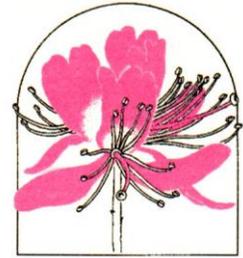


New England Botanical (Club) Society



ANNOUNCES 2021 SUMMER DAY FIELD TRIPS

Day trips for July and August are being planned.

We will follow [COVID-19 Regulations & Guidance | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-regulations-and-guidance) as the minimum safety standard for our field trips. Attendees sharing a car with other participants as part of a field trip are expected to wear masks during the car ride, unless everyone is fully vaccinated. Anyone who is not vaccinated is requested to wear a mask, except while they are outdoors, and to maintain appropriate social distance from others on the trip.

Updates and additional field trips will be posted on our webpage.

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Summer day field trips are informal, small-group outings to explore interesting places and to see interesting plants, facilitated by knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders. Bring your lunch, water, insect repellent, field guides, hand lens, and curiosity. Be prepared for the terrain and level of difficulty indicated for each trip. You should contact the trip leader **at least 1 week in advance** to register and to get time and directions. Trips will be **limited to 10 participants**.

Saturday July 24 (rain date July 25) – Ponkapoag Pond, Blue Hills Reservation, Canton MA – Fern Walk

- At 10 square miles, the Blue Hills Reservation is one of the largest wild tracts in Eastern Massachusetts. We will visit two relatively biodiverse sections and see about two dozen fern species, a few hybrids, and some club-mosses. Highlights will include Maidenhair Spleenwort, Long Beech and Broad Beech, Netted Chain and Virginia Chain, all three *Thelypteris*, as many as six *Dryopteris* species and four *Dryopteris* hybrids, and perhaps all three *Dendrolycopodiums*. Bring any fern you would like me to identify.
[Blue Hills Reservation](http://NEfern.info) <http://NEfern.info>
- Level of Difficulty – Easy (but some off-trail) about 4 miles without much change in elevation. Expect ticks, mosquitoes, and some poison ivy.
- Contact Don Lubin (don@NEfern.info) for more information and to register.

Saturday August 14 (rain date August 21) – Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Monson MA – Rare Fall Blooms

- From high, dry glacial ridgetops to swamps and bogs, Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary is a unique blend of natural, semi-natural and built landscapes. With over 8000 acres, NWS is one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in the area and at its center is a 75-acre core complete with walking trails for the public to enjoy. Specifically timed to overlap with the bloom season for some of the rarer plants at the sanctuary, visitors can expect to see Plymouth gentian (*Sabatia kennedyana*), sickle-leaved golden aster (*Pityopsis falcata*), flat-topped goldenrod (*Oligoneuron rigidum*) and more.
[Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary](#)
- Level of Difficulty – Easy
- Contact Dan Jaffe Wilder (danjwilder@norcrosswildlife.org) for more information and to register.

Saturday August 21 (rain date August 22) – Savage Hill Wildlife Management Area, Princeton & Rutland, MA – Wetland Wilderness Exploration

- Exploration of the 1066-acre Savage Hill Wildlife Management Area, which abuts another 234-acre Savage Hill Wildlife Conservation Easement. The trip will traverse oak-pine dominated forest with pockets of hemlock and maple along wetlands associated with the East Branch Ware River. Narrow-leaved gentian (*Gentiana linearis*) is expected to be in full bloom along the wetlands, along with taxa yet to be documented in wetlands and the adjacent uplands. Those that are interested are encouraged to explore further into the wetland. Please come with a sense of adventure and bring attire that fits your wetness comfort level. Hiking boots will suffice for uplands and upper wetland edges, while knee boots are more appropriate for shallow marshy areas, and waders are recommended for deeper investigations. Matt Charpentier has graciously offered to host a potluck social time in Princeton nearby after the outing.
[Savage Hill Wildlife Management Area](#)
- Level of Difficulty – Easy to Moderate. Gear for wetlands suggested; Expect ticks, mosquitoes, and some poison ivy.
- Contact Brett Trowbridge (brettatrowbridge@gmail.com) for more information and to register. Trip leaders include Bob Wernerehl and Matt Charpentier.

REMINDER: Each trip can accommodate a limited number of people, so please contact the trip leader at least 1 week in advance. This will ensure that you have a slot and will let the trip leader contact you if there are any changes. Trips may be cancelled if enrollment is low or postponed to a rain date if inclement weather. The trip leaders will send meeting time, location, and directions to those who register for their trip. Please remember to bring all your personal gear and curiosity to any field trip that interests you.