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Hello Fellow SCAN Members!

We had a nice group for our June outing to the Rattlesnake Lodge Trail outside Asheville, NC.

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Upon gathering a few minutes early in the cool morning air at The Folk Art Center just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, Mary Douglass gave us a rundown on the trail options. We divided up into several cars and drove along the Parkway to three different trailheads. Some people went for the full trail, starting at the MTS trailhead on Ox Creek Road. A second group opted for the Bull Gap Trailhead a bit farther up Ox Creek Road. The final group went directly to the Tanbark Tunnel entrance and walked the trail back towards the other two groups.

The day started off a bit cool, but the sun was out and the day warmed up quickly. There were lots of wildflowers and an impressive number of caterpillars, especially on the split rail fence that lined part of the trail. Birds could be heard but were difficult to spot in the foliage. As is typical with SCAN, the groups caught up with each other, then split apart again as different interests resulted in a variety of hiking speeds.

The trails are well-traveled, so we had no difficulty making our way along the gentle inclines and declines. The excursion became a bit more challenging when a summer thunderstorm blew in and the rain started coming down in torrents. By the time we reached the Rattlesnake Lodge ruins, everyone was soaked to the bone and only watching where they were putting their feet!

Due to the rain, our explorations were cut a bit short. We made our way slowly and carefully down the steep part of the trail to the waiting cars at the Tanbark Tunnel trailhead. Drivers ferried wet passengers back to their cars at the other trailheads and we headed to an early dinner at Pomodoro's Greek and Italian Café.

Here are a few images from the trip. Clockwise: a green metallic bee, Definite Tussock Moth (*Orgyia defnite*), the somewhat bedraggled hikers, and Pale Touch-Me-Not (*Impatiens pallida*)



Our July outing is to Lynch's Woods Park in Newberry County, SC. The park has both a driving loop trail and a nice selection of hiking trails, so the day's level of exertion can easily be adjusted to accommodate the heat and your corresponding energy level.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kim McManus

Lynch's Woods Park

440 Wilson Road, Newberry, Newberry County, SC

Saturday, July 27, 2019, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM



Park sign directly after the Ford dealership on the east side of Hwy 76 (Wilson Rd)

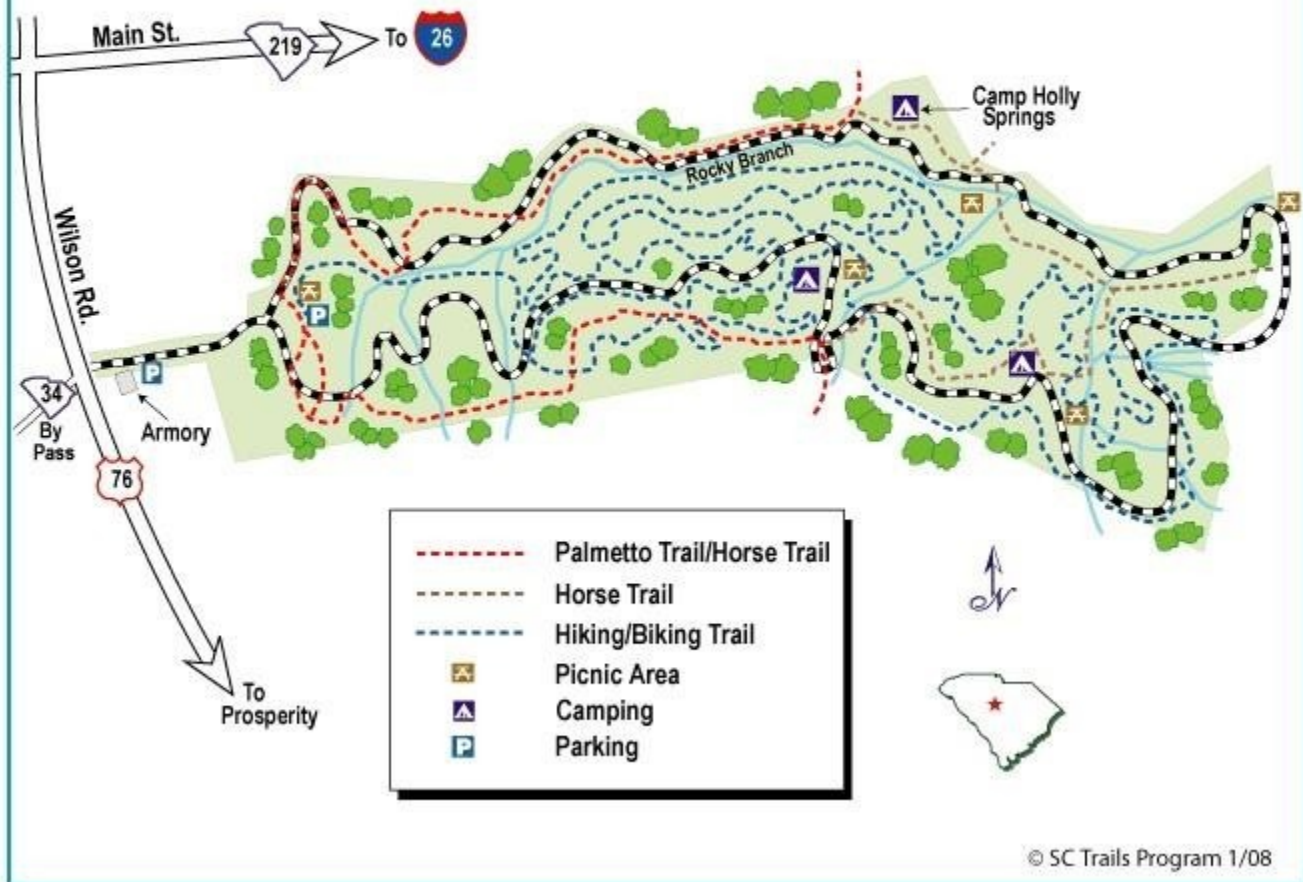
Lynch's Woods Park is a well-kept secret tucked behind a strip of businesses off Hwy 76 on the south side of the charming city of Newberry, South Carolina and is comprised of 276 acres of old growth hardwood trees and upland oak-hickory-pine forests. A 4.2-mile one-way gravel road circles through the woodlands, offering access to 7.5 miles of hiking and biking trails; elevation gains top out at 130 feet. Gently flowing streams are found throughout the park and serve as the headwaters of the rambling Rock Branch Creek, a tributary of Cannon's Creek that feeds into the Broad River.

A three-mile section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail also runs through the Piedmont park. Lynch's Woods Passage is billed as the Trail's "Gateway to the Upstate" and connects to six miles of equestrian paths. Two primitive campsites are located within the park for hikers who want to rest up on their way to the mountains.

The land for Lynch's Woods was deeded to Newberry County and the City of Newberry in the early 1930's by Rev. Elijah Lynch and the park was established in 1934, hence the name Lynch's Woods. Built during the Great Depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the park still features structures dating back to the 1930s, including stone headwalls. In recent years, a picnic pavilion, information kiosk and restroom (which is just really a pit toilet) were added for the convenience of visitors.

Lynch's Woods Park is what nature in the piedmont of South Carolina is all about. Streams flowing over rocks, hardwood forests on steep slopes and upland oak-hickory-pine forests make Lynch's Woods an area with a diversity of wildlife. As you get into the park you may see raccoon footprints, a scarab beetle crawling through the leaves, a black rat snake on the road or hear the call of a pileated woodpecker. Park your car along the side of the loop road and get out to explore.

Lynch's Woods Park (Newberry, SC)



Directions to: Lynch's Woods Park, 440 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC

Latitude 34.273220, Longitude -81.588270 (meeting location just outside the park)

From I-26 Eastbound, use exit 74 (SC-34): Turn right onto SC-34 W (Winnsboro Road) and drive West toward Newberry for approximately 2.3 miles to the intersection of US-76 Bypass East (Wilson Road). Turn left onto US-76 Bypass East (Wilson Road) and drive approximately 0.9 miles to Walter Cousins Lane (which is directly after Cromley's Ford on the left side of the road). Turn left onto Walter Cousins Lane and drive up to the tree line. We will meet in the open "parking" area on the right that's located just before entering the park through the trees.

From I-26 Westbound, use exit 76 (SC-219): Turn left onto SC-219 W (Main Street) and drive West toward Newberry for approximately 3.2 miles to the intersection of US-76 E / US-76 Bypass East (Wilson Road). Turn left onto US-76 E / US-76 Bypass East (Wilson Road) and drive approximately 0.8 miles to Walter Cousins Lane (which is directly after Cromley's Ford on the left side of the road). Turn left onto Walter Cousins Lane and drive up to the tree line. We will meet in the open "parking" area on the right that's located just before entering the park through the trees.



Dinner:

The Palms Grill & Bar
612 Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108
(803) 276-4668

Prices are a little higher than we normally pay at a House of Pizza but we thought a change might be nice. A copy of the menu is included below. On the plus side, we won't need to travel very far because the location is almost next to the entrance for Lynch's Woods Park; refer to the map above.

Contact:

Dave Kastner

Rattlesnake Lodge, Blue Ridge Parkway
Buncombe Co., NC
June 22, 2019

This list was produced by SCAN from sightings produced by SCAN members and is subject to revision as needed. An asterisk (*) indicates a new sighting for SCAN. Send any changes or corrections to Tom Jones.
Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring. Thank you.

FLORA

Common Running-cedar

Diphasiastrum digitatum

Rattlesnake Fern

Botrypus virginianus

Cinnamon Fern

Osmunda cinnamomea

Christmas Fern

Polystichum acrostichoides

Common Rockcap Fern

Polypodium virginianum

Eastern Hemlock

Tsuga canadensis

Jack-in-the-pulpit

Arisaema triphyllum

Zigzag Spiderwort

Tradescantia subaspera

Speckled Wood-lily

Clintonia umbellulata

Carolina Lily

Lilium michauxii

Turk's-cap Lily

Lilium superbum

Indian Cucumber-root

Medeola virginiana

Perfoliate Bellwort

Uvularia perfoliata

Bellwort

Uvularia puberula

False Solomon's-seal

Maianthemum racemosum
racemosum

Solomon's-seal

Polygonatum biflorum

Common Greenbrier

Smilax rotundifolia

Common Wild Yam

Dioscorea villosa

Downy Rattlesnake-orchid

Goodyera pubescens

Tulip-tree

Liriodendron tulipifera

Cucumber-tree

Magnolia acuminata

Spicebush

Lindera benzoin

Sassafras

Sassafras albidum

Dutchman's-pipe

Isotrema macrophylla

Common Black-cohosh

Actaea racemosa

Tall Anemone

Anemone virginiana virginiana

Mountain Meadow-rue

Thalictrum clavatum

Appalachian Meadow-rue

Thalictrum coriaceum

Bloodroot

Sanguinaria canadensis

Witch-hazel

Hamamelis virginiana

Dwarf Hackberry

Celtis tenuifolia

Wood-nettle

Laportea canadensis

Bitternut Hickory

Carya cordiformis

Pignut Hickory

Carya glabra

Black Walnut

Juglans nigra

American Chestnut

Castanea dentata

White Oak

Quercus alba

Rock Chestnut Oak

Quercus montana

Red Oak

Quercus rubra

Sweet Birch

Betula lenta lenta

Common Pokeweed

Phytolacca americana

Starry Campion

Silene stellata

Climbing Buckwheat

Fallopia convolvulus

Curly Dock

Rumex crispus crispus

Dwarf St.-John's-wort

Hypericum mutilum

Spotted Wintergreen

Chimaphila maculata

Mountain Laurel

Kalmia latifolia

Indian Pipes

Monotropa uniflora

Sourwood

Oxydendrum arboreum

White Rosebay

Rhododendron maximum

Deerberry

Vaccinium stamineum

Galax

Galax urceolata

Whorled Loosestrife

Lysimachia quadrifolia

Smooth Hydrangea

Hydrangea arborescens

Hairy Mock-orange

Philadelphus hirsutus

Prickly Gooseberry

* *Ribes cynosbati*

Mountain Stonecrop

Sedum ternatum

Appalachian False Goat's-beard

Astilbe biternata

American Alumroot

Heuchera americana

Agrimony

Agrimonia sp.

Fanleaf Hawthorn

Crataegus macrosperma

Dotted Hawthorn

Crataegus punctata

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina serotina

Black Raspberry

* *Rubus occidentalis*

Flowering Raspberry

Rubus odoratus

Japanese Spiraea

Spiraea japonica fortunei

Hog-peanut

Amphicarpaea bracteata

Naked Tick-trefoil

Desmodium nudiflorum

Black Locust

Robinia pseudoacacia

Canada Enchanter's-nightshade

Circaea canadensis canadensis

Blackgum

Nyssa sylvatica

Oriental Bittersweet

Celastrus orbiculatus

Eastern Flowering Spurge

Euphorbia corollata

New Jersey Tea

Ceanothus americanus

Virginia-creeper

Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Summer Grape

Vitis aestivalis aestivalis

Muscadine

Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia

Striped Maple*Acer pensylvanicum***Eastern Red Maple***Acer rubrum rubrum***Yellow Buckeye***Aesculus flava***Eastern Poison Ivy***Toxicodendron radicans radicans***Wild Geranium***Geranium maculatum***Spotted Touch-me-not***Impatiens capensis***Yellow Jewelweed***Impatiens pallida***Honewort***Cryptotaenia canadensis***Bland Sweet Cicely***Osmorhiza claytonii***Tall Milkweed***Asclepias exaltata***Hairy Phlox***Phlox amoena***Appalachian Waterleaf***Hydrophyllum virginianum*
*atranthum***American Lopseed***Phryma leptostachya leptostachya***Woodmint***Blephilia hirsuta***Northern Horsebalm***Collinsonia canadensis***Basil Bergamot***Monarda clinopodia***Appalachian Beardtongue***Penstemon canescens***Bearcorn***Conopholis americana***Tall Bellflower***Campanula americana***Southern Harebell***Campanula divaricata***Summer Bluet***Houstonia purpurea***Coreopsis***Coreopsis major***Common Rough Fleabane***Erigeron strigosus strigosus***Common Wild Quinine***Parthenium integrifolium*
*integrifolium***Rattlesnake-root***Prenanthes sp.***Toothed White-topped Aster***Sericocarpus asteroides***Spindle-shaped Yellow Coral***Clavulinopsis fusiformis***Differential Grasshopper***Melanoplus differentialis***Six-spotted Tiger Beetle***Cicindela sexguttata***Woodland Ground Beetle***Cyclotrachelus sigillatus***Woodland Ground Beetle***Agonum ferreum***Striped Click Beetle**** Selatosomus trivittata***Checkered Beetle***Enoclerus ichneumoneus***Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle***Harmonia axyridis***Darkling Beetle***Meracantha contracta***Comb-clawed Beetle***Isomira sericea***Fire-colored Beetle**** Neopyrochroa flabellata***Flower Longhorn Beetle**** Strangalia acuminata***Flower Longhorn Beetle**** Strangalia sp.***Hidden Snout Weevil***Odontopus calceatus***Eastern Tiger Swallowtail***Papilio glaucus***Tulip-tree Beauty Moth***Epimecia hortaria***Saddled Prominent**** Heterocampa guttivitta***Fall Webworm Moth***Hyphantria cunea***Definite Tussock Moth**** Orgyia defnita***Pileated Woodpecker***Dryocopus pileatus***Wood Thrush***Hylocichla mustelina***Blue-headed Vireo***Vireo solitarius***Hooded Warbler***Wilsonia citrina***Eastern Towhee***Pipilo erythrophthalmus***Dark-eyed Junco***Junco hyemalis***FAUNA****Red-spotted Orbweaver**** Araneus cingulatus*

**Addenda - Hell Hole, Francis Marion NF
Berkeley Co., SC
May 25, 2019**

FAUNA

Southeast Lubber Grasshopper

Romalea microptera

Southern Mole Cricket

Neoscapteriscus borellii

Tawny Mole Cricket

* *Neoscapteriscus vicinus*

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

Halyomorpha halys

Predatory Stink Bug

Podisus sp.

Leaf-footed Bug

Leptoglossus phyllopus

Assassin Bug

Pygolampis pectoralis

Froghopper

Prosapia bicincta

Eastern Dobsonfly

Corydalus cornutus

Fishfly

Chauliodes pectinicornis

Horsefly

Tabanus sp.

Gnat-ogre Robber Fly

* *Holcocephala* sp.

Yellowjacket Hoverfly

Milesia virginensis

Punctured Tiger Beetle

Cicindela punctulata

Bombadier Beetle

Brachinus sp.

Predacious Diving Beetle

Hydaticus bimarginatus

Dung Roller

Canthon vigilans

Shining Leaf Chafer

Anomala marginata

Firefly; Lightning Beetle

Photinus sp.

Bark-gnawing Beetle

* *Temnoscheila* sp.

Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle

Harmonia axyridis

Flat-faced Longhorn Beetle

Hippopsis lemniscata

Lined June Beetle

* *Polyphylla occidentalis*

Longhorn Beetle

* *Aneflomorpha subpubescens*

Tulip-tree Beauty Moth

Epimecia hortaria

Imperial Moth

Eacles imperialis

Polyphemus Moth

Antheraea polyphemus

Luna Moth

Actias luna

Cecropia Moth

Hyalophora cecropia

Channel Catfish

Ictalurus punctatus

East. Diamondback Rattlesnake

Crotalus adamanteus

Virginia Opossum

Didelphis virginiana

Gray Fox

Urocyon cinereoargenteus