

September 2020

Hello Fellow SCAN Members!

For our August outing, we returned to Greenville County, this time starting our trek at the Asbury Hills trailhead located on the Asbury Hills Camp and Retreat Center property. The weather was lovely, with temperatures in the upper 80ies and a partly cloudy sky. Attendees included:

Caroline Eastman Claudia Stratmann Cynthia Giles Dave Schuetrum Hal Giles Hugh Martin Jeff Kline Jerry Bright Johannes Stratmann Kim McManus

Lee Morris Mandy Johnson Mary Garland Douglass Rita Zollinger Ron Lance Sharon Yomtob Terry Martin Todd Johnston Tom Jones



We started the morning with an overview of the trail options from Rita Zollinger. The group started up the Asbury Trail together and slowly scattered as offshoot trails to overlooks and lakes were encountered. The majority of the group made it to Cascade Falls together. After a nice break to eat lunch and explore the edges of Matthews Creek, we headed up the trail to the cable crossing. Six of us crossed the creek to explore Moonshine and Cascade Falls. The rest of the group stayed on the camp side and continued to explore the side trails.



L to R: walking the Asbury Trail, Cascade Falls, Dave Schuetrum pauses for a photo op.



L to R: Cardinal Flower, Arrow-shaped Miracantha Spider, one of many mushrooms seen along the trail.



L to R: Claudia Stratmann traversing Matthews Creek, Pinesap, Moonshine Falls

Highlights of the day included seeing many varieties of mushroom, learning tree identification from Ron Lance, finding several species of spiders, spotting a salamander and experiencing several waterfalls along Matthews Creek. The terrain was slightly rocky with a slight elevation change as we made our way up the trails to the falls. We passed through pond and lake habitats, by cascades and among a mix of pines, hickories and oaks.

As with most SCAN trips, our group was quite scattered. A few participants made it back to the parking lot in time to go to dinner at Monte Alban Mexican Grill and Seafood. The rest of us slowly wrapped up our explorations a little later and had to settle for dinner on our own.

Our original September destination is inaccessible due to the road washing out, so we're switching gears and returning to McAlhany Nature Preserve in Dorchester County, SC. The property sits on the Edisto River and contains a wide variety of habitats.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kím McManus

McAlhany Nature Preserve Dorchester County, SC September 26, 2020 10:30am

This month, we'll be visiting McAlhany Nature Preserve owned by the Charleston Audubon/Charleston Natural History Society. This beautiful 367-acre property on the Edisto River near St. George, SC was donated to the Charleston Natural History Society (CNHS) in 1986, and it was dedicated as a nature preserve in honor of Marvin McAlhany on January 18, 1987.

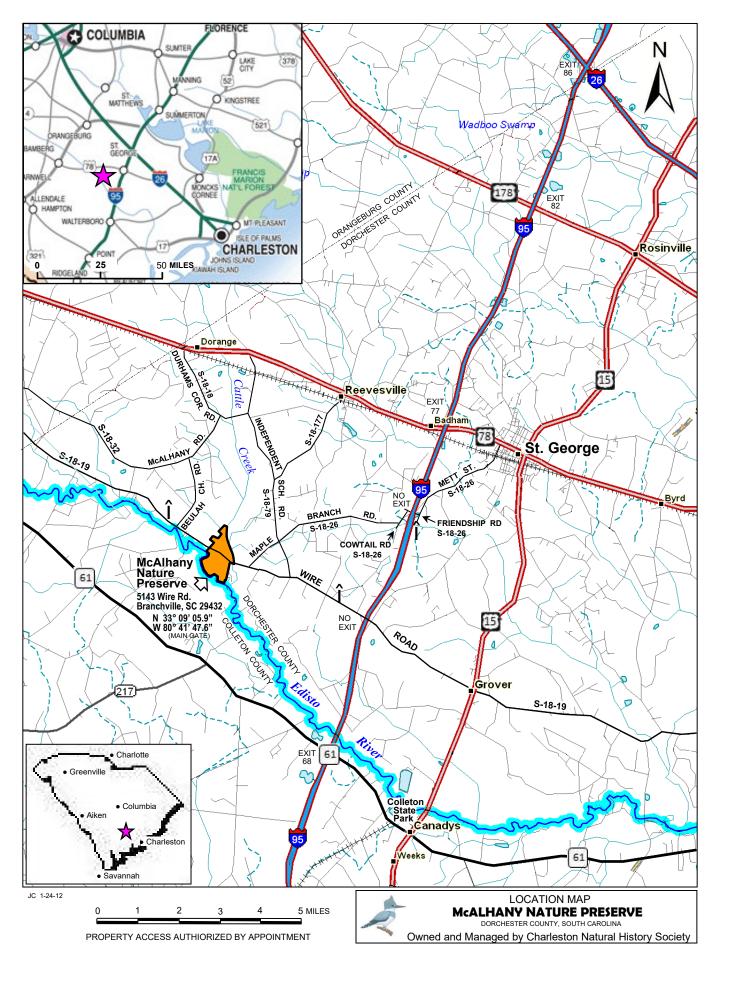
For a relatively small piece of land it includes an incredibly diverse array of habitats, beginning with 1.5 miles of frontage on the Edisto River and a nine-acre oxbow lake. Some other notable features include: a mixed Mesophytic hardwood bluff (great for spring wildflowers); a beech, magnolia and spruce pine hammock – a possibly unique plant association; upland oak-hickory forest; bottomland hardwoods forest (including many acres along Cattle Creek); freshwater marsh; a low water limestone outcrop; and of course the cabin and picnic area near the lake.

SCAN has visited this preserve in the past and there have been many species documented here over the years. A flora-fauna list from 2014 is provided by CNHS. (attached)

Charleston Audubon has graciously given us access to this preserve including the on-site cabin restroom. We will meet near the field station/cabin. The driving directions, including a map are attached. Turn onto Conservation Way, enter between wooden columns, go through the gate, and follow the unimproved road through the forest for approximately 0.4 mi.

After a day of sauntering in the woods, we will meet up at Shugs Southern Soul Cafe located St George about 15 minutes away. The address is 5792 Memorial Blvd, Saint George, SC 29477. A menu can be found at <u>https://shugssouthernsoulcafe.com/</u>

Regional Director Marcus Sizemore





DIRECTIONS TO MCALHANY NATURE PRESERVE

5143 Wire Rd., Branchville, SC 29432 Dorchester County N 33° 09' 05.5" W 80° 41' 46.1"

On Google maps search "McAlhany Nature Preserve"

From Charleston via SC Hwy 61 60 mi., 1 hr. 20 min.

- Take SC 61 northwest out of Charleston for approx. 45 miles to US 15 at Canadys.
- Turn right onto US 15 and go north for 3.7 miles to the community of Grover.
- At Grover turn left onto Wire Road S-18-19 (just after Stop N Shop store on right).
- Go 6.6 mi. to the small bridge over Cattle Creek.
- From Cattle Creek bridge, go another 0.25 mi. to the brown street sign "Conservation Way" on the left. To get to the field station, enter between wooden columns, go through gate, and follow unimproved road through the forest for 0.4 mi. To get to the north area gate, continue up Wire Rd. for 1,000 ft. to entrance on the right.

From Charleston via I-26 65 mi., 1 hr. 15 min.

- Take I-26 west for approx. 30 mi. to Exit 187 (SC Rd 27).
- On Exit ramp, turn left onto SC 27.
- Go south on SC 27 for 1 mi. to US 78.
- Turn right onto US 78 and go 17 mi. to the town of St. George.
- At the traffic light in St. George, turn left onto US 15 and go south on US 15 for 5.9 mi. to Grover.
- AT Grover, turn right onto Wire Road S-18-19.
- Go 6.6 mi. to small bridge over Cattle Creek.
- From Cattle Creek bridge, go another 0.25 mi. to the brown street sign "Conservation Way" on the left. To get to the field station, enter between wooden columns, go through gate, and follow unimproved road through the forest for 0.4 mi. To get to the north area gate, continue up Wire Rd. for 1,000 ft. to entrance on the right.

Option From St. George - Most Direct 9 mi., 18 min.

- Beginning at St. George, SC, intersection of US 78 and US 15:
- Go west on US 78 for 0.6 mi. (on left see red brick wall and cemetery)
- Turn left onto Mett St. S-18-26 and go 2.3 mi.
- Turn right onto Friendship Rd. S-18-26, go under I-95 bridge then turn left onto Cowtail Rd. S-18-26.
- On Cowtail Rd. S-18-26 go 1.0 mi. to Maple Branch Rd.
- Turn right onto Maple Branch Rd. S-18-26 and go 3.9 mi. to intersection with Wire Rd.
- Turn right onto Wire Rd. S-18-19 and go 0.4 mi. to small bridge over Cattle Creek.
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- Take 78 SE to SC Hwy 61.
- Continue SE on 61 for approx. 6.5 mi. to Whetstone Crossroads, intersection of 61 and US 21.
- Turn left onto US 21 going north, cross Edisto River and go approx. 2 mi.
- Turn right onto Wire Rd. S-38-204 (becomes S-18-19 at Dorchester Co. line) and go 7.1 miles to McAlhany Preserve.
- The Preserve is one mile past Beulah Church. The property is on both sides of road. The north area gate is on the left. To get to the field station, proceed 1,000 ft. further on Wire Rd, to a brown street sign "Conservation Way". Turn right into Conservation Way, enter between wooden columns, go through gate, and follow unimproved road through the forest for 0.4 mi.

From Orangeburg 28 mi., 38 min.

- Take US 21 south for approx. 16 mi. to Branchville.
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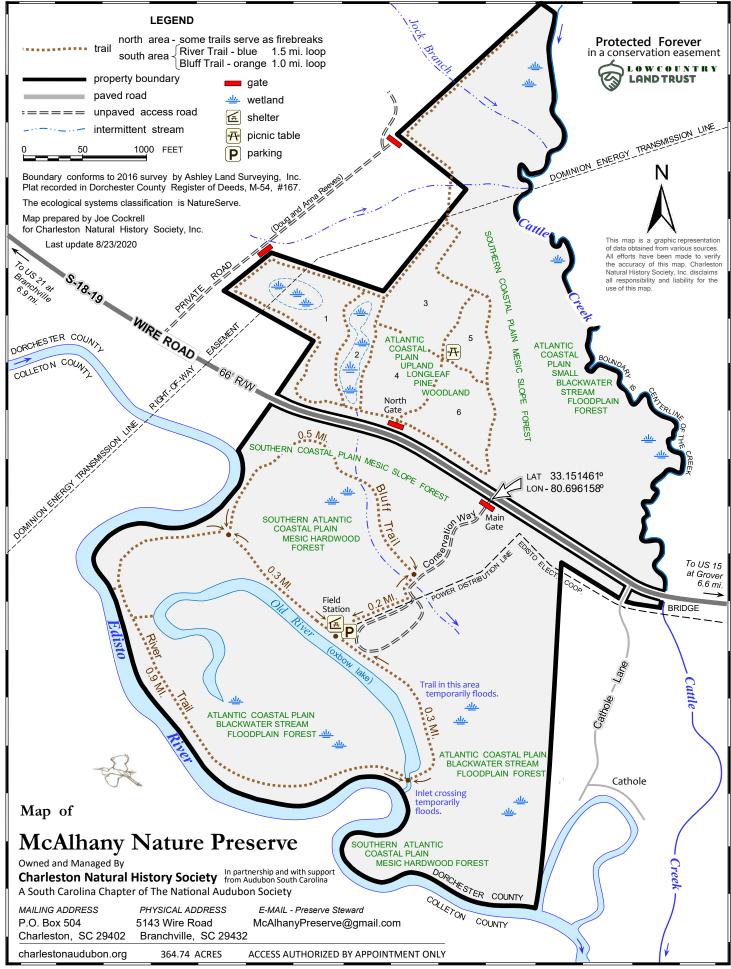
From Walterboro 25 mi., 35 min.

- Take US 15 north for. 13.8 mi. to Grover.
- Turn left onto Wire Road S-18-19 (just after "Shop N Stop" store on right).
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From Columbia 70 mi., 1 hr. 20 min.

- I-26 east for approx. 35 mi. to US 601, Exit 145.
- Take US 601 into Orangeburg (approx. 5 mi.). Note- US 601 joins with US 21.
- Go through Orangeburg and continue south on US 21 for approx. 16 mi. to Branchville.
- Continue on US 21 past Branchville for 3.3 mi. and turn left onto Wire Road S-38-204.
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Asbury Hills Camp Greenville Co., SC August 22, 2020

Longleaf Spikegrass Chasmanthium sessiliflorum **Flexible Sasa-grass** Microstegium vimineum **American Bur-reed** Sparganium americanum **Common Cattail** Typha latifolia Indian Cucumber-root Medeola virginiana **Perfoliate Bellwort** Uvularia perfoliata **Bellwort** Uvularia puberula **Common Stargrass** Hypoxis hirsuta Devil's-bit Chamaelirium luteum Solomon's-seal Polygonatum biflorum **Dwarf Crested Iris** Iris cristata **Dwarf Iris** Iris verna Whiteleaf Greenbrier Smilax glauca **Common Greenbrier** Smilax rotundifolia **Common Wild Yam** Dioscorea villosa **Downy Rattlesnake-orchid** Goodyera pubescens Large Twayblade Liparis liliifolia **Yellow Fringed Orchid** *Platanthera ciliaris* **Small Green Wood Orchid** Platanthera clavellata **Cranefly Orchid** Tipularia discolor **Tulip-tree** Liriodendron tulipifera **Cucumber-tree** Magnolia acuminata **Fraser Magnolia** Magnolia fraseri Small-flowered PawPaw Asimina parviflora Sweet-shrub Calycanthus floridus Sassafras Sassafras albidum Large-flower Heartleaf Hexastvlis shuttleworthii shuttleworthii **Common Black-cohosh** Actaea racemosa

Wood Anemone Anemone quinquefolia Yellowroot Xanthorhiza simplicissima May-apple Podophyllum peltatum Bloodroot Sanguinaria canadensis **Smallspike False-nettle** Boehmeria cylindrica **Pignut Hickory** Carya glabra Sand Hickory Carya pallida **Mockernut Hickory** Carya tomentosa American Chestnut Castanea dentata White Oak Quercus alba **Scarlet Oak** Ouercus coccinea **Rock Chestnut Oak Ouercus** montana **Red Oak Quercus** rubra **Post Oak** Quercus stellata **Black Oak** Ouercus velutina Saul Oak * Quercus x saulii **Tag Alder** Alnus serrulata **Sweet Birch** Betula lenta lenta **River Birch** Betula nigra **Common Pokeweed** Phytolacca americana St.-John's-wort Hypericum stragulum **Round-leaf Yellow Violet** Viola rotundifolia Yellow Passionflower Passiflora lutea lutea **Spotted Wintergreen** Chimaphila maculata **Bear Huckleberry** Gaylussacia ursina **Appalachian Red Pinesap** * Hypopitys lanuginosa **Mountain Laurel** Kalmia latifolia **Mountain Doghobble** Leucothoe fontanesiana

Maleberry Lyonia ligustrina Sourwood Oxydendrum arboreum White Rosebay Rhododendron maximum **Gorge Rhododendron** Rhododendron minus Sparkleberry Vaccinium arboreum **Elliott's Blueberry** Vaccinium elliottii Galax Galax urceolata **American Persimmon** Diospyros virginiana Silverbell Halesia tetraptera **American Snowbell** Stvrax americanus Horsesugar Symplocos tinctoria **Snowy Hydrangea** Hydrangea radiata Virginia-willow Itea virginica Woodland Agrimony Agrimonia rostellata **Eastern Serviceberry** Amelanchier canadensis **Mountain Indian-physic** Gillenia trifoliata **Five-fingers** Potentilla canadensis Black Cherry Prunus serotina serotina **Mountain Indigo** Amorpha glabra **Hog-peanut** Amphicarpaea bracteata **Common Groundnut** Apios americana **Common Sensitive-plant** Chamaecrista nictitans nictitans **Naked Tick-trefoil** Desmodium nudiflorum **Roundleaf Tick-trefoil** Desmodium rotundifolium **Eastern Sensitive-briar** Mimosa microphylla **Black Locust** Robinia pseudoacacia **Alternate-leaf Seedbox** Ludwigia alternifolia **Meadow-beautv** Rhexia mariana Virginia Meadow-beauty Rhexia virginica **Flowering Dogwood** Cornus florida Blackgum Nyssa sylvatica

Buffalo-nut Pyrularia pubera Hearts-a-burstin'-with-love Euonymus americanus **American Holly** Ilex opaca opaca **Eastern Flowering Spurge** Euphorbia corollata Virginia-creeper Parthenocissus quinquefolia **Summer Grape** Vitis aestivalis aestivalis Muscadine Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia **Racemed Milkwort** Polygala polygama polygama Eastern Red Maple Acer rubrum rubrum Yellow Buckeye Aesculus flava **Smooth Sumac** Rhus glabra Eastern Poison Ivy Toxicodendron radicans radicans Hairy Angelica Angelica venenosa American Lovage Ligusticum canadense Sanicle Sanicula canadensis Pinkroot Spigelia marilandica Wild Sweet Potato Ipomoea pandurata Phlox Phlox carolina American Lopseed Phryma leptostachya leptostachya Northern Horsebalm Collinsonia canadensis Bugleweed Lycopus sp. Bergamot Monarda sp. Self-heal Prunella vulgaris **Biltmore Ash** Fraxinus biltmoreana **Chinese Privet** Ligustrum sinense **Appalachian Oak-leach** Aureolaria laevigata **Downy Oak-leach** Aureolaria virginica Bearcorn Conopholis americana **Cardinal Flower** Lobelia cardinalis Indian-tobacco Lobelia inflata Buttonweed Diodia virginiana

Forest Bedstraw Galium circaezans **Summer Bluet** Houstonia purpurea Partridge-berry Mitchella repens **Mapleleaf Viburnum** Viburnum acerifolium Southern Wild Raisin Viburnum nudum **Plantain Pussytoes** Antennaria plantaginifolia Pale Indian-plantain Arnoglossum atriplicifolium Green-and-gold Chrysogonum virginianum **Maryland Golden-aster** Chrysopsis mariana Coreopsis Coreopsis major **Appalachian Flat-topped Aster** Doellingeria infirma Leafy Elephant's-foot Elephantopus carolinianus **Elephant's-foot** Elephantopus tomentosus **Robin's-plantain** Erigeron pulchellus pulchellus **Common Rough Fleabane** Erigeron strigosus strigosus White-bracted Thoroughwort Eupatorium album album Boneset Eupatorium perfoliatum **Common Heart-leaved Aster** Eurybia divaricata Hollow-stem Joe-pye-weed Eutrochium fistulosum Purple-node Joe-pye-weed Eutrochium purpureum purpureum **Spreading Sunflower** Helianthus divaricatus Small-headed Sunflower Helianthus microcephalus Leafy Hawkweed Hieracium paniculatum Gall-of-the-earth Prenanthes serpentaria Rosinweed Silphium asteriscus **Bearsfoot** Smallanthus uvedalius **Curtis's Goldenrod** Solidago curtisii **Licorice Goldenrod** Solidago odora odora Aster Symphyotrichum retroflexum Ironweed Vernonia noveboracensis **Ochre Jelly Club** Leotia lubrica

Black-trumpet Craterellus fallax Chanterelle Craterellus cornucopiodes **Spindle-shaped Yellow Coral** Clavulinopsis fusiformis **Crown-tipped Coral** Clavicorona pyxidata Yellow-tipped Coral Ramaria formosa **Murrill's Coral** * Ramaria murrillii **Bitter Coral** * Ramaria fennica **Zoned Tooth Fungus** * Hydnellum concrescens **Tinder Polypore** Fomes fomentarius Ling Chih Ganoderma lucidum **False Turkey-tail** Stereum ostrea **Tawny Grisette** Amanita fulva **Ornate-stalked Bolete** Retiboletus ornatipes Old-man-of-the-woods Strobilomyces floccopus **Birch Bolete** Austroboletus betula **Emetic Russula (mushroom)** Russula emetica **Orange Pinwheel Marasmius** Marasmius siccus Resinomycena Resinomycena rhododendri

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Giant Forest Snail Mesodon normalis **Crab-shaped Spiny-back** Gasteracantha cancriformis Spiny-backed Spider Micrathena gracilis Arrow-shaped Spiny-back Micrathena sagittata **Difoliate Orb-weaver** Acacesia hamata **Grass Spider** Agelenopsis sp. **Fishing Spider** * Dolomedes vittatus Froghopper Prosapia bicincta Linne's Annual Cicada * Neotibicen linnei Woolly Alder Aphid *Prociphilus tesselatus* Eastern Yellowjacket Vespula maculifrons

Blue-black Spider Wasp Anoplius sp. **Oak Shothole Leafminer Fly** Japanagromyza viridula **Tiger Spiketail** * Cordulegaster erronea **Common Whitetail** Plathemis lydia **Ebony Jewelwing** Calopteryx maculata Southern Spreadwing Lestes australis **Eastern Tiger Swallowtail** Papilio glaucus **Summer Azure** Celastrina neglecta Silver-spotted Skipper Epargyreus clarus Northern Water Snake Nerodia sipedon **Broad-winged Hawk** Buteo platypterus