

Join Friends of Roan Mountain on Saturday, February 9th at Roan Mountain State Park for a winter celebration of the Roan Highlands! For 12 years the Winter Naturalists' Rally has drawn hardy nature enthusiasts from far & wide to Roan Mountain on the Saturday closest to Valentine's Day. The 2019 Winter Rally continues this celebration of our natural world by providing top speakers on topics concerning the environs of the Roan Highlands. Top naturalists volunteer their time and energy to make the event both enjoyable and educational for people of all ages.

SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAM (9:30 a.m.)

- ◆ **Tyler Wicks** (Biology undergraduate, East Tennessee State University):
"Where are they hiding? A survey of rare Appalachian salamanders"

The Southern Appalachian Mountains are the center of salamander diversity globally and are home to many rare endemic species. Surveying these endemic species is important for assessing their population status. Tyler's recent survey, which was funded in part by a 2018 grant from Friends of Roan Mountain, focused primarily on the northern gray-cheeked salamander (*Plethodon montanus*), an Appalachian endemic.

Speaker bio: Tyler is a biology student at ETSU and a participant in the Barclay-Moore Undergraduate Research Fellowship. His research focuses on the salamanders of the Southern Appalachians. He hopes to pursue a career in conservation after graduation.

- ◆ **Robert Johnson** (Artist, Celo, NC):
"Painting North Carolina state parks"

Robert will make a presentation on a three-year project he is currently working on. He is hiking and sketching in all 33 North Carolina state parks and developing paintings in his studio for a show at Blue Spiral Gallery in Asheville in the fall of 2020.

Speaker bio: Robert has an MFA degree from Mills College (CA) and has been the recipient of a number of grants, including a National Endowment for the Arts / Southern Arts Federation grant and several grants from the North Carolina Arts Council. He teaches nature journaling workshops at the North Carolina Arboretum, the North Carolina Botanical Garden and Penland School of Crafts, among other places. He shows regularly at Blue Spiral 1 Gallery in Asheville, NC. His work has been exhibited in many museums, including North Carolina Museum of Art, Morris Museum of Art (GA), Chrysler Art Museum (VA) and the Asheville Art Museum (NC). He has completed works for both The Nature Conservancy and the Wilderness Society in North Carolina.

- ◆ **Dan Gibbs** (Black Bear Program Leader, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency):
"What do we do about all these bears? Black bears in Tennessee: Their history, current status and future"

When Europeans first settled Tennessee, black bears inhabited all four corners of the state and everywhere in between. In a short time, however, black bears remained only in a few mountainous counties in the eastern part of the state. A proactive approach to bear management in multiple southeastern states was the beginning of the recovery for black bears. Today black bears are recolonizing former range in Tennessee as well as much of the eastern United States. Now the question is, "What do we do about all of these bears?"

Speaker bio: Dan, a Tennessee native, received his B.S. from UT Knoxville in 1993. After earning a M.S. from Tennessee Tech, he began his career with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in 1997. His last 17 years of service have been as the Big Game Biologist in Region 4 (East Tennessee). In 2015, Dan was named the Statewide Bear Program Leader in addition to his duties in Region 4. He currently serves as co-chair of Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Large Carnivore Working Group. Dan lives in Greeneville with his wife, Cheryl, and their sons, Aaron and Will.

LUNCHTIME PROGRAM (12:15 p.m.)

- ◆ **Jamey Donaldson** (John C. Warden Herbarium Adjunct Curator, East Tennessee State University):
"There and back again: a hobble tale"

Jamey was the recipient of a 2018 research grant from Friends of Roan Mountain. He will present the results of his research in three parts:

1. 11th annual sampling of the Baatany Project plots (all vegetation + Gray's Lily plots),
2. the Vouchered Roan Vascular Plant Collection at the ETSU John C. Warden Herbarium,
3. filling in the plant collection gaps and what was found along the way.

Speaker bio: The Appalachian Trail first brought Jamey to Roan, where he began doing balds restoration in 1992, botanizing in 1993, leading Naturalists' Rally hikes in 1994, and goat herding in 2008. He has been a botanist since 1992, the ETSU John C. Warden Herbarium Adjunct Curator since 1999, an instructor for the Smoky Mountain Field School since 2004, Baatany Goat Project leader since 2008, Roan's resident botanist since 2009, and is a lifetime member of Friends of Roan Mountain.



12TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN WINTER NATURALISTS' RALLY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2019

Science and Art and Bears, Oh My!

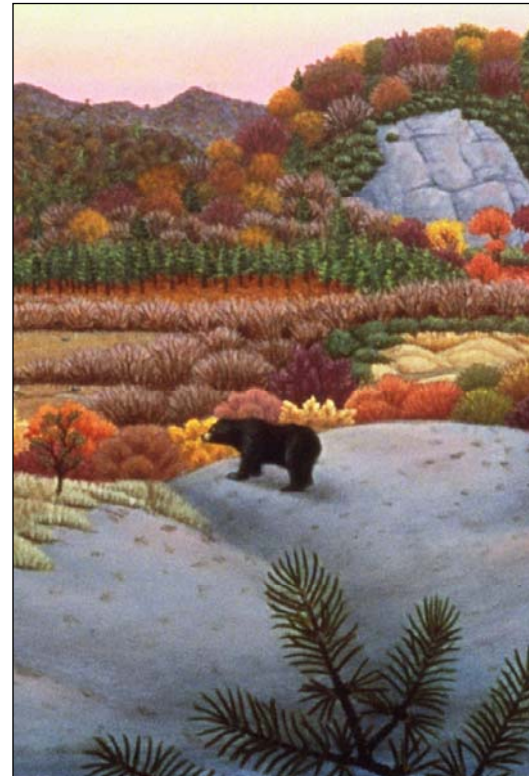
Speakers include:

Robert Johnson, Artist

Presentation: *"Painting North Carolina state parks"*

Dan Gibbs, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Presentation: *"What do we do about all these bears? Black bears in Tennessee: Their history, current status and future"*



Detail from the painting *Panther town Valley* (Acrylic & Oil 36" x 54") by Robert Johnson

Online registration available!
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2019 Winter Rally Registration Form

(Online and on-site registration also available)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Members, please check if this is a change of address.

Registration Fee:

(Members & children - FREE REGISTRATION)

Non-member Adults # _____ @ \$10.00 ea.

Fee Amount = \$ _____

Bag Lunch (Conference Center at 12:10 p.m.)

Note your sandwich choice(s) below:

_____ Turkey/Swiss # _____ Ham/Cheese

_____ Chicken Salad # _____ Pimento Cheese

Total # _____ @ \$8.00 ea. = Lunch Amount \$ _____

LUNCH BY PRE-PAID RESERVATION ONLY
RESERVATION DEADLINE: TUES., FEB. 5th

Friends of Roan Mountain Membership:

Membership status:

Current member (no payment needed)

Renewing member New member

Individual \$20 _____ Family \$30 _____

Student \$10 _____ Corporate \$50 _____

Lifetime Ind. \$350 _____ Lifetime Family \$450 _____

Membership Amount = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

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PAYABLE TO FRIENDS OF ROAN MOUNTAIN to:

NANCY BARRIGAR, TREASURER
708 ALLEN AVENUE, ELIZABETHTON, TN 37643

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Roan Mountain State Park, Conference Center

- <http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/roan-mountain>
- Address: TN-143, Roan Mountain, TN 37687
- Phone: (423) 772-0190

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

9:30 a.m. INDOOR PROGRAM BEGINS

9:35 a.m. — Tyler Wicks (Biology undergraduate, East Tennessee State University):
“Where are they hiding? A survey of rare Appalachian salamanders”

10:15 a.m. — Robert Johnson (Artist, Celo, NC):
“Painting North Carolina state parks”

11:15 a.m. — Dan Gibbs (Black Bear Program Leader, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency):
“What do we do about all these bears? Black bears in Tennessee: Their history, current status and future”



12:10 p.m. LUNCH

Bag lunches available by pre-paid reservation.
Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, February 5th.

LUNCHTIME PRESENTATION — Jamey Donaldson (John C. Warden Herbarium Adjunct Curator, East Tennessee State University):
“There and back again: a hobble tale”

1:00 p.m. HIKES

Three concurrent hikes will leave from the Roan Mountain State Park Conference Center.

⇒ **Hike #1. Hampton Creek Cove.** Trip leader: Lisa Huff (TN Department of Environment and Conservation). Join Lisa for a low-elevation hike between Hampton Creek Cove and the relatively new conservation acquisition at Elm Hollow by the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. We will discuss new management efforts and new trail planning. (carpooling; moderately strenuous; kid-friendly)

⇒ **Hike #2. Roan Mountain area.** Trip leader: Jamey Donaldson (John C. Warden Herbarium Adjunct Curator, ETSU). Depending on the weather conditions, Jamey will lead a winter botany & ecology hike at either Carvers Gap, Twin Springs or down in the state park on the Ravens Rock Trail. (carpooling; moderately strenuous)

⇒ **Hike #3. Roan Mountain State Park.** Trip leader: Marty Silver (Ranger with Warriors' Path State Park, TN). Marty will lead a wildlife tracking and animal signs hike down near the Doe River. (moderately strenuous; kid-friendly)



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- * Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/friendsofroanmountain](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofroanmountain)
- * Check out the latest episodes of Roan Mountain Radio, your guide to the jewel of the Southern Appalachian mountains: roanmountainradio.com

LODGING

North Carolina:

Chinquapin Inn, Penland, NC (828) 765-0064

Holston Camp and Retreat Center, Banner Elk, NC (844) 465-7866

Richmond Inn Bed & Breakfast, Spruce Pine, NC (828) 765-6993

Pinnacle Inn Resort, Beech Mountain, NC (828) 387-2231

Tennessee:

Roan Mountain State Park (cabins) 423-772-0190

Roan Mountain Bed & Breakfast 423-772-3207

Americourt Hotel, Elizabethton, TN 423-542-4466

Lakeshore Resort, Hampton, TN 423-725-2201

Mountain Harbour, Roan Mtn., TN 423-772-9494

Riverbend Cottage, Roan Mtn., TN 423-512-1665

Traveler's Inn, Elizabethton, TN 423-543-3344

SAVE THESE DATES!



The 61th Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists' Rally will be held April 26 - April 28, 2019

The 11th Annual Xtreme Roan Adventures Kid's Naturalists' Rally will be held July 26 & 27, 2019

The 57th Annual Roan Mountain Fall Naturalists' Rally will be held August 30 - September 1, 2019