



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER at the Pinnacles

2047 Big Hill Rd. Berea, KY 40403

April 2022 Friends of the Forest Newsletter



Wild for Wildflowers!

The FOC is OPEN
Our hours are
Tuesday-Saturday
10-4, Sunday 12-4.

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.

There isn't anything quite like the joy of finding a wildflower newly in bloom. For some, being a few days too early or late will mean you've missed their peak. Some are less *ephemeral* and will bloom for several months starting in the spring. This just means...the more time you spend outdoors, the more chances you have at seeing everything spring has to offer. If picked, wildflowers wilt immediately and don't transplant easily, so be sure to leave them for other people to enjoy.



Sharp-lobed hepatica



Rue anemone



Yellow Trout Lily

Join us for a wildflower walk at Anglin Falls to see what is blooming!
April 1st and 8th, 5:30 pm.
Driving directions can be found on our website forestryoutreach.berea.edu under 'Hiking Adventures'.



Dwarf larkspur



Red trillium



Cut-leaved toothwort

The Kentucky Native Plant Society's 2022 Wildflower Weekend is April 8th, 9th, and 10th. They will be offering guided hikes all over the state--there's something for everyone! Get more information and pre-register for events on their website: knps.org

April Events:

(* see newsletter for info)

- Pinnacles group hikes Saturdays at 1pm. Meet at the FOC. All welcome! Student shuttle leaves from Alumni Circle at 12:45 pm.
- *Wildflower Walks @ Anglin Falls: April 1st and 8th, 5:30 pm (students contact us at least one day ahead if interested in a shuttle)
- Outdoor Free Play w/ Winterberry Studio: April 16th, 2-4 pm
- Kids Discovery Walk: April 15th, 2 pm
- *Ezell: Ballad of a Land Man performances. April 21st-24th, times and more info on page 2
- Happy Earth Day!: April 22nd
- *The City Nature Challenge: April 29th-May 2nd, see newsletter for multiple event info



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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/>

Ezell: Ballad of a Land Man

Come to the Pinnacles April 21st-24th to enjoy an outdoor eco-cultural theater experience, including a locally-sourced meal by Clear Creek Creative. This play is a unique and immersive experience that will take you through a parable derived from living in the foothills of Appalachia. It addresses relevant issues of our time including fracking, learning from our ancestors, and our connection with nature. The play will unfold in 5 acts, requiring participants to walk about a mile through the woods, with music along the way and a farm-fresh meal at the end. Reservations are required and donations are suggested on the website (right). All proceeds will go to Grow Appalachia.



Bob Martin as Ezell. Photo by Erica Chambers

- April 21st, 5 pm
- April 22nd, 5 pm
- April 23rd, 5 pm
- April 24th, 1 pm

Search "Ezell" on www.eventbrite.com to reserve tickets and for more info.



How to participate in the City Nature Challenge

April 29th-May 2nd, 2022 in Madison Co., Fayette Co., and Louisville Metro



1
Download the iNaturalist App

2
Discover wild plants, animals, and fungi

3
Take a photo of your find

4
Share your observations on iNaturalist

The City Nature Challenge is a global community science event that mobilizes urban residents and visitors to observe, document, and celebrate the wild plants, animals, and fungi in and around urban areas. This focused and collective effort increases our awareness and understanding of urban biodiversity around the world. Learn more at <https://citynaturechallenge.org>.

Three Kentucky counties are participating and competing to observe the most species, recruit the most participants, and contribute the most observations during this 4-day bioblitz. Join the challenge to help us document Kentucky's biodiversity!

Join one of our bioblitz events:

April 29th:
Anglin Falls
5:30 pm

April 30th:
Pinnacles Bird Walk
10:00 am

April 30th:
Pinnacles
1:00 pm

May 1st:
Berea City Park (meet at skate park)
3:00 pm



April Moon Phases

New Moon: April 1st

First Quarter: April 9th

Full Moon: April 16th

Lasts Quarter: April 23rd



Learn more about the wonders of the night sky with Jeff Hutton's monthly *Skies Over the Pinnacles* articles on our website: forestryoutreach.bereda.edu

Outdoor Free Play w/ Winterberry Studio

April 16th, 2:00-4:00 pm at the Pinnacles

All ages welcome!



Kids Discovery Walk

April 15th, 2:00 pm at FOC



All ages and families are welcome to join us for a kid-focused group walk to see what we can see. Spring has a lot to offer when it comes to discovery!