

August 2019

Hello Fellow SCAN Members!

I've heard a lot of great things about the July excursion to Lynch's Woods Park in Newberry County. Vice President Dave Schuetrum reported that we had a spectacular turnout.

Dave Schuetrum Gene Ott Gordon Murphy Jim Boylston Kathy Boyle Dave Kastner Marty Kastner Jerry Bright Bert Pittman Sharon Watson Caroline Eastman Ken Carman Julianna Nyikos Peter Nyikos Charles Horn Terry Martin

- Hugh Martin Christina Watts Phillip Harpootlian Gregg Ross Marsha Hamlin Bob Hamlin Jan Ciegler Lee Morris
- Leslie Coulage Mary Garland Douglass Tom Jones Allison Smith Tom Austin Carol Gist



Photo credit: Dave Kastner

Schuetrum summarized the trip with these words:

In July, SCAN, (South Carolina Association of Naturalists) visited Lynch's Woods nestled inside the city of Newberry. The weather was not too hot and we had a pretty good attendance of folks. About thirty people gathered in the parking lot just outside the main gate. The terrain in the park was varied with forested hills and a flowing stream. The trails were well marked and in good shape. A number of species were identified and iNaturalist was used for some documentation. It is surprising the number of species found at a park in the middle of a city. We ate dinner at "The Palms Bar and Grill" nearby.

He went on to illustrate the day through photos:

David Kastner, took the group photo which he will post, but I managed to get pictures of us while we were introducing ourselves and telling what our interests are about. That is important for new people to the group so they will be able to reach out to new friends that have their same interests, too. Folks came from all over...Charleston to Asheville. It was nice seeing friends that don't manage to make it but very infrequently. But we keep up with each other on Facebook. There is more diverse knowledge of the Natural World in this group than you can ever imagine.







We all began our rambles. SCANners are like cats, they spread out and can't be herded. Lynch's Woods really surprised me with the beauty and hilly terrain...right inside the city of Newberry.



Lunch time with some of the crew.



There was a good amount of bird life and listening to their song makes it easier to locate them visually. Later in the summer like this, bird song is more muted since most mating is over with.



I know there will be a lot of other in-depth photos coming up of birds, plants, and other critters. But I had to post something quite interesting I happened upon...the living quarters of an elf, down by the creek!



Dinner time at "The Palms Bar and Grill."



Dave Kastner, our regional director, provided some lovely examples of the critters Dave Schuetrum mentioned:









Clockwise: Gray Hairstreak, Scissors Grinder Cicada, toads, Blue Dasher

Tom Jones compiled our flora / fauna list for Lynch's Woods Park. See the last few pages of this newsletter for the details. Thanks to everyone who sent in their observations in a timely fashion.

Speaking of observations, several SCAN members recommend using iNaturalist to track observations. It is a joint venture between the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society. The purpose is to compile observations of nature and give scientists an ever-growing resource for data to assist in their research. Hilda Flamholtz has created a SCAN project page: <u>https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/scan</u>. For more information, chat with Hilda, Phillip Harpootlian, Tom Austin, Sharon Watson, Carl Cole, Ken Carman, Tess Moody, Kathy Boyle, John Ratterree, Lois Stacey, Laura Kirk, James Wilson, or Marcus Sizemore. They have all mentioned using iNaturalist on our SCAN Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/116388725055968/</u>).

I'm glad everyone had a good time at Lynch's Woods Park. I'm sorry I missed seeing all the smiling faces.

Our August outing will be in one of the uppermost corners of the state, within hailing distance of both Georgia and North Carolina. Kathy Boyle's description of the location makes me want to hop in the car right now and start cruising that way! Get your hiking shoes, walking sticks, and lunches prepped. Let's go exploring!

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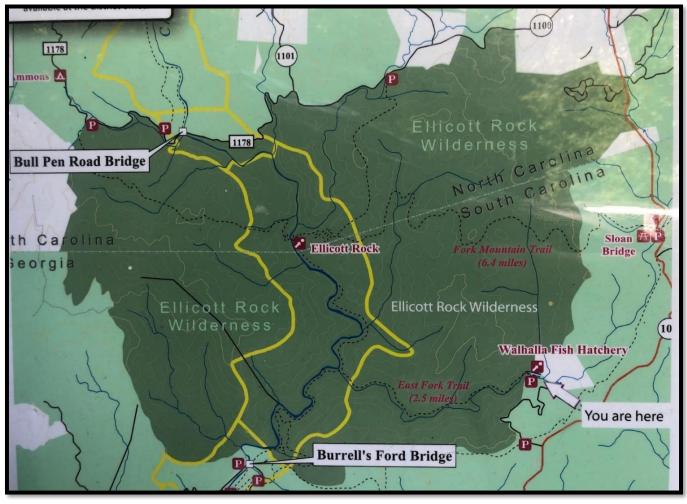
Walhalla Fish Hatchery

198 Fish Hatchery Road, Hwy 107N, Mountain Rest, Oconee County, SC Saturday, August 24, 2019, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM

On Saturday, August 24 we will meet at 10:30 AM at the parking lot of SCDNR's Walhalla Fish Hatchery, in the remote northwestern corner of the state. A brief history: the hatchery was built in the mid-1930's. The stone hatchery building, the wood frame garage/workshop and the hatchery quarters were all constructed by the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps. The original rearing tanks were small circular pools. In the 1950's and 1960's, the present raceways and newer buildings were constructed. Visitors are welcome to tour the hatchery.

Adjacent to the hatchery is the territory we'll spend the day exploring – the Ellicott Rock Wilderness. The East Fork Trail starts at the back of the parking lot and runs alongside the East Fork Chattooga River for 2.5 miles to join the main Chattooga River. Additional trails then go upstream to the North Carolina line as marked by Ellicott Rock (1.8 miles) or downstream to Burrell's Ford campground (1.5 miles).





Trails in the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area.

The trails are relatively (for the mountains!) level, though a bit soupy in places. There are a number of small protruding roots that can trip the unwary hiker; I found a walking stick helpful. Overall, with laurels arching above and the sound of rushing water below, walking here is a pleasure. Trailside we'll encounter familiar midsummer flowers such as Lobelia, Monarda, and Green-headed Coneflower. We should also keep an eye out for the rare tree Mountain Camellia (*Stewartia ovata*), which has been reported here in the past. See excellent photos of this species at https://www.carolinanature.com/trees/stov.html.



And then there's the river itself. With cool (low 70s °F) clear water and white sandy beaches, the Chattooga River beckons.



Now some painful news. When I visited over the weekend there was almost no cell phone service (on Verizon) – none at the hatchery and almost none along the trails. The single exception was a small area around N34.9809° W83.0868° (WGS84) on the East Fork Trail, where a weak signal showed up. Just be sure to download any maps or reference material beforehand; our phones' GPS should do fine.

Facilities. There is a bathroom alongside the parking lot but I don't recommend it. Instead, enter the hatchery and as you walk toward the raceways you'll see bathrooms off to the right.

Walhalla State **Fish Hatchery** (28) ine Mountain SOUTHCAROL Salem Tamassee 🚘 34 min 21.7 miles **39 min** 27.2 miles 🚘 45 min (28 29.6 miles 183) **O**Walhalla White Harbor (28)

How to get there:

From the town of Walhalla -

 Head west on Hwy 28 S W/E Main St toward N Catherine St
Continue to follow Hwy 28 S W
Pass by Dollar General (on the left in 8.0 mi)
8.2 mi
Slight right onto SC-107 N
11.7 mi
Turn left onto Fish Hatchery Rd
Destination will be on the left
1.8 mi

Walhalla State Fish Hatchery

198 Fish Hatchery Road Hwy 107N, Mountain Rest, SC 29664

Note: Be sure to come all the way up to the "GENERAL PARKING" lot, as shown in the photo on page one.

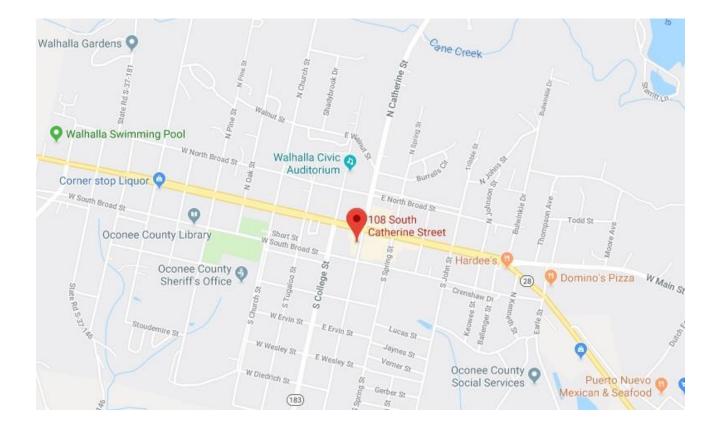
Where to eat:

3 Amigos Mexican Grill

Address: 108 South Catherine Street, Walhalla SC 29691

Parking lot is across the street from restaurant.

Phone: 864-638-2016



Menu:

Just a sample. There's much more, including several vegetarian meals.



Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 24th!

-- Kathy Boyle

Lynch's Woods Park Newberry Co., SC July 27, 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

Bracken Pteridium aquilinum Mariana Maiden Fern Macrothelypteris torresiana **Ebony Spleenwort** Asplenium platyneuron **Christmas Fern** Polystichum acrostichoides **Resurrection Fern** Pleopeltis polypodioides michauxiana **Shortleaf Pine** Pinus echinata **Loblolly Pine** Pinus taeda Eastern Red Cedar Juniperus virginiana virginiana **Common Dayflower** Commelina communis communis **Zigzag Spiderwort** Tradescantia subaspera Broomsedge Andropogon sp. **Giant Cane** Arundinaria gigantea **Slender Spikegrass** Chasmanthium laxum Witch Grass Dichanthelium sp. **Flexible Sasa-grass** Microstegium vimineum **Beaked Panic Grass** Panicum anceps **Dallis Grass** Paspalum dilatatum **Foxtail Grass** Setaria sp. **Johnson Grass** Sorghum halepense **Perfoliate Bellwort** Uvularia perfoliata **False Solomon's-seal** Maianthemum racemosum racemosum **Catesby's Trillium** Trillium catesbaei

Dwarf Crested Iris Iris cristata **Curlyleaf Yucca** Yucca filamentosa Catbrier Smilax bona-nox Whiteleaf Greenbrier Smilax glauca **Bristly Greenbrier** Smilax hispida **Huger's Carrionflower** Smilax hugeri **Common Greenbrier** Smilax rotundifolia Jackson-brier Smilax smallii **Common Wild Yam** Dioscorea villosa **Cranefly Orchid** Tipularia discolor **Tulip-tree** Liriodendron tulipifera Southern Magnolia Magnolia grandiflora Small-flowered PawPaw Asimina parviflora **Common Pawpaw** Asimina triloba Sweet-shrub Calvcanthus floridus Virginia Snakeroot Endodeca serpentaria Little Brown Jug Hexastylis arifolia **Round-lobed Hepatica** Anemone americana Nandina Nandina domestica Coralbeads Cocculus carolinus Sycamore Platanus occidentalis occidentalis Witch-hazel Hamamelis virginiana Sweet Gum Liquidambar styraciflua Winged Elm Ulmus alata **American Elm** Ulmus americana **Southern Hackberry** Celtis laevigata **Dwarf Hackberry** Celtis tenuifolia

Red Mulberry Morus rubra Water Hickory Carya aquatica **Bitternut Hickory** Carya cordiformis **Pignut Hickory** Carya glabra **Mockernut Hickory** Carva tomentosa **American Beech** Fagus grandifolia White Oak *Quercus alba* Southern Red Oak Quercus falcata Water Oak Quercus nigra Willow Oak Quercus phellos **Black Oak Ouercus** velutina American Hornbeam Carpinus caroliniana **Prickly-pear** Opuntia mesacantha mesacantha **Kiss-me-quick** Portulaca pilosa **Starry Campion** Silene stellata St. Andrew's Cross *Hypericum hypericoides* Dwarf St.-John's-wort Hypericum mutilum **Arrowleaf Sida** Sida rhombifolia rhombifolia Basswood Tilia sp. **Dooryard Violet** Viola sororia Yellow Passionflower Passiflora lutea lutea **Eastern Cottonwood** Populus deltoides deltoides **Spotted Wintergreen** Chimaphila maculata Sourwood Oxydendrum arboreum Eastman's Azalea Rhododendron eastmanii Sparkleberry Vaccinium arboreum **Elliott's Blueberry** Vaccinium elliottii **American Persimmon** Diospyros virginiana

Silverbell Halesia tetraptera

Bigleaf Snowbell Styrax grandifolius **Climbing Hydrangea** Decumaria barbara **Ditch-stonecrop** Penthorum sedoides **Black Cherry** Prunus serotina serotina **Multiflora Rose** Rosa multiflora **Southern Blackberry** Rubus argutus Sand Blackberry Rubus cuneifolius Mimosa Albizia julibrissin Hog-peanut Amphicarpaea bracteata **Spurred Butterfly Pea** Centrosema virginianum Eastern Redbud Cercis canadensis canadensis Partridge-pea Chamaecrista sp. **Butterfly Pea** Clitoria mariana mariana Naked Tick-trefoil Desmodium nudiflorum **Roundleaf Tick-trefoil** Desmodium rotundifolium Sericea Lespedeza cuneata Kudzu Pueraria montana lobata Snoutbean Rhynchosia tomentosa tomentosa Black Locust Robinia pseudoacacia **Pencil-flower** Stylosanthes biflora White Clover Trifolium repens Autumn Silverberry Elaeagnus pungens Spring Silverberry Elaeagnus umbellata parvifolia **Flowering Dogwood** Cornus florida Blackgum Nyssa sylvatica Hearts-a-burstin'-with-love Euonymus americanus **American Holly** Ilex opaca opaca **Spotted Spurge** Chamaesyce maculata **Tread-softly** Cnidoscolus stimulosus **Eastern Flowering Spurge** Euphorbia corollata **Carolina Buckthorn** Frangula caroliniana

Virginia-creeper Parthenocissus quinquefolia Muscadine Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia Southern Sugar Maple Acer floridanum **Chalk Maple** Acer leucoderme **Eastern Red Maple** Acer rubrum rubrum Winged Sumac Rhus copallinum **Eastern Poison Ivy** Toxicodendron radicans radicans **Tree-of-Heaven** Ailanthus altissima Chinaberry Melia azedarach Violet Wood-sorrel Oxalis violacea Devil's-walking-stick Aralia spinosa Queen-Anne's-lace Daucus carota American Queen-Anne's-lace Daucus pusillus Sanicle Sanicula canadensis **Carolina Jessamine** Gelsemium sempervirens **Common Marsh-pink** Sabatia angularis Narrowleaf Rose-pink Sabatia brachiata Indian-hemp Apocynum cannabinum **Clasping Milkweed** Asclepias amplexicaulis **Deceptive Spinypod** * Matelea decipiens **Climbing Dogbane** Trachelospermum difforme **Smooth Ground-cherry** Physalis angulata angulata Horse-nettle Solanum carolinense carolinense Wild Sweet Potato Ipomoea pandurata **Brazilian Vervain** Verbena brasiliensis Vervain Verbena urticifolia **Allegheny Monkey-flower** Mimulus ringens ringens Beautyberry Callicarpa americana Self-heal Prunella vulgaris Skullcap Scutellaria elliptica White Ash Fraxinus americana

Chinese Privet Ligustrum sinense Carolina Wild-petunia Ruellia caroliniensis Trumpet-creeper Campsis radicans Buttonweed Diodia virginiana **Bedstraw** Galium uniflorum Bluet Houstonia longifolia Partridge-berry Mitchella repens Japanese Honeysuckle Lonicera japonica **Common Elderberry** Sambucus canadensis **Mapleleaf Viburnum** Viburnum acerifolium **Black Haw** Viburnum prunifolium **Common Ragweed** Ambrosia artemisiifolia **Spanish Needles** Bidens bipinnata **Bull Thistle** Cirsium vulgare Leafy Elephant's-foot Elephantopus carolinianus **Elephant's-foot** Elephantopus tomentosus Fireweed *Erechtites hieraciifolius* **Common Rough Fleabane** Erigeron strigosus strigosus **Common Dog-fennel** Eupatorium capillifolium Bitterweed Helenium amarum amarum **Common Camphorweed** Heterotheca latifolia latifolia **Beaked Hawkweed** Hieracium gronovii Veiny Hawkweed Hieracium venosum Cat's-ear * Hypochaeris sp. **Oxeye Daisy** Leucanthemum vulgare Fragrant Rabbit-tobacco Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium Bearsfoot Smallanthus uvedalius Aster Symphyotrichum sp. Southern Crownbeard Verbesina occidentalis Ironweed Vernonia sp. **Old-man-of-the-woods** Strobilomyces floccopus

Emetic Russula (mushroom) Russula emetic

FAUNA

Mantleslug * Philomycus sp. **Crab-shaped Spiny-back** Gasteracantha cancriformis **Spiny-backed Spider** Micrathena gracilis Writing Spider Argiope aurantia **Trashline Orbweaver** * Cyclosa caroli **Green Lynx Spider** Peucetia viridans **Jumping Spider** Thiodina sylvana **Carolina Locust** Dissosteira carolina **Dark Lyric Cicada** * Neotibicen lyricen engelhardti **Beech Blight Aphid** Grylloprociphilus imbricator Paper Wasp Polistes sp. American Bumblebee Bombus pensylvanicus **Eastern Pondhawk** *Erythemis simplicicollis* **Slaty Skimmer** Libellula incesta Widow Skimmer Dragonfly Libellula luctuosa **Great Blue Skimmer** Libellula vibrans **Blue Dasher** Pachydiplax longipennis Eastern Amberwing (dragonfly) Perithemis tenera **Common Whitetail** Plathemis lydia **Ebony Jewelwing** Calopteryx maculata **Snail-eating Ground Beetle** * Scaphinotus sp. **Flower Scarab Beetle** Trigonopeltastes delta **Pipevine Swallowtail** Battus philenor **Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** Papilio glaucus **Spicebush Swallowtail** Papilio troilus **Cloudless Sulphur** Phoebis sennae eubule Little Yellow (butterfly) Eurema lisa **Sleepy Orange** Abaeis nicippe

Grav Hairstreak Strvmon melinus Eastern Tailed-blue Cupito comyntas American Snout (butterfly) Libytheana carinenta **Gulf Fritillary** Agraulis vanillae Variegated Fritillary Euptoieta claudia Pearl Crescent (butterfly) Phyciodes tharos **Question Mark (butterfly)** Polygonia interrogationis Anglewing (butterfly) Polygonia sp. American Lady (butterfly) Vanessa virginiensis **Red Admiral** Vanessa atalanta **Common Buckeye (butterfly)** Junonia coenia **Red-spotted Purple (butterfly)** Limenitis arthemis astyanax Hackberry Emperor (butterfly) Asterocampa celtis Southern Pearly-eye(butterfly) Enodia portlandia **Carolina Satyr (butterfly)** Hermeuptychia sosybius Silver-spotted Skipper Epargyreus clarus Hoary Edge (skipper) Achalarus lyciades Horace's Duskywing Erynnis horatius White Checkered Skipper Pyrgus albescens **Clouded Skipper** Lerema accius **Fiery Skipper** Hylephila phyleus Zabulon Skipper Poanes zabulon Nason's Slug Moth (larva) * Natada nasoni **Rosy Maple Moth** Dryocampa rubicunda **Snowberry Clearwing** Hemaris diffinis Fall Webworm Moth Hyphantria cunea **Eastern Mosquitofish** * Gambusia holbrooki Bream Lepomis sp. Southern Two-lined Salamander Eurycea cirrigera Fowler's Toad Anaxyrus fowleri Northern Cricket Frog Acris crepitans

Bullfrog Lithobates catesbiana **Southern Leopard Frog** Lithobates utricularia **Green Anole** Anolis carolinensis **Five-lined or SE 5-lined Skink** *Eumeces* sp. **Ground Skink** Scincella lateralis **Turkey Vulture** Cathartes aura **Black Vulture** Coragyps atratus **Red-shouldered Hawk** Buteo lineatus **Red-tailed Hawk** Buteo jamaicensis Yellow-billed Cuckoo Coccvzus americanus **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** Archilochus colubris **Red-bellied Woodpecker** Melanerpes carolinus Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Sphyrapicus varius Eastern Wood-pewee Contopus virens **Purple Martin** Progne subis **Blue Jav** Cvanocitta cristata **American Crow** Corvus brachyrhynchos **Carolina Chickadee** Parus carolinensis **Tufted Titmouse** Baeolophus bicolor **Carolina Wren** Thryothorus ludovicianus **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** Polioptila caerulea White-eved Vireo Vireo griseus **Northern Cardinal** Cardinalis cardinalis **Blue Grosbeak** Guiraca caerulea **Indigo Bunting** Passerina cyanea **Eastern Towhee** *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* **Summer Tanager** Piranga rubra **American Goldfinch** Carduelis tristis **Gray Squirrel** Sciurus carolinensis Covote Canis latrans White-tailed Deer Odocoileus virginianus