

Wildflower Walk

Location: Roaring Run Trail, Botetourt County

Trip Leader: Butch Kelly and Rich Crites

Date: May 7, 2011

Weather: Sunny, low 70s, a few clouds

Elevation: 1151

No. in Attendance: 14

Blooming	Plants Observed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. <u>Sweet Cicely</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. <u>Squawroot</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. <u>Bedstraw</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. <u>Common blue violets (white flowers)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. <u>Greenbrier</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. <u>Showy orchis</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. <u>False Solomon's seal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. <u>Virginia Creeper</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. <u>Rattlesnake Orchid/Rattlesnake plantain</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. <u>Paw Paw</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. <u>Basswood</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12. <u>Single-flower cancer root</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. <u>Solomon's seal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	14. <u>Bloodroot</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15. <u>Robin Plantain (an aster, think overside fleabane)</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16. <u>Sweet William/blue phlox/woodland phlox</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	17. <u>Shelac with fungus beetles</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18. <u>Devils bit/ Fairywands</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19. <u>Mountain Maple</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20. <u>Golden Alexander</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21. <u>Ragwort</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	22. <u>Black gum</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23. <u>Maple Leaf viburnum</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	24. <u>Polypody Fern</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	25. <u>Bluets</u>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	26. <u>Galax</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27. <u>Pink Lady Slippers</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28. <u>Gaywings/ Fringed Polygala</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29. <u>Crested dwarf iris</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30. <u>Hawthorne</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. <u>Chickweed</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	32. <u>Alt. Leaf Dogwood</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	33. <u>Burdock</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	34. <u>Partridgeberry</u>
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Driving Directions: From I-81, Exit 150, take US Highway 220 north past Eagle Rock. At VA 615, turn left and go 5.5 miles to VA 621. Turn right onto VA 621 and go 1 mile to Roaring Run entrance on left. Driving distance from I-81 is 27.5 miles; estimated driving time is 40 minutes.

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Notes:

Roaring Run Furnace, a 19th century iron furnace on National Register of Historic Places. Signs explain furnace operation. Trails run along old tram lines.

Roaring Run Trail along cascading stream to Roaring Run Falls (1 1/2 miles round trip). Standing pre-civil war iron ore furnace, used for making iron ingots, stoves and other iron products for the building of America. Roaring Run Creek is good for trout fishing. Stream-side picnic sites. Iron Ore Trail leading to Hoop Hole Trail (2.4 miles).

Halfway up the trail, a member saw a female junco fly out of a crevice of the bank along the pathway. About three feet up, we saw a small nest with 5 white eggs covered in brown speckles.