

## **Cedars of Lebanon State Park hosts annual Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Wildflower Festival on May 1&2**

Cedars of Lebanon State Park and the Center for Cedar Glade Studies at Middle Tennessee State University will host the annual wildflower festival with seminars, guided nature walks, exhibits and displays by naturalists, professors and guest speakers on May 1&2, 2009.

All events are free and will be held rain or shine! Schedule of events includes:

### **Friday, May 1**

#### Assembly Hall

1:00-5:00pm *Center for Cedar Glade Studies 3rd Research Roundtable*  
For more information contact Kim Sadler 615.904.8283 or ksadler@mtsu.edu

#### Nature Center

1:00pm State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath and Park Rangers leading *Wildflower Hikes* from the Nature Center. Hikes leave every hour on the hour.

#### Huddleston Cedar Forest Lodge

6:00pm Signup for Saturday events. Registration Signup sheets available in Lodge.

#### Evening Program

7:00pm Dr. Dwayne Estes, Austin Peay State University

*Reception* following evening program. Light refreshments will be served to provide time to mingle and enjoy traditional glade music until 10:00pm.

### **Saturday, May 2**

#### Bird Walk

7:00-8:30am Meet at Huddleston Cedar Forest Lodge. Bring field glasses and bird books. Come ready to learn from expert birders Ray Pope, Melissa Turrentine and members of the Wilson County chapter of the TN Ornithological Society.

#### Nature Center

9:00 to 4:30 Open featuring new exhibits.

#### Huddleston Cedar Forest Lodge

*Field trip sign up and main departure point.* Restrooms available here. Food and snacks will be available from Boy Scout Troops 127 and Venture 226 here during Saturday events. *Exhibitions and displays* featured at the Lodge will include:

- Edible Natives
- GroWild
- Reflections in Wildlife
- Mt. Juliet Woodcarving
- Tennessee Native Plant Society
- MTSU Center for Cedar Glade Studies

Motorcades to Glades Areas (meet at & leave from Huddleston Cedar Forest Lodge)

9:00-11:15am *Caravan to Glade Walk 1*; Guided by Turrentine and Estes

9:00-11:15am *Caravan to Glade Walk 2*; Guided by Professor Kurt Blum and McKinney

12:00-1:30pm Sharon Bracey - *Eating Wild, Edible Native Plants*

2:00-4:15pm *Caravan to Glade Walk 1*; Lead by Baskin and Estes

2:00-4:15pm *Caravan to Glade Walk 2*; Lead by Professor Kurt Blum and McKinney

Assembly Hall

9:00-9:45am *Presentation: Cedar Glade Plant Seed Germination* by Carol & Jerry Baskin

10-11:30am *Presentation: Snakes of Middle Tennessee* by Professor Vince Cobb

12:15-3:00pm *Talk and Cave Trip - New Cave Discoveries, Underworld of the Glades* by Ken Oeser (bring helmets, lights, clothes that can get muddy/change of clothes)

3:30-4:15 pm *Presentation: Flowers of the Glades* by Landon McKinney

Nature Center

9:00-10:30am *Talk and Walk: Geology of the Glades* by Ron Zurawski, TDEC Geology Director

11:30a-12:00 *Presentation: Exotic Invasive Plants* by Terri Hogan

12:15-1:15pm *Photography Tips* by Darel Hess

1:30-3:00pm *Talk and Walk: Butterflies of the Glades* by Rita Venable

4:30-5:30pm *Talk and Walk: Glade Non Flowering Plants* by Pete Peterson

**Dinner Break (on your own)**

7:00-9:00pm *Owl Prowl and Frog Frolic*: Ray Pope and Herpetologist Danny Bryan.  
Meet at Huddleston Cedar Forest Lodge.

**Sunday, May 3**

Feel free to relax and enjoy Cedars of Lebanon State Park at your own pace!

**Additional Online Information Resources:**

[Cedars of Lebanon State Park](#)

[Tennessee State Parks](#)

[Tennessee State Natural Areas](#)

[MTSU Center for Cedar Glade Studies](#)

