



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

April 2021 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

Springing into April!

Here are a few more of our favorite signs of spring! Look out for wildflower walks and bird watching opportunities!



Harbinger of Spring



Virginia Spring Beauty



Earth Day 2021
April 22nd

Kentucky Botanists Big Year 2020

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2020 Winner: John Abrams observed 374 research grade plant species in 2020!

Photos by John Abrams (@jAbrams_foc)



For the second year in a row, our own naturalist, John Abrams swept the #1 spot for both Most Species (374) and Most Observations (1,642) in the Kentucky Native Plant Society's annual iNaturalist competition! Check out this link for more: <https://bit.ly/3wcOFRy>

Land Acknowledgement:

Osiyo. Hatito. (Hello)

The lands which comprise the Berea College Forest are the traditional homelands of Shawnee and Cherokee peoples who hold these mountains in care and tradition. Thank you to Tiffany Pyette for this Land Acknowledgment Statement.

April Events:



On-Campus Community:

- TGIF Hikes: Every Friday at 5:15pm
- Bike and Hike: April 10th and 18th, 1:30pm

Local/In-Town Community:

- Flower Hikes: Wednesdays 10am
- Bird Walks: April 24th 8am & 1pm. May 8th & 29th 8am.

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The Pinnacles, Brushy Fork, and Anglin Falls trails are OPEN. The Forestry Outreach Center and restrooms are CLOSED.



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Citizen Science Project: Biodiversity of the Berea College Forest



Seek app by iNaturalist, great I.D. tool for kids and families

<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>

What's New?

There's so many new things happening with the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center! Here's a few of our favorite highlights from last month:

We've been hosting weekly TGIF Hikes for our on-campus community every Friday through Brushy Fork! It's a great to end the week with a walk in the woods!



The Berea College Forestry Department put together an interpretive trail about our prescribed burn practices. Check it out next time you visit the Pinnacles!



The Berea College Office of Sustainability hosted a Bike and Hike with us! Biking from campus to the Pinnacles and hiking to the top is quite impressive!



April Skies Over the Forest



Last Quarter: April 4th
New Moon: April 12th
First Quarter: April 20th
Full Moon: April 27th



Ever wonder why we see rainbows? Check out Jeff Hutton's April Skies article. which features rainbows, the speed of light, and more. You'll find it at:

<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/skies-over-the-pinnacles/>

April Activities

On-Campus Community:

- **TGIF Hikes:** Join us every Friday (weather permitting) for a walk through Brushy Fork starting at 5:15pm. We will meet at the grassy area behind the dining hall.
- **Bike and Hike:** We will be hosting Bike and Hikes on April 10th and 18th, bike from campus and meet at the Pinnacles bike rack for a 1:30pm hike with our staff.

Public/Community Events:

- **Flower Hikes: Wednesday's at 10am:**
 - April 7th 10 am meet at West Barton trailhead
 - April 14 10 am meet at Anglin Falls trailhead
 - April 21 10 am meet at trail entrance/ Pinnacles parking lot
 - April 28th 10 am meet at trail entrance/Pinnacles parking lot
- **Bird Walks: John Abrams and Kentucky Audobon Society Saturday, April 24th 8 am and 1 pm**

Follow the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center and the Berea College Forestry Department's social media pages for information throughout April!

Wado. Niyaawe. (Thank you).

Reach Out!

Questions about the forest? Hiking? The natural world? Feel free check out our website (<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>) or reach out to:

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