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## Adult's Only Programs

## Facilities

Reserve the Russell Gathering Pavilion with its view of hills & butterfly garden or the Visitor Center overlooking bird gardens for meetings & luncheons. Clubs & organizations enjoy a special rental fee of \$50 for up to 2 hours during normal business hours. Add one of these programs for \$30. Programs last about an hour. Groups may arrange a program **without a rental** by paying \$7/ person, with a minimum fee of \$50.

### Owl Program

What more appropriate program for Owl's Hill than an introduction to owls? Meet the resident non-releasable owls & enjoy a narrated owl slide show. A short hike through owl territory may be added. Sept. through May.

### Bluebird Program

Putting up a Bluebird box is an act of hope & when that first pair appears, hope quickly transforms to hooked! Will there be a nest? Eggs? The anticipation is hard to describe. A narrated slide show will help you learn more about making your own garden desirable Bluebird habitat. A short hike on a Bluebird trail can be included. Jan. through March

### Backyard Bird Program

This is a wonderful program for all who like to feed birds & watch them at the feeders. It includes a slide show of Tennessee birds, with narration & discussion & a short birding hike if desired. Sept. through May

### Butterfly Program

These flying jewels are a welcome addition to any garden; learn the simple steps to attract them to yours. Includes a short butterfly walk around the Owl's Hill meadow and gardens, including the Butterfly Garden, planted with native Tennessee plants. Late spring; early autumn.

### Wildflower and Foliage Hikes

Throughout the Spring Wildflower season and the Autumn Foliage season, adult groups may schedule more strenuous hikes up the scenic South Ridge or Haircut Hill. These hikes last 1½ to 2 hours. April & Oct.

### October and April Adult Trail Hikes

During October and April, the Owl's Hill Wildflower and Tree Specialists lead weekly Thursday afternoon hikes for adults only. Cameras and binoculars are welcome. Both groups and individuals may register for these hikes; there is **no minimum group fee**. The cost is \$7/person in advance; \$10/person at the gate. Register online or by phone.

### Monitor Birds and Butterflies

Join other bird or butterfly enthusiasts as they document the presence and numbers of these flying beauties. Each is monitored 3 times a year; check the website under Adult Programs for dates and details.

## Additional Programs

### Seasonal Public Programs

Although Owl's Hill is open by reservation only, the Sanctuary offers frequent seasonal programs for the public, such as the *Hoots and Hayrides* in October, *Owl Day* in November, *Groundhog Day* in February, and *Boomerang's Birthday* in May. For more information on these events and others, call or check our web site for details.

### Site Rental

Although access to Owl's Hill is by reservation only, we do rent the site for some occasions including outdoor parties, rehearsal dinners, weddings, receptions, and nature related workshops. Photographers and artists with paid reservations are also welcome. Call or check the website for details and a Rental Brochure.

### School and Scout Programs

Each year, more than 7,000 visitors participate in scheduled, curriculum coordinated nature programs and environmental education opportunities. Visitors include school classes from pre-school to college, Advanced Placement biology students, home schooled students, and Boy and Girl Scout troops seeking to enhance their nature studies and earn various nature and environmental badges. Call or check the web site for details.

- Warm weather events are held in our Russell Gathering Pavilion, winter events are hosted in the Visitor Center.
- We have limited refrigerator and freezer space. Please discuss your needs with us in advance
- Portable toilets are located in the orchard and near the Visitor Center.

## Preparing for Your Visit

Owl's Hill is a protected natural area. Plants that scratch, prick, and make you itch as well as animals that bite and sting live undisturbed in this unique sanctuary. Trails are unpaved. Your group visit through this peaceful acreage will be more comfortable and pleasant if you arrive prepared for the experience.

- Dress for the outdoors.
- Be weather-wise
- Wear sturdy closed-toe shoes and socks, boots for cold or rain.
- Use the restroom before you come.
- Use insect repellent for visits between April 1 and October 15.

## Visitor Rules

We try to keep our rules simple and few!

- Stay on the trails and behind the leader on the walks and hikes
- Do not pick anything.
- Do not take anything away that you find.
- Do not throw objects, especially rocks, even into the ponds.
- Do not disturb bird-nesting boxes.

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