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Additional Programs

Facilities

Reserve the Russell Gathering Pavilion with its view of hills and butterfly garden or the Visitor Center overlooking the bird gardens for meetings and luncheons. Clubs and organizations enjoy a special rental fee of \$50 for up to two hours during normal business hours. Add one of the following programs for \$30. Programs last about an hour. Groups wishing to arrange a program **without a rental** may pay the per person rate, 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 and enjoy a narrated slide show about these fascinating birds. A short hike through owl territory may be added. September through May. Cost: \$30 w/rental or \$7/person (minimum \$50) w/o rental.

Bluebird Program

Putting up a Bluebird box is an act of hope and 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. January through March. Cost: \$30 w/rental or \$7/person (minimum \$50) w/o rental.

Backyard Bird Program

This is a wonderful program for all who like to feed birds and watch them at the feeders. It includes a slide show of Tennessee birds, with narration and discussion and a short birding hike if desired. September through May. Cost: \$30 w/rental or \$7/person (minimum \$50) w/o rental.

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 and early autumn. Cost: \$30 w/rental or \$7/person (minimum \$50) w/o rental.

Wildflower and Foliage Hikes

Throughout the Spring Wildflower season and the Autumn Foliage season, adult groups may schedule more strenuous hikes for a fee of \$7/person. There is a \$50 minimum. This is in addition to any rental fees, but may be scheduled without a rental. Hikes last for 1½ to 2 hours.

October and April Adult Trail Hikes

During October and April, the Owl's Hill Wildflower Specialists lead weekly afternoon hikes for adults only. Both groups and individuals may register for these hikes; there is **no minimum group fee**. The cost is \$7/person. Call or check our web site for dates.

Seasonal Public Programs

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

Site Rental

Although 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 behind the leader on the trails
- Stay on the trails
- 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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