



MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

2014 CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

**Saturday September 20**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Leader(s)</b>	<b>Max #</b>
<p>Pilot Serpentine Barren, Nature Conservancy Preserve, Cecil Co.</p> <p>Pilot is an excellent example of how an area's geology determines a natural community's character. Soils are thin and nutrient poor but rich in minerals, resulting in an unusual community of plants. This preserve is only open with prior permission from The Nature Conservancy.</p>	<p>Wes Knapp, Botanist, Maryland Natural Heritage Program and Conference Speaker</p> <p>Roger Latham, Research Ecologist and Conference Speaker</p>	20
<p>Mt Cuba Center, Hockessin, DE</p> <p>A renowned botanical garden with a focus on native plants of the eastern Piedmont in a naturalistic setting.</p>	<p>Carole Bergmann, Forest Ecologist for M-NCPPC, MNPS Board member and Mt Cuba staff.</p>	25
<p>Cecil College grounds</p> <p>Tour the Cecil College grounds and nature trails.</p>	<p>Members of Cecil College Horticulture Club</p>	15
<p>Susquehanna State Park, PA</p> <p>This botanically rich piedmont park along the river is a favorite destination for area field trips. This trip will explore the Deer Creek and floodplain areas.</p>	<p>Janet Ebert and Jack Holt, Botanical and Ecological Consultants. Jack and Janet have done botanical surveys and led numerous field trips for area organizations. They have deep knowledge of local flora.</p>	15
<p>Elk Neck State Forest, Cecil Co</p> <p>Explore the unique oak-heath-pitch pine sand hill forests of this park at the cusp of the piedmont and the coastal plain.</p>	<p>Rod Simmons, MNPS board member and regular field trip leader.</p>	15
<p>Nottingham Serpentine Barrens, Nottingham, PA</p> <p>Serpentine rock outcrops support unique vegetation communities and rare species occurring in these habitats.</p>	<p>Cris Fleming and Matt Bazaar</p> <p>Cris is the author of Finding Wildflowers in the Washington-Baltimore Area and formerly worked for the MD Natural Heritage</p>	15



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	<p>Program. Matt is a member of the Cecil Co Forestry Board. Both are MNPS board members.</p>	
<p>White Clay Creek</p> <p>We will explore areas of this renowned botanical hotspot on the PA-DE border.</p>	<p>Dr. Brett McMillan and Dwight Johnson</p> <p>Brett is a botanist and MNPS board member. Dwight is a regular field trip leader for MNPS and other organizations.</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Lum's Pond State Park, DE</p> <p>Explore wetland and coastal plain flora around the largest freshwater pond in Delaware.</p>	<p>Karyn Molines</p> <p>Karyn is a board member, former MNPS president and experienced field trip leader with a special interest in coastal plain flora.</p>	<p>15</p>



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<p>Susquehanna Lock 12 Park</p> <p>Explore ice-scoured riparian bedrock terraces of this section of the Susquehanna State Park, on the east side of the river, just south of the Norman Wood Bridge.</p>	<p>Tim Draude</p> <p>Former President of the Muhlenberg [PA] Botanical Society, Tim is a regular field trip leader and consultant for numerous regional organizations.</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>State Line Serpentine Barrens</p> <p>Located along a 20-mile stretch of the Maryland-Pennsylvania border, the State Line Serpentine Barrens, the largest occurrence of serpentine barrens in the eastern United States, contain some of the last major remnants of serpentine grassland and savanna in eastern North America.</p>	<p>Members of the Friends of the State Line Barrens</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Rocks State Park</p> <p>Located only one hour from Baltimore, this park is home to spectacular rock formations and waterfalls.</p>	<p>Dwight Johnson</p> <p>Dwight is a regular field trip leader for MNPS and other organizations.</p>	<p>15</p>
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