

2025 SPRING RALLY REGISTRATION

Register with this mail-in form, or online at friendsofroanmountain.org, or on-site at the rally.

Name _____

Address _____

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Check if address has changed..

FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN MEMBERSHIP:

Includes all activities for spring, fall, and winter rallies for one year plus newsletter. Does not include meals.

___ New Member ___ Renewal

Individual \$20 ___ Corporate \$ 50 ___
 Family \$30 ___ Lifetime - individual \$350 ___
 Student \$10 ___ Lifetime - family \$450 ___

RALLY REGISTRATION WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP:

For this rally only. Does not include meals.

Weekend - all activities	\$15 x # ___ =	\$ ___
Evening program	Fri ___ \$ 5 x # ___ =	\$ ___
	Sat ___ \$ 5 x # ___ =	\$ ___
Field trips	Sat ___ \$10 x # ___ =	\$ ___
	Sun ___ \$10 x # ___ =	\$ ___
Under age 18	All activities	FREE

MEAL RESERVATIONS Prepaid deadline Tues Apr 22

DINNER Fri. night	Adult	\$13 x # ___ =	\$ ___
	Child < 12	\$ 6 x # ___ =	\$ ___
LUNCH Sat. (bag lunch)		\$8.00 x # ___ =	\$ ___
Choose: # ___ turkey/swiss # ___ ham/cheese # ___ chicken salad # ___ pimento cheese			
DINNER Sat. night	Adult	\$13 x # ___ =	\$ ___
	Child < 12	\$ 6 x # ___ =	\$ ___

MAIL this form along with your check payable to *Friends of Roan Mountain* to:

Nancy Barrigar, Treasurer
 708 Allen Ave.
 Elizabethton, TN 37643

\$ _____
Total Enclosed

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, April 25: Conference Center Activities

5:30 PM REGISTRATION

6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER requires **PREPAID** reservation by Tuesday, April 22

7:30 PM PROGRAM “Andre Michaux Plants of Tennessee” Mary Ruden

9:00 PM Night Salamander Walk (E, KF) Dale Ledford

SATURDAY, April 26:

6:30 AM Early Birds (E) Herndon Chapter TOS, meet at Visitor Center (water wheel) Bring binoculars

7:00 AM Moth Viewing (Kf) Meet at Conference Center Larry McDaniel

8:30 AM Field Trips: Meet at field adjacent to the park cabins entrance. Onsite registration is available.

- Birding** (E/M, Kf) EBC
- Beginning Birding** (E, Kf) EBC
- Jones Falls Hike** (M/S) Marty Silver
- Aquatic Insects** (E, Kf, W) Gary Barrigar, Janet Brown
- Wildflowers** (E) Guy Mauldin
- Salamanders** (E, Kf) Lance Jessee
- Foraging & Ethnobotany** (E, Kf) Cade Campbell

Conference Center Activities

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Fossil Casting (Kf) Mick Whitelaw

Flint Knapping (Kf) Bob Estep

11:30 AM Nature Slide Show Tracy Campbell

12:00 Lunch Bag lunches at Conference Center by preregistration only, or bring your own lunch and join us!

12:30 PM Program “Insects & Traditional Medicine” Cade Campell

2:00 PM Field Trips: Meet at field adjacent to the park cabins entrance. Onsite registration is available.

- Mosses & Liverworts** (M) Jim Goldsmith
- Geology/Paleo-ecology Hike** 5 mi (M/S, Kf) Jeremy Stout
- Wildflowers** (E) Mary Ruden
- Tech in Nature** (E, Kf) Philip Hylen
- Wildlife Tracking** (E, Kf) Marty Silver
- Dragonflies & Damselflies** (E, Kf) Richard Connors
- Hughes Gap to Ash Gap** (M/S) Guy Mauldin

Conference Center Activities

6:30 PM Buffet Dinner—Requires reservation **Prepaid** by deadline of Tues, April 22.

7:30 PM Program “Dragonflies and Damselflies of Roan Mountain and Upper East Tennessee ” Richard Connors

9:00 PM Night Walk (E, Kf) Cade Campbell

KEY: E Easy
 M Moderate
 S Strenous
 Kf Kid-friendly
 W Wade in Water



MEAL MENU

We offer meals catered by City Market of Elizabethton. You must prepay for meals by deadline of April 22 (see registration form). No meals will be available for those who have not prepaid. The evening meals are served buffet-style with salad, hot entrée, side items, drink, and dessert. The lunch is a bag lunch with sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink.

SUNDAY, April 27

7:30 AM Moth Viewing (Kf) Meet at Conference Center Larry McDaniel

9:00 AM Field Trips: Meet at field adjacent to the park cabins entrance. Onsite registration is available.

- Birds of Hampton Creek Cove** (M, Kf) Herndon Chapter TOS
- Salamanders** (E, Kf) Tyler Wicks
- Nature Photography** (E, Kf) Marco Rodriguez

1:15 PM Doe River Gorge (M/S, Kf) Mick Whitelaw, Gabrielle Zeiger, Don Holt. Meet at the Gorge. Bring water. No dogs!

2:00 PM Field Trips: Meet at field adjacent to the park cabins entrance. Onsite registration is available.

- Butterflies and other Insects** (E, Kf) Cade Campbell
- Twin Springs' Ephemerals and Plant Ecology** (E) Jamey Donaldson

Lodging:

Roan Mountain State Park (423) 547-3900
 Cabins & Campground
reserve.tnstateparks.com/roan-mountain

Elizabethton/Carter County (423) 547-3850
 Chamber of Commerce

Avery County Chamber of Commerce (828) 898-5605

SAVE THESE DATES!



*Xtreme Roan Adventures
 Kid's Rally July 25-26, 2025*

*The 63rd Annual Roan Mountain
 Fall Naturalists Rally
 September 19-21, 2025*

*The 19th Annual Roan Mountain
 Winter Naturalists Rally
 February 21, 2026*

This will be the 66th year that naturalists and those that love nature have been gathering at Roan Mountain for the Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally. This spring's rally is set to be one of the finest with evening speakers, Mary Ruden and Richard Connors, lunchtime activities, a lunchtime program by Cade Campbell, a lunchtime slide show and a great variety of field trips over the entire weekend. All activities at the rally are family-friendly, and there are a variety of difficulty levels. This rally, and all rallies, are sponsored by the Friends of Roan Mountain and would not be possible without many volunteers and the support of Roan Mountain State Park. Many thanks to all!

*Gary Barrigar and Larry McDaniel
Co-Directors, Spring Rally*

Friends of Roan Mountain

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to share and preserve the natural beauty and cultural history of Roan Mountain. We support the environmental mission of Roan Mountain State Park and the U.S. Forest Service including environmental studies and conservation projects. Our membership supports these worth projects and entitles you to free participation in all activities of the spring, fall, and winter rallies for a year plus our newsletter.

Join today!

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Friday Evening Program:

Andre Michaux Plants of Tennessee Forests by Mary Ruden

Mary Ruden has authored and illustrated two folding field guides on Native Orchids of North America for Waterford Press "A Pocket Naturalist" series. She has produced educational posters on native orchids and was featured in "Orchids" magazine September 2024 issue. Her current research is on Andre Michaux, plant explorer, and

his many discoveries in Tennessee and North Carolina. Mary Ruden's website: maryruden.com

Program Description:

Many know that Tulip Poplar is the state tree of Tennessee, but did you know that much of Tennessee flora is rooted in American history? At the root is plant explorer Andre Michaux (1746-1802), a plant explorer who is responsible for approximately 742 botanical discoveries. Among them are some of the most beautiful wildflowers, shrubs and trees, such as magnolia, rhododendron, azaleas, mountain laurel, trilliums, tulip poplar, and other Tennessee plants.

On Roan Mountain Michaux discovered Catawba Rosebay and Flame Azalea. He was involved with Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and other early American arboreal advocates.

Saturday Evening Program:

Dragonflies and Damselflies of Roan Mountain and Upper East Tennessee by Richard Connors

Richard Connors is a Nashville-based photographer and naturalist. He received his MFA degree in photography from ETSU in 1980. He has taught photography, and has done commercial photography, but nature photography has always been his prime focus. An avid birder and bird photographer for many years, he has been active with Tennessee Ornithological Society serving one term as president. In recent years dragonflies and damselflies have been his favorite subjects.

Richard worked as a biologist with TN State Parks for several years, traveling the state conducting surveys for their All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI) program, using photography to document species' occurrence in TN State Parks and Natural Areas.

Program Description:

Richard's work with TN State Parks' ATBI, along with his fondness for and connection to the region has led him to a special interest in studying the dragonflies and damselflies of Upper East TN. Over the years this study has produced several new state records. This slide presentation will detail those discoveries, and share the adventures and the fun of chasing "Odes" in Upper East Tennessee.

66th Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally April 25-27, 2025

Featured Speakers:



Mary Ruden



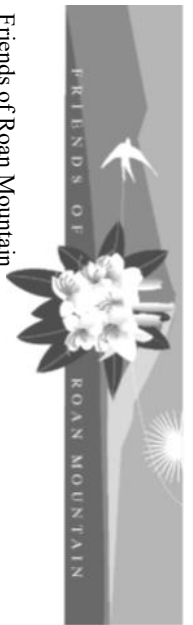
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Deadline for meal reservations: April 22, 2025

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