



**New England
Botanical Club**



Black Rock Forest Field Trip and June 2016 Away Meeting

New England Botanical Club and New York Flora Association

Joint Botanical Retreat

4 -5 June 2016

Exploring New York's Lower Hudson Valley

[New England Botanical Club](#) and [New York Flora Association](#) have teamed up to offer a botanical retreat in the Hudson Valley. There will be multiple field trips, a keynote presentation by Dr. James Lendemer, and ample time to socialize with your fellow botanists. Affordable lodging has been reserved at [Black Rock Forest](#).

[Black Rock Forest Maps](#)

Student Travel Grant: See this [Student Travel Grant](#) for details. Deadline May 19th.

Register Here by May 20th: [June Field Trip Registration](#)

Pay on the [Field Trips](#) page: Lodging - \$40; Meals - \$25.

Schedule of Events

SATURDAY

BLACK ROCK FOREST MORNING FIELD TRIPS (~8am-11:30am): Explore habitats within the 3,838-acre Black Rock Forest property. Two trip options expected. Meet at the Black Rock Forest main lodge.

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN FIELD TRIP (~9am-3:00pm. Note that this is a strenuous hike.): Explore Sugarloaf Mountain on the eastern side of the Hudson River in the towns of Fishkill and Cold Springs, NY (41.447860, -73.969966). **MUST BRING OWN LUNCH:** not returning to Black Rock Forest.

BLACK ROCK FOREST INTERMISSION 1 (~11:30-1:00pm): Familiarize yourself with your sleeping quarters at the Black Rock Forest facility. Re-energize with a self-serve lunch station (sandwich, fruit, and snacks). Join up with others to carpool to your afternoon field trip destination.

STERLING FOREST AFTERNOON FIELD TRIP (~1-4:30 pm): Explore this 19,132-acre state park located in the Ramapo Mountains. Please carpool from the Black Rock Forest as much as possible.

INTERMISSION 2 (~4:30-5:30 pm): Make your way back to the Black Rock Forest facility, familiarize yourself with the facility, and get ready for the evening activities.

DINNER (~5:30-6:30 pm): Cookout

BLACK ROCK FOREST OVERVIEW (~5:30-6:30 pm): Executive Director Bill Schuster will summarize Black Rock Forest's living laboratory for field-based research and education.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER (6:45-7:30pm):

[Dr. James Lendemer](#) of the New York Botanical Garden will speak on the lichens of New York.

NYFA ANNUAL MEETING (7:30-8pm): Short business meeting; all are welcome.

FREE TIME (8pm-??): Socialize with kindred botany-lovers, participate in a Botanical Trivia contest, key out collected specimens, bring an instrument to make some music, etc.

SUNDAY

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PREPARATION (7-8:30 am): Self-service breakfast and lunch; plan on carrying your own bag lunch during your field trip.

BLACK ROCK FOREST FIELD TRIPS (~8:30am-1pm): Continue exploring habitats within the 3,838-acre Black Rock Forest property. Two trip options expected. Meet at the Black Rock Forest main lodge.

LUNCH AND DEPARTURE (~1pm)

Lodging Details

The Black Rock Forest Consortium is located at 65 Reservoir Road, Cornwall, NY. Lodging cost is \$40.

Black Rock Forest provides bedding and towels. The beds are twin bunks in rooms that sleep 4-8. The reservation includes use of the lodge (for dining and meeting) and kitchen, which has a commercial stove, large refrigerator, dishwasher, coffee makers, cups, mugs, plates, and utensils.

Lodging at Black Rock Forest is not available for Friday night. However, if participants wish to arrive on Friday, there are a number of motels within 10 miles of Cornwall, NY, north of Black Rock Forest. Other options can be found at [Airbnb](#). For those who wish to camp, [Beaver Pond Campground](#) is found within [Harriman State Park](#), which is south of Black Rock Forest.

Field Trip Information

All trips are rain or shine. We strongly recommend carpooling to field trip parking areas. Please expect ticks and poison ivy, and be prepared for all weather conditions (appropriate footwear and clothing, rain gear, bug repellent, sunblock, etc.). Trips have the potential to pass through wet habitats. Bring your own water.

Important Phone Numbers

Brett Trowbridge, NEBC Vice-President and Retreat Representative: 518.573.2487

Jack Caldwell, Black Rock Forest Operations Manager: 845.534.4517 ext. 21

Emergency: 911

Menu Options

The following items are included with your \$25 fee registration, but feel free to bring your own substitutions. Black Rock Forest has a large refrigerator. **Lunch is not included for the Sugarloaf Mountain Trip.** Please bring your own food if you register for that trip.

- **Saturday Snack (7:30-8:00a.m):** Fruit and granola bars.
- **Saturday Lunch (11:30-1:00):** Make-your-own-sandwich: rolls, wraps, sliced bread, cold cuts, cheeses, hummus, mustard, mayo, lettuce, onion, tomato, cucumber, apples, bananas, trail mix, chips, and cookies.
- **Saturday Dinner (5:30-6:30):** Burgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, ketchup, mustard, mayo, sliced onion, tomato, lettuce, salads (green and potato), cheese, s'mores. Bring your own wine or beer.
- **Sunday Breakfast (7:00-8:30):** Eggs, bacon, toast, oatmeal, fruit, nuts, brown sugar, coffee, and tea.
- **Sunday Lunch (1:00-3:00):** Make-your-own-sandwich: rolls, wraps, sliced bread, cold cuts, cheeses, hummus, mustard, mayo, lettuce, onion, tomato, cucumber, apples, bananas, trail mix, chips, and cookies.