



March 2017

Hello everyone.

For our first trip of 2017, we made a return trip to Woodbury WMA in Marion County. The weather was nice and we had a good turnout of members. Participants included Kim McManus, Paul Kalbach, Pat and Jerry Bright, Dave Scheutrum, Virginia Winn, Ben Gregory, Chris Hill, Caroline Eastman, Carol Jaworski, Brussi Alexander, Marcus Sizemore, Alison Smith, Danny Prater, and Gordon Murphy.



We started our adventure by exploring the banks of an oxbow lake. The lake is named Horseshoe Lake, because it is in the shape of, you guessed it, a horseshoe. The water elevation in the lake was higher than normal so there were no wading birds foraging along the edge as there usually is. We rolled logs and checked under debris looking for herps but did not find any. Paul did see one gray tree frog and we saw a large hornet nest hanging in a tree. There were quite a few remnants of crawfish scattered about and Danny found one that was still intact.



After exploring the oxbow lake for a couple of hours, we loaded up in our vehicles and headed to a xeric pine forest with adjacent bay forest wetlands. We did not quite make it there though. My Subaru and Kim's Jeep made it through a spot in the road with deep sand, but Jerry's van did not make it through. We spent a few minutes pushing, and digging around the tires, and finally extricated it from the sand. This is the second time that I have tried to take SCAN to see the pines and wiregrass, only to be thwarted yet again. We will try it again on our next trip to Woodbury and hopefully we will eventually get there!



Following a quick lunch at our vehicles, we headed further south to one of my favorite pondberry colonies. Thanks to hurricane Matthew, the depression wetland was full of water. This is the first time in I have seen it full since I first visited it in 2009. We looked at a few

pondberry plants growing in a drier portion of the wetland and took a few photographs. Then we walked along the northern edge of the wetland to a spot where we could see the largest portion of the pondberry colony that contains both male and female plants. Many of the plants were marked with surveyors flagging by College of Charleston researchers. We could see pondspice blooming farther out in the wetland.



After a fun day of exploring, we headed to Conway to dine at Big D's BBQ Trough. On our drive out of Woodbury, we had the good fortune to find a mud turtle, garter snake, snapping turtle, and red-belly water snake on the road. It was a fun day and I hope everyone else enjoyed it as much as I did.

This month we are heading back to Calhoun County to explore Dick Watkins' Peterkin/Goodwyn Tract, the Sam and Kam Arant property, as well as the historic Fort Motte fort and battle site. It should be another great trip! Hope to see you all there on the 25th!

Gordon Murphy



Peterkin/Goodwyn Tract
Calhoun County, March 25, 2017
10:30 AM, Leader: Dave Scheutrum

On Saturday March 25th at 10:30 AM, SCAN will be visiting Dick Watkins' Peterkin/Goodwyn Tract, the Sam and Kam Arant property, as well as the historic Ft Motte Fort and Battle site next door, (compliments of Luther Wannamaker). These three fantastic properties overlook the Congaree Park Basin with the National Park just across the river in the flood plain below. We will caravan from one property to the other, (they are next door to each other). This trip will include the historical aspects of the land as well as the natural flora and fauna. There may be some plants not discovered in this area yet, and only found up north. The north facing slopes/bluffs may need attention. Lately, two new species of dragonfly and a moth species had been discovered on the property.

After the trip, we will eat at the House of Pizza at St. Matthews, (721 Harry Rastor Dr). <http://www.calhounhouseofpizza.com/>

A little background homework material on the history of the properties you will be exploring:

http://scholarcommons.sc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1052&context=anth_facpub

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Directions: Coming from Columbia...

Get on Hwy 601 South. Cross the Congaree River and continue 2 miles.
Turn right onto Adams Rd. There is a small cafe opposite side where you turn.
Go 1/4 mile on Adams Rd and turn right onto Lang Syne Rd.
Follow Lang Syne Rd all the way to where it forks and turns to dirt. About 2 1/4 miles.
Turn left onto Wise Rd. Follow Wise Rd about 1/2 mile.
At the RR crossing, turn right and go over the RR tracks. After crossing the tracks immediately go left and then an immediate right again. You will be following the dirt road up the hill and away from the RR tracks. You will be driving along a line of cedar trees. Follow the cedar trees for 1/2 mile. Turn into the gate on the left. You are there!

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Directions coming from Charleston...

Drive I-26 West and get off on Hwy 601 North..exit 145. Follow Hwy 601 into St Matthews. From the the Hardee's, (at stop light), drive 7 3/4 miles to Lang Syne Rd on the left.
Turn left on Lang Syne Rd. Follow Lang Syne Rd 3 1/3 miles to where it forks and turns to dirt.

Turn left onto Wise Rd. Follow Wise Rd about 1/2 mile.
At the RR crossing, turn right and go over the RR tracks. After crossing the tracks immediately go left and then an immediate right again. You will be following the dirt road up the hill and away from the RR tracks. You will be driving along a line of cedar trees. Follow the cedar trees for 1/2 mile. Turn into the gate on the left. You are there!



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If you get lost, call Gordon at (803) 447-0547.

**Woodberry WMA
Marion Co.SC
February 25,2017**

FLORA

Longleaf Pine

Pinus palustris

Southern Spicebush

Lindera melissifolia

FAUNA

Burrowing Wolf Spider

* *Geolycosa sp.*

Velvet-ant

* *Pseudomethoca oculata*

Bald-faced Hornet

Dolichovespula maculata

Eastern Carpenter Bee

Xylocopa virginica

Common Baskettail

Tetragoneuria cynosura

Woodland Ground Beetle

Lophoglossus gravis

Predacious Diving Beetle

Cybister fimbriolatus

Rhinoceros Beetle

Dyscinetus morator

Lady Beetle

* *Hyperaspis pistillata*

Darkling Beetle

Alobates pennsylvanica

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Papilio glaucus

Question Mark (butterfly)

Polygonia interrogationis

Luna Moth

Actias luna

Cope's Gray Treefrog

Hyla chrysoscelis

Common Snapping Turtle

Chelydra serpentina

Eastern Garter Snake

Thamnophis sirtalis

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