plants and habitat is the former estate of Doris Duke and her father. It is now operated by the Doris Duke Charitable Trust and is a "must see" destination.
<https://www.dukefarms.org/> **GPS coordinates:** 40.065208, -75.191107. **Please preregister** with the leader (dml1000@comcast.net)

SATURDAY July 14 at 10:15 AM Ferns of Northwest Philadelphia Leader: Janet Novak
botany@indri.org or 215-534-6700 (cell)

This is a joint trip with the Philadelphia Botanical Club. Northwest Philadelphia has a surprising abundance of ferns, especially those that grow on rocks. At least eight fern species have colonized the old stone walls that are common in northwest Philadelphia. We'll take a stroll to see these ferns. We start at the Mount Airy train station, which has a thriving population of *Pellaea glabella* (smooth cliffbrake). The fern has been growing at this site in at least since the 1930s, when it was reported by Edgar Wherry. We then move to Chestnut Hill, where a short walk will yield *Pellaea atropurpurea* (purple-stem cliffbrake), *Woodsia obtusa* (blunt-lobed Woodsia), *Asplenium platyneuron* (ebony spleenwort), *Asplenium trichomanes* (maidenhair spleenwort), *Phegopteris decursive-pinnata* (Japanese beech fern), and *Cystopteris tennesseensis* (Tennessee bladder fern). This last fern is endangered in Pennsylvania, but quite abundant in northwest Philadelphia. After the walk, everyone is invited to a picnic in the leader's garden. Also on offer is a tour of the garden, which is very much a botanist's garden, containing many unusual plants. **Directions:** Meet at the Mount Airy SEPTA station, 149 East Gowen Avenue in Philadelphia. The station is on the Chestnut Hill East line, and a train will arrive at 10:04 AM. For a return trip by train, note that our ending point is within a 10-minute walk of the Wyndmoor Station on the Chestnut Hill East line and the St. Martins Station on the Chestnut Hill West line.
GPS Coordinates: 40.065208, -75.191107

THURSDAY August 4th, 10:30 AM Secret Springs Turtle Rock Preserve Upper Black Eddy, Bucks Co.

This will be our first visit to this 10 acre native plant and animal preserve in rural northern Bucks County that is operated by John Barry. Here is a short video that shows the preserve:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiYbUL9aYEs&t=68s>. John describes his preserve in this way: "the property is crossed by numerous trails that visit the different micro climates. With the loss of many ash trees we are now expanding the areas exposed to more sunlight. One notable thing is the continuing effort to rescue areas from the big three: stilt grass, multiflora rose and barberry and their replacement with native plants. Almost the entire area is deer fenced and yes there are secret springs on the property with their attendant wetland plants and animals. we are surrounded by large wooded areas and next to the Ringing Rocks park. The township has just bought a 110 acre property of a wooded and abandoned quarry that borders our property.
Address: 1755 Highview Lane, Upper Black Eddy, Pa 18972. GPS Coordinates: 39.971026, -75.089718

SATURDAY Sep 10th, 2022. Summer Picnic at the Barnes Arboretum Residence with the Director, Merion, PA

We will tour the Laura Barnes Fern Dell at the Barnes Arboretum, and share ideas with the director on ways to make it a teaching garden for the university and the public. A parking lot is on site. Bring your lunch & food to share as we discuss ways that we could contribute to the fern garden going forward. We will have access to the kitchen, dining room, sunporch and outdoor terrace. Preregistration is requested.

September 24 10:30 A.M. Petty's Island Preserve, Pennsauken NJ Leader: David Lauer

Sound the trumpet! Beat the drum! Petty's Island in the Delaware River has been preserved by a Conservation Easement given by CITCO to the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust. At 500 acres in size and in a wonderful location close to Penn's Landing and Center City Philadelphia, the restoration of this jewel is verges on the miraculous. It was almost lost to a resort development. Read about the Island here: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/njnlt/pettysisland.htm>. While it is not yet open to public access, we will visit the island with appropriate persons from the NJNL Trust and the relevant NJ state authorized personnel. A small bridge connects the island to NJ, so swimming or boating will not be required! Details to follow. **GPS Coordinates: 39.971026, -75.089718**

FRIDAY, October 21, 2022 10:30 AM The Laurels Preserve, Chester Co., PA

Leader: Marice Bezdek <https://www.brandywine.org/conservancy/preserves/laurels-preserve>

Occupying over 700 acres and maintained by the Brandywine Conservancy, this preserve occupies land formerly included in the over 5000 acre King Ranch.

Car pooling is encouraged.

Location: The entrance to the Laurels is 100 yards off of PA Route 82 on Apple Grove Road, four miles west of Unionville, PA. Parking for 10 cars is located about ¼ mile from the main gate. **GPS coordinates: 39.907159, -75.799290**

Please feel free to contact David for help with directions.